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Two shot at Sam Rayburn

Two men were injured outside Sam Rayburn High School on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 12, when a gun accidentally discharged. The incident occurred around 6 p.m. while a choir concert was taking place inside the school. According to school officials, the two men, 20 and 21 years old, were at the campus to deliver school-related materials to a relative who was attending the concert.

As one of the men was returning to the vehicle, a gun belonging to the other man, who remained in the car, accidentally fired, striking one man in the hand and the other in the stomach.

Pasadena Independent School District Police were quick to arrive at the scene and confirmed that the incident was accidental in nature.

Both men were transported to Bayshore Medical to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries. District officials said no students were ever in any danger. Messages were sent to parents notifying them of the incident.

Boykins abandons gov bid

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins, who represents much of the South Belt community, announced he will not pursue his proposed bid for governor against Gov. Greg Abbott in 2018.

"After evaluating all that, I realized that, even though I felt like I had a great opportunity, the timing wasn't right," Boykins said. "And I'm going to continue to work hard for the residents of my district and make sure they receive the best service as quickly as possible and give them the quality of life they deserve."

The deadline for filing ended Monday, Dec. 11. Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez and Andrew White, the son of late Democratic Gov. Mark White, have both filed to challenge Abbott.

Cantata at Crossroads

The Crossroads United Methodist chancel choir will be presenting the Christmas Musical cantata *Emanuel* on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary on Scarsdale.

The choir is under the direction of Wayne Browne and accompanied by Chuck Wooten. Admission is free and open to the public.

Blood Drive set for Dec. 17

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a blood drive at the St. Luke's Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road, on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Lariaettes hold clinic

The Dobbie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic at the area high school on Saturday Dec. 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The clinic will also feature a parent show at 12:30 p.m. in the gym.

It is open to students Pre-K through 12th grade and is a great opportunity to let youths spend a day dancing, playing games and doing crafts with the Lariaettes, while parents get Christmas shopping done.

The clinic is open to both girls and boys. Registration is \$45 at the door, cash or money order only. Clinic participants will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaettes Spring Show from April 5 through April 7.

For more information, contact Victoria Armenta at varmenta@pasadenaisd.org.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 16. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from the IH-610 South Loop to Monroe Boulevard will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 15.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from the IH-610 South Loop to Edgebrook Drive/Clearwood Drive will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 22.

AARP seeks volunteers

Each year, the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide group assists more than 50,000 elderly and low-to-moderate income taxpayers in Houston and surrounding communities. Tax-Aide is seeking volunteers to work as tax-preparers, facilitators, greeters, technology coordinators and translators (speakers of both Spanish and English are especially needed).

In January, one will learn tax law, basic income tax preparation and the use of the latest electronic filing software in a five-day comprehensive training course. Having basic computer skills helps. Tax-Aide asks volunteers to commit to a minimum of four hours per week from Feb. 1 to April 15. To sign up, go to www.aarp.org/giving-back.

Residents may be forced to elevate homes

Nearly 100 South Belt homeowners who flooded during Hurricane Harvey will likely be forced to elevate their homes, should they choose to remain in their homes, according to recently released data from city officials.

According to the city's Public Works and Engineering Department, at least 90 homes in the 77089 ZIP code have been deemed "substantially damaged" and will require extensive upgrades in order to comply with current building codes. For most affected residents, this will require raising structures by 12 inches above the base flood elevation in a 100-year flood plain or 18 inches if in a floodway.

In all, more than 1,600 homeowners in the city will be impacted by the measure.

A house is considered substantially damaged if the damage to the home is such that the total cost of restoring it to its pre-damage condition equals or exceeds 50 percent of the pre-damage market value of the structure only (i.e., not including the land value).

For example, if a property's total pre-damage value (including both house and land) is \$200,000, but the structure alone is appraised at \$100,000, and repairs cost \$60,000, the house would be substantially damaged since repairs are more than 50 percent of the home value.

All properties declared substantially damaged will be flagged by the Houston Permitting Center, and requests for building permits will require evidence the residence is compliant with current city code.

Affected residents should receive a letter from the city by the end of the year notifying them of the requirement. More letters are expected to be sent after the new year, following further analysis by the city, working in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Elevating a house is a massive undertaking and is not cheap, often equaling the total cost of the existing residence, or more.

The cost of raising a house generally costs between \$65 and \$70 per square foot, local construction sources said.

According to HAR.com, the average size of a single-family home in the 77089 ZIP code is 1,824 square feet. At \$65 per square foot, the cost of elevating the median-sized home would be roughly \$118,500.

Current HAR listings show houses in the 77089 ZIP code ranging from \$112,000 to \$149,000.

The median sold price through the real estate company is currently \$83.55, while the median appraised value is \$ 71.21 per square foot.

While the specific addresses of the substantially damaged homes have not been released due to privacy laws, it is presumed most are in

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Scarsdale debris still here



While most South Belt residents have now had their storm debris from Hurricane Harvey collected, much of the Scarsdale subdivision (shown above) is still in need of additional service. The Leader has been in contact with Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykin and the Solid Waste Management Department, and officials said at least one additional pass is scheduled to take place before the end of the year. Residents are urged to place all debris at curbside as soon as possible.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Fake cop arrested for robberies

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, has been arrested, according to law enforcement officials.



Travis Wilson

At press time, Travis Lee Wilson, 32, had been charged with aggravated robbery for allegedly stealing from a Walgreens pharmacy located in the 2100 block FM 2920 in Spring. More charges are expected to follow.

Locally, Wilson is 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.

Wilson is also suspected of robbing the Edgewood Pharmacy at 120 S. Friendswood Drive in Friendswood on Thursday, Sept. 28, and a Kroger pharmacy at 12000 Highway 6 in Missouri City on Tuesday, Nov. 21. One witness told investigators that he also recognized Wilson as a man pretending to be a police officer during Hurricane Harvey. Wilson was reportedly telling residents to evacuate their homes when there was no need to do so, possibly to loot their homes.

Investigators said Wilson's modus operandi was similar in each case. Dressed in full police gear, Wilson would allegedly claim to be a narcotics officer in order to gain access to private areas of the pharmacy. He would then demand

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Leader Christmas drive underway

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.

The deadline for filing for assistance in the program is Monday, Dec. 18. 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, particularly when doing so on a cell phone, rather than a traditional computer. Residents 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.

Sweitzer named Distinguished Citizen

By Reesha Brown, Pasadena ISD

Nearly 100 family, friends and community leaders gathered Tuesday, Dec. 5, to honor Pasadena Health Center CEO and humanitarian John Sweitzer as the 2017 Pasadena Independent School District Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

Sweitzer was selected for the award designation for enhancing the quality of life among residents across the school district through his leadership, volunteer work and generous contributions.

"John, you are literally a life saver, not just in this community, but throughout the state of Texas," said PISD Board President Vickie Morgan. "You devote your time and resources to help our district meet the health needs of this community. Your contributions to the families in this area have helped us become a healthier Pasadena ISD."

Humbled by the recognition, Sweitzer credited family and PHC staff members, many of

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Pasadena ISD honors Sweitzer



The Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Karen Hickman (left) recently honored John Sweitzer (second from left) as the school district's 2017 Distinguished Citizen of the Year. Shown above with the pair at the dedication ceremony are, from left to right, Vickie Morgan, board president; Nelda Sullivan, board secretary; and Jack Bailey, board vice president.

Photo by Lori Grande

Snow strikes South Belt



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. Clear Brook City Park, located at Scarsdale and Blackhawk, is shown above. The home of Rudy Alafa in the Highland Meadow subdivision is shown below.

Top photo by Amanda Rodriguez; bottom photo by Rudy Alafa



Boykins seeks storm-relief funds

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins is participating in a delegation trip to Washington, D.C., comprised of business leaders and government officials, for the purpose of advocating for increased recovery dollars for the City of Houston.

Boykins will meet with key federal officials and urge the White House and members of Congress to increase the amount of federal disaster aid for the city's long-term recovery efforts following Hurricane Harvey.

Earlier this month, the Office of Budget Management requested \$44 billion from Congress to assist with Harvey recovery efforts, in addition to recovery efforts in Florida, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. This number is significantly less than the \$61 billion that was submitted to Congress for Texas alone and is inadequate in meeting the needs of the state of Texas and its residents.

"More than three months after Harvey devastated neighborhoods throughout the city of Houston, countless families are still struggling to rebuild their lives," Boykins said. "When the storm hit, the city mobilized resources to save lives, provide emergency housing, remove debris and manage a large-scale disaster response. Now it is time for Washington to step up and provide sufficient funding for long-term recovery. The people of Houston should not be shortchanged following one of the worst natural disasters in the city's history."

Boykins will also advocate for additional federal dollars to support future flood control projects that will help stop preventable flooding from occurring within the city.

In My Opinion

Dobie9 principal to parents, students

Dear 9th Grade Parents & Students, As we conclude this semester at Dobie High School, we are excited about the opening of Dobie9 on January 9th, 2018. Dobie9 will house all first year freshmen currently at Dobie. The building has state of the art classrooms and technology and offers multiple flexible learning areas. In addition, there is a beautiful courtyard area and remarkable extracurricular facilities. Construction crews have been working diligently to put the finishing touches on Dobie9.

We wanted to provide you some information about the new campus and some logistics concerning the move. First, Dobie9 is located at 10811 Monroe, Houston, TX 77075, which is at the corner of Fuqua and Monroe. The parent drop-off entrance will be on Monroe and the exit will be on Fuqua.

Note that it will be a right turn only onto Fuqua. Bus route information can be found on the district website beginning December 22nd and will also be distributed to students in homeroom prior to the Christmas break.

Dobie9 students will continue to have Mega Lunch and also will be able to participate in all extracurricular activities

they are currently involved in. The school day is still from 7:15 to 2:35 and the bell schedule will closely mirror Dobie. In the upcoming weeks parents will receive a letter providing additional information regarding Dobie9.

After we settle into our new Dobie9 home we will host an open House in the spring to showcase our school to the community. We are extremely excited for this opportunity to serve our students, staff, and community at Dobie9 and are looking forward to the upcoming 2018 spring semester. Go Horns!

Mike Van Essen
Dobie9 Principal

Thanks to community for Christmas help

Hello I am writing to thank South Belt Leader for the help in the past through some of the roughest times in my life. My mom died last year and this year my grandma died. *South Belt Leader* made some really hard times for my family so much better through the holiday. Thank you again.

Shanik Porter

Editor's note: It is not the *South Belt Leader*, but the South Belt community that gets the "thanks" as it is the community which provides the food and toys to our neighbors in need.

Publisher's Opinion

A thank you & a plea for more

I would like to sincerely thank those who have donated to our Christmas program. We have been doing this for 35 years.

There has not been a year when some members of our community had a stronger need. Harvey has had a tremendous impact on many of our residents. Unfortunately many of those affected are kiddos.

We have a tremendous need this year, many of our families are still displaced.

If you can donate food, toys, gift cards, etc., it will be greatly appreciated.

If you want to donate, just stop by our office.

Thanks, and Merry Christmas to all.
Marie Filckinger,
Publisher

Leader checks out social media

By **Laura Benavides**

A member of *The Mont!!* Facebook page is selling personalized ornaments for \$10.

A member of *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page has found a brown dog with white coloring down the front of its neck. The dog was located near the

member's home, near southeast Telephone and Monroe and Fuqua. To inquire about the dog, call 346-317-6075.

A member of *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page has found a small white dog with black and brown markings on it. The dog was found at the

Moore Elementary parking lot across from the El Franco Lee baseball fields.

A member of *Southbelt This & That* Facebook page posted about Winter Fest 2017 event that will be held Dec. 19 at 12002 Beamer from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. The event is free.

Israeli Folk Dancing dates set

And the dancing continues. What meant to last only for four to five months is now in its eighth year, as the participants do not want to stop dancing. The sessions are not built on one another, so missing a few sessions or just starting still affords catching up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The next session is Dec. 18. There is no session on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers will cover expenses. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun and everyone is welcome to join the group.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Rep. Hernandez endorses Garcia

On Dec. 1, Rep. Ana Hernandez endorsed Sylvia Garcia for the Democratic nomination for Congressional District 29, following the announcement by incumbent Congressman Gene Green that he would not be seeking re-election.

"Our community deserves leadership that honors Congressman Green's legacy of service while standing up for our values. From City Hall, to the Harris County Commissioners' Court, to the Texas Senate, Senator Garcia has

been an unapologetic advocate for hard-working Texas families," Hernandez said. "I'm proud to support her campaign for Congress, and am ready to get to work ensuring she is elected to represent us in Washington."

Deaths

Patricia (Patty) Dibello Rivers

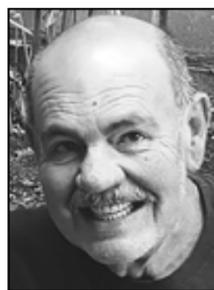


Patricia (Patty) Dibello Rivers died at the age of 58 after a long and courageous battle with cancer at home surrounded by her family and friends at her side on Dec. 2, 2017.

She is survived by husband Jim Rivers; daughter Kaylyn Rivers; son Riley; stepson Chad Rivers; sisters Susan Redmon, Felicia Matthews, and Veronica Espinoza Manchac; and brother Raymond Espinoza. She was the second to last child to mother Sadie Smith Espinoza and father Raymond Espinoza.

Patricia was born on Sept. 2, 1959 in New Jersey. She was born into a military family and as her dad was in the service, they moved around quite frequently until finally settling into a home in Texas. After her job at Grumman Aerospace she pursued a job at Oceanengineering and it was here that she met her beloved husband Jim. It was love at

first sight for these two and they couldn't wait to start a family together. The couple moved in together and four years later in 1955, they got the news Patty had been looking forward to her whole life, they were expecting their first child Riley who was shortly followed by their daughter Kaylyn in July 1998. For 26 years she made the house a home.



Patty was a loving wife and mother who was the life of the party anywhere she went. She would make the most out of anything and made everyone around her have as much fun as she was having. Everywhere she went even just going to the grocery store she would run into people who knew and loved her. Her passion was anything to do with flowers, plants or gardening. She treated everyone like she knew them for years and always put her family before herself. Everyone who knew Patty loved her and will now feel as though something is missing.

She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her but she knew it was her time to go and leave this world behind. Her death was preceded by the death of her parents and her brother Eddie Espinoza.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m. at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Rd., Houston, TX 77089. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate a donation to the American Cancer Society in her name.

James Earl Ray

Services will be Monday, Dec. 18 at 10:45 a.m. at the Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to be made to the Disabled Veterans Association which can be found at the website www.dav.org.

Fake officer arrested

Continued from Page 1A certain types of potent pain medication, such as OxyContin or Fentanyl.

Witnesses said Wilson would threaten to kill anyone around if his demands weren't met.

Investigators caught a break in the case when a vehicle linked to the Spring robbery was spotted in the Alvin area. After a witness positively identified Wilson out of a photo lineup, personnel from the Texas Department of Public Safety Violent Crime Squad

executed the felony warrant.

A search of Wilson's vehicle yielded a toy gun, a black shirt with "POLICE" on it and a fake badge. Several Fentanyl patches were also found inside Wilson's residence.

Wilson was arrested with out incident. Several other law enforcement agencies assisted in the investigation, including the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the Houston Police Department and the Texas Rangers.

City exploring new downtown option for homeless people

The City of Houston, along with METRO and the Houston Recovery Center, is studying the feasibility of converting a downtown segment of METRO property into a small, temporary, outdoor, safe-space for homeless individuals.

This potential pilot program would provide a safe and healthy environment while individuals work with area agencies on their permanent housing options. It would include professional management, 24-hour security and supportive services.

The potential program

is part of Mayor Sylvester Turner's plan, announced in March, to increase innovative emergency shelter and permanent housing options for the homeless.

In addition to the space available for any homeless person interested in staying at traditional indoor shelters, this new potential program near the McNece Street bridge would be another option for those living on the streets or in an encampment.

It's being considered in consultation with the Coalition for the Homeless and would be integrated into The

Way Home, Houston's community-led, nationally recognized homeless housing initiative.

Through The Way Home, more than 100 area organizations are working together to reduce homelessness. Since 2012, more than 11,000 homeless individuals in Houston have been permanently housed, resulting in a 60 percent reduction in overall homelessness. About 3,400 homeless individuals are homeless on any given night in the greater Houston area, with nearly 70% of them residing in area shelters.

San Jac workshop to provide toy safety information on Dec. 19

There are an estimated 240,000 toy-related injuries in the United States last year. As consumers shop for the biggest gift-giving holiday of 2017, San Jacinto College Community Education is providing the latest information on how to choose the safest toys during National Safe Toys and Gifts Month.

The College, along with Lakeshore Learning Store, will present a free Toy Safety Workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 19, from 12 to 1 p.m., in the Interactive Learning Center, C-1.108, on the Central Cam-

pus. Attendees will receive information on what to look for when shopping for fun, safe toys and experts from the Lakeshore Learning Store will give demonstrations on toy safety.

December is National Safe Toys and Gifts Month. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has created a toy safety system, requiring testing by independent, third party testing laboratories around the world; enforcing stringent lead and phthalates limits for toys; imposing some of the

most stringent toy standards in the world; and stopping violative and dangerous toys at the ports and in the marketplace before they reach children's hands, according to the Commission's website.

The San Jacinto College Central Campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. San Jacinto College Community Education is a part of the Continuing and Professional Development division.

For more information, email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. this week:

Thursday, Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Intro to eBooks. For those interested in eBooks or eAudio, meet at the library to learn how to get started and get a device up and running to enjoy books from anywhere.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 4 p.m. Movie and markers. Meet in the library community room to watch the original *Jumanji* movie (PG, 105 minutes, ages 10 and older), based on the Chris Van Allsburg picture book, and color on sheets with markers during the movie. Movie popcorn will be provided by the Friends of the Parker Williams Library.

Friday, Dec. 15, 4 - 6 p.m. Magic: The Gathering gameplay (ages 8 and older). This is a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast, incorporating strategy, mythical lore and competitive-community play. Meet in the library community room for a few hours of game play. For those who want to learn how to play, a staff member will be present for instruction. Special thanks are given to Strike Zone for the donation of the magic cards.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. Book discussion: *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. Visit the catalog at www.hcpl.net to learn more about the book, drop by to pick up a copy and meet at the library to discuss it.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Santa Claus Is Coming to Town (free for all ages). Meet in the library community room for a visit from Santa. Bring a family camera (or cell phone) for pictures.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

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

Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Basic Computer Class. The December class emphasizes basic internet skills.

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

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on library events, call the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week 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.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

Thursday, Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. Creative knitting and crochet

Saturday, Dec. 16, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m. Citizenship class

Saturday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m. Teen movie

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m. Family storytime

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Bracewell hours are: Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Meador thanks participants in fundraiser



Meador Elementary would like to thank all of the families who participated in the World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser. Congratulations to this year's top seller, Kevin Del Cid, third-grader, who sold 21 boxes. The money that was raised will help build a new track, help with student field trips and other school-related items. The students enjoyed participating in the fundraiser rewards. Students who sold one box of chocolate attended a magic show; two boxes earned them an ice cream party with the principal; three boxes earned them a BMX stunt show; four boxes earned them a Futboleros soccer show; and five boxes earned them a chance to silly string the principal. Shown above, it looks like the Lonestar Action Sports Team might have some new additions to their team. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Tara Merida, counselor; Beverly Bolton, principal; (back row) Jack Fahey, Lonestar Action Sports; and Jaren Grob, Lonestar Action Sports. Photos by Amy Clowers



Bolton and Gabriella Rodriguez are included in a stunt performed by Grob.



Bolton shows off all the silly string that she had to endure from the top chocolate sellers.



Top-seller Kevin Del Cid, third-grader, (center) received an autographed soccer ball from the Futboleros, James Ortega "Hollywood," Erick Farfan "Ecuaboli" and Christopher Kehne "Shaggy."

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REPLACEMENT & STORM WINDOWS

Some houses may need to be elevated

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Other possible options include applying for a Small Business Administration loan or applying for the Harris County Buyout Program. (For more information on the county's buyout program, visit www.hcfc.org/hurricane-harvey/home-buy-out-program, call 713-684-4020 or 713-684-4035, or see the Oct. 26 edition of the *Leader*.) Residents who have FEMA flood insurance may be eligible for up to \$30,000 in federal funds to help pay for elevation costs.

Homeowners may contest their substantial-damage designation by submitting an appeal to the city's Floodplain Management Office at www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/floodplain.html.

New Directions sets meetings

New Directions is a singles group for those over 50. Meetings are the first and third Mondays at the Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, at 6 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner and may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For more information, call 832-715-9658.

Intro of Judaism offered

Classes introducing participants to Judaism gives them an opportunity to ask any and all questions regarding Judaism or the Jewish Community. Examined are Judaism's beliefs regarding sin, sacrifice, atonement, heaven/hell/the afterlife, devil/Satan, monotheism, the Messiah and other topics.

The class goes through a vocabulary of Jewish life, holidays and holy days, life cycle events and Judaism's view of the controversial issues of the day. The class is mandatory for anyone looking to convert to Judaism. Cost is \$72 for a semester or \$144 for the year and covers the cost of all handouts used in class. This class meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, and conducted by Rabbi Stuart Federow.

The congregation, 16020 El Camino Real, Houston, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, visit www.shaarhashalom.org or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Hashalom holds discussions

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow is hosting free, open to the public, weekly discussions. The sessions are held every second Thursday of the month at Al Basha Mediterranean Grill, 300 Bay Area Blvd., Webster, from 7 to 9 p.m. Anyone can join the discussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share with everyone present. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real, Houston, and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Meador receives dictionary donation



Meador Elementary received a generous donation from the Pasadena Rotary Club. New dictionaries were donated to every third-grade student. Pasadena Rotary Club members Darla Haygood and Latonya Ross delivered the dictionaries and challenged the students to

look up a new word every day. Shown with the new dictionaries are, left to right, Haygood, Hailey Gonzalez, McKenzie Mandani, Jannie Cardenas, Darrin Washington and Ross.

Photo by Tara Merida

CCISD high school students inducted into NTHS

More than 500 high school students in the Clear Creek Independent School District

were honored by the National Technical Honor Society on Thursday, Nov. 9. There were 381 first-year members and 139 second-year members from six CCISD high schools recognized during a special induction ceremony.

Cruz discusses Kate's Law amendment

On Dec. 6, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz appeared on Fox News' "Fox and Friends," where he discussed the Senate's tax reform bill, which includes his amendment expanding 529 College Savings Plans, and the Justice Department's indictment of Kate Steinle's killer.

Cruz highlighted the provisions of his student opportunity amendment, which expands 529s to include K-12 elementary and secondary school tuition for public, private, religious and homeschools.

"Last week was a big, big week," Cruz said. "The Senate got our act together and passed major historic tax reform. And one of the most consequential pieces about it was an amendment that I introduced, that we voted on late Friday night. What it does, is it takes 529 College Savings Plans, which many, many people have."

"They let you save in a tax-advantaged way for college expenses and are immensely popular. Parents, grandparents can save so that kids can go to college. My amendment expands 529s so now you can not only save to go to college, you can also spend from your 529 plan on K-12 education expenses for public schools, for private schools, for religious schools, for homeschooling."

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passed," Cruz said. "When asked about the additional federal charges filed against Kate Steinle's killer, Cruz praised the Justice Department for taking action."

"Well, the [not-guilty] verdict we saw - it makes you angry, it makes you frustrated. Kate Steinle, a beautiful young woman, shot down in the prime of her life - died in her father's arms. And millions of Americans, we were horrified to see that, because the crime - it was entirely preventable. I am very glad the Department of Justice is moving forward with federal charges."

"The facts seem clear - this illegal alien who had been deported five times, who had been in and out of jail repeatedly, the federal charges for being a felon in possession of a firearm and illegal alien in possession of a firearm are both charges that the facts sure look like they were met."

Cruz continued, urging his colleagues in the Senate to pass Kate's Law, which he reintroduced earlier this year. "I am glad the Department of Justice is proceeding. Even more broadly, I hope that seeing this verdict serves as an impetus for Congress to pass Kate's Law. I introduced Kate's Law. Kate's Law says there is a mandatory minimum sentence for any illegal alien who illegally re-enters this country after being an aggravated felon."

"That would've resulted in this shooter being locked up in jail and Kate Steinle still being alive. We ought to act to make sure, to protect others from becoming tragic victims of homicide like this."

To view the full interview visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FY_Rv9mb6Ds&feature=youtu.be.

puter science, digital, video and graphic communications and information technology."

Clear Creek ISD's CTE program reinforces state and national academic standards by providing students training in career areas of interest to them. The goal is to ensure that students are prepared to succeed in post-secondary education and in a world that is increasingly oriented toward highly-skilled jobs.

"Career and Technical Education is a great way for students to prepare for the highly technological and competitive workplace of the 21 Century," said CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith. "It is through the involvement

and teamwork among members of the CCISD family, parents and our business and post-secondary partners that we are able to provide relevant real-world experience coupled with high academic standards which greatly enhance our students' future successes and gain them early entry into the workforce."

The NTHS was established in 1984 to reward excellence in technical education, encourage students to reach for higher levels of achievement, promote business and industry's critical career-based values and help schools build and maintain effective partnerships with local business and industry.

Commissioner Ellis hosts series of precinct park workshops

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis hosted a series of workshops last week to outline the new Park-Smart Precinct One plan and gather community input about the unique effort to advance equitable access to quality parks and green spaces.

The initial round of Community Workshops, held in different parts of Precinct One, was part of the first phase of the 18-month project, which Ellis announced last month. Additional workshops will be scheduled in 2018.

The Park-Smart Precinct One project will assess existing parks and trails, identify key barriers to using them, and pinpoint green-space gaps. The project's goal is to find ways to advance access to green spaces, which can help improve community health and well-being, build social connections and resilience, and expand environmental safeguards after Hurricane Harvey.

High-quality green spaces such as parks, gardens and trails can offer a fun and safe outdoor experience, increase community cohesion,

provide mental and physical health benefits, improve local air and water quality, and mitigate climate impacts such as flooding and rising temperatures.

"Deep, diverse community engagement is essential to creating a comprehensive plan that can benefit all Precinct One residents, particularly our underserved and vulnerable populations, for years to come," Ellis said. "I want to thank everyone who took the time to come to the workshops to discuss the project and why quality green spaces are important to them."

The Park-Smart team will use residents' input to design a community-based vision for increasing access to parks and trails. Team members also will use sophisticated Geographic Information System (GIS) modeling to identify the most effective places to invest in parks and green infrastructure.

"Parks should not be considered amenities, they're necessary. Parks connect our communities, support healthy lifestyles, and provide green spaces with both environ-

mental and cultural benefits," Ellis said.

Park-Smart Precinct One, scheduled to be completed in early 2019, is a collaboration of Harris County Precinct One, The Trust for Public Land and the Houston Parks Board, and is partially funded by a generous grant from the Houston Endowment. It will build on existing green infrastructure efforts by Precinct One and other entities such as the City of Houston's Bike Plan and the Houston Parks Board's Bayou Greenways 2020 initiative and Beyond the Bayous planning efforts.

The first community workshops were held at Emancipation Park, Hardy Seniors Center, Westbury High School and Harvest Time Church. There will be additional workshops scheduled in 2018 and other community engagement efforts will include steering committee meetings, speak-out events, interviews and a precinct-wide telephone poll.

The next phase will involve park and trail evaluations, green infrastructure assessment, and an active transportation study.

Pasadena ISD honors Sweitzer

Continued from Page 1A whom attended the ceremony, for being the source of his generosity and his achievements.

"I get my inspiration from this group every day," Sweitzer said. "When you know you can help someone, when you know you've made a difference - that's when you know you've done something right. That's what the clinic is about. That's what my family is about. That is what I am about. That is what we will continue to do for the rest of our lives."

Sweitzer was accompanied by his wife, Genelle; son, Michael; cousin, Joy Parker; and daughter-in-law, Joy Witt. Also in attendance were members of the Pasadena ISD School Board, the Pasadena Health

Center board and past Distinguished Citizen honorees.

The ceremony included a brief reception with light refreshments by Rayburn's Culinary Arts team, followed by special remarks by leaders in the district and a video presentation.

Sweitzer has supported the school district for more than 10 years. He continuously collaborates with Pasadena ISD to organize health fairs and CPR trainings for students at Pasadena High. He also works with school nurses to provide medical and dental services for children in need.

As a member of the district's School Health Advisory Council, Healthy Living Matters Task Force and Pasadena's Vibrant Community committee,

Sweitzer works with local leaders to promote the health and wellness of students and their families.

As an all-around humanitarian, Sweitzer has garnered the respect and admiration of many individuals in the area. He serves the school district as a member of the Pasadena Noon Optimist Club, where he sponsors outstanding high school students during their weekly meetings. In addition, he sponsors the Optimist Club's Junior Open/Harry Taylor Scholarship Tournament, helping to raise scholarship funds for students.

Sweitzer was also instrumental in funding start-up efforts for Hancock Elementary and Gardens Elementary to build SPARK playgrounds in their respec-

tive neighborhoods.

Sweitzer said his motivation for giving back stems from his mother.

"As far as the parks go, it was a joy for me to do that," said Sweitzer. "My mom [Cindy] was a retired school teacher at Mae Smythe Elementary. I wanted to do something to carry on her legacy."

At the close of the program, the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees presented Sweitzer with a bronze commemorative plaque.

"Because of Mr. Sweitzer's continuous support, he has not only helped Pasadena ISD students, he has helped save lives," Morgan said. "With this plaque, we will forever honor your contributions to the students, staff and families of Pasadena ISD."

UH Clear Lake sets activities

CLASP: 'The Future Role of NASA'

Join a discussion led by Mark Geyer, deputy director at NASA Johnson Space Center on the future of NASA as part of The Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs Speaker Series on Jan. 4, 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building, UHCL, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston.

The event is free and open to everyone. Free parking is available in the visitor Lot D. For more information, contact the UHCL Alumni Association at 281-283-2021.

Spring open registration
Students returning to UH-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston 77058, can register for classes online for the spring 2018 semester through Jan. 12.

Late registration is on Jan. 13. Classes begin Jan. 16. For course schedules or registration, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics.

Endowment recipients study Clinton's discourse in emails

University of Houston-Clear Lake assistant professors of writing Christal Seahorn and Patricia Droz received the 2017-2018 Marilyn Mieszkuc Professorship in Women's Studies, an annual endowment that supports faculty research in a variety of disciplines that involve gender issues.

They intend to study Hillary Clinton's leadership style by studying her use of language in infamously leaked emails.

"A Harvard study found that negative news coverage of Hillary Clinton's emails overwhelmed efforts by her 2016 presidential campaign to communicate platform and policy positions," Seahorn said.

"Most coverage criticized her behavior, largely ignoring the email content and the messages they conveyed about her leadership style or diplomatic expertise."

"Our study will investigate which linguistic strategies are at work, and how Clinton's discourse affirms or challenges established theories of women in traditionally male-dominated professions." Droz specializes in sociolinguistics, language and gender and working-class discourse. Seahorn teaches writing and digital rhetoric, with research focuses in composition work that examines the intersections of critical and collaborative teaching practice methods, and activist rhetoric on battle speech.

University supporter Ben Mieszkuc established the endowment in 2003 in memory of his wife, Marilyn, who died in 2001.

She was a local attorney and civic leader who strongly supported educational equality for women.



Above: John Sweitzer is surrounded by family as the school district, community members and local leaders celebrate his accomplishments. Pictured are, left to right,

his wife Genelle; Sweitzer, Distinguished Citizen honoree; and his son Michael. Below, John Sweitzer is honored as the Distinguished Citizen of the Year.



El Dorado comments due Dec. 15

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin and the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department (PWE) hosted a public input meeting on Nov. 29, to discuss proposed alignment options and gather input from the surrounding communities for the El Dorado Boulevard Widening Project. The scope of work includes the expansion of the current two-lane roadway to four lanes on El Dorado Boulevard, from Clear Lake City Boulevard to Horsepen Bayou.

Martin and PWE will continue to gather community input until Friday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. For residents that were unable to attend the meeting, the alignment options and information about the project can be found on Martin's website.

The involvement of residents is essential to the process, and the input provided will have an impact on the timeline as well as the look of the overall project.

At the end of the comment period, all comments will be evaluated and considered in the selection of the final alignment. Comments should be sent to rebuildhouston@houstontx.gov.

For more information, contact the District E office at (832) 393-3008 or via email at districte@houstontx.gov.

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HAS names Rambo GM of Hobby Airport



Lilianna Rambo has been appointed to the role of General Manager of Hobby Airport.

The Houston Airport System recently designated Lilianna Rambo, Certified Administrator of Public Parking, as General Manager of William P. Hobby Airport.

Rambo will be responsible for directing the day-to-day management of Hobby Airport, as well as establishing policies, procedures, guidelines and project schedules for HOU.

She will also be responsible for developing the collaborative relationships with the air carriers, tenants and team members to excel at providing a customer-friendly, safe, secure and efficient operation at HOU to the traveling public. In addition, she will coordinate the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the budget and expenditures for HOU, among other duties.

Before returning to HAS, Rambo served as the president of Winpark, a Houston-based parking operating company that provides facilities in Houston, San Francisco, Dallas, Sacramento, Phoenix and Austin. Prior to Winpark, Rambo served as the parking director for HAS overseeing an operation of more than 35,000

parking spaces and achieving annual parking revenue of more than \$100 million. Rambo has also served as the parking management director for the City of Houston, managing on-street parking operations.

Additionally, Rambo led the City of Hollywood, Florida's, office of parking services and was the director of off-street operations for the Miami Parking Authority.

Rambo holds a Master of Science in management from St. Thomas University and a bachelor's degree in international business from Florida International University.

She has held key leadership roles within the parking community, most recently as the chair of the board of directors for the International Parking Institute.

Rambo has also served on the board of directors of the Florida Parking Association and the board of directors of the Texas Parking Association, which recognized her with its Distinguished Service award.

The appointment was effective Dec. 4 and she will report to Jesus Saenz, Houston Airport System Chief Operating Officer.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

KENNEDY TURNS 10!
Kennedy Flowers turns 10 years old on Friday, Dec. 15. Best wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent from brother Owen, sister Evie, parents Stephen and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers, grandparents Robert and Jannie Scarberry of South Belt, uncles Tyler, Joey and Austin and wife Tiffany; aunt Jenny, and cousins Brayden, Baylee, Jade, Olivia, Jade and Lily. Kennedy's mom is a Dobbie 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.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 14 through Dec. 20.

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 is Omeg Pena. The day for a celebration for Jill Gifford is Dec. 18. Blow out the birthday candles for Lanalisa Sinclair Dec. 20.

Moore Elementary
Light the birthday candles Dec. 15 for Bobbie Bashinski and Tania Rivas. The day for a birthday celebration for Marie Alanis is Dec. 18.

South Belt Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Roneasha Reilford Dec. 20.

Stuchbery Elementary
Kevin Albert enjoys a happy birthday Dec. 16. The day for a cake for Bethany Granberry is Dec. 17.

Melillo Middle School
Sheri Richardson and Cynthia Salazar are wished a happy birthday Dec. 15.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Dec. 15 is a day of celebration for Juanita Carrera and Velia Grado-Gutierrez. Blow out the birthday candles for Geraldine Jones Dec. 18. Mai Tram Tong celebrates a birthday Dec. 20.

Thompson Intermediate
Ryan Villaverde celebrates a birthday Dec. 14. Enjoy a slice of a double-layer cake on Dec. 15 with Fani Aguero. Katia Garcia is wished a happy birthday Dec. 17. Join in the birthday fun with Victor Solano Dec. 19.

Dobbie High
Three cheers for a happy birthday are sent to Willie Ansley, Chad Kearby and Matthew Park Dec. 15. Douglas Eger enjoys a birthday. Celebrating a birthday Dec. 19 is Jeffrey Spencer.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Dec. 14: Ricky Ramirez, Elizabeth Martinez, Pedro Gutierrez III, Kay Wood and Melissa Duncan; Friday, Dec. 15: Cheryl Park, Lindsay Jessup, Commis Michael, Ryan Rushing and Rita Tornaben; Saturday, Dec. 16: Kamisha Dennis, Tamara Spencer, Tonya Rollins, Betty Williams, John Pfister, Willie Mae Allbritton and Adam Garcia Sr.; Sunday, Dec. 17: Joy Warneke, Dawn Watkins-Swain and Jabari Dobson; Monday, Dec. 18: Jackie Klayman, Damen Polleck, John O'Connor and Felicia Sharp; Tuesday, Dec. 19: Randy Tenorio, Beckie Davidson, Megan Taylor, Xavier Cook, Kim Jones and Rene Gomez; and Wednesday, Dec. 20: Sally Esquivel, Robert Sandoval, Lisa West and Michelle Gerbich.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Hancock students selected as SHHS Rising Stars



One student from each classroom at Thomas Hancock Elementary was selected as a South Houston High School Rising Star. The event took place on Tuesday, Dec. 5 and the students selected were given three tickets to the Trojans basketball game and an invitation to a pre-game event. They were recognized before the varsity basketball game and received a Rising Star certificate. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Gloria Ochoa, Louisa Obah, Chaz Jones, Niomi Sanchez, Alex Tran, Damien Martinez, (back row) Gerardo Garza, Leneth Cruz, Christopher Delao, Brandon Peters Jr., Abigail Gomez, Sophia Ibarra, Sophia Cavazos, Savannah Gomez and Richard Rodriguez. Photo by Stacey Gomez.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
With an overwhelming 41-10 vote, membership of the local Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League adopted the Pony-Colt organization for the teenage boys in the area.

The Dobbie Freshman "A" football team won first place in the district with a 16-12 win against South Houston. They finished the season with a 9-1 mark.

35 years ago (1982)
Piloting an interscholastic league soccer program at Dobbie High School was unofficially approved by Pasadena trustees in a regular meeting.

Joey Moore was suspended from Dobbie for refusing to take off two small earrings he wore on his left ear.

30 years ago (1987)
Sixteen-year-old Dobbie honors student Lamont Roberts was back in class after being acquitted of murder in the shooting death of his father, 42-year-old Benny Roberts, a state trooper.

Martha Marie Preston, 38, was arrested following a federal indictment naming her as a kingpin of a ring that supplied 60 percent of the "crack" cocaine sold in the Houston area.

25 years ago (1992)
Three more Brio-related lawsuits involving 63 plaintiffs was filed. All three sought intervention in the Acosta case of the 151st District Court where initial settlements were agreed to earlier in the year.

Clear Creek third- and seventh-graders were well above state averages on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills while students in the Pasadena school district scored below the state averages in every subject.

20 years ago (1997)
The \$24 million AMC 30-screen theater at the intersection of the South Belt and I-45 opened.

Dobbie senior Kenneth Okwuonu was announced as the varsity football team's most valuable player at the football banquet.

15 years ago (2002)
The Leader held its annual food and toy drive for needy families in the area. Schools donating to the drive were Frazier Elementary, Beverly Hills Intermediate and Moore Elementary. Other members of the South Belt community also donated money, food and toys.

Edward Arledge, former head coach at Cleveland High School, was named head football coach at Clear Brook.

10 years ago (2007)
The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees named Marshall Kendrick its president. Kendrick replaced Nelda Sullivan, who had served in the position since 2005. Sullivan, however, remained a member of the board. While such appointments usually coincide with board elections, the issue was brought up as an agenda item at the board's monthly meeting.

An unidentified man was fatally shot at an apartment complex in the 12000 block of Sabo. According to Houston police officials, there were no immediate suspects or motives in the case.

Local author Carlos Salazar published Sagewillow, a novel inspired by events that took place on the area street. Salazar, 22, was born in Honduras before moving to Houston at the age of 6. He graduated from South Houston High in 2004 and attended San Jacinto College South, where he was an English major.

Mike Sullivan won the Houston District E City Council seat formerly held by Addie Wiseman in a runoff against Annette Dwyer. The At-large Position 5 formerly held by Michael Berry was won by Jolanda Jones. Wanda Adams defeated Lawrence Allen Jr. for the District D seat. While South Belt residents were ineligible to vote in that race, Adams had worked extensively in the community on Super Neighborhood projects.

A disaster relief bank account was set up to aid victims of the fire that destroyed two Sagemeadow homes on Dec. 5. An account was set up at Pearland Furniture so community members could help families replace items lost in the blaze.

5 years ago (2012)
The City of Pearland held a grand opening for the Hughes Road extension to Barry Rose. Construction was a joint venture involving Harris County, the City of Pearland, Holcomb Properties and Beazer Homes.

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved two new assistant principals for J. Frank Dobbie High School. Carey Sink and Tonie Noise were to take their positions at the school following the Christmas holidays.

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1 year ago (2016)
The Pasadena Independent School District's Athletics Department took a blow when both its athletic director and assistant athletic director unexpectedly resigned from their posts to work for other school districts.

Rodney Chant, athletic director, left to take over as AD for the Fort Bend Independent School District, while Jana Williams, assistant athletic director, accepted a similar position with the Humble Independent School District.

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Moore fourth-grade choir performs



Moore Elementary fourth-grade choir performed the Christmas musical, "Santa's Frosty Follies," at the school and various other places. The students performed at Park Manor Nursing Home, the Pasadena Independent School District administration building, and the Salvation Army Center in Pasadena. They also performed for the Bethlehem Project at South Main Baptist, on Beltway 8 in Pasadena on Friday, Dec. 8. Shown above are, left to right, Alexander Salguero, clown; Aniyah Lofton, cheerleader; Jalynn Flores, cheerleader; and Raelonic Garcia, cheerleader.

Photos submitted



Above are Mrs. Claus and the reindeer for the musical. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Thalia Oddo, (second row) Gizelle Escobar, Anddy Bustos, Brian Bui, Christian Carbajal, Javion Galindo, (back row) Jezreel Rames, Kevin Do, Jesus Rodriguez and Anthony Salguero.



The elves in the performance included, left to right, (front row) An To, Jathan Obregon, Dominic Moya, Nathaly Bonilla, (back row) Anthony Nguyen, Kian Ton, Ryan Chau, Angel Gonzales and Josiah Burton. See more photos of Moore's fourth-grade choir performance in next week's issue.

Bells celebrate 50th anniversary



Acie and Linda Bell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on Dec. 16, 1967 at Second Baptist Church in Jacinto City. The ceremony was officiated by Dr. Leroy "Skip" Smith, retired from Sagement Church. The couple recently completed a road trip across the southern United States, visiting with family in North Carolina. The

trip was a gift from their children Michael and Luci Bell of Houston, Matthew and Kristi Bell of League City and Jeffrey Bell of Webster. Acie is a retired Baptist minister and Linda is a retired teacher having taught 40 years in the Pasadena Independent School District, including 27 years at Moore Elementary.

Photos submitted

Laura Bush Elementary holds Spelling Bee



Laura Bush Elementary held its annual Spelling Bee on Nov. 29. Shown above during the Spelling Bee are, left to right, Stephanie Tellez; Stephanie Miller, principal; Maria Hernandez, assistant principal; Jacqueline Kennedy; Laura Ramsahai; Lyla Crake; Aubri Cole; Tanner Bo; Zaaed Edgar; Liliana Contreras; Alessandra Garza; and Isaiah Rodriguez.

Shown below left, are the participants in the last round of the Spelling Bee. Seated are, left to right, (front row) Lyla Crake, Aubri Cole, Tanner Bo, Liliana Contreras, Zaaed Edgar, Alessandra Garza, and (back row) Isaiah Rodriguez.

Photos by Rubi Contreras



Above are the winner and the runner-up. The winner of the Spelling Bee was Tanner Bo (left), fourth-grader, and the runner-up was Alessandra Garza, third-grader. Shown right, Bo (center) is with Stephanie Miller, principal (left); and Maria Hernandez, assistant principal.

NASA Aglow welcomes Chandler

NASA Aglow will start at 9:30 a.m. at Praise Chapel. All ladies are welcome to join as NASA Aglow worshippers the Lord and learn more

of his plans for all in this new year.

Chandler, an ordained minister, is president and founder of Touched by Grace Ministries. Called to the nations, she ministers under a fiery prophetic anointing in churches, conferences and revivals throughout the world. She is a voice for this hour to encourage and to equip a sold-out forerunner army of believers.

The desire of Chandler's heart is to see the body of Christ in passionate pursuit of the lover of one's soul. She is devoted to the equipping of "the body" to move in freedom and authority, to be unified and unstoppable and to flow in gifts and callings by changing the atmosphere as one goes out into the world making disciples.

Praise Chapel is located in Webster at 18615 Highway 3. From I-45 south, take the NASA Road 1 exit east to Highway 3 exit. Turn left onto Highway 3 and the church is on the left about one block. For more information, call 281-797-4512.

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State Rep. Dennis Paul (left), representing House District 129, is shown above visiting with Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman at Morman's annual holiday party.



South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce CEO Kay Barbour (front left) is shown above with Carmen Loreto of The Gardens at the chamber's annual Christmas party. Pictured in back are, left to right, Ron Servis, liaison for Harris County Judge Honorable Ed Emmett, and local chiropractor, Dr. John Doyle.



The mother-daughter real estate team of Laura Yandell (left) and Sandra Yandell is shown above at the annual South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce holiday party.



Houston District E City Council Member Dave Martin (left) and District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins are shown above at the pair's Christmas party, which they jointly sponsor each year.



Longtime South Belt resident and Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) President Bob Mitchell (left) is shown above with his fiancée, Joan McKinney, and political consultant Kippy Caraway.

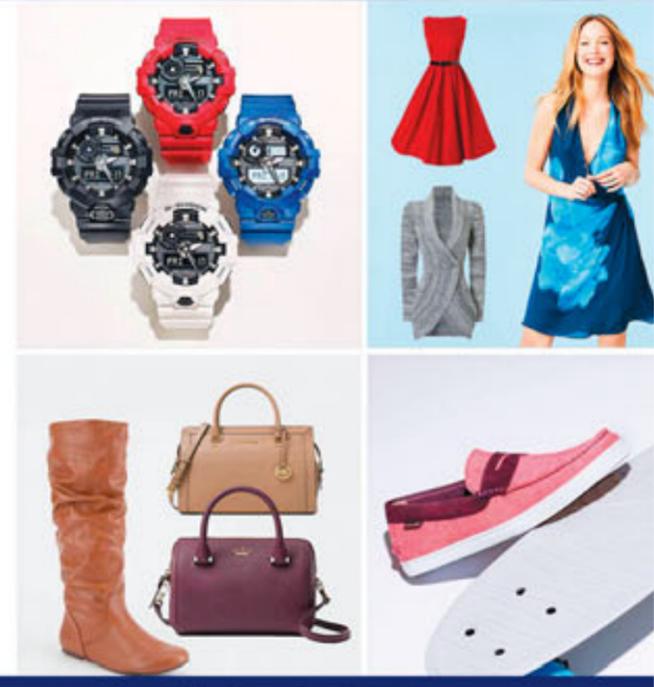


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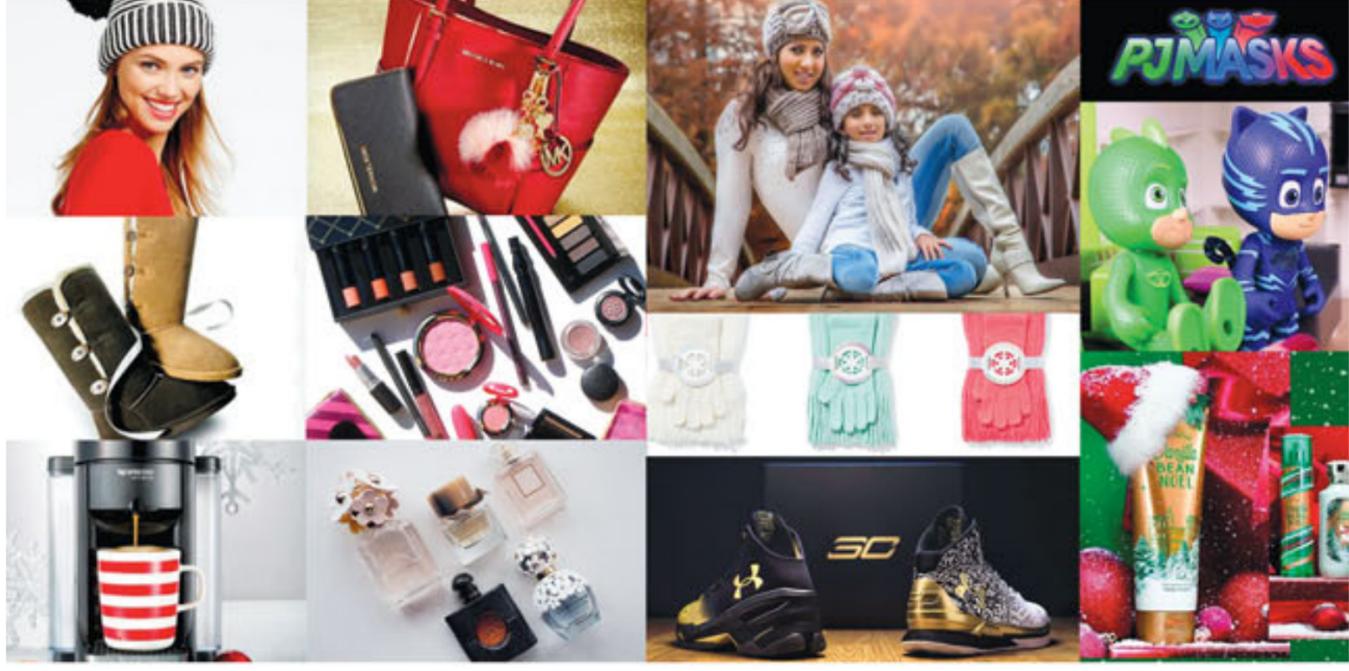
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Marquez, Morris pace Dobie's all-district picks



With 1,200 yards rushing over nine games this season, Dobie junior tailback Kris Morris (20) was an easy choice for first-team running back within District 22-6A this season. For more information on the 22-6A all-district selections, see Page 2B.
Photo by Jade Wise



Dobie junior offensive lineman Kali Marquez (64) was one of several players responsible for helping his teammate, fellow junior Kris Morris, lead the District 22-6A ranks in rushing. Following the season, Marquez was named to the league's first-team offensive line.
Photo by David Flickinger

SBHLL details sign up

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is now accepting online registration for the spring 2018 season, and there are a few in-person dates for those who prefer to do business that way. Children ages 3 and 4 (born between Sept. 2013 and Jan. 1, 2015) will be eligible to register for \$125 per player, and those who prefer to do business
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Memorial's Williams grabs 22-6A MVP honors

A couple of award winners from 2016 again figured prominently this season as the District 22-6A varsity football coaches revealed their selections

for all-district honors. Senior tailback Alex Williams of Memorial was the big winner after putting up his second straight 1,000+ yard-rushing season.

In 2016, Williams was the league's Offensive Player of the Year for the Mavericks.

Torrence Stevens of South Houston, who just last year was the Newcomer of the Year in the District 22-6A ranks, came away with Offensive Player of the Year honors

this season after guiding the Deer Park Deer to the 22-6A championship with a perfect 6-0 record. For his efforts, Moser was named the Defensive Player of the Year.

Williams, a three-year letterwinner with the Mavericks, was named the 22-6A Most Valuable Player this season after guiding his team to within one win of the league championship.

Finishing second among 22-6A rushing leaders with 1,131 yards in eight games, Williams far and away led the league in scoring with 26 overall touchdowns, including 23 on the ground.

Now a junior, Stevens will head into the 2018 season as one of the league's most explosive offensive players.

Meanwhile, Race Moser took his game to another level this season, leading the Deer Park Deer to the 22-6A championship with a perfect 6-0 record.

Moser was also named the 22-6A first-team Deep Snapper for the second straight season. Moser's head coach, Chris Massey, was the unanimous choice for Coach of the Year after he led the Deer to an undefeated stretch in the league.
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Defending champs win; Alvin turns back Brook

There's still a long way to go in the District 22-6A varsity girls' basketball race, but the Lady Longhorns of Dobie are out of the gate running.

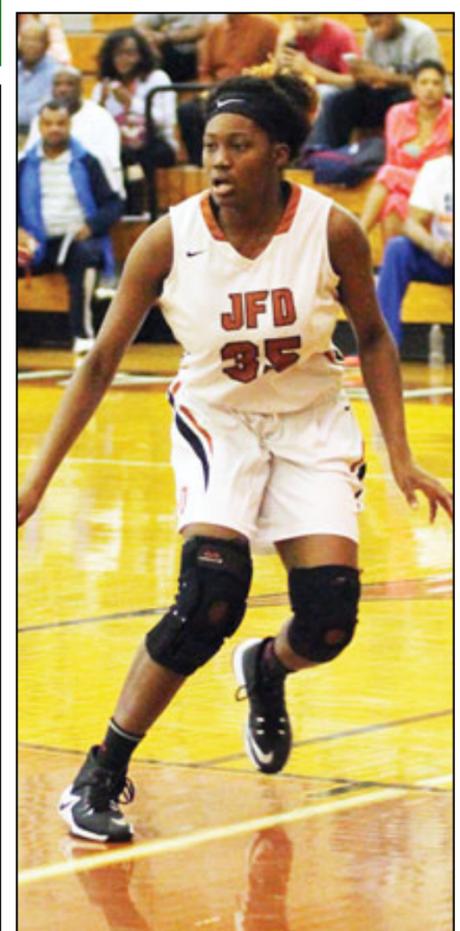
Clear Brook is looking to get into the win column for the first time in league play with a road test at Dickinson. That game is also slated to begin at 7 p.m.

The Lady Longhorns, looking to challenge for the 22-6A crown again

after finishing tied with Deer Park a season ago, pulled away from visiting La Porte in the first half and never looked back. Dobie raced out to a 13-5 edge in the first eight minutes and went on to outscore La Porte 22-15 in the second half to forge a 35-20 advantage.

Natalie Miller had 10 points for Alvin, which came away with the win over Brook in a game that was tight all the way.

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At left, the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team, including Breanna Smith (35), is off to a 1-0 start in the 22-6A race after cruising past the La Porte Lady Bulldogs 58-42 in the league opener for both teams Dec. 12, at Dobie High School.
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Longhorns land five among 22-6A football's best

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This year's Newcomer of the Year? Freshman Brandon Collins captured the award this season after putting together a solid first year for the fourth-place La Porte Bulldogs.

While sharing the football with a variety of talented Bulldog skill position players, Collins had 563 yards rushing and six touchdowns.

As for Dobie, junior tailback Kris Morris was a first team running back selection after leading the district in rushing with 1,198 yards, including 12 touchdowns.

with Offensive Player of the Year honors, but teammate Davion Williams certainly provided plenty of competition for the honor.

Williams, like Morris a three-year starter, was third in the district with 970 rushing over those eight games. He was second to Memorial's Williams in total touchdowns with 14, and went 96 yards for one of his scores.

Deer Park's Broc Weidner, the first team selection, was easily the league's most productive passer this season.

Weidner threw for 1,227 yards over nine

games, completing 12 touchdown passes against just two interceptions.

South Houston's Ian Butler was the District

22-6A leader in receptions with 26, and he was an easy choice for first-team receiver status. Brandon McKissack of Deer

Park, who led the league in receiving yards with 452, was also a first-team choice.

Memorial kicker/punter

Bubba Baxa was the 22-6A first-teamer at both positions after a terrific senior campaign.

Baxa, who has verbally

committed to attend the University of Miami, was the leading scorer from the kicking position with 47, and averaged nearly

43 yards per punt over 22

punts. How do things shape up for next season, assuming the same seven programs are included in the 22-6A alignment?

Weidner returns at Deer Park, as does tailback Tyrek Saylor, who rushed for more than 800 yards

and 12 touchdowns this season.

Memorial will incur a large loss of talent following graduation next May, while South Houston's Stevens will be back to guide the Trojans' attack. And there's Dobie's Morris, back for another run at things.



Izaiyah Cumpian (90) was a force in the middle throughout the season for the Longhorns as a sophomore sensation. On this play, Cumpian recovered a fumble against the Sam Rayburn Texans to help his team to a victory. For his outstanding play this season,

Cumpian earned a 22-6A second-team nod at defensive tackle. Cumpian, understandably, figures to be one of the team's top returnees next season on the defensive side of the football.



Jeremiah Hernandez (13) helped his Dobie varsity football team in a variety of ways in 2017, primarily at receiver, where he was a 22-6A all-district second team selection following the season. Hernandez also gave the Longhorns a lift in the return game and carried the ball as a runner as well.



Dobie inside linebacker Cervantis Pounds (42) zeroes in on Sam Rayburn receiver William Gail (22) during a late-season game at Veterans Stadium. Pounds, a two-year starter for the Longhorns, elevated his play for his team on his way to being named a second-team performer at linebacker within the District 22-6A ranks.

Photos by David Flickinger

Honorable Mention – JFD

RB – Andrew Logan, Sr.

FB – Henry Ellis, Sr.

TE – Jacob Wise, Sr.

WR – Cameron Guy, Soph.

OL – Sam Juarez, Sr.

OL – Devin Childs, Jr.

DE – Mirodello Ashford, Sr.

DE – Cedarion Harden, Sr.

OLB – Dejuan Dixon, Sr.

DB – Segdrick Romar, Sr.

DB – Michael Onozie, Jr.

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL Friday, Dec. 15

Brook varsity girls at Memorial, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys at Friendswood, 7:00
Brook varsity boys at Cinco Ranch, 6:30
Brook JV girls at Dickinson, 5:30
Brook JV boys at Cinco Ranch, 5:00
Dobie JV boys at Friendswood, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at Memorial, 5:30
Brook JV girls at Dickinson, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys at Cinco Ranch, 5:00
Dobie sophomore boys at Friendswood, 6:00
Brook freshman A girls at Dickinson, 4:00
Dobie freshman A boys at Friendswood, 4:00
Brook freshman A boys at Cinco Ranch, 3:30
Dobie freshman A girls at Memorial, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys at Cinco Ranch, 3:30
Dobie freshman B boys at Friendswood, 4:00
Dobie freshman B girls at Memorial, 4:00

Monday, December 18

Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls host San Jacinto, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light girls host San Jacinto, 6:15
Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls host San Jacinto, 5:00
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Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at San Jacinto, 5:00
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Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at San Jacinto, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at San Jacinto, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark boys host Jackson, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light boys host Jackson, 6:15
Thompson 8th Dark boys host Jackson, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light boys host Jackson, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark girls at Jackson, 5:00
Thompson 7th Light girls at Jackson, 6:15
Thompson 8th Dark girls at Jackson, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light girls at Jackson, 6:15

Tuesday, December 19

Brook varsity girls at Clear Falls, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys host West Brook, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at West Brook, 3:00
Brook varsity boys host Clear Falls, 7:00
Brook JV girls at Clear Falls, 5:30
Brook JV boys host Clear Falls, 5:30
Dobie JV boys host West Brook, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at West Brook, 1:30
Brook sophomore boys host Clear Falls, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys host West Brook, 6:00
Brook freshman A girls at Clear Falls, 4:00
Dobie freshman A boys host West Brook, 4:00
Brook freshman A boys host Clear Falls, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls at West Brook, 11 a.m.
Brook freshman B boys host Clear Falls, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys host West Brook, 4:00

Friday, December 22

Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at George Ranch, 4:00
Brook varsity girls host Clear Creek, 5:00
Brook JV girls host Clear Creek, 3:30
Brook JV boys at Clear Creek, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at George Ranch, 2:30
Brook sophomore boys at Clear Creek, 5:30
Brook freshman A boys at Clear Creek, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls host Clear Creek, 2:00
Dobie freshman A girls at George Ranch, 1:00
Brook freshman B boys at Clear Creek, 4:00

Second Team Offense

QB – Brett Bihm, La Porte, Sr.

RB – Ziree George, La Porte, Sr.

RB – Tyrek Saylor, Deer Park, Jr.

FB – Ryan Ragone, Memorial, Sr.

WR – De'John Bright, La Porte, Sr.

WR – Tylan Love, Deer Park, Jr.

WR – Davajae Foster, S. Houston, Sr.

WR – Jeremiah Hernandez, Dobie, Sr.

TE – Albert Regis, La Porte, Fr.

OL – Michael Jaramillo, Pasadena, Jr.

OL – Marcus Torres, Memorial, Sr.

OL – Brycen Boudreaux, La Porte, Sr.

OL – Matt Martino, Deer Park, Sr.

OL – Jeremiah Webb, Deer Park, Jr.

OL – Daniel Tamez, S. Houston, Jr.

K – Dominic Warner, La Porte, Sr.

Second Team Defense

DT – Rafael Ramos, Rayburn, Sr.

DT – Adrian Gomez, Pasadena, Soph.

DT – Izaiyah Cumpian, Dobie, Soph.

DE – Isaac Knight, La Porte, Sr.

DE – Jake Matejka, Deer Park, Sr.

DE – Tayari Thomas, Memorial, Jr.

ILB – John Pesi, Deer Park, Sr.

ILB – Cervantis Pounds, Dobie, Jr.

ILB – Jeremy Hudspeth, La Porte, Sr.

OLB – Joshua Brown, S. Houston, Sr.

OLB – Jason Hampton, S. Houston, Sr.

OLB – Noah Ashworth, La Porte, Sr.

DB – Trent Soltes, La Porte, Sr.

DB – Anthony Wilson, La Porte, Sr.

DB – Trevor Robinson, Memorial, Sr.

DB – Tre Cole, Deer Park, Jr.

Deep Snap – Austin Gonzalez, Pasadena, Sr.

KR – Ziree George, La Porte, Sr.

PR – Ziree George, La Porte, Sr.

P – Mateo Saavedra, Deer Park, Sr.

District 22-6A Varsity Football Honors Most Valuable Player

Alex Williams, Memorial, Sr.

Offensive MVP

Torrence Stevens, S. Houston, Jr.

Defensive MVP

Race Moser, Deer Park, Sr.

Newcomer of the Year

Brandon Collins, La Porte

Coach of the Year

Chris Massey, Deer Park (U)

First Team Offense

QB – Broc Weidner, Deer Park, Jr.

RB – Davion Williams, S. Houston, Sr. (U)

RB – Kris Morris, Dobie, Jr.

FB – Jeff Cheslock, Deer Park, Sr. (U)

WR – Angel Garibay, Pasadena, Jr.

WR – Brett Rice, La Porte, Sr.

WR – Brandon McKissack, Deer Park, Sr.

WR – Ian Butler, South Houston, Jr.

WR – Jonathan Moreno, Memorial, Sr.

TE – Dylan Heim, Deer Park, Jr.

OL – Kali Marquez, Dobie, Jr.

OL – Brayden Frazier, Deer Park, Sr. (U)

OL – Antonio Hernandez, S. Houston, Sr. (U)

OL – Michael Caver, Memorial, Sr. (U)

K – Bubba Baxa, Memorial, Sr. (U)

Deep Snap – Race Moser, Deer Park, Sr.

PR – Luke Schaper, Deer Park, Jr. (U)

First Team Defense

DT – Jesse Facundo, Memorial, Sr. (U)

DT – Noah Wood, Deer Park, Sr.

DT – Everado Martinez, S. Houston, Jr.

DT – Devin Henderson, La Porte, Sr.

DE – Brad Greene, Deer Park, Sr. (U)

DE – Sam Webb, S. Houston, Jr. (U)

DE – Ryan Kendzior, La Porte, Jr.

ILB – Ryan Ragone, Memorial, Sr. (U)

ILB – Ethan Ponce, S. Houston, Jr.

OLB – Cristian Gonzalez, Deer Park, Jr. (U)

OLB – Braylen Espinoza, La Porte, Jr.

DB – Joseph Campbell, Memorial, Jr.

DB – Douglas Arnold, La Porte, Jr.

DB – Matt Banda, Deer Park, Sr.

DB – Trystan Hernandez, Deer Park, Sr.

KR – Anthony Wilson, La Porte, Jr. (U)

P – Bubba Baxa, Memorial, Sr. (U)

(U) – Unanimous selection

San Jacinto College baseball, national runner-up, to open 2018 season Jan. 27

By Amanda Fenwick
SJC Marketing
 The San Jacinto College baseball team will open its 2018 season on the road against Panola College and Baton Rouge College in Louisiana on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018. The first home games of the season will be on Friday, Feb. 2 against Bossier Parish Community College in a doubleheader. In total, San Jac will play 18 home games this season at John Ray Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park. San Jac will once again

host the Tournament of Champions Feb. 9-11, with game sites at San Jacinto College, University of Houston, Sam Houston State University and Lamar University. Following that annual tournament, San Jac will host Western Texas for two games Feb. 15 and 17 before hitting the road for five games. Region XIV home games for the 2018 season include matchups against Wharton County Junior College (Saturday, March 30; Thursday, April 12), Galveston Col-

lege (Thursday, March 8; Saturday, April 21), Blinn College (Saturday, March 17; Thursday, April 26), Laredo College (Friday - Saturday, April 6-7), and Alvin College (Thursday, March 22; Saturday, May 4). Additional home games include Navarro College (Monday, March 5), South Suburban College (Tuesday, March 13), Coastal Bend College (Tuesday, March 20), and McLennan College (Monday, March 26). "It is going to be an exciting year, and we are looking forward to get-

ting out on the field for the 2018 season," said head coach Tom Arrington, who is entering his 17th year at the helm of the San Jacinto College baseball program. "With the overwhelming success we have had the past several years, people might find it hard to believe, but this upcoming year could be the best ever." Arrington has nine re-

turnees from a team that finished as the national runner-up last season. Included in that lineup are Mario Moralez (Goose Creek Memorial High School) and Herbert Iser (Kissimmee, Florida/Osceola High School), the top two returning hitters, as well as Sergio Macias (Laredo/John B. Alexander High School). Moralez hit .302 on the year in 58 games. He had 159 at-bats, and posted 48 hits, four doubles, and nine home runs. Iser saw action in 62 games, hitting .281. He had 52 hits with 11 dou-

bles, a triple and seven home runs. Macias played in 61 games with 188 at-bats. He posted 47 hits, including 10 doubles, one triple and six home runs. He was also responsible for 35 RBIs and 40 runs scored, while stealing five bases. Ten transfers will join Arrington's team for 2018, including Jordan Myrow (Los Angeles, California/ Notre Dame High School/ UCLA), godson of Los Angeles Dodgers' skipper Dave Roberts; and Jake (Weldon Spring, Missouri/Westminster Chris-

tian High School/ Indiana University) and Luke Matheny (Weldon Spring, Missouri/Westminster Christian HS / Oklahoma State University), sons of St. Louis Cardinals manager Mike Matheny. San Jac will also welcome transfers Nick Neville (Fairfax, Virginia/ Lake Braddock High School/ University of Notre Dame), Andres Sosa (San Antonio/ Reagan High School/University of Texas) and Trent Franson (Lutheran South Academy / Texas Christian University).

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Pasadena ISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Through Dec. 4 Games

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball						
8L Records	District			Overall		
Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	1	2	0
Southmore	0	0	0	0	3	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	3	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	3	0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball						
7L Records	District			Overall		
Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	3	0	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	2	0
Park View	0	0	0	0	3	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	3	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	3	0

Game Scores						
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Southmore	0	0	0	0	3	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	3	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	3	0

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San Jacinto	0	0	0	0	3	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	3	0

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Brook, Dobie grads help Mary Hardin-Baylor win

Clear Brook High School graduate De'Andre Jackson had an interception to help lead a stifling defensive effort as Mary Hardin-Baylor got within one win over a repeat D3 national football championship. The Cru, winners of 29 straight games dating back to the start of the 2016 regular season, shut down Brockport 24-0 Dec. 9, at Crusader Stadium in Belton. UMHB came up with 21 points in the opening half and then got a field goal for the final margin of victory. Jackson, a sophomore who once was the starting quarterback for the Wolverines in high school, is now a defensive back with the Cru. Senior Reggie Wilson, a second team all-conference performer for the Cru this season, is a Dobie High School graduate, as is Reginald Cole of UMHB. The Cru will now play in the Stagg Bowl for the second straight year and for the third time in program history. UMHB will face Mount Union (14-0) for the national title in the fourth postseason meeting between the two programs. The Purple Raiders stormed back for a 43-40 win over defending National Runner-Up Wisconsin-Oshkosh to advance to the title game. Stagg Bowl XLV will kick off at 6 p.m. central time on Friday, December 15th, at

SBHLL offers online sign up

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 ages 5 to 16 (born between Sept. 2001 and Aug. 13, 2017) may register for \$200 per player. Those who want to register online may do so at www.eteamz.com/sbhll. The in-person registration dates include Saturdays, Jan. 6 and Jan. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. both days. The in-person sessions will all be held at the SBHLL facility at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. SBHLL will again host the Longhorns' Challenger Division team this season for those with physical and/or mental disabilities. Those aged 5 to 16 will have the opportunity to enjoy the game of baseball in a fun, safe and structured environment. All registrants must provide three forms of proof of residency (driver's license, voter's registration card, school records, tax records, etc.). With questions regarding sign-up, direct email to sbhll@hotmail.com.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Through Dec. 4 Games

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball						
8L Records	District			Overall		
Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	2	1	0
Southmore	0	0	0	1	2	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	1	2	0
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	1	2	0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball						
7L Records	District			Overall		
Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	2	1	0
San Jacinto	0	0	0	2	1	0
Park View	0	0	0	1	2	0
Southmore	0	0	0	0	3	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	3	0

Game Scores						
Park View	52	Queens	21			
South Houston	42	Miller	34			

Game Scores						
Thompson	57	Beverly Hills	34			
Miller	43	South Houston	14			
Queens	45	Park View	38			
Bondy	32	Southmore	22			

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Southmore	0	0	0	0	3	0
South Houston	0	0	0	0	3	0

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Zone A	W	L	T	W	L	T
Beverly Hills	0	0	0	3	0	0
Queens	0	0	0	3	0	0
Miller	0	0	0	3	0	0
Bondy	0	0	0	1	2	0
Jackson	0	0	0	0	3	0

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 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 details, 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 for details.
 11:30 a.m.
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
 Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity

card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.
 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 the office at 281-488-5861 or at cs@shaarhashalom.org.
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.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
 8 p.m.
Harbour Theater - presents Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Bennie Nipper. The show provides heartwarming, lively entertainment for the whole family. Nipper has written in scenes for the award-winning Irish Dancers from the Richard Tew Irish Dancing Academy and ballerinas from Classical Dance Arts in League City. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 17, on the downstairs main deck of Bay Area Harbour Playhouse, 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. For details, call 281-337-7469 or visit www.harbourtheater.com.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
 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 details, 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 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, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
 8 p.m.
Harbour Theater - presents Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Bennie Nipper. The show gives a heartwarming, lively entertaining evening for the whole family. Nipper has written in scenes for the award-winning Irish Dancers from the Richard Tew Irish Dancing Academy and ballerinas from Classical Dance Arts in League City. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 17, on the downstairs main deck of Bay Area Harbour Playhouse, 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. For information, contact 281-337-7469 or visit www.harbourtheater.com.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
 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.
 11 a.m.
StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 11 a.m., on Saturday at the Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For details, call 281-229-1409.
 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 for details.
 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.
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Harbour Theater - presents Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Bennie Nipper. The show provides heartwarming, lively entertainment for the whole family. Nipper has written in scenes for the award-winning Irish Dancers from the Richard Tew Irish Dancing Academy and ballerinas from Classical Dance Arts in League City. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 1-17, on the downstairs main deck of Bay Area Harbour Playhouse, 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. For information, contact 281-337-7469 or visit www.harbourtheater.com.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
 1 p.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday (team game), 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

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.
2:30 p.m.
Harbour Theater - presents Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Bennie Nipper. The show provides heartwarming, lively entertainment for the whole family. Nipper has written in scenes for the award-winning Irish Dancers from the Richard Tew Irish Dancing Academy and ballerinas from Classical Dance Arts in League City. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 17, on the downstairs main deck of Bay Area Harbour Playhouse, 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. For information, contact 281-337-7469 or visit www.harbourtheater.com.
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.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
Noon
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.
3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.
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.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.
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.
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. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.
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 cs@shaar-hashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
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 details, 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 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N.

Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257. Email nalix@texas-citizensbank.com.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen Bauerlein on Tuesdays following the senior luncheon at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for non-residents (free to senior League City residents.)
1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., For 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, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461. No meeting in Aug.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318.
6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.
7 p.m.
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.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
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 details, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
The Community Club - meets the third Wednesday, monthly, at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For information, email Jmopry@yahoo.com.
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 for details.
11:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.
7 p.m.
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.
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 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 21
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 details, or drop in.
10 a.m.
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6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details.
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.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

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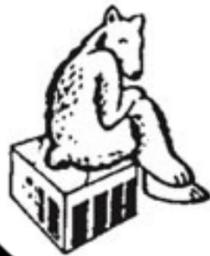
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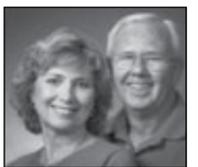


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San Jacinto College catcher Herbert Iser, now a sophomore, played in 61 of the Gators' 66 games a season ago, hitting .281 with 11 doubles and seven home runs. Iser, from Kissimmee, Fla., will enter the season as the team's most experienced backstop and will vie for playing time among players that comprise a roster that could be the most talented in recent years.

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SJC baseball set to go

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 A slew of freshmen will join Arrington's team this spring, including Alerick Soularie (Atascocita High School), Tyreice Silas (Cypress Falls High School), Matt Goddard (Magnolia, Ark.) and Rylan Kaufman (Friendswood High School). In 2017, San Jacinto College advanced to the Alpine Bank JUCO World Series championship round before dropping back-to-back games to eventual national champion Chipola (Fla.). San Jacinto finished the regular season with a 48-18 overall record. For more information about SJC athletics, visit sanjac.sports.com.

H.S. soccer scrimmages upcoming



Dobie senior Hillary Bazaldua (4) and her teammates are ready to begin scrimmage action on the varsity soccer field. The Lady Longhorns will take on Alvin at Alvin Friday, Dec. 29.

Dobie, CB hoopsters reach league play

With one nondistrict game coming at Friendswood Dec. 15 prior to the start of 22-6A action, the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team is either going to be one game over or one game under the .500 mark.
 D.J. Garrett scored a team-high 15 points, including three of five tries from deep, but the Longhorns struggled in the second half during a Dec. 8 home loss to Pearland. Garrett, a three-year letterman, is also the team leader in steals and assists. The Oilers, also hovering round the .500 mark this season, led by just three points at halftime but ran away for a 74-56 victory as Ovidio Perez led four scorers in double figures with 15 points. Pearland helped itself greatly by holding a 25-16 rebounding advantage in the game.

Dobie head coach Kevin Cross said the Longhorns shot the ball well, but too many turnovers and an inability to consistently keep the Oilers off the glass proved costly. "Midway through the third quarter it was still a two-possession game, but we just had some scenarios where Pearland got three and four looks at the basket in a possession," Cross said. "But that comes down to execution and being more consistent. At 7-7, we have been up and down. We fix one thing, and something else breaks down. "On nights when we are shooting it well, we still have to do our work on the other end. On nights when we are not shooting particularly well, we can keep the score close by playing defense and forcing turnovers or some one-shot

possessions." As 22-6A action begins, Cross believes the Longhorns will join West Brook, South Houston, Deer Park and La Porte in a five-team race for four playoff spots. Pasadena, Memorial and Rayburn have struggled to this point, and Cross said getting wins against those squads down the line will be of utmost importance. The Longhorns will face a couple of tough challenges to open District 22-6A play on the 2017 side of the schedule. Beaumont West Brook visits Dobie Dec. 19 in the league opener for both teams at 7 p.m. The Bruins are led by senior combo guard Elijah Parquet, who has signed a letter of intent to play at Colorado University. West Brook also features junior post Clayton Carpenter at 6-foot-9-inches in the paint. Dobie will then take on defending District 22-6A champion South Houston Dec. 22, also at 7 p.m. South Houston has a losing record to this point in the season, but five defeats came in the McDonald's Texas Invitational, when several of the Trojans' top current contributors were still playing football. Pointing to his team's already-tough schedule to this point in the season, Cross hopes his battle-tested Longhorns will be able to get off to a solid start in league play, thus potentially avoiding having to play catch up later in the season. "I do that intentionally every year," Cross said of lining up a challenging nondistrict schedule of opponents. "I've always believed you only get better and improve by going up against other talented teams. Playing and beating up on teams that aren't nearly as talented as you are accomplishes very little in the long run."

While the Longhorns could not slow South Houston's 13-1 run to the championship last season, the Longhorns did wind up at 10-4 for second place. This time around, the lineup has been revamped somewhat, and Cross is excited to see what the team's potential is. Garrett, Dobie's most varsity-tested performer coming into the season, has done well in the roles expected of him. "D.J. has done a great job at performing the jobs we ask of him," Cross said. "He's been our top assists and steals guy, and has also been our leading scorer in several games. We need him to keep up his strong play." Sophomore Marquise Scott joined the varsity team roughly midway through the 22-6A race last season, then contributed well as the Longhorns eventually finished second with that 10-4 record. This season, Scott has been asked to handle the point guard duties, and has done well, according to his coach. "Marquise has basically had to step in at point guard on the fly and play in that role, and he's done a good job," Cross said. "he is only going to improve, so that gives us a lot of things to feel good about moving forward." And there's Brick Fosnight, the Longhorns' leading scorer and rebounder. He had a bit of an off night against Pearland with just two rebounds, but he helps the locals inside, especially with the West Brook opener coming Dec. 19. Overall, Cross speaks of that consistency goal as being the key moving forward. There are 14 games to play in District 22-6A, and each one carries a heavy W or L with it. While the Longhorns have indeed played a tough schedule to this point's 7-7 record, consistency has to come. "We go over the same



Clear Brook varsity boys' standout Kendrick Christian (5) has stepped in to assume some of the Wolverines' scoring punch, and he will be a focus of opposing defenses as 24-6A play nears.

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