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Scouts to lay wreaths

Boy Scout Troop 692 out of St. Luke's Catholic Church is participating in the annual National Wreaths Across America Day event on Saturday, Dec. 15. The yearly event is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad. Locally, scouts will lay wreaths at the Bethany Cemetery section of Grand View Memorial Park Cemetery at 8501 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. The troop is currently seeking sponsorships. For more information, visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Sageglen to judge lights

The Sageglen Civic Club will have its annual Christmas light contest Monday, Dec. 17. Lights will be judged on most colorful, best Christmas spirit, most elegant display and honorable mention. Residents are asked to have their lights on by 6 p.m. to be judged.

Beamer repairs to begin

Crews from Harris County are expected to begin work next week on the southbound lanes of Beamer at Scarsdale, where erosion of the adjacent ditch has caused the safety guardrail to collapse. (See related photo in the Dec. 6 edition of the *Leader*.)

While county officials said the problem is not an immediate threat, it has been deemed an emergency repair. Commuters may encounter additional traffic.

CrossRoads holds 2 events

CrossRoads UMC, 10330 Scarsdale, will host *The Chill*, a free community event featuring 10,000 pounds of snow in which children can play on Friday, Dec. 14, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Other attractions include a train display, hot dogs, cookie decorating, face painting, cocoa, crafts and photos with Santa Claus. Church youth will act out the nativity to end the event.

In another event, the church choir and orchestra presents the Christmas cantata *How Great Our Joy* under the direction of Wayne Browne on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m.

Beltway closures planned

Blackhawk will be completely closed at Beltway 8 from 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, through 5 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed continuously through 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

At least one outside lane on the eastbound frontage road of Beltway 8 will be closed from SH 35/Telephone Road to Pearland Parkway through 7 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 11.

The U-turn lane at Beltway 8 and SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Wednesday, Dec. 26.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 11.

At least one inside lane on the northbound frontage road of Beltway 8 will be closed from Vista to Spencer Highway daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Wednesday, Dec. 19.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

I-45 closures planned

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway between SH 96/League City Parkway and FM 518 will be closed continuously through 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. Drivers traveling north on the main lanes will continue to NASA Road 1, exit, then U-turn and come back to FM 518.

PIP meeting canceled

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program (PIP) meeting for December has been canceled, as the regularly scheduled function falls near the holidays. The meetings will resume on the third Tuesday of the month after the new year. The next PIP meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Meetings take place at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, located at 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor, beginning at 7 p.m. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, call Houston Police Department Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776.

Beverly Hills meets Jan. 31

The Beverly Hills Civic Club meeting scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 27 has been canceled. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 31, at the clubhouse from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

New Thompson campus moves forward

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the first phase of design for the new Thompson Intermediate campus.

The new facility, which will permanently replace the original Thompson campus on Sage-downe, will be constructed near the Riverstone Ranch subdivision on a piece of property already owned by the school district.

The relocation is necessary because the original Thompson campus suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey, and district officials determined that repairing the school was not financially feasible.

The land was originally to be used for an 11th PISD intermediate campus, but other options were evaluated after Thompson was damaged by

the storm. A schematic of the campus was presented to the board by a representative from GDP Group, formerly SBWV Architects.

The design project will cost an estimated \$37.5 million, or 178,000 square feet at \$210 per square foot.

Following Harvey, Thompson students were temporarily housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate for five months, while school officials and an independent committee studied the issue.

Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell said the existing Thompson campus will still be utilized for programs that have yet to be determined.

The new campus is expected to open in August 2021.

The following is a tentative timeline for the Thompson Intermediate Replacement Construction Project:

- November 2018 – design board approval
- April 2019 – issue building permits
- May 2019 – issue construction documents

- July 2019 – receive construction proposals
 - August 2019 – award construction contracts; begin construction (21 months)
 - May 2021 – substantial completion
 - August 2021 – school opening
- See related photo on Page 4A.

Alvarado wins special election

State Rep. Carol Alvarado won the Dec. 11 special election to fill the state Senate District 6 seat being vacated by Sen. Sylvia Garcia, who was recently elected to Congress.

Alvarado took home 50.4 percent of the vote, narrowly avoiding a runoff.

State Rep. Ana Hernandez received 24.3 percent of the vote, narrowly edging out Republican Martha Fierro, who finished with 23.2 percent of the vote.

Mia Mundy received 2.1 percent of the vote. In all, 15,084 citizens cast their ballots, accounting for less than 5 percent of the total electorate. Alvarado received 59 votes over the 50 percent threshold necessary to avert a runoff against Hernandez.

Alvarado and Hernandez, both Democrats,

currently represent state House districts located in state Senate District 6, with Alvarado's district occupying the greater amount of geographic space.

Alvarado had run for the position once before against Garcia in a special election in 2013.

Alvarado will face re-election in 2020 and will hold the seat until January 2021 when Garcia's term expires.

A special election must now be called by Gov. Greg Abbott to fill Alvarado's state House District 145 position.

Garcia is stepping down from the state Senate District 6 seat after winning her congressional bid last month to replace outgoing U.S. Rep. Gene Green, who recently retired after serving for more than two decades in Congress.

Armored car shot during robbery



An armored car courier was robbed at gunpoint around 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, as he was refilling an ATM at the Chase Bank on Scarsdale at Beamer. Shots were fired during the incident, but no one was struck. Bullets penetrated the rear of the armored vehicle and were lodged in a stack of papers. It is unclear how much, if any, money was taken during the robbery. The previous night, Precinct 2 deputies responded to an alarm call at the bank when thieves unsuccessfully attempted to steal an ATM by pulling it with a chain by vehicle. At press time, it was unclear if the two incidents were related. The investigation is ongoing.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Shots fired during ATM robbery

An armored car courier was robbed at gunpoint Monday, Dec. 10, at the Chase Bank at 10997 Scarsdale. The incident took place just after 11 a.m., as a Loomis courier was refilling an ATM at the local bank branch. One of two suspects allegedly fired shots during the robbery, prompting the courier to take cover. During the commotion, the courier reportedly dropped a money bag, which the thieves picked up. A Loomis representative declined to say if the bag contained any cash. No one was injured. The suspects fled in a dark-colored SUV that FBI officials believe was driven by a third suspect. The suspects are described as two black males, possibly Spanish speakers, wearing hooded jackets and bandanas covering their faces. One had a long rifle. Call tips to 713-222-TIPS (8477).



Arrest made in Edgebrook murder

Houston police have arrested a suspect charged in the fatal shooting of a woman found in the 10300 block of Ney, near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, on Tuesday, Dec. 4.



Guadalupe Vega

The suspect, Guadalupe Toledo Vega, 37, was charged with

murder in the 339th State District Court.

Police have identified the victim as Morgan Sproles, 20.

According to police, a passerby found the victim unresponsive lying in the street at the aforementioned address. The victim had sustained an apparent gunshot wound.

Paramedics pronounced Sproles dead at the scene.

Further investigation identified Vega as a suspect in this case and, on Dec. 6, he was arrested and charged with murder.

Pct. 8 deputies, TABC conduct sting

On Tuesday Dec. 4, deputies with Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office teamed up with agents from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to do spot checks on various businesses within that sell alcohol. The purpose of the joint effort was to ensure that such businesses were adhering to state law regarding alcohol sales and not selling to minors.

To help with the effort, a 16-year-old juvenile assisted by going into the various businesses to attempt to purchase alcohol. Of the 23 locations

that were visited, most were found to be adhering to TABC laws. Four individuals did, however, illegally sell to the juvenile.

As a result, they were arrested and charged with selling to minors, a Class A misdemeanor. All four were taken into custody and were ultimately booked into the Harris County Jail.

Defendants include Jessica Jocelyn Jackson, 22, Exxon Gas Station at 5104 S. Shaver St.; Kaitlyn Nicole Pope, 23, Shell Timewise Gas

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Leader Christmas program begins

The *Leader* is currently seeking donations for its 35th annual Christmas program.

The drive is aimed at spreading holiday cheer by providing food and gifts to needy families in the immediate South Belt community.

This year's program will focus on local families that were impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The *Leader* is seeking the public's assistance in identifying those who were most affected by the storm.

Desired items include toys for children of all ages, nonperishable food items, paper products and cash. There is a particular need for gifts appropriate for older children and teens, such as clothing, sporting goods, makeup kits and gift cards. All gifts should be new and unwrapped.

Donations may be dropped off at the *Leader* office, located at 11555 Beamer, from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Applications for assistance will be accepted beginning Thursday, Dec. 13. First-time applicants must apply in person at 11555 Beamer. Previous applicants may register online at www.southbeltleader.com.

Some residents have reported having problems while attempting to apply online. Applicants who encounter problems online are asked to apply in person at the *Leader* office.

All applicants must undergo a screening process to determine the family's need. This is done through various means, including verification from school nurses and counselors. To qualify, one must be a South Belt area resident and possess at least one form of identification verifying the address.

Dobie9 campus officially dedicated

By Jade Wise, Pasadena ISD Administrators, board members, community members, students and teachers all recently gathered at Dobie High School's ninth grade campus for a dedication ceremony of the new building.

The ninth-grade campus, referred to as Dobie9, officially became the home for Longhorn freshmen in January 2018.

The dedication ceremony held this past Wednesday officially signaled the completion of the state-of-the-art facility.

The event included speeches by Dobie9 Principal Mike Van Essen, Dobie Main Principal Franklin Moses and Superintendent of Schools Dr. DeeAnn Powell, as well as a video presentation and the taking of a commemorative photo to where attendees lined up to form the number nine on the gym floor.

Several key numbers are on the rise since the opening of the new ninth-grade campus. Van Essen attributes much of this success to the dedication of the staff.

"Educators are data-driven people," said Van Essen. "The number of students that have received all their freshman credits and passed end-of-year exams has increased by 4 percent. Overall attendance at Dobie has increased by 2 percent, which translates to 20 students per day and the highest attendance rate of any Pasadena ISD comprehensive high school."

History

Originally scheduled to open in August 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year, the opening of the campus was postponed until January 2018 due to construction delays.

Located at the southeast corner of Fuqua and

Monroe, the facility was approved by voters in November 2014 as part of a \$175 million bond package.

The new campus is needed to alleviate overcrowding at the area high school, as Dobie has been at its maximum capacity for more than a decade.

When the new Blackhawk campus was constructed as part of a 2000 bond issue, it was designed to accommodate 3,000 students. A subsequent bond issue in 2004 increased student capacity by 525, bringing the total to 3,525.

Campus enrollment, however, topped 4,000 students at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Last school year, the campus had 14 portable buildings, including 12 double-classroom buildings and two quad-classroom buildings.

In the fall of 2014, Dobie was named one of the 100 largest high schools in America. With a reported 3,452 students, Dobie ranked No. 88 on the list.

According to PISD officials, however, Dobie's enrollment at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year was actually 3,708 students (1,005 freshmen, 994 sophomores, 887 juniors and 822 seniors). Using this figure, the school would have been ranked No. 56 on the list.

Approximately 1,000 students attend the new campus, dropping enrollment at the main campus to around 3,100-3,200 students, officials said.

The facility houses only first year ninth-graders. Students have the same academic and extracurricular opportunities as students on the main campus.

School officials launch Dobie9



Pasadena Independent School District officials formally dedicated the new Dobie9 campus on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Located at the southeast corner of Fuqua and Monroe, the facility was approved by voters in November 2014 as part of a \$175 million bond package. The new campus was needed to alleviate overcrowding at the main campus, as Dobie has long been at its maximum capacity. The facility holds approximately 1,000 students, all of whom have the same academic and extracurricular opportunities as students on the main campus. The school officially opened this past January. Attendees at the dedication are shown above forming the number nine on the gymnasium floor. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Aletic wishes happy holidays to Craft

I just want to tell my dear friend Linda Craft to have a wonderful Christmas and to thank her for always being there for me

when I needed someone years ago. You will always be in my heart and soul and I sure miss you and hoping one day we can see each other again. Happy new year and may 2019 bring you much happiness.

Brenda Aletic

Elected officials share their words

District E News

By Council Member Dave Martin

Residents of District E, On Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018, Houston City Council approved a \$500,000 contract with Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP for professional legal services. I voted in favor of this item along with eight other colleagues. The original City Council item was for a contract with Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP in the amount of \$1,090,000. I proposed an amendment at the table to reduce the maximum contract amount for this item by \$590,000. My amendment was approved and reduced the final maximum contract amount from \$1,090,000 to \$500,000. I voted to support this item due to the complexity of language presented in Proposition B, and I believe that outside legal counsel is necessary to help City Council better understand how to implement the Proposition B ballot language.

Proposition B was placed on the ballot after a petition calling for a ballot measure that Houston fire fighters be paid the same as Houston police officers, which was signed by more than 20,000 residents. The Proposition B ballot language in summation seeks to equalize pay between Houston fire fighters and Houston police officers, both of which are dangerous and admirable professions. Unfortunately, the way that experience, seniority, training, and education are weighed between these two departments differ drastically when calculating compensation. The existing ballot language does not provide a road map for implementation, requiring the assistance of outside legal counsel to execute the will of the people. Additionally, I supported this item in the hopes that outside legal counsel could shine a light on comparing these two very different jobs. For example, the Houston Fire Department provides many services the Houston Police Department does not train for, creating an uneven playing field for comparison. How do you compare a paramedic or arson investigator with a police officer working a beat? Paramedics and arson investigators have honed a special set of skills and obtained specific training needed to become an expert in their field. Is it fair to compare them to a patrol officer, SWAT Team or a Bomb Squad member? City Council does not know, which is yet another reason why outside legal counsel is necessary.

The City of Houston on Jan. 1, 2019 implement a fire fighter pay raise in the amount of 4% salary increase across the board. The people have voted to increase the pay of fire fighters and this initial increase moves towards accomplishing the overall goal of Proposition B, even before anything is decided in a court of law. Unfortunately, there was no action taken to enact my proposal during Wednesday's meeting.

The voters very clearly voted to support Proposition B, which means that the voters have changed the City of Houston Charter to include "pay parity" or raises for fire fighters contingent upon the pay of Houston police officers. According to attorneys for both the Fire Department Union and the City of Houston, State Law, which mandates raises be "collectively bargained", may supersede any City of Houston Ordinance/Charter Amendment.

Collective bargaining is the negotiation of wages and benefits by an organized body of employees. The major issue that needs to be determined is if what voters supported with Proposition B is negated by State Law due to existing collective bargaining legislation. Proposition B in a way takes away the Houston Fire Department's ability to collectively bargain because their compensation, as a result of Proposition B, is tied directly to that of the Houston Police Department. The hiring of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP allows the City of Houston to go to court together with the Houston Professional Firefighters Union to resolve these competing issues.

Late Friday, Nov. 30, Houston Police Officers' Union filed a lawsuit against the City of Houston and the Houston Professional Firefighters Association claiming that Proposition B, pay parity amendment to the City of Houston Charter, is unconstitutional. The State District Judge granted a temporary restraining order at the request of the HPOU. The TRO blocks the City of Houston from taking any action to implement Proposition B at this time.

I am a Council Member who believes in the democratic process and the privilege we as American citizens have as voters. The vote in my mind is not in question, what is in question is how we begin to unpack all that was included in Proposition B to make sure that it is implemented legally. As always, it is a pleasure serving you.

Adult classes begin for Hebrew

For those who want to read the Bible in its original language and be able to read Hebrew prayers in Hebrew, here is the opportunity to get acquainted with this ancient language in a relaxed and fun environment.

Hebrew will be taught from Aleph, the first Hebrew letter, to reading Shabbat prayers at Congregation Shaar Hashalom. Jewish themes, customs, history, etc., will be incorporated in the curriculum. Classes will be taught by Phyllis Greenspan, CSH congregant and former Sunday school Hebrew teacher, each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning on Jan. 9, and continuing through the end of May 2019.

The cost of each class is \$10 for congregation member and \$15 for nonmember. It covers text/workbooks, handouts and many extras. To register, email Greenspan at pgreenhouston@aol.com no later than Friday, Dec. 15. Deadline for registration is firm, as materials need to be purchased and prepared in time for the first class. The entire community is invited. Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Saturday, Dec. 15, 1 p.m. Spanish computer class; Saturday, Dec. 15, 2:30 p.m. Citizenship class; Call the library at 832-393-2580 for more information. Bracewell hours this week are: Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. Computer Basics: Editing and Organizing Photos. Learn some techniques and resources for cropping, resizing, touching up and organizing photos. Registration requested by calling the library at 832-927-7870.

Thursday, Dec. 13, 4 p.m. Community craft: Holiday family portraits, for ages 7 and older. Family portraits shared with loved ones and friends are special during the holidays. Meet in the library community room for help with poses for photos in front of the special holiday backdrop.

Friday, Dec. 14, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Anime Club features "Sword Art Online: Alicization" (rated TV-14, for ages 12 and older). Meet in the library community room for a showing based on the latest novel.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. Business Plans with SCORE Houston. Meet at the library for a training about business plans by experts from SCORE Houston. SCORE is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that offers small business entrepreneurs practical business advice at no charge for all stages of the business development, from conception to profitable growth.

Monday, Dec. 17, 2 - 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Dec. 17, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. Magic: The Gathering is a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast. It incorporates strategy, mythical lore and competitive-community play. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/feb-MTG-1.jpg.

Monday, Dec. 17, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cutting the Cord: Save Money on Cable. The cable company is no longer the only game in town. There are many gadgets and services that enable you to stream your favorite programs and movies over the internet. Learn what works for one's TV viewing habits and whether money can be saved every month without a cable company.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Book discussion: "Train Dreams" by Denis Johnson. Drop by the library to pick up a copy of the book, then meet at the Blue Beetle Café (10904 Scarsdale Blvd #210 in the Food Town shopping center next to CVS) to discuss it.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. Santa Claus is Coming to Parker Williams (for all ages) Clippity-clop on the Parker Williams rooftop, what's that sound? Is it an A/C repairman? A raccoon? Or, a reindeer! Meet in the library community room for a special family Christmas storytime. Bring a family camera for pictures with Santa.

Below are the programs that occur every week: Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies 0 to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplay, songs and playtime.

Wednesday, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m. For children, ages 3 to 5 years, features stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft.

Wednesday, 2 - 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is required.

Thursday, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m. For toddlers from birth to 3 years, storytime features stories, songs, fingerplays and bubbles.

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on all events, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Pasadena outstanding students for the month of November

Working with administrators from local Pasadena Independent School District campuses, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce is recognizing outstanding area students each month. The group of students honored for November is pictured below, along with a brief description of the reason they won the award. Also, see photos on page 3A.



Norma Gomez (holding sign), Dobie⁹ High School student, has been chosen as Outstanding Student of the Month. Matt Gomez, Dobie⁹ campus content specialist for English, states, "Norma works hard every day in our reading class. She gives every assignment her best, and is willing to listen to teacher feedback to improve her work, even if it means redoing an assignment. She is one of those quiet students who doesn't call attention to herself, but her smile, work ethic, and positive attitude always brighten my day!" Shown above with Gomez are, left to right, Kenny Fernandez, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board chair; Kay Barbour, president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce; and Michael Vanessen, Dobie⁹ principal.



Leila Reyes (holding sign), fifth-grader at Fred Roberts Intermediate, always has a positive attitude, and is the most respectful student, according to school officials. She is always mentoring and tutoring students when she can, and three of her mentees have raised their grades in math class from her tutoring. Reyes goes above and beyond in her note taking and schoolwork. Perfection is key for her, and it really shows in her attitude and work. Reyes has been chosen as Student of the Month. Shown with Reyes are, left to right, Jorly Thomas, Fred Roberts principal; Rebecca Dietz, Fred Roberts assistant principal; Kaylie Mims, Fred Roberts fifth-grade math content teacher; Kimberly Lidrbach, Fred Roberts fifth-grade science teacher; Rebecca Lilley, president-elect of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce; Kristi Kancaba, board member of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce; and Emily Ontiveros, Fred Roberts counselor.



According to school officials at Hancock Elementary, Lilianna Mercado (holding sign) fourth-grader, has exceptional leadership skills and is always willing to lend a helping hand to peers and others. She works hard to reach her goals each day and perseveres through her struggles. Mercado demonstrates kindness and her positive energy is infectious. That is why Mercado has been chosen as Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Mercado are, left to right, Noble Alix, treasurer of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce; Toni Lopez, Pasadena Independent School District executive director of curriculum and instruction; Dave Matthews, board member of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce; Veronica Sandoval, Hancock principal; and Daisy Berruete, Hancock fourth-grade teacher.



School officials at South Belt Elementary state Andrea Figueroa (front), second-grader, is a wonderful role model to her classmates. She is a student in the deaf education program. She takes the initiative to teach her classmates sign language and encourages them to continue learning. Figueroa always does her best, never gives up and is a friend to everyone. For these reasons she has been chosen as Student of the Month. Shown with Figueroa are, left to right, Angela Stallings, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent of campus development; Alexis Lochner, Leader employee; Amber Morris, South Belt assistant principal; Fernandez; Barbour; and Tanya Hensley, South Belt second-grade teacher.



Jada Francis is a senior at Lewis Career Technical High School in the child guidance program and serves as an officer in the Texas Association of Future Educators. School officials state Francis has a caring heart that shines through as she works with pre-K students in Junior Academy. She has also served on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee during her junior year and represented CTHS at girls state over the summer. Francis has dedicated herself to working hard and taking rigorous advanced classes while attending CTHS. She has been accepted to Texas State and Houston Baptist University with a \$40,000 scholarship. For these reasons Francis has been chosen as Outstanding Student of the Month.

Deaths

James (Tully) Baughman Jr.



James Clinton (Tully) Baughman Jr., 87, former longtime South Belt resident, then of Friendswood, died Dec. 6, at his home surrounded by his family and caretakers. He was born Sept. 8, 1931, in Jackson, Miss., the son of Mary Francis and James Clinton Baughman Sr. He had one sister, Mona Dudley. His family eventually made Vicksburg, Miss., their home.

Jim attended Carr Central High School, where he fell in love with Ann, who remained his sweetheart for 70 years. After graduating from high school, he attended Mississippi State University on a football scholarship. He played for the Bulldogs for two years before enlisting in the Army at the start of the Korean War. While serving, he managed to play the sport he loved. Jim ended his college football career at the University of Houston. He loved Cougar football, and was a lifelong supporter and alumnus of the U of H athletics.

After graduating from UH, Jim made Houston home. True to form, Jim jumped immediately into a career as a self-made businessman/entrepreneur. He found his niche in the welding supply and gas industry. Though he was a successful businessman, his greatest accomplishment was his family. He was an avid outdoorsman, and he spent many days hunting and fishing with his family and friends.

Jim is survived by his wife; his sister and his brother-in-law Ray Dudley; his daughters and sons-in-law, Pam and John Lewis, Donna and Bryan Willingham, and Terri and Kevin Morrison; grandchildren and their spouses Tammy and Randy Weisinger, Jim and Claire Dudley, Leigh Ann and Richard Mann, Jason and Mandy Willingham, Travis Lewis, Daniel and Kimberly Willingham, Jonathan and Savannah Morrison, Russell and Paige Willingham, and Lauren and John Armstrong; and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother and his father.

The funeral service was held Dec. 10 at Sagemont Church. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Donations may be made to the construction of Sagemont Church's Student Ministry building NVision.

Russ Collins



Russ "Sylvester" Collins was born July 16, 1939, in Houston to Albert Collins and Cletea Cebum. Russ, 79, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018. He was baptized as a young age at Mount Mariah Missionary Baptist Church (Clinton Park) and at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church when he became a member in 1985.

He grew up in Clinton Park. He graduated from Phyllis Wheatley High School in 1957 and was affectionately nick-

named Jake by the football team where he held the position of quarterback. Russ and Leola Slaughter were united in marriage in Beaumont on Sept. 29, 1962. To this union, Kim Mayon and Karen Babineaux were born.

He is preceded in death by Geraldine Collins, mother of his sons Redford Collins (deceased), Wilford Collins and Tilford Collins. He is also preceded in death by his father and mother; son Redford Collins; stepmother Paralee Collins; brothers Henry Collins and John Collins; and sisters Laura Collins, Willie Mae Washington, Ester Lee Potts, Willie Lee Richmond and Beatrice Bates.

Poppa, as his family called him, was a lifelong Dallas Cowboy fan and required absolute silence during game time. He loved to remind everyone who parked in the driveway to not run over his freshly cut grass. Russ was known for his hats, fanciful dress socks, tailored suits and gleaming cars. He was compassionate toward others and friends and family could always count on him to visit at their home or the hospital during time of illness.

Russ devoted his life to his family and to St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knight of St. Peter Claver Men's Auxiliary, Council 139 with Our Lady Star of the Sea for 32 years, Third Degree and Fourth Degree organizations for 33 years, usher group for 15 years, and served the Saint Vincent De Paul food pantry for seven years.

Russ leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Leola Slaughter Collins; children Wilford and wife Charlotte Collins, Tilford and wife Bonita Collins and Kim and husband Eric Mayon of Houston; Karen and husband Joseph Babineaux of La Porte; and sister Jean Ratcliff of Port Arthur.

He is also survived by grandchildren Wilford Jr. and wife Dionne Collins; Johan and wife Calista Collins; Trevor Mayon; Jozuah, Sydney, and Payton Babineaux; and Tia, Taylor and Kiera Collins; great-grandchildren Jayden, Cianna, Camara, Keirra and Ryleigh Collins; eldest niece Ethel Latulas of Port Arthur; god-daughters, Candice Doucet and LaToya Landry; caregiver Patricia Edwards; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, friends and family members.

Margie Lee Driggers Dowdy



Margie Lee Driggers Dowdy, 98, of Houston, died on Dec. 7, 2018, in Pearland. She was born on Sept. 8, 1920, in Troup, Texas.

She graduated from Bullard High School in Bullard, Texas. She married Woodrow Dowdy and the couple moved to Houston where they raised their family. Margie retired from JCPenney and was a member of Sagemont Church.

She is survived and was adored by her daughters Martha Holland, Glenda Parks, Jacalyn and husband Jerry Epperson; and son Gerald and wife Sondra Dowdy. She is also survived by grandchildren Keith Holland, Cindy Melanson, Kenneth Ferrell, Carolyn Dowdy Victor, Jacalyn Kiser, Matthew Epperson, Amber Epperson Holloway; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren; and niece Charise Armstrong.

She is preceded in death by

her father and mother William and Nollie Brown Driggers; husband Woodrow Dowdy; son Wallace Dowdy; brothers Dewey and Billy Driggers; sisters Amie Lee Driggers and Lillie Mae Dunn; sons-in-law David Holland and Jim Parks; and nephew Nicky Driggers.

Known as Momma, aka Grandma, Memaw and Aunt Margie, she loved life and her family. Many who knew her say she was the best cook in the world, making homemade chicken and dumplings, fried fish (which she caught), banana pudding, chocolate pies etc. She was happiest when her family sat at her kitchen table with full stomachs. She also loved gardening; growing tomatoes, onions, cabbage, turnip greens, etc. She had lemon, fig and pecan trees and she shared all her produce with family and neighbors. If she wasn't gardening she wanted to be fishing. She and Woodrow taught all the kids to fish. Night or day she was ready to go fishing.

Funeral arrangements were held at Forest Park Lawndale, on Dec. 12. Pallbearers were Matt Epperson, Doug Holloway, Ryan Holland, Mike Melanson, Kenny Ferrell and Brandon Dowdy.

Willie Lee Johnson



Willie Lee Johnson was born on Oct. 15, 1963, to the late Spurgin and Mae Edna Johnson. Willie died on Nov. 22, 2018. He was a longtime South Belt resident.

Willie was born and raised in his beloved Flatonia, Texas. His Christian foundation was laid at Flatonia's New Union Baptist Church, and he graduated from Flatonia High School where he excelled at football, as well as track and field. His athletic success earned him a football scholarship to the University of Houston. It was during his college years he met the love of his life, Yvette Ward Bishop. They married on Feb. 7, 1986, and became proud parents of three children. Willie had a joyous spirit. He was known for his ability to make those around him laugh with his jokes and storytelling.

Willie's 33 years of nationwide travel as a long-distance tractor trailer operator gave him plenty of material for his jokes and stories. He deeply enjoyed the challenges and adventure of driving and cherished his truck. Willie was last employed by Service Transport Company. In his spare time, he loved to be at home with his family. He also liked to watch action adventure and western movies.

He is preceded in death by his parents Spurgin and Mae Edna Johnson and his sisters Addie Willis and Mersie Greathouse.

Willie is survived by his loving wife of 33 years; children Leah Tatum and husband Lloyd, Patrick Johnson and Ashley Charles Bennett and husband Jeremy who are all from Houston; grandchildren Jasmine Tatum, Isaiah Tatum, Isabella Tatum, Gabrielle Tatum, Dante Tatum and Logan Charles Bennett; sisters Erma Johnson-Reed of Austin, Patricia Risper of Houston and Helen Johnson of Austin; and mother-in-law Verna Bishop of Houston. He is also survived by loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

A celebration of life was held on Nov. 29 at Niday Funeral Home.

South Belt Chamber of Commerce honors outstanding students for November



Vanessa Udoh (holding sign), a second-grader at Atkinson Elementary has been chosen as the Outstanding Student of the Month. According to school officials, Udoh is a motivated helpful student who is always willing to help others. She is responsible and always displays good citizenship. She strives to always do her best in classwork each day. Shown with Vanessa are, left to right, Valencia Udoh, Vanessa's mom; Kay Barbour, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce president; Cherie Cundiff, Atkinson second-grade teacher; Lena Ortiz, Atkinson principal; and Kenny Fernandez, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce chair of the board.



School officials at Beverly Hills Intermediate state that Carolina Elizalde (holding sign), eighth-grader, is known for her hard work, dedication, bright smile and great attitude. She comes to school every day prepared and ready to learn. She goes above and beyond and advocates for herself and others; asking questions when needed and is always willing to help her fellow students. Elizalde treats everyone with respect and has earned the respect of her peers and teachers. Even when Elizalde is doing well, she strives to be even better by asking for extra credit or for permission to re-do an assignment. Elizalde has aspirations of attending ECHS, obtaining an associate degree, and becoming a veterinarian. Carolina is a worthy recipient of BHI November Student of the Month. Shown with Elizalde are, left to right, Stacey Barber, Beverly Hills principal; Rebecca Lilley, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce president-elect; and Kristi Koncaba, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board member.



Jessup Elementary has chosen Joel Garza (front), ABLE first-grader, as the Student of the Month. According to school officials Garza has demonstrated great achievement in his behavior and academics. He used to dread coming to school and arrived in a grumpy mood, which affected his friendships and ability to learn. However, Garza now comes to school with a smile and hops out of the car cheerfully. He has made great strides in developing friendships with the other students in the class. Furthermore, his learning and academic achievement has really shown improvement. He is always respectful and sweet to the teachers, and rarely needs any redirection. Shown with Garza are, left to right, Toni Lopez, Pasadena Independent School District executive director of curriculum and instruction; Noble Alix, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce treasurer; Ryan Pavone, Jessup principal; Dave Matthews, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board member; and Jill Okeefe, Jessup speech-language pathologist.



Matrida Masau (holding sign), Moore Elementary third-grader, has been selected as Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state Masau is such a wonderful student to teach and has blossomed beautifully. She embodies the qualities of what this world needs- determination, hard work, and kindness. Shown with Masau are, left to right, Barbour; Alexis Lochner, Leader employee; Ashley Evans, Moore third-grade teacher; and Jill Lacamu, Moore principal.



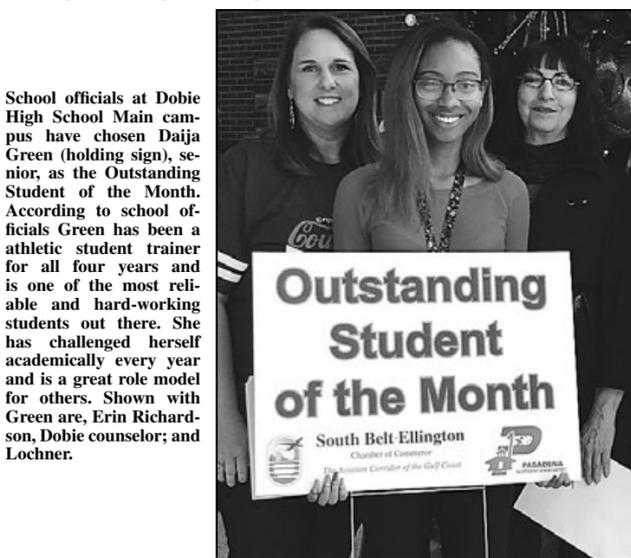
Aliza Bhatti (right), second-grader at Genoa Elementary, has been chosen as Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state Bhatti is very friendly to other classmates and is certainly an outstanding student. Shown with Bhatti is Karen Garza, Genoa assistant principal.



According to school officials at Burnett Elementary David Gaona, fourth-grader, has been very kind and helpful in all areas of the school. He holds doors for other students and teachers as they pass by. He is always willing to be the first one to help out and is always smiling and positive. One amazing characteristic Gaona exhibits is his way of "noticing" others. He gives a compliment to anyone he encounters and it is genuine. That is why school officials have chosen Gaona as the Outstanding Student of the Month.



Isaac Martinez (holding sign), second-grader, has been chosen by school officials at Meador Elementary as the Student of the Month. According to those school officials, Martinez has great work ethics. He continually works hard and always gives his best. He is a caring and thoughtful person. He helps the teachers and students without being asked. Martinez is kind to everyone he comes in contact with and befriends them right away. Shown with Martinez are, left to right, Amy Clowers, Meador assistant principal; Tara Merida, Meador counselor; and Heidi Gritzewsky, Meador second-grade reading and writing teacher.



School officials at Dobie High School Main campus have chosen Daija Green (holding sign), senior, as the Outstanding Student of the Month. According to school officials Green has been an athletic student trainer for all four years and is one of the most reliable and hard-working students out there. She has challenged herself academically every year and is a great role model for others. Shown with Green are, Erin Richardson, Dobie counselor; and Lochner.



Stuchbery Elementary school officials have chosen Grace Hernandez (holding sign), fourth-grader, as the Student of the Month. School officials state Grace shows her true stallion pride every day. Daily one will find her practicing patience, respect, integrity, determination and excellence. The most notable characteristic Hernandez has is her smile. She draws people to her and takes care of those around her. Shown with Hernandez are, left to right, Jessica Reed, Stuchbery fourth-grade teacher; Koncaba; Jose Hernandez, Stuchbery principal; and Lilley.



Tyree Drumgo (holding sign), sixth-grader at Morris Middle School, has been chosen as the Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state Drumgo is a wonderful student at Morris Middle School. He is always smiling and spreading cheer. He is a hard-working, well-mannered student that tries his best. He has been recognized as an honor roll student this year. Drumgo is a constant positive influence for some of the school's most challenging students. Shown with Drumgo are, left to right, Alix; Kim Edwards, Morris counselor; Matthews; and Allison Lewallen, Morris principal.



Thompson Intermediate school officials have chosen Emily Martinez (holding sign) eighth-grader, as the Outstanding Student of the Month. School officials state that this year, Thompson began the Start with Hello initiative to end social isolation. As a campus, they wanted to create an environment that is inclusive to all students. At lunch, Martinez went out of her way to make another student feel included. She went to one of the lunch duty teachers and pointed to a girl sitting completely across the other side of the cafeteria by herself and seemed upset. Martinez asked the teacher, "Can I ask that girl to come sit at my table with me because she's sitting all alone?" After receiving permission, Martinez crossed the cafeteria and invited the girl to come sit with her. She made room at her table for the girl and began including her in on the conversation. Martinez is an outstanding Student of the Month for her effort in school to make good grades, being a member of the campus newspaper club, and for positively impacting the campus with her random act of kindness. Shown with Martinez are, left to right, Gina Garcia, peer facilitator; Koncaba, Tanis Griffin, Thompson principal; and Lilley.



Damian Chavez (holding sign), third-grader at Laura Bush Elementary, has been chosen as the Student of the Month. According to school officials, Chavez is a student who truly exemplifies the guidelines for success by which Bush Elementary abides. He is very responsible with his classwork, he is a great role model for his classmates by displaying positive citizenship traits in the classroom and schoolwide. He encourages those around him to be at their best by modeling it, himself, and saying words of encouragement to anyone who may need it. And, with all of that, he is so very respectful to anyone and everyone at school. He is a student that every teacher is so proud to have in their class family. Shown with Chavez are, left to right, (front row) Jennifer Marquez, Laura Bush third-grade teacher; (back row) Alix; Andrew Duron, Laura Bush third-grade teacher; Matthews; Stephanie Miller, Laura Bush principal; and Lopez.



Melillo school officials have chosen Audrina Hernandez (holding sign), fifth-grader, as Outstanding Student of the Month. According to school officials Hernandez is an excellent student. She has a total of seven siblings. She enjoys drawing in her spare time. She continues to exemplify Melillo's Guidelines for Success by helping classmates and teachers. She is a great example for others to follow. Her favorite subject at Melillo is math and she hopes to be an astronaut in the future. Shown with Hernandez are, left to right, Lochner; Diane Wheeler, Melillo principal; Barbour; Jacqueline Carmona, Melillo counselor; and Fernandez.



According to Frazier Elementary school officials, Bella Sherwood (holding sign), third-grader, is an honest, hardworking and dedicated student. She has the most AR points in the school and has all A's in her academic areas. For these reasons Sherwood has been chosen as the Outstanding Student of the Month. Shown with Sherwood are, left to right, Wendy Wiseburn, Frazier principal; Cathy Silas, Frazier third-grade teacher; Lilley; Koncaba; and Alyta Harrell, Pasadena Independent School District associate superintendent of campus development.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis



KENNEDY CELEBRATES 11 YEARS!
Kennedy Flowers turns 11 years old on Saturday, Dec. 15. Best wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent from brother Owen; sister Evie; parents Stephen and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers; grandparents and former leader South Belt residents Robert and Jannie Scarberry; uncles Tyler Scarberry, Joey Hayes, and Austin Scarberry and wife Tiffany; aunt Jenny Hayes; and cousins Brayden, Baylee, Olivia, Jade and Lily. Kennedy's mom is a Dobie grad.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESSICA
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 16 are sent to Jessica Escobar, daughter of Leader staffer Luis Escobar, from the South Belt Leader staff.

LUCY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Lucy Peterson celebrates her birthday Dec. 19. She is wished a wonderful day from her family, especially her nine grandchildren, and the Leader staff.

LUZ RECEIVES PROMOTION
Luz America Moore (Hollin), a 2007 Dobie graduate, was promoted to the position of assistant principal of Channelview High School. Moore received a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from Sam Houston State University and a Master of Arts in education from Lamar University. She attended Atkinson Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate schools. She is the daughter of George and Betty Hollin.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 13 through Dec. 19.

Atkinson Elementary
Join in the birthday fun with Richard Whittaker Dec. 14.

Bush Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Jennifer Marquez Dec. 16.

Frazier Elementary
Light the birthday candles for Maria Vazquez Dec. 14. Send a special birthday greeting Dec. 15 to Kristina Ponce.

Meador Elementary
Enjoying a birthday Dec. 17 are Omega Pena and Katia Garcia. The day for a celebration for Jill Gifford is Dec. 18.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles Dec. 15 for Bobbie Bashinski. Marie Alanis marks a birthday Dec. 18.

Stuchbery Elementary
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake Dec. 16 with Kevin Albert.

Melillo Middle School
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 13 are sent to Leah Barbick. Sheri Richardson is wished a happy birthday Dec. 15.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song Dec. 13 to Mary Klein.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Dec. 15 is a day of celebration for Juanita Carrera and Velia Grado-Gutierrez. Light the birthday candles for Geraldine Jones Dec. 18.

Thompson Intermediate
Enjoy a slice of a birthday cake on Dec. 15 with Fani Aguero. Join in the birthday fun with Victor Solano Dec. 19.

Dobie High
Three cheers for a great birthday are sent Dec. 13 to Courtney Dixon, Philip Foster and Loan Peabody. Dec. 15 is the day for a birthday celebration for Matthew Park.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday:
Thursday, Dec. 13: Ryan Tucker, Dustin Cochran and Mike Stacey; Friday, Dec. 14: Pedro Gutierrez III, Kay Wood and Melissa Duncan; Saturday, Dec. 15: Cheryl Park, Ryan Rushing and Rita Tornaben; Sunday, Dec. 16: Kamisha Dennis, Tamara Spencer and Adam Garcia Sr.; Monday, Dec. 17: Joy Warneke, Dawn Watkins-Swain and Jabari Dobson; Tuesday, Dec. 18: Jackie Klayman, Damen Polleck, John O'Connor and Felicia Sharp; and Wednesday, Dec. 19: Randy Tenorio, Beckie Davidson, Kim Jones and Rene Gomez.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email announcements to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Meador names spelling bee winners



Meador held its annual spelling bee on Dec. 5, during which fourth-grader Jaedon Sinclair won first place and third-grader Jennie Mancuso was named runner-up. Sinclair won in the sixth round by spelling the word "captivity" correctly. Sinclair will represent Meador at the district spelling bee on Feb. 12. Shown above are, left to right, Annette Stubbs, peer facilitator; Sinclair; Mancuso; and Amy Clowers, assistant principal.

Photo by Tara Merida

Memorial Hermann Life Flight works with novel mobile app to reduce distracted driving, collisions

Memorial Hermann Life Flight is working with the SAFE 2 SAVE mobile app to reward drivers who put their mobile devices down and keep their eyes on the road. The sponsorship is part of Memorial Hermann Health System's ongoing educational and targeted prevention efforts to drive change in behaviors and reverse the startling rise in distracted driving motor vehicle collisions in the Greater Houston Area.

Deaths related to distracted driving motor vehicle collisions rose 62 percent in Harris County from 2016 to 2017, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. In 2017, more than 19 percent of motor vehicle collisions in Texas involved distracted driving, resulting in 444 deaths and more than 2,800 serious injuries, according to TxDOT. The Houston Chronicle recently labeled the Greater Houston Area's driving conditions as the country's most distracted and deadliest, based on its analysis of National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data.

Many distracted driving motor vehicle collisions are preventable. "Part of our role as trusted providers of high-quality trauma care for our community is to educate and empower people across the region to change behaviors that cause preventable traumas," said Tom Flanagan, vice president of Trauma Service Line and System Integration at Memorial Hermann.

"If we can change the behaviors of Houstonians, we can help reduce the number of friends and families who experience the devastating toll these preventable collisions take on the community."

Space Center Rotary commits \$60,000

Longtime supporter of the Clear Creek Independent School District, the Space Center Rotary Club recently committed \$60,000 to bring "The Leader In Me" program to Space Center Intermediate. CCISD is in its third year of progressively implementing "The Leader In Me" program at its schools. This program is a whole school transformation process that teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students. The program creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. This mindset leads to observable improvements in the academic, behavioral and social well-being of participating students.

Space Center Intermediate will be the first CCISD intermediate school to fold the program into its academic and leadership development campus culture. The program is currently in full implementation at Falcon Pass Elementary, in year two at Armand Bayou Elementary, and launching this year at Bay, McWhirter and Whitcomb elementaries.

employees and are stepping up to underwrite a portion of the cost. Clear Creek ISD is fortunate to be at the center of a community with the vision and motivation to equip our students with vital tools and resources needed for success in the 21st century," he said.



Shown above are, left to right, Deborah Davis, CCEF board member; Carl Joiner, CCEF board member and Kenah Mayor; Katy Bastedo, CCEF board member; Ron Streibich, Rotarian; Jim Stewart, CCEF board member; Jonathan Cottrell, CCEF board member; Bob Wren, Rotarian; Nancy Anderson, Rotarian; Deborah Laine, CCEF executive director; Eden Fuentes, Space Center Intermediate student; Ann Thornton, Space Center Intermediate principal; Dr. Greg Smith, Clear Creek ISD superintendent; Paul McLarty, deputy superintendent; and Dr. Karen Engle, assistant superintendent of secondary education.

"This year, our Club was specifically challenged to 'be the inspiration'," said Nancy Anderson, Space Center Rotary president. "This program serves as a wise investment and conduit for today's Space Center Rotary leaders to help inspire and lay the groundwork for tomorrow's leaders."

The Space Center Rotary Club also impacts CCISD students at the elementary level through the EarlyAct First-Knight program at Whitcomb Elementary School. Since 2012, the EarlyAct First-Knight program and Space Center Rotarians have helped young students develop excellent personal qualities that have proven to reduce disciplinary referrals, bullying and increase teaching time. At the high school level, Space Center Rotary supports and sponsors an Interact club at Clear Lake and Clear View high schools. Interact clubs bring together young people to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Through their Space Center Rotary Endowment Foundation, the Club awards vocational scholarships to deserving seniors.

Future site of new Thompson



At its regular meeting, the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved Phase 1 of design for the Thompson Intermediate replacement campus. The new campus will be located near the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. The southern border of the campus will align with Country Club Drive in the Green Tee subdivision. The new facility is necessary because the original campus on Sagedowne suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey. The new campus is expected to open in August 2021.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1978)
A 24-year-old Sagemont resident was killed, and five other persons were seriously injured, in a head-on collision in the 10100 block of Old Galveston Road.

35 years ago (1983)
Dr. William G. Raffetto and John Rawls were hired as the two new administrators for San Jacinto College. Raffetto was hired as dean of student services and Rawls was hired as vocational-technical counselor.

30 years ago (1988)
Texas Education Agency officials found what they described as a "different district" following a three-day monitoring visit of the Pasadena Independent School District bilingual program.

25 years ago (1993)
Gov. Ann Richards recommended in a letter to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner that major additions recommended by EPA Washington be implemented even if an amendment to the record of decision or the consent decree was necessary.

20 years ago (1998)
Jack-in-the-Box built a new facility near the new Albertsons at the intersection of the Beltway and Sabo.

15 years ago (2003)
Frazier Elementary School students raised \$1,582 to purchase toys for the food and toy drive sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Leader for needy area families. Beverly Hills Intermediate School students raised \$1,500 for the drive.

10 years ago (2008)
Dobie staff member Melissa McCalla-Allen was named the 2008 Texas Council for the Social Studies (TCSS) Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year. McCalla-Allen taught advanced placement macroeconomics and U.S. history at the high school. She additionally served as the school's peer facilitator. Prior to teaching at Dobie, McCalla-Allen taught social studies at Southmore Intermediate.

10 years ago (2008)
Funeral services were held at Sagemont Church for Spc. Ray Joseph Hutchinson, 20, who was killed in Mosul, Iraq. The path of the funeral procession was lined with elementary school students and community members waving flags.

5 years ago (2013)
The Dec. 14 City of Houston runoff election results were tallied, with voters selecting the candidates who received the largest number of votes in November's general election. In the race to fill the District D City Council seat formerly held by term-limited Wanda Adams, Dwight Boykins handily defeated challenger Georgia D. Provost. In the At-Large Position 2 City Council race, incumbent Andrew C. Burks Jr. was narrowly defeated by challenger David Robinson. In the At-Large Position 3 race to fill the seat vacated by the term-limited Melissa Noriega, Michael Kubosh received 53.35 percent of the vote.

1 year ago (2017)
A man accused of impersonating a police officer in order to rob multiple pharmacies across the Greater Houston area, including two in the immediate South Belt community, was arrested. Travis Lee Wilson, 32, was accused of targeting the CVS pharmacy in the 10900 block of Scarsdale near Beamer and the H-E-B pharmacy in the 9800 block of Blackhawk at Beltway 8, both on Monday, Nov. 27.

He was also suspected in robbing a Walgreens pharmacy located in the 2100 block FM 2920 in Spring; the Edgewood Pharmacy at 120 S. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood; and a Kroger pharmacy at 12000 Highway 6 in Missouri City.

Christmas came early for South Belt residents when the community received unexpected snowfall late Thursday, Dec. 7, and early Friday, Dec. 8. Some areas reported receiving as much as 5 inches of snow.

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Kids' Backporch presents "A Christmas Carol"

Celebrate the holiday season with Kids' Backporch Productions' presentation of Charles Dickens' timeless classic "A Christmas Carol."

The iconic story of discovery and redemption takes Scrooge on a journey through Christmas past, present and future and gives him a second chance to open his heart. This production will set everyone on a path to holiday cheer. "A Christmas Carol" is produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. of New York, N.Y., and adapted by Jacqueline Goldfinger.

Performances will be Dec. 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 15 and 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the Shadycrest Baptist Church Family Center, located at 3214 Hamm Road in Pearland. Tickets prices are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors 65 and older; and \$9 for youth (children and students). Tickets can be purchased online at kidsbackporch.ticketleap.com or at the door 30 minutes before curtain time.

For information, visit www.kidsbackporchproductions.org.



Kids' Backporch Productions is getting in the holiday spirit and will present "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 14, 15 and 16. Some cast members will play more than one character. Shown are cast members, left to right, (first row) Marcus Medelin as Mr. Fezziwig, Fred and the old rich man; Joaquin Greenwood as Tiny Tim, Mr. Wilkins and Want; Luke Moralez as Scrooge; Emmerie Ricketts as the Ghost of Christmas Present, Turkey boy and Wilkin's daughter; Olleke Morgan as Marley's Ghost, the Ghost of Christmas Future, the Gentleman

and Mrs. Cratchet; Jazmine Winfrey as the postman, the gentleman, Mrs. Fred's friend, and the poor old woman; (second row) Joy Rebresh as Mrs. Fezziwig, the Christmas woman and Fred's wife; Jerico Marquez as Dick, Fred's friend, Peter and young Scrooge; Karina Marquez as the Ghost of Christmas Past, the old rich woman, Belinda and Ignorance; Amber Schaefer as Belle, Martha and the poor old man; and Beckett Morgan as Bob Cratchet, the apprentice Scrooge and the poor young man.

Date set for Raise Your Glass event

The eighth annual Raise Your Glass to CIS wine-tasting will be held April 15 at Bay Oaks Country Club benefiting Communities In Schools-Bay Area. CIS-Bay Area is a dropout prevention program serving 26 campuses in Clear Creek ISD and Dickinson ISD.

Following a champagne toast at 2:30 p.m., a "speed" tasting will feature local sommeliers and wine educators led by sommelier Amy Coron Power, a California wine appellation specialist.

Co-chairmen of this year's tasting are Melinda Mintz and Kelli Reddinger.

The Grand Cru underwriter is MaximGroup, an Assured Partners company. Guests will receive wine glasses etched with the company's logo. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Hillary Gramm, resource development director of CIS-Bay Area, at hillaryg@cisba.org or 281-486-6698.

Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. The event is held in conjunction with the Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament.



Shown above is lead sommelier for the Raise Your Glass to CIS wine tasting, Amy Coron Power.

San Jac receives 2018 Math Pathways Exemplar Award

San Jacinto College was named a 2018 Math Pathways Exemplar Award recipient, presented by the Texas Association of Community Colleges, the Texas Success

Center and the Dana Center Mathematics Pathways at the 2018 Texas Pathways Institute in Dallas on Nov. 14.

"We are incredibly proud of the creative work done by

our math faculty across the college and the leadership they have shown in addressing student learning," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chan-

cellor and president. "They are engaged in developing course materials and teaching strategies that will provide the support our students need and in creating effective

learning environments in all classes. All of us at San Jacinto College take seriously the mandates from the state around developmental education and co-requisite models in math and English, and this award shows our commitment to student success and excellence in the classroom."

Chosen among 38 Texas community colleges, the award recognizes the college's work in developing and implementing co-requisite math courses, combining college preparatory and college-level math into one course, and its continued efforts to strategically align specific math courses with the student's chosen degree pathway that provide them with the necessary math skills for that career field. This allows students to complete their math requirements earlier, ultimately saving them time and money in completing their associate degree or technical certificate.

This award is in recognition of Principle 2 based on the college's exceptional efforts in developing math pathways according to the Dana Center Mathematics Pathways' four principles of math pathways-based college programs:

1. Multiple pathways with relevant and challenging mathematics content aligned to specific fields of study

2. Acceleration that allows students to complete a college-level math course quicker than in the traditional developmental math sequence

3. Intentional use of strategies to help students develop skills as learners

4. Curriculum design and pedagogy based on proven practice

"We have been impressed with the faculty's willingness to explore, create and provide students with pathways and courses that generate meaningful learning," said Dr. Rebecca Goosen, San Jacinto College associate vice chancellor for college preparatory. "The college has embraced the challenges of providing new learning experiences which will lead to better outcomes for students."

The other Texas community colleges selected as 2018 Math Pathways Exemplars are: Paris Junior College, Overall Exemplar; Grayson College, Principle 1; McLennan Community College, Principle 3; and College of the Mainland, Principle 4.



San Jacinto College was named a 2018 Math Pathways Exemplar Award recipient, presented by the Texas Association of Community Colleges, the Texas Success Center and the Dana Center Mathematics Pathways at the 2018 Texas Pathways Institute. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Tanya Madrigal, Central campus college preparatory mathematics department chair; Regan Boudra, South campus mathematics department chair; Dr. Rebecca

Goosen, associate vice chancellor for college preparatory; Dr. Laurel Williamson, deputy chancellor and president; Ann Tate, South campus dean of liberal arts; (back row) Ryan Martinets, Central campus mathematics department chair; Joanie DeForest, South campus college preparatory mathematics department chair; and DeRhonda McWaine, North campus college preparatory mathematics department chair.

Photo by Amanda Fenwick

"Dine Out to Donate" raises record amount

The Clear Creek Education Foundation's 5th annual "Dine Out to Donate" event was a resounding success with 63 local participating restaurants donating a combined total of almost \$30,000 to the foundation, a record for this

event. At each restaurant, diners voted for their Clear Creek Independent School District School of choice to receive up to \$1,000 for school programs. CCEF awarded a total of \$5,250 to first, second and third place.

Elementary: Brookwood, Ed White and Bauerschlag. Secondary: Clear Creek, Seabrook and League City. High School: Clear Horizons Early College, Clear View and Clear Springs.

The school with the highest participation overall was Brookwood Elementary, awarded the traveling "Golden Hot Dog" trophy.

"Dine Out to Donate" was held on Oct. 1. Participating restaurants opened their doors for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner, donating a portion of that day's revenue to CCEF. The funds will benefit the students and teachers of CCISD.

"It's exciting to see our CCISD community continue to support the CCEF Dine Out to Donate Event. The continued growth of this event exemplifies the camaraderie we all share for the good of our children," said Deborah Laine, CCEF executive director. "We so appreciate our parents, staff and participating restaurants for their partnership to provide innovative materials to our kids."

Recently, representatives from participating restaurants, principals and staff from participating schools and members of the CCEF board of directors gathered at the CCISD Education Support Center to celebrate the successful event, turn in restaurant donations and award the schools the prize money.

SB holds Careers on Wheels



South Belt Elementary held Careers on Wheels Day. Students learned about various types of careers from first responders to parks and recreation. Students got a first-hand experience on equipment and transportation needed for certain jobs. Shown above dressed in their best career day uniforms are, left to right, Sydney Landis, Hussein Zamzam and Sophia Charles. Enjoying time outside the classroom for career day below are, left to right, (first row) Nathaniel Molina, Aryan Nepal, Hussein Zamzam, Alan Nguyen, (second row) Karina Molina (parent) and Adan Palamos. Photos by Anh Ton



Discussing plans for the April 15 Raise Your Glass for CIS wine tasting are, left to right, Hillary Gramm, CIS-Bay Area resource development director; Kelli Reddinger; and Melinda Mintz.

Rothko Chapel names new board members

David Leslie, executive director of the Rothko Chapel, announced that Michael Piana was elected by the Rothko Chapel Board of Directors to serve as board chair.

Piana replaces Christopher Fort, who had served in that role for the

past five years. Piana is the president of Mrp Resources.

Additional officers elected include Ernesto Maldonado, secretary; and Dolly H. Brenneman, treasurer. Maldonado is an architect and founding partner of GSMA.

Brenneman is the presi-

dent of Brenneman Consulting.

New members joining the board are Melanie Lawson, an award-winning journalist who currently serves as the co-anchor of Live at 5 and Eyewitness News for Channel 13 KTRK-TV, and Chao-Chiung (C.C.)

Lee, AIA, the founder and president of Houston-based STOA International Architects, Inc.

Other board members continuing their service to the Rothko Chapel are Maconda O'Connor Abinader, architect and community volunteer; Sanford L. Dow, founding partner of Dow, Golub, Remels & Gilbreath PLLC; Kristina Van Dyke Fort, research assistant professor at the Honors College, University of Houston; Ludmila R. Golovine, founder and president/CEO of MasterWord Services Inc.; Karen Rosa, vice president and executive director of the Altman Foundation; Michele J. Sabino, Ed.D., development consultant at Harris County Drug Court Foundation; Joyce Salthoot, member of Houston Hospice Board of Directors and retired health care administrator; Aziz Saibani, M.D., neurologist associated with Baylor College of Medicine; Carol Mancusi-Ungaro Steen, associate director for Conservation and Research, Whitney Museum of American Art, and founding director of the Center for the Technical Study of Modern Art, Harvard Art Museum; and honorary director Frances T. Farenthold.

SJC announces calendar briefs

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar briefs.

Spring 2019 registration open

Registration for spring 2019 classes is now open for current and incoming San Jacinto College students through Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019. After Jan. 3, payment is due upon registration. The spring 2019 semester begins Monday, Jan. 14, 2019. For more information, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

Winter miniregistration and payment deadline

Registration for the winter 2018 minisemester is now open for all students through Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. Beginning Dec. 14, payment is due upon registration. The winter minisemester begins on Monday, Dec. 17, 2018. For more information, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

Vocational nursing pinning ceremony

The North campus vocational nursing department will host the winter vocational nursing pinning ceremony on Friday, Dec. 14, at 5 p.m., in Building 1, room N1.103. For more information, contact Amy Austin at amy.austin@sjcd.edu.

College fall commencement ceremony

San Jacinto College will host its 2018 fall commencement ceremony Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 p.m., at Minute Maid Park. U.S. Rep. Gene Greene will deliver the College's commencement address. For more information and to view a live stream of the ceremony, visit sanjac.edu/commencement-ceremony.

Community Education Center events

The San Jacinto College Central campus Community Education Center is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena in Building 1, room C-1.108.

The San Jacinto College North campus Community Education Center is located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston in Building 2, room N-2.112.

The Community Education Centers will host the following December workshops that are free and open to the public. To register, call 281-478-2786 or email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.

Central campus

Include Me Workshop: Accessibility, Career and Veteran Resources Information, will be held Dec. 18, from noon to 1 p.m.

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Burnett holds Winterfest

By Jade Wise, Pasadena ISD
 Princess T, Princess Pham and Princess Greedy Granny of the popular children's YouTube channel, Princess ToysReview, recently returned to Burnett Elementary for the campus's second annual Winterfest.

were given away through raffles every thirty minutes. On Princess ToysReview, the YouTube stars engage in activities including toy reviews, story time, challenges, scavenger hunts, egg surprises and vlogs all centered on having fun while learning. Princess T, who grew up in the Pasadena ISD area and attended Burnett, Thompson and Dobie, said that the South Belt community holds a special place in her heart. "This will always be my school. Both my siblings and I went here, and we grew up in this community," said Princess T. "We are

excited to be here again and to see the excitement on the faces of the kids. It's very heartwarming." Principal Jae Lee said that the festival provides opportunities for the community to come together and grow stronger as a family. "We as a community are just so thankful to Princess T, Princess Pham and Princess Greedy Granny for their generosity," said Lee. "We are taking this opportunity as a Burnett family to teach our students about being thankful and the value of giving back." Princess T added, "My one quote that I live by is, 'If you can be anything, be kind.' You don't have to do a grand gesture like this, but just little acts of kindness go a long way because you never know what others may be going through."



Princess T, others visit Burnett

YouTube stars Princess T (left), Princess Greedy Granny (center) and Princess Pham recently hosted the second annual Winterfest at Burnett Elementary. Princess T is a former Burnett student and sees the annual event as her way of giving back to the community. Approximately 1,000 people attended the function. Each child in attendance received one wrapped gift. Other highlights of the event included carnival games, raffles and photos with Santa. The pictured trio star on the Princess ToysReview YouTube channel, where they sample new toys.

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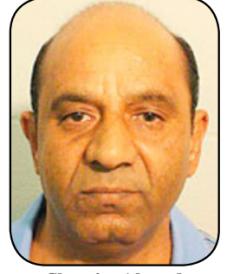
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 4:30 pm Misa de Noche Buena para Niños (Salón Social)
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 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (English)

Tuesday, December 25 de diciembre
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 10:00 am Multilingual Mass/Misa Multilingüe

Christmas is a Holy Day of obligation and Catholics are obligated to attend Mass.
 Navidad es un día del precepto y Católicas tienen un obligación para asistir la Misa.

Alcohol-related arrests made

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 Station at 2001 Genoa Red Bluff in Pasadena;



Shamim Ahmed



Shamim Mian



Kaitlyn Pope



Jessica Jackson

Shamim Wasi Ahmed, 3407 Genoa Red Bluff in Pasadena; and Shamim Iqbal Mian, Quick Mart Citgo, 245 El Dorado Blvd. Each defendant was issued a \$1,000 bond, with the exception of Jackson, who was issued a \$500 bond. According to a statement released from Sandlin's office, Harris County consistently leads the nation in DWI-related fatalities, and enforcement has been a high priority for Precinct 8 for many years.

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CCART announces January meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its January meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The gathering will feature a presentation by Funtime Recorders and Ukles directed by Marian Gordner. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

GHVCA recognizes area VB standouts

In preparation for its annual postseason awards banquet coming to Golfrest Country Club Jan. 6, 2019, the Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association has recognized select players from across the area for honors.

Association leaders announced their 2018-2019 postseason performance teams as well as all-stars for games coming in May of next year.

Clear Brook junior outside hitter Kailin Newsome was one of the big winners, scoring GHVCA first team honors after leading the Lady Wolverines with 604 kills and 455 digs this season.

Newsome, now a three-year varsity starter, has also been selected



Kailin Newsome

to compete in the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Game series next summer. And now comes this latest set of honors from the Houston Area Volleyball Coaches Association.

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JFD, Rice legend Cobb enters Hall of Fame

At right, Dobie graduate and Rice University football star Trevor Cobb posed for pictures with his plaque commemorating his induction into the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame Dec. 4 in New York City. A consensus first team All-American and Doak Walker Award winner as the nation's top running back in 1991, Cobb still holds several Rice rushing records. After winning the Walker honor in 1991, Cobb was the Southwest Conference Player of the Year after leading the Owls to their first winning season in 30 years. He ended his Rice career with 4,948 yards rushing. At Dobie, Cobb quickly became one of the Houston area's top talents, and the Longhorns went a combined 17-4 over two seasons with Cobb in the mix. The 2018 College Football Hall of Fame class was also headlined by former NFL stars Calvin Johnson, Charles Woodson and Ed Reed. Cobb is also a member of the Dobie High School Hall of Honor and the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame.

Photo courtesy of Ben Solomon/NFF



22-6A football picks to be released Dec. 20

Where among the best of the Dobie varsity football players land? *Leader* readers will have a chance to find out Dec. 20.

After District 22-6A competitor Atascocita was eliminated from the postseason, the league's respective head coaches at last gathered Dec. 11 to make the selections based on performance on the field this season.

With Dobie's postseason banquet to be held Dec. 13, head coach Kevin Berneathy wanted the opportunity to unveil the awardees at that time.

Dobie went 7-3 during the regular season and advanced to the postseason for the first time in three years as part of Berneathy's debut campaign with the program.

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District hoops races continue

The two-time defending 22-6A varsity girls' basketball champion Dobie Lady Longhorns still have some work to do, but things are going well during an early 2-1 start for the group.

Despite a tough 50-48 loss to Atascocita to begin league play, the Lady Longhorns crushed Pasadena 49-21 Dec. 7 and then came back to cruise past Humble 42-32 Dec. 11.

Now at 2-1 in district play and 7-7 overall, the Lady Longhorns are in second place in the district.

JFD boys now 0-2
The Dobie varsity

boys' basketball program has experienced a shooting slump to begin 22-6A action, and it has cost the locals in a pair of games.

The Longhorns lost 57-54 in overtime to Pasadena Dec. 7, getting 21 points from Shannon Hayes but otherwise struggling mightily from the field in the eventual loss as the Eagles came up with the win.

Dobie shot 23 percent from the field overall and made just 20 of 36 free throws. From beyond the arc, the Longhorns were just 3 of 16 overall.

Shifting ahead to Dec. 11, the Longhorns again had a tough time from the field in a 53-38 loss at

Humble.

Third-year letterman Marquice Scott came up with a team-high 19 points, while Demarcus Carathers pulled down nine rebounds.

Overall, the Longhorns were 12 of 46 from the field and made nine of 18 tries from the free throw line.

The difference on the scoreboard came in the first and fourth quarters as the Wildcats outscored the Longhorns 16-8 in each.

Creek drops Brook girls
A 15-4 start to the game was enough to lift host Clear Creek past Clear Brook 54-32 in the District 24-6A varsity girls'

basketball opener Dec. 11.

Clear Brook, in its first season under the guidance of Brandon Hudson, fell to 4-8 overall this season.

The Brook varsity boys lost a tough 42-41 non-district decision to Goose Creek Memorial Dec. 11.

Dobie boys', girls' soccer nearing preseason action

The Dobie varsity boys' soccer program has already begun preparation for what it hopes is a successful run at a fifth consecutive district championship and subsequent deep playoff run.

Meanwhile, the Dobie varsity girls' program has high hopes of its own entering the season. Preseason scrimmages will begin at the end of the month, and the first official matches will be played during the first week of 2019.

The Dobie boys, who were eliminated by North Shore in the Region III quarterfinals last season, are getting ready for a big run.

The Texas Association of Soccer Coaches has released its preseason regional rankings, and the organization thinks highly of the Longhorns.

Defending Region III champion Alief Elsiek is No. 1 in the region, and the Longhorns have initially been seeded in the

No. 6 slot.

Justo Manrique, head coach of the JFD boys' program, will lead the team into first scrimmage of the season Dec. 28, against Morton Ranch at Legacy Field in Katy.

Dobie will also play in the Pasadena ISD Cup to open the regular season, with one of the locals' matches coming Jan. 3 against No. 9 region-ranked Channelview at Veterans Stadium. See more on Page 6B.

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SBHLL, SBGSA host online registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has initiated early registration activities for the 2019 spring season.

Parents may register their children, ages 4 through 16 as of Jan. 1, 2019, online at www.southbeltsoftball.com.

The early registration session is running now through Dec. 31, 2018, and is \$70 per player in addition to participation in the league's candy fundraising effort.

There will also be an in-person sign-up day held at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park Saturday, Dec. 22. More details on that event are due soon.

Regular registration

within the league begins Jan. 1, 2019, and will cost \$75 per player in addition to a \$135 candy fundraiser buyout fee.

For more details on the registration activities or the league itself, visit www.southbeltsoftball.com.

Online registration is also underway within the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League as officials prepare for the 2019 spring season.

For players ages 3 and 4 (born between Sept. 2014 and Jan. 1, 2016), the cost is \$125, while those ages 5 through 16 (born between Sept. 2002 and Aug. 2014) will pay \$200 for each player.

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Sports Calendar – Upcoming

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 Dobie varsity boys host Kingwood, 7:00
 Dobie JV boys host Kingwood, 5:30
 Dobie JV girls at Kingwood, 5:30
 Dobie sophomore boys host Kingwood, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A boys host Kingwood, 4:00
 Dobie freshman A girls at Kingwood, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B boys host Kingwood, 4:00

Saturday, Dec. 15

Brook varsity boys host Katy Taylor, 2:00
 Brook JV boys host Katy Taylor, 12:30
 Brook sophomore boys host Katy Taylor, 12:30
 Brook freshman A boys host Katy Taylor, 11 a.m.
 Brook freshman B boys host Katy Taylor, 11a.m.

Tuesday, December 18

Dobie varsity girls host Atascocita, 7:00
 Dobie varsity boys at Atascocita, 7:00
 Dobie JV boys at Atascocita, 5:30
 Dobie JV girls host Atascocita, 5:30
 Dobie sophomore boys at Atascocita, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A boys at Atascocita, 4:00
 Dobie freshman A girls host Atascocita, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B boys at Atascocita, 4:00

Friday, Dec. 21

Dobie varsity girls at Rayburn, 4:00
 Dobie varsity boys vs. Rayburn, Phillips, 7:00
 Dobie JV girls at Rayburn, 2:30
 Dobie JV boys vs. Rayburn 5:30
 Dobie sophomore boys vs. Rayburn, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A girls at Rayburn, 1:00
 Dobie freshman A boys host Pasadena, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B girls at Pasadena, 4:00

LSA soccer's Roberts headed to Furman



Lutheran South Academy standout Ben Roberts (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., after signing a letter of intent with the Paladins. Those with Roberts included, left to right, Brooke Roberts (mother) and Louie Roberts (father). Roberts was a member of the Pioneers' 2017 state-championship team.

Intermediate cross-country finishes

The Bondy Patriots' seventh-grade cross-country teams were the big winners as the Pasadena ISD concluded its season with the league championship meet.

The Patriots' boys' team scored a meet-low 50 points for the win in the seventh-grade division, with the Thompson Lions rallying for a third-place finish behind the effort of Simon Sepulveda.

Meanwhile, the Lady Patriots easily claimed the seventh-grade team title, with Bondy's Alyena LeBlanc leading the way as the overall champion in a time of 13 minutes, 21 seconds.

San Jacinto cruised to the eighth-grade boys' crown, but the big story locally was the performance of Thompson's Kaleb Mitchell, whose time of 11:25 earned him the first-place medal.

Miller was the eighth-grade girls' champion, holding off second-place Thompson.

Mitchell a champion
 A large group of athletes sprinted toward the finish line in the eighth-grade boys' race, with Mitchell outlasting everyone else for the win.

Overall as a team, the Lions were fifth in the standings.

After Mitchell, the Lions waited a bit for another finisher. Travis Webb wound up 28th in a time of 12:39, and the Lions' Kyle Wallace was 36th with his clocking of 12:54.44.

In 45th place, the Lions' Yohander Mercado helped out with a time of 13:12, and Torik Aigebedion placed 49th with a time of 13:21, and Marcus Millender was in at 13:22.02 for

50th place. Elsewhere for the Lions, Xavier Valerio (13:30), Kaleb Campos (13:36), Derrick Doss (13:43) and Nathan Mena (13:56) also competed.

BHI 8s place fourth
 The Bears' eighth-grade boys' team ran well as a group in the final meet of the season, taking fourth with 137 points.

Leading the way for the Bears was Giovanni Avila, who was in that group looking to catch up to Thompson's Mitchell before Avila wound up fourth at 11:37.

The Bears' Jaden Shanklin also delivered a strong performance, placing 10th overall with a fine time of 11:53.

Christian Cantu of Beverly Hills added to the team's effort as his time of 12:45 placed him 30th in the final individual standings. Jeremiah Jackson of the Bears was in at 12:58 for 37th place, and 56th place went to the Bears' Nate Montemayor with a clocking of 13:28.

The Bears' Erik Hernandez (13:51.72), was 72nd overall.

GAT 8th girls second
 It was a close race to the finish, with Miller's eighth-grade girls' team winding up with a low of 48 points for the overall championship.

Thompson, though, was in the mix to the very end, taking second with 60 points.

Jackson's Jollette Zapata won top overall medalists' honors with a time of 13:22.

As for the Lady Lions, Bella Perez paced her team as she clocked in at 13:52 for fourth place overall.

Ashlee Garcia of Thompson also ran exceptionally well, with her time of 14:17 landing her in the No. 7 spot.

Lauren Rodriguez gave the Lady Lions a trio of top-10 finishers as her clocking of 14:31 placed her 10th.

Maria Wence figured in the final totals for the Lady Lions as she placed 17th with a time of 14:53, and teammate Islea Munoz was 28th in a time of 15:19.

Amyah Murray of the Lady Lions was 35th in the final individual standings with a time of 15:31.90.

Thompson's Emily Delgado (15:42.72), Alexis Acosta (15:45.79) and Kaitly Webb (16:14) also took part for the Lady Lions.

BHI 8th girls fare well
 The Lady Bears' eighth-grade team finished sixth in the final team standings, with top finisher Marisa Perla in at 15:34 for 36th place.

At 15:42.39, the Lady Bears' Mia Sanchez was 39th, and Ashley Dunn placed 55th in a time of 16:13.

Others who competed for Beverly Hills included Arianna Walls (16:15), Brianna Garcia (16:23), Isabella Lara (17:06), Ximena Sanchez (17:49), Jasmine Solis (20:38) Alexandra Moorman (21:18.66) and Janet Armenta (21:18.93).

Sepulveda leads GAT
 Bondy was the easy winner in the seventh-grade boys' division, but Simon Sepulveda came up big to help Thompson's seventh-grade team take third place overall.

A time of 11:57 gave South Houston's Alex

Chamberlain the overall crown in the division, with Sepulveda third at 12:25.

Anthony Medina also ran well for the Lions, just missing a top-10 finish as he was 11th at 12:58.

Anthony Turner of Thompson was also exceptional, coming in at 13:07 for 14th place, and River Corral placed 17th with a clocking of 13:14.06.

Darius Jones turned in a time of 14:04 for 35th place.

The Lions also had Joshua Bello (14:07), Antonio Hernandez (14:43), Eliud Garcia (15:09) and Gabriel Presiado (15:57) running for them in the district finale.

BHI 7s are fifth
 The Beverly Hills' seventh-grade boys' team combined for a strong finish to the season, placing fifth in the end.

The Bears' Ryan Thomas and Damian Rosas ran well together, winding up 18th and 19th, respectively.

At 13:14.41, Thomas was 18th, with Rosas next up at 13:14.70.

Dylan Jackson of Beverly Hills was 23rd in a time of 13:29, and teammate Alexis Montoya was in the 27th spot with a time of 13:35. Demarques Ross placed 28th at 13:39, and Alejandro Lopez had a time of 13:50 for 33rd place.

Beverly Hills also had Andrew Deleon (14:06), Angel Limachi (14:22), Max Delgado (16:24.43) and Joaquin Montemayor (16:24.65).

BHI 7th girls fifth
 The Beverly Hills seventh-grade girls' team will look forward to 2019 after a strong finish to the current season at the league championships.

Others who competed for the Lady Bears included Jennifer Estrada (16:09.12), Aylin Reyes (16:09.86), Monica Flores (16:23), Jazmyn Martinez (17:15.07), JaMeria Porche (17:35.20), Madeline Flowers (17:43), and Arlet Gonzalez (19:35.48).

GAT 7th girls seventh
 Thompson's seventh-grade team finished out the season by taking seventh at the Pasadena ISD championships.

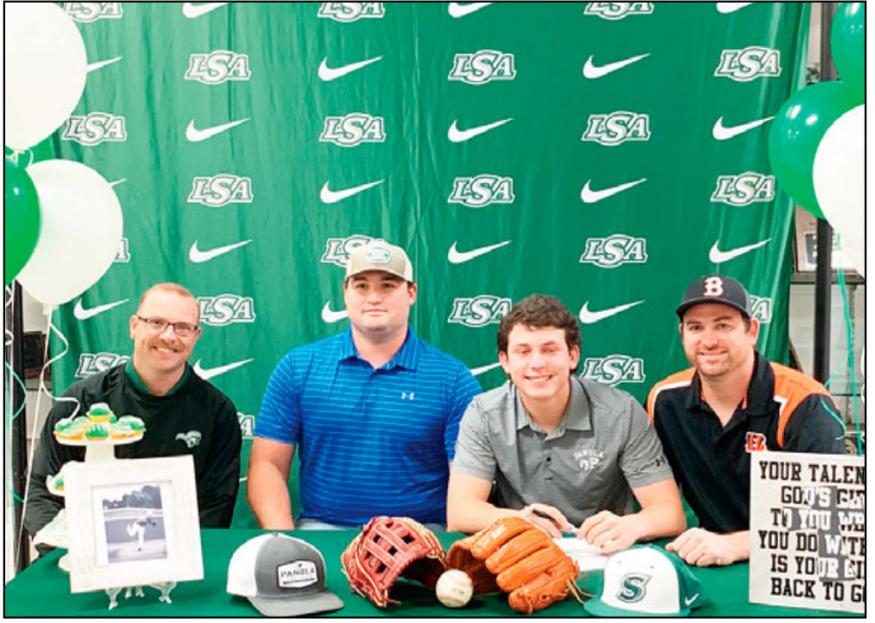
The Lady Lions were paced by Karley Gorman, whose time of 15:08 placed her 21st overall.

Valerie Salazar was 26th in a time of 15:16, and Ariana Garza was 45th with her time of 15:50.

Jazmin Mooney was 47th with her time of 15:57, and Jazmin Perez had a time of 16:08 for 51st place.

Others running for the Lady Lions included Hallie Vu (16:22), Jordan Leahman (16:46.57), Rachael Le (16:49), Isabel Fernandez (16:52), Genesee Guerra (16:54), Desanae Cisneros (17:35.58), Jamiyah Washington (17:37) and Desirey Cisneros (17:39).

Panola baseball lands LSA's Morse



Lutheran South Academy senior baseball player Trhea Morse (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Panola College in Carthage, Texas, after signing a letter of intent with the Ponies. Those with Morse at the signing included, left to right, Aaron Schneider (LSA varsity baseball head coach), Trey Beck (Morse's recruiting advisor) and Zack Williams (Bengals' select baseball coach). Morse, a transfer student from Alvin this school year, is expected to play third base and pitch for the Pioneers beginning next spring as the team defends its state title.

Clear Brook, Dobie VB players honored

Continued from Page 1B
 Dobie High School star Taylor Pleasants, who was named the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player following the season; was a GHVCA honorable mention team selection for her performance this season.

Pleasants, who has signed a letter of intent to play softball at Louisiana State University; has also been invited to compete in the GHVCA all-star game series this May.

Also in that all-star game series; the Lady Wolverines' Kennedy Crutchfield and Mayce Barker have been invited to take part.

Other members of the GHVCA first team included Cinco Ranch's Danyle Courtney; Clear Creek's Allie Garland; Clear Falls' Erin Kearney; Clear Springs' Hannah Crawford; Cy-Fair's Bekah Portalatin; Cy-Ranch's Michelle Klein; Dawson's Kynnedi Johnson; Episcopal's Brennan Howell; Foster's Catherine Krieger; Friendswood's Ashlyn Swoboda; Fulshear's Ellie

Echter; George Ranch's Kennedy Muckelroy; Kennedy Prince and Audrey Tuttle; Katy's Autumn Gentry and Amanda

Meuth; Kingwood's Camden Gray; Kingwood Park's Andie Unwin, Libby Overmeyer, Katie Searcy and Erica Williams;

Klein's Nena Mbonu and Devan Taylor; Manvel's Cecilia Harness; Santa Fe's Elena Dondonay; Shadow Creek's Alexis

Williams; Stratford's Eileen Gex; and The Woodlands' Clara Bower, Dylan Maberry and Georgia Murphy.



District 22-6A varsity volleyball Most Valuable Player Taylor Pleasants (11), also a Louisiana State University softball signee, has been named a Greater Houston Volleyball Coaches Association honorable mention selection as will also play for the North squad in a series of GHVCA All-Star games next May. Pleasants led the Lady Longhorns with more than 450 kills and more than 350 digs this season to conclude a star-studded prep career with Dobie.

Photo by Jade Wise

Multi-sport LSA star Miller to Multnomah Univ.



Lutheran South Academy multi-sport star Noa Miller (seated center) will continue his athletics career at Multnomah University in Portland, Ore., after signing a letter of intent with the Lions. Those with Miller included, left to right, Gene Benson (LSA track and field head coach) and Nate Hagge (LSA boys' soccer head coach). Miller, the son of Desiree and Jason Miller, played on LSA's 2017 state-championship boys' soccer team and this year qualified for the state cross-country meet.

Stuchbery students get surprise visit

The legendary Futboleros Soccer Entertainers again visited the Stuchbery students to deliver a performance in celebration of the school's successful fundraising efforts. At right, from left to right, is Futboleros' star Kantaro Ishitani, Stuchbery first-grade student Ace Juarez and Futboleros' founder/owner James Ortega. Juarez was honored as the school's No. 1 fundraiser during the effort.

Photo by Kristin Wallis



Precinct 2 set to expand Dad's Club complex

Commissioner Jack Morman has announced the start of construction on the Dad's Club Sports Complex expansion. The \$1.5 million project will develop the recently acquired 5-acre parcel to include a new baseball field, bleachers, press box, restrooms, parking lot, and drainage infrastructure. Work is expected to be complete in the third quarter of 2019. "I'm very excited to expand this sports complex with a new, regulation-sized baseball field that will be more fitting

for our older kids," said Morman. "I'm also excited for the parking lot addition, which is necessary to alleviate some of the parking issues at this facility." Dad's Club Sports Complex is a 34.5-acre park located at 14500 Village Evergreen Trail in Houston. It currently has seven baseball fields and eight soccer fields, and is open Monday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For additional information, visit www.hcp2.com or like the "Harris County Precinct 2" Facebook page, including details on the progress of the additions.

sign-up dates coming Jan. 2019. For more information on sign-up opportunities, including documents required to be turned into the league during the sign-up process or the Challenger division, visit the league's site at www.eteamz.com/sbhl.

Dad's Club Sports Complex

14500 Village Evergreen Trail

34.5-acre park/5-acre expansion plan

\$1.5 million project

To be completed third quarter 2019

San Jacinto College South to host select 22-6A soccer games

Soccer will make its return to the San Jacinto College South campus early next year as select District 22-6A varsity boys' and girls' matches will be contested there. San Jacinto College no longer has a men's soccer program, but the college's playing field has contin-

ued to be meticulously maintained. The need to find additional playing locations was necessitated by the 22-6A ranks having a total of 18 varsity soccer programs and simply not enough available game locations when league matches begin.

District 22-6A is home to the five Pasadena ISD high schools as well as four high schools from Humble ISD. In Humble, the only litiged playing field is at Turner Stadium, while Pasadena ISD utilizes Veterans Stadium as well as Auxiliary Stadium.

Simply put, the need for an additional litiged field was there, and Pasadena ISD and SJC officials were able to come to an agreement for matches to be contested there. According to the Dobie varsity boys' schedule for 2019, the Longhorns will host Pasadena Memor-

ial at San Jacinto College Feb. 15 and will return there March 8 to host Atascocita. Both varsity matches will begin at 7:30 p.m. The junior varsity matches will be played there as well beginning at 5:30 p.m. The SJC men's program existed from 1994 to 2017.

UMHB to play for championship

Editor's Note: The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor won the 2016 Division III football national championship with Dobie graduate Blake Jackson starting at quarterback. Clear Brook graduate Stephen Rowe is also on the team's roster. This season, the Cru are headed back to a third consecutive national championship game with Dobie graduate Reggie Cole anchoring things in the defensive secondary. The following is a recap of the team's national semifinal victory Dec. 8 in Belton: The sixth time was the charm for the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football team as the Cru knocked off Wisconsin-Whitewater for the first time in six tries to clinch a third straight trip to the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, the Division III National Championship Game. UMHB built a 17-0 halftime lead and then withstood the Warhawks second-half challenge to

post a 31-14 win in an NCAA Semifinal Game Dec. 8 in Belton. The first quarter was a scoreless defensive struggle as the two teams traded punts. UMHB finally broke the deadlock on DeNerian Thomas' four-yard scoring plunge with 10 minutes, 33 seconds left in the opening half. The Cru forced a fumble and turned it into a 31-yard Anthony Avila field goal to stretch the lead to 10-0 with 3:47 remaining before halftime. UMHB's defense forced a Whitewater punt on the ensuing drive and Aaron Sims fielded it at the Cru 10-yard line, dashed across the field and found a seam up the UMHB sideline for a 90-yard touchdown return to push the lead to 17-0 at halftime. The Warhawks forced a Cru punt on the opening possession of the second half and drove 66 yards before Cole Wilber hit Bryce Bellefeuille with a two-yard scoring pass to

cut the lead to 17-7. It would stay that way as UWW lost another fumble and missed a field goal. UMHB's Keith Gipson intercepted a tipped pass and the Cru scored four plays later on Markeith Miller's 10-yard run to make it 24-7. Ronny Ponick's one-yard scoring run on the next series closed the gap to 24-14, but UMHB recovered the ensuing on-side kick and Miller added some breathing room with a 15-yard scoring scamper. Jefferson Fritz intercepted Wilber's desperation pass on the final Warhawk drive to ice the victory. UMHB ran for 179 yards as a team and finished with 312 yards of total offense in the victory. The Cru defense limited the Warhawks to just 261 total yards and forced four turnovers in the game. Miller ran for 168 yards and two touchdowns for UMHB. Jase Hammack was 14-19 passing for 109 yards. K.J. Miller caught seven passes for the Cru and

Jonel Reed had three grabs for 42 yards. Raylon Hickey recorded a team high 12 tackles and Gipson added nine stops and two break-ups to his interception. Ponick ran for 70 yards and a score on 14 carries for the Warhawks. Wilber was 13-18 passing for 107 yards and a score, but he was picked off twice and sacked twice. Derek Kumerow had a team-high four catches for 52 yards and Matt Anderson led the UWW defense with 13 tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss. UMHB improves to 14-0 with the victory and moves into the Stagg Bowl for the fourth time in program history. The Cru will face defending national champion Mount Union (14-0) in a rematch of last year's Stagg Bowl Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. in Shenandoah, Texas. The Purple Raiders won last year's meeting 12-0 to claim the school's 13th Division III football national title. The all-time series between the two teams is tied 2-2.

PISD Intermediate Boys' Basketball Through Dec. 4

8A Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	1	0	0	3	0	0
South Houston	1	0	0	2	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	2	1	0
Miller	0	1	0	1	2	0
Southmore	0	1	0	0	3	0

Game Scores
Thompson 77, Miller 46
South Houston 51, Southmore 27
San Jacinto 54, Jackson 26

Zone B	W L T			W L T		
	Beverly Hills	1	0	0	3	0
Queens	1	0	0	2	1	0
Jackson	0	0	0	1	2	0
Bondy	0	1	0	1	2	0
Park View	0	1	0	0	3	0

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 44, Bondy 39
Queens 50, Park View 22

8B Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	1	0	0	3	0	0
South Houston	1	0	0	3	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	2	1	0
Miller	0	1	0	1	2	0
Southmore	0	1	0	1	2	0

Game Scores
Thompson 32, Miller 28
South Houston 33,
San Jacinto 41, Jackson 8

Zone B	W L T			W L T		
	Beverly Hills	1	0	0	3	0
Park View	1	0	0	1	2	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	3	0
Queens	0	1	0	0	3	0
Bondy	0	1	0	1	2	0

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 44, Bondy 34
Park View 32, Queens 23

7A Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	1	0	0	3	0	0
South Houston	1	0	0	3	0	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	1	2	0
Southmore	0	1	0	1	2	0
Miller	0	1	0	0	3	0

Game Scores
Thompson 43, Miller 15
San Jacinto 38, Jackson 21
South Houston 51, Southmore 19

Zone B	W L T			W L T		
	Beverly Hills	1	0	0	3	0
Queens	1	0	0	1	2	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	3	0
Park View	0	1	0	2	1	0
Bondy	0	1	0	1	2	0

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 44, Bondy 30
Queens 52, Park View 30

7B Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	1	0	0	3	0	0
Southmore	1	0	0	2	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	2	1	0
Miller	0	1	0	1	2	0
South Houston	0	1	0	1	2	0

Game Scores
San Jacinto 35, Jackson 2
Thompson 46, Miller 14
Southmore 21, South Houston 15

Zone B	W L T			W L T		
	Beverly Hills	1	0	0	3	0
Queens	1	0	0	1	2	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	3	0
Park View	0	1	0	2	1	0
Bondy	0	1	0	1	2	0

Game Scores
Queens 27, South Houston 26
Beverly Hills 30, Bondy 28

PISD Intermediate Girls' Basketball Through Dec. 11

8L Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	2	0	0	4	0	0
Southmore	2	0	0	2	2	0
San Jacinto	0	1	0	1	3	0
Miller	0	1	0	2	2	0
South Houston	0	2	0	0	4	0

Game Scores
Thompson 59, South Houston 4
Southmore 43, San Jacinto 17
Miller 24, Bondy 18

Zone B	W L T			W L T		
	Beverly Hills	2	0	0	4	0
Queens	2	0	0	3	1	0
Jackson	0	1	0	3	1	0
Bondy	0	1	0	1	3	0
Park View	0	2	0	0	4	0

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 41, Park View 10
Queens 37, Jackson 36

7L Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	2	0	0	4	0	0
San Jacinto	1	0	0	4	0	0
South Houston	1	1	0	3	1	0
Miller	0	1	0	3	1	0
Southmore	0	2	0	0	4	0

Game Scores
Miller 43, Bondy 15
Thompson 46, South Houston 6
San Jacinto 29, Southmore 6

Zone B	W L T			W L T		
	Queens	2	0	0	2	2
Beverly Hills	2	0	0	2	2	0
Jackson	0	1	0	1	3	0
Bondy	0	1	0	1	3	0
Park View	0	2	0	0	4	0

Game Scores
Queens 21, Jackson 7
Beverly Hills 45, Park View 15

8D Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Thompson	2	0	0	4	0	0
Southmore	2	0	0	2	2	0
San Jacinto	0	1	0	2	2	0
Miller	0	1	0	2	2	0
South Houston	0	2	0	1	3	0

Game Scores
Thompson 49, South Houston 2
Southmore 12, San Jacinto 11

Zone B	W L T			W L T		
	Queens	2	0	0	3	1
Bondy	1	0	0	3	1	0
Beverly Hills	1	1	0	2	2	0
Jackson	0	1	0	1	3	0
Park View	0	2	0	0	4	0

Game Scores
Beverly Hills 30, Park View 12
Queens 25, Jackson 12
Bondy 21, Miller 14

7D Records Zone A	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Southmore	2	0	0	2	2	1
Miller	1	0	0	3	1	0
Thompson	1	1	0	3	1	0
San Jacinto	0	1	0	2	2	0
South Houston	0	2	0	1	3	0

Game Scores
Southmore 24, San Jacinto 18
Thompson 29, South Houston 7

Zone B	W L T			W L T		
	Beverly Hills	2	0	0	3	1
Queens	1	1	0	2	1	0
Park View	1	1	0	1	3	0
Bondy	0	1	0	2	2	0
Jackson	0	1	0	1	3	0

Game Scores
Bondy 23, Miller 17
Queens 15, Jackson 10
Beverly Hills 30, Park View 8

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for more information, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.
10 a.m.
Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email jpochsner@aol.com for details.
11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, 11:30 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-487-8787 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's,

1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference

room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
7 - 10 p.m.
Bay Area Singles Club - monthly dance at 7 - 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, located at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson, 77539, Post 6378. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.
7 p.m.
Bay Area Bluegrass Association - bluegrass music show and jam session on the third Saturday (except December). Stage show is at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. Free. Johnny Arolo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For details, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at

281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.
2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program. Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net. 6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
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Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., in room 110 D (except when library is closed). For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. 7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org. 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsr@aol.com for details. Noon
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TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, For more information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708. 2 p.m.
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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for additional information. 8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
7 a.m.
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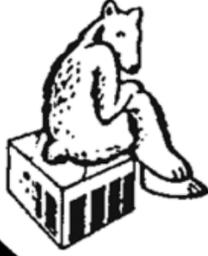
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TASCO ranks Dobie boys varsity sixth in loaded Region III soccer field; 22-6A girls strong, too

TASCO Region III Boys

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3. Strake Jesuit
4. North Shore
5. Seven Lakes
6. Dobie
7. Spring Woods
8. Cinco Ranch
9. Channelview
10. Deer Park



At right, senior forward Kevin Hernandez (14) was a first team all-district performer for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team a season ago as the team captured a fourth consecutive District 22-6A crown and advanced to the regional quarter-finals before a loss to North Shore.

Photo by Jade Wise



TASCO Region III Girls

1. Katy Tompkins
2. Cinco Ranch
3. Houston Memorial
4. Kingwood
5. Deer Park
6. Pearland
7. Brazoswood
8. Clear Springs
9. Atascocita
10. Seven Lakes

At left, Dobie first team all-district forward Alberto Chavez (2) will return after stepping up into a big role last season. Now, Chavez is one of the veteran players the team will count on as it tackles a challenging Region III field en route to the postseason and possible RIII crown.

Photo by John Bechtle

Barry Harris Memorial scholarship fundraising effort continuing locally

Colleagues and friends of former longtime Dobie High School educator and athletics supporter Barry Harris have announced plans for a memorial scholarship to be named in his honor.

A career educator who also spent time at Pasadena High School as well as classrooms and athletic fields within the state,

Harris had been teaching senior class English and assisting with all Pasadena ISD athletic programs at the time of his death in June at the age of 65 after a battle with cancer.

Harris was well-known to Dobie High School and PISD athletes while serving as the lead gymnasium monitor at Dobie, a primary game day administrator at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena during football season and as the game day administrator at the Pasadena ISD softball complex.

The Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving Dobie High School student-athlete who does not have any other type of collegiate

financial assistance forthcoming. The application process will be handled through the school's counseling department later this school year.

Former longtime Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach and current educator Shane Brown is leading scholarship fundraising efforts at the school.

He can be reached via email at rbrown@pasadenaisd.org.

Donations will be accepted via cash, check or credit card. The school's address is Dobie High School, Barry Harris Scholarship, attention: Shane Brown, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd., 77089.

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There simply could not be more enthusiasm within the men's basketball program at the University of Houston.

In combination with the opening of the state-of-the-art Fertitta Center on the UH campus, the Cougars are playing terrific basketball to start the 2018-2019 campaign.

As expected, senior guard Corey Davis Jr. is one of the players who has helped the Cougars reach No. 24 in the Associated Press national rankings. The team is No. 22 in the Coaches' poll.

Davis, a former Louisiana high school star, played two seasons at San Jacinto College before transferring to the University of Houston.

With the Ravens, Davis guided the team an unbeaten record during much of his sophomore regular season, earning All-American accolades after dropping in 17.4 points per game and leading the locals to the national quarterfinals.

As a junior last season with the Cougars, Davis was one of six players to compete in each of the team's 35 games, eventually getting the Cougars to the round of 32 in the NCAA tournament.

With the Cougars now off to their best overall start since the 1969-1970 season, Davis has averaged 16.5 points per game through eight outings.

The Cougars are also getting a solid contribution from former SJC player Chris Harris Jr., who has averaged 3.4 points per game early on.

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Brook, Dobie boys' hoops to Medina memorial

The field has expanded to dual 16-team boys' brackets for the 2018 Eric Medina Jr. Memorial Christmas Classic, and Dobie High School is one of the host sites for the first time.

The tournament is named in honor of Medina, who died while exercising at Pasadena High School on May 1, 2015,

during a physical education class. In 2016, Pasadena varsity boys' basketball head coach and his staff and players established the Christmas classic in his honor.

Spring went 4-0 over the two days a season ago and eventually defeated Hightower in the championship finale. This season, Spring has

returned to the event and will open its title defense against Cinco Ranch Dec. 28 at Dobie.

With the field expanding to a total of 32 teams - including Gold and Platinum brackets - there have been additional tournament playing sites added for the Dec. 28-29 event.

In addition to Pasadena and Rayburn, games will also be played at Dobie High School and Phillips Field House in Pasadena.

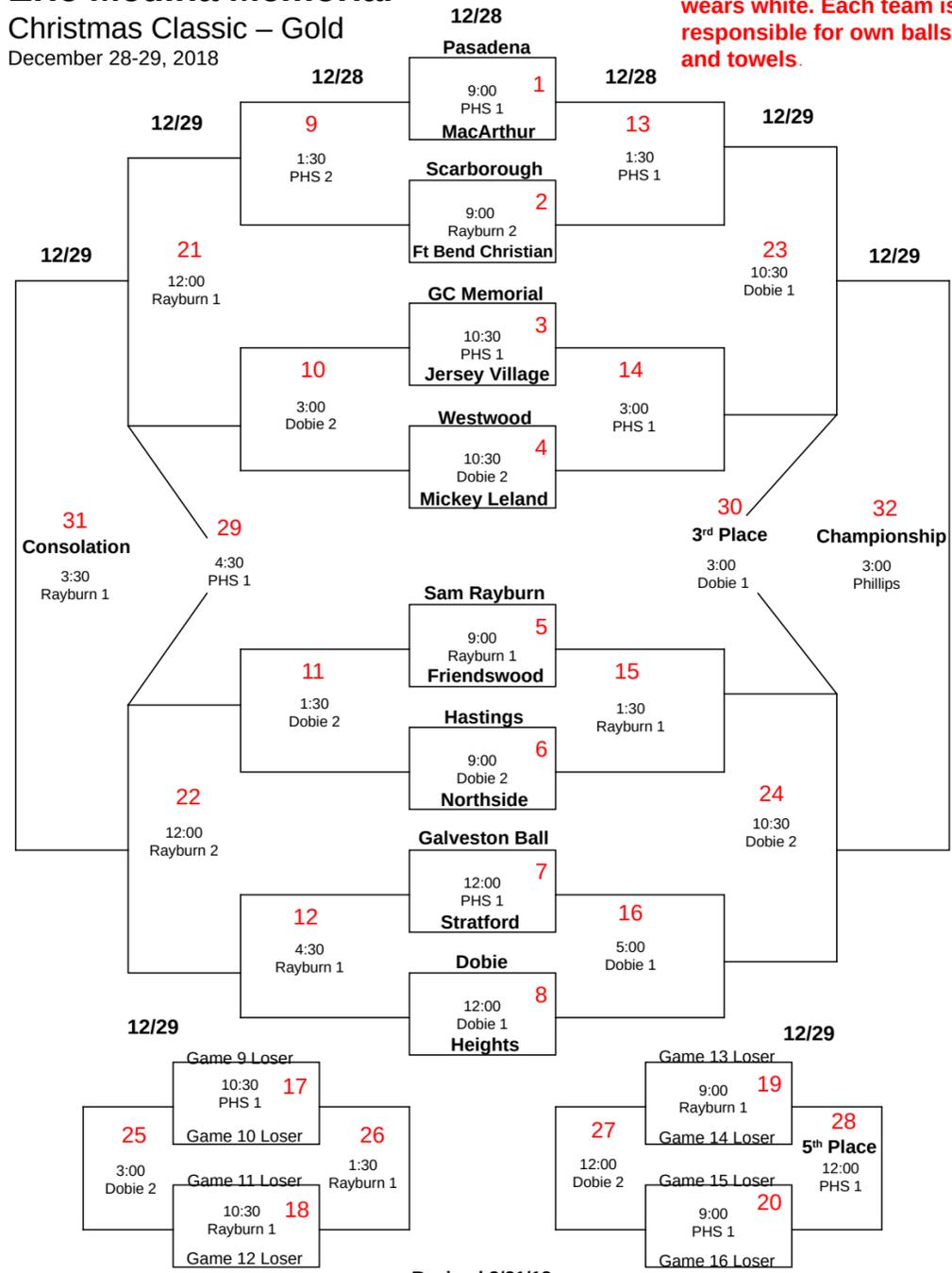
Both bracket championship games will be contested Dec. 28 at Phillips, with the Gold bracket game at 3 p.m., followed by the Platinum bracket matchup at 4:30 p.m.

Dobie will take on Heights Dec. 28 in a noon game at Dobie, while Clear Brook will face Milby Dec. 28, at Rayburn, in a 10:30 a.m. contest. Dobie is part of the Gold bracket, while Brook is assigned to the Platinum bracket.

State No.9-ranked North Shore is also in the field.

Eric Medina Memorial Christmas Classic - Gold

December 28-29, 2018



Eric Medina Memorial Christmas Classic - Platinum

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