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Wheel theft update coming

According to sources familiar with the case, there have been significant developments in the search for the suspects wanted in multiple wheel thefts in the area. Investigators, however, have asked the *Leader* to remain quiet on the issue for now. See next week's paper for a follow-up story.

Leader *seeks storm info*

The *Leader* is seeking information about area residents who are still impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

The newspaper has received multiple reports of local families that have been reluctant to come forward and seek government assistance for various reasons.

The *Leader* is attempting to organize a community effort to help such families in need make needed home repairs and address other pressing issues. The effort is not affiliated with any governmental organization.

The newspaper is particularly interested in hearing about families with children or seniors. Affected residents are asked to contact the *Leader* by calling 281-481-5656 or emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Kirkmont to meet quarterly

The Kirkmont I Homeowners Association's monthly meetings will change to quarterly, as of Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. Monthly meetings will still be held at the Kirkmont Municipal Utility District building located at 10102 Blackhawk. Any comments or concerns should be submitted to Kirkmont MUD Manager Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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, Feb. 10. 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 Fuqua to FM-528/West NASA Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Feb. 9. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

Atkinson sets scholarships

Atkinson Elementary PTO is offering $500 scholarships to two graduating seniors at Dobie High who attended Atkinson for at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available at the Dobie senior counselor's office. Applications must be received by noon Wednesday, March 7, to be considered.

Frazier offers scholarships

Frazier is offering eight scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie who attended Frazier in third and fourth grades. Applications are available at the Dobie senior counselor's office and are due on Wednesday, March 7.

Highway 3 closures set

At least one southbound lane on Highway 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed at FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road and El Dorado Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (excluding weekends) through Friday, March 2.

Beltway 8 closures planned

At least one inside lane of the westbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Beamer to Blackhawk will be closed continuously until 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Toastmasters seek members

The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club will hold an open-house membership drive on Monday, Feb. 12, at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The organization is for anyone wanting to improve public speaking skills. For additional information, call 832-768-4352 or email nategomez87@yahoo.com.

5K run benefits children

Texas Oral and Facial Surgery will present the fifth annual Ima's Home for Children 5K run/walk on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Campus of Life Church, located at 9901 Windmill Lakes Blvd., beginning at 8 a.m. The event will also feature a children's 1K run/walk.

Located just northwest of Manila, Philippines, Ima's Home for Children became the vision of lead Pastor Jim Kilgore after riding through Manila and seeing a portion of the 400,000 hungry and homeless street children. His passion led to the creation of the facility named for his mother, Imogene Kilgore.

In its fifth year of operation, the center houses more than 78 children who are clothed, educated and cared for medically. Cost is $35 for the 5K run and $20 for the 1K run. Ima's Home for Children is a nonprofit organization and is 100 percent funded by private donations. To register for the run, visit www.life.cc. For additional information on Ima's Home for Children, visit www.imashomeforchildren.com.

More residents may have to elevate homes

Several additional South Belt homeowners whose houses flooded during Hurricane Harvey will likely be forced to elevate their homes, should they choose to remain living in the residences, City of Houston officials said.

Affected residents should receive a letter notifying them of the decision in early February, according to Public Works and Engineering spokeswoman Alanna Reed. In all, 619 letters are to be mailed citywide. At press time, it was unclear exactly how many of these were located in the immediate South Belt community (an unconfirmed number of 16 homes was reported as being located in the 77089 ZIP code).

The move comes roughly one month after a first batch of letters was sent out early last month telling residents of the need to elevate their area homes that were damaged during the historic flood. In that instance, 1,611 total homes in the city were notified of the requirement. Of those, 90 were located in ZIP code 77089; 52 were located in ZIP code 77034; and 27 were located in ZIP code 77075.

The homes in question have been deemed "substantially damaged" by the city. For most residents, this will require raising structures by at least 12 inches above the base flood elevation in a 100-year flood plain or 18 inches if in a designated floodway.

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.

Elevating a house is a massive and costly undertaking, often equaling the total cost of the existing residence, or more. The cost of raising a house costs between $65 and $70 per square foot, according to local construction sources.

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.

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.

The *Leader* staff has encountered extensive problems when trying to gather information on the program from city officials, exhausting numerous hours on phone calls and emails over the last month, often receiving either contradictory information or no response at all.

For instance, it remains unclear what residents should do if they now receive a letter after already spending tens of thousands of dollars on permitted home repairs, as several homeowners have done.

The *Leader* has submitted an open records request from the city to determine where the affected homes are located, but as of press time Wednesday, had not received a response, despite multiple follow-up calls for assistance.

Sen. Schumer shows support

Sen. Chuck Schumer (left) was the featured guest at a fundraiser held Saturday, Jan. 27, by Tahir Javed (second from right), a candidate in the 29th Congressional District, which encompasses much of the South Belt community north of Beltway 8. Also pictured above are, left to right, community leader Muhammad Ali; Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL); and San Jacinto College Campus Events Coordinator Charlotte Jackson. See related story on Page 6A.
Photo by Marie Flickinger

2018 primary elections approach

The filing deadline for the 2018 primary elections recently passed, and South Belt voters will have a chance to voice their opinions in several different races, including ones at the county, state and federal level.

In addition to the contests for governor and lieutenant governor, voters will decide on multiple congressional and legislative seats.

Sen. Ted Cruz has filed to maintain his position. Republican challengers include Bruce Jacobson Jr., Geraldine Sam, Mary Miller and Stefano de Stefano. Democrat challengers include Beto O'Rourke, Edward Kimbrough and Sema Hernandez. The winner will serve a six-year term.

U.S. House District 22 Rep. Pete Olson has filed to keep his position. Republican challengers include Danny Nguyen, Eric Zmrhal and James Green. Democrat challengers include Letitia Plummer, Margarita Ruiz Johnson, Mark Gibson, Sri Preston Kulkarni and Steve Brown.

Several candidates have filed to fill the U.S. House District 29 seat recently vacated by Rep. Gene Green, who retired after serving more than 40 years in public office. Democrats who filed to run for the position include Augustine H. Reyes, Dominique Michelle Garcia, Hector Morales, Pedro Valencia, Roel Garcia, Sylvia R. Garcia and Tahir Javed. Republicans seeking the seat include Carmen Maria Montiel, Jaimy Z. Blanco, Phillip Aronoff and Robert Schafranek.

All U.S. House terms are two years.

At the state level, Rep. Dennis Paul has filed to maintain his House District 129 position. While Paul will not face any challengers in the Republican primary, he will face Alexander Jonathan Karjeker, the lone Democrat to file to run for the position, in the November general election.

In the House District 144 race, incumbent Mary Ann Perez is running unopposed in the Democratic primary. Vying to be the Republican challenger are Gilbert Peña and Ruben Villarreal.

Rep. Carol Alvarado is running unopposed for the House District 145 position.

In the House District 147 race, incumbent Garnet F. Coleman is being challenged by Daniel Espinoza in the Democratic primary. The winner will face Thomas Wang, the sole Republican seeking the position, in the November general election.

All state House terms are two years.

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman is running unopposed in the Republican primary. Democrats vying for the position include Adrian Garcia, Daniel Box, Ken Melancon, Roger Garcia and Sammy Casados. The winner will serve a four-year term.

The primary election will take place on Tuesday, March 6. Early voting will take place from Tuesday, Feb. 20, through Friday, March 2. The general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 6. The last day to register to vote is Monday, Feb. 5.

CCISD to hold May board election

During the regular Jan. 22 Clear Creek Independent School District board meeting, a resolution calling for a May 5 trustee election was unanimously approved.

To be filled are the District 4 seat, currently held by Page Rander; the District 5 seat, currently held by Jay Cunningham; and the At-Large Position A seat, currently held by Charles Pond.

To apply for a position on the ballot, interested parties may pick up a candidate application and information packet at the CCISD Education Support Center, located at 2425 E. Main St. in League City. The candidate application and information packet may also be requested by emailing CCISD Voting Clerk Jena Brown at jen abrown@ccisd.net.

The district is accepting applications on regular business days through Friday, Feb. 16, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Feb. 16.

All voters must reside in either District 4 or District 5 to cast their votes in the corresponding elections, as they are single-member districts. All voters in the school district are eligible to vote in the At-Large Position A race.

For more information or to request an application, contact Brown at 281-284-0191 or jen abrown@ccisd.net.

Annual cook-off registration begins

Organizers are already gearing up for the 22nd annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, set to take place Thursday, April 26, through Saturday, April 28, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. (Thursday will be for cookers only, while Friday and Saturday will be open to the public.)

Cooking teams that participated in last year's event have first dibs on available spots. Letters were mailed last week to previous teams notifying them of the details. Should the teams wish to participate in the event once again, a deposit of payment is due by mid-February, according to event organizer Linda Arnone.

A waiting list of approximately 25 teams is already forming, should the previous teams opt to not participate in this year's event, Arnone said.

This year's event will feature a total of 165 cooking spots (some teams pay for more than one spot). A 40-foot-by-40-foot spot costs $195 – a $20 increase over last year's entry fee. Arnone said the increase is to cover additional permitting expenses this year.

Organized and operated by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the event is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park. In recent years, the event has also provided funds for local scholarships and various youth organizations.

While evenings at the function are geared more for adults, Saturday afternoon is intended for families, with kids 12 and under being admitted free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

Children's activities at past events included moonwalks, rock climbing, an obstacle course, a giant trampoline, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train, face painting and hair braiding.

For more information or to get on the waiting list, contact Arnone at 281-484-4325.

Area schools set make-up dates

Local school districts have announced their make-up schedules to address the days they were recently forced to close due to inclement weather, with changes being slim to none.

CCISD

The Clear Creek Independent School District will cancel three previously scheduled early release days for elementary and intermediate schools in order to make up instructional time due to the weather closures that took place on Jan. 16 and Jan. 17.

The calendar changes are as follows:

- Friday, Feb. 9, will be a regular day of instruction for elementary and intermediate schools.
- Friday, March 9, will be a regular day of instruction for elementary and intermediate schools.
- Friday, April 27, will be a regular day of instruction for elementary and intermediate schools.
- Thursday, May 31, will remain an early release day with an extended 15 minutes added to the bell schedule for elementary and intermediate. Elementary schools will release at 12:30 p.m. and intermediates at 1:15 p.m.

In 2016, the Texas legislature revised the calculation of instructional time from the number of days students attend school to the number of minutes required over the course of an academic year. In doing so, school districts have flexibility to add minutes to make up for weather closures versus removing a student holiday for an instructional day.

Based on this approach and with the two days missed of school, high schools met the requirement for 75,600 minutes of instruction. Therefore, there are no planned changes to the high school schedule.

Under the 75,600-minute requirement and due to the two days missed of school, elementary and intermediate schools fell short by 555 minutes, hence the cancellation of early release days and extended bell schedule on the early release day on May 31.

PISD

Pasadena Independent School District students will not be required to make up days missed due to the winter storm that struck the area Jan. 16 and Jan. 17. According to state requirements, students must be enrolled in school for a minimum of 75,600 minutes each year. Students attending PISD will meet this requirement by the end of the school year, school officials said.

Local postal problems persist

Several South Belt residents continue to have problems with their U.S. Postal Service deliveries, complaining that mail often arrives late – if at all.

The problem is nothing new for local real estate agent and longtime Sagemeadow resident Sandra Yandell, who has been experiencing problems since 2015.

Frustrated with her substandard mail service, Yandell staged a one-woman sit-in at the U.S. Post Office branch on Almeda Genoa near Windmill Lakes in January 2016.

Her efforts, however, yielded minimal results.

"I'm still having problems," Yandell said. "Some days it won't come until 7:30 or 8 p.m. Some days it doesn't come at all."

This sentiment is shared by fellow real estate agent Troy Leland, also a Sagemeadow resident.

"You never know when it's going to come," Leland said. "And when it does, it's often after dark."

Also frustrated, this past July, Leland and approximately 50 of his neighbors filed a petition with the Postal Service to make a formal complaint. Again, however, his efforts proved fruitless.

"It's still erratic," Leland said.

Yandell said the problem stems from living on what U.S. Postal officials refers to as an auxiliary route – one that a mail carrier will pick up in addition to their primary route as a way to make overtime pay.

For now, Yandell continues to push the Postal Service for answers but has had little luck.

"No one seems to know what's going on," Yandell said.

Apartment unit catches fire

Crews from five different local fire departments responded to a fire the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Clear Creek Landing apartments located on Beamer at Hall Road. The blaze appeared to stem from the attic of one of the apartment units (see related photo on Page 6A). At press time, it was unclear what started the fire. No injuries were reported.
Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Ybarra expresses the need for respect

Last year, and maybe before then, TV News kept showing children of various ages riding on top of train cars headed north to America un-accompanied by grown-ups, in an extremely dangerous way.

Now we hear that we need to do something about giving citizenship to those who were brought here by their parents when they were young, and they are calling them dreamers. However, no one seems to mention that their parents are most likely illegals too. In the past, America has been a magnet to the world. Still is! But that cannot go on forever.

It is time to stop saying, "We are a nation of immigrants," and then using that period of America's history, to justify acceptance of legal and illegal immigration. Remember, America's population is now 316,158,692 and counting.

As Americans we should always be grateful for the great contributions made by those who already resided in the territories, acquired by purchase, cessation, or by wars. In the 1800's, those acquisitions expanded America's land holdings all the way to the Pacific.

This of course started migration from the eastern part of America to the new territories west "Go west young man, go west" was the old cry. A phrase attributed to Horace Greeley.

And this was soon followed by Europeans who desired to own land, and immigrated to America, the Land of Opportunity.

But those who came here illegally have no right to be here. They have been breaking our laws. They should be told to show respect for our laws and pack their bags and go back home. They can then place their names on the list behind those who have been waiting. Fair is Fair!

Manuel Ybarra Jr.

Elected officials share their words

Olson reintroduces Taxpayer Conscience Protection Act

Rep. Pete Olson reintroduced his pro-life legislation requiring states to report how Medicaid funds are spent on organizations that perform, promote, or refer for abortion services on Jan. 19.

The Olson bill, H.R. 4849, the Taxpayer Conscience Protection Act, would provide greater accountability of taxpayer funds that go to organizations that perform or promote abortions.

"As Americans continue to increase their value for life, they demand accountability from their government and do not want their tax dollars spent on abortion advocates. We need a bright light on where taxpayer dollars are being spent by these groups," Olson said. "Greater transparency is critically important and precisely what these groups seek to avoid.

"This legislation provides a critical tool to ensure that state funds allocated to these groups through Medicaid are known to the public. As we see thousands of Americans stand in defense of life, I will continue every effort to prevent taxpayers from being forced to support abortion organizations," Olson concluded.

H.R. 4849 directs each state that makes a Medicaid payment from federal funds during the fiscal year for any items or services furnished by an abortion provider to:

(1) report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services on all such payments, and

(2) publish the report on a public Internet website of the state. It also requires an annual report to specified congressional committees on such reports, which shall also be published on a public Internet HHS website.

Tax Cuts, Jobs Act helps small businesses, employees

On Jan. 25 Rep. Pete Olson shared personal stories via video from small businesses and their employees in TX-22 about how they will benefit from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

After the new tax law was passed, small business owners have been so excited about how the law will impact them, some wanted to share their views directly with folks.

They went on the record to let people know how their business and employees will benefit from the new tax law.

"Across the 22nd Congressional District, the one thing I repeatedly hear is how the new tax law will help them grow their businesses and allow their employees to keep more of their hard earned money," Olson said.

"They are encouraged that, through these savings, they will be able to give back and support other local businesses, strengthen our economy and improve the lives of so many in our community."

"We're going to be able to spend money on equipment that maybe we wouldn't before," said Andres Novoa owner, La Cocina Mexican Restaurant."

It's going to be a little extra money for us to do improvements – hire more employees, get a van, more equipment that we need, put money into marketing. Whatever we have to do, this is the time."

"It's going to very much impact my family," said Justin Mannino manager, Houston Shoe Hospital. "I'm getting thousands of dollars back that I wouldn't' have gotten back last year. So, that's going to go toward bills, going to go toward paying off credit cards, going toward vacation."

Abbott, House, Senate grant funding request

On Jan. 26, Gov. Greg Abbott, in partnership with Texas House and Senate leadership, approved a request by the Texas General Land Office for $38.6 million in disaster-related aid to fund critical direct housing programs across the Gulf region in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. The funds will be transferred from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to the General Land Office.

The action was taken under Section 14.04 of Article IX of the General Appropriations Act, which anticipates the need to make certain transfers of appropriated dollars when disaster strikes and the Legislature is not in session.

The transfer will have no effect on the daily operations of TDCJ as the Governor, House and Senate leadership made clear their intention to ensure the funding is restored before it is needed for the agency to complete Fiscal Year 2019.

"A top priority as we continue to rebuild is ensuring that families affected by Harvey can return to permanent housing," said Abbott. "This funding gives the General Land Office the necessary resources to continue that important work. I thank the Senate and House leadership for their quick action, and commend our state agencies for demonstrating the same level of commitment to helping Texans in their time of need."

"Harvey was a Texas-sized storm that continues to require a massive rebuilding effort," said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. "This will be one of our top priorities in the 2019 legislative session, but in the interim, we must move forward on the work to house the thousands of Texans who lost their homes. This transfer will allow us to do that."

"Until the Legislature acts next session to fully address the impact of Hurricane Harvey, this will ensure that families impacted along the Gulf Coast can begin the long process of rebuilding," said Speaker Joe Straus. "It also demonstrates our commitment to ensuring transparency and accountability in the use of state money for hurricane relief."

"The Legislature must remain committed to providing agencies with the appropriate resources needed for the continued recovery from Hurricane Harvey," said Rep. John Zerwas "Our agencies are working together in order to maximize flexibility prior to the 2019 legislative session."

"These funds will make it possible for many Texans to get back in their homes -- which is so important as we work to rebuild communities and local economies in the wake of Hurricane Harvey," said Sen. Jane Nelson.

Coleman announces county affairs hearing

Rep. Garnet Coleman has announced that the House Committee on County Affairs will meet in Houston on Feb. 6 to hear from experts and the public regarding interim charges related to Hurricane Harvey and flooding. Additionally, the committee will discuss the implementation of Senate Bill 1849 otherwise known as the "Sandra Bland Act."

Chaired by Coleman, the House Committee on County Affairs will meet Tuesday, Feb. 6 at The University of Houston-Downtown campus, Welcome Center building, Milam and Travis rooms, 201 Girard St. A tour of the Hurricane Harvey-affected areas of the campus will be given at 9 a.m. and the committee's public hearing will follow.

Elected officials and the general public from the Houston area are encouraged to attend and provide testimony to committee members on ways to improve state- and county-run programs scheduled for the hearing.

The committee will be hearing invited and public testimony in regards to the implementation of the "Sandra Bland Act" and the following interim charges:

Examine how emergency response activities are organized, funded, and coordinated. Review the impact of natural disasters on county finances. Identify any deficiencies in authority for the most populous counties related to infrastructure planning, emergency response, and recovery. Explore ways to improve efficiencies and manage costs while protecting public safety. Additionally, study the relationship between the state, counties, nongovernmental organizations, and churches in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and determine if preparedness plans are adequate.

Evaluate whether counties have the necessary ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas of Texas. Additionally, examine whether counties have adequate resources and authority to ensure that new development in unincorporated areas is not susceptible to flooding.

PARC announces meeting

Everyone is invited to the Pearland Area Republican Club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, when City of Pearland Council Member and CPA Tony Carbone will explain how the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act impacts residents and their families.

There are many new provisions in the new federal tax reform legislation passed in December 2017. Be educated and be prepared for the 2018 tax season.

Plan to bring a friend Feb. 8 to the Pearland Area Republican Club meeting for free refreshments at the Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Free self-defense classes

The American Society of Karate offers self-defense and martial arts classes Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for ages 13-70. Classes are free and taught by black-belt instructors. Sessions run Fridays through May 25, except March 16, at the Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

Israeli Folk Dancing dates set

Few people really enjoy cardiovascular exercises per se, but it doesn't have to be a chore. Dancing is an excellent way to exercise while having fun. Israeli folk dancing sessions are conducted at Congregation Shaar Hashalom and are not built on one another; so anyone can start any time.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. February dates are 5, 12, 19 and 26. March dates are 5, 12, 19 and 26. 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.

Everyone is welcome to join the group, even if one hasn't attended before. 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.

HC Master Gardeners plans events

The Harris County Master Gardeners at the Genoa Friendship Gardens will host the following activities that are open to the public and free of charge during the month of February.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, the lecture series presents Monica Singhania, regional urban forester with Texas A&F forest service, Harris County. Singhania's lecture will be *Good Tree Planting Techniques and Pruning Young Trees*, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. The event is free and open to the public. On Monday, Feb. 19, the Harris County Master Gardeners Association Satellite will have an Open Garden Day from 8:30 to 11 a.m., at the Genoa Friendship Gardens. Master Gardeners will also be available to answer gardening questions.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.

Catholic Daughters hosts Mardi Gras dance

The Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #1959 will host the Western Zydeco Mardi Gras Dance on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 6 p.m. to midnight. There will be a variety of music, raffles and an auction at the event. There will be a food sale that will include red beans, rice, sausage on a stick, jambalaya and boudin links.

The cost is $15 per person or $150 per table for a table of 10 guests. The attire will be western and all are invited to attend. The dance will be held at the Madden Lane Columbus Hall, formerly the KC hall, located at 6320 Madden Lane. For tickets and information, contact Sophia Holton at 713-449-3097 or email cdaregent@gmail.com.

CCART announces February meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway. The program will be provided by the Bay Area Houston Ballet and Theatre. The meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering and coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. The annual Valentine Fried Chicken/Potluck Luncheon will be held. Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, casserole or dessert to share. CCART will provide the chicken. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited to the event. The annual dues are $50.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Feb. 1, 4 p.m. Movie and markers. Showing of *The Princess and the Frog* (rated G, 98 minutes), for ages 3 and older. Meet in the library community room to watch a movie and color with markers that will be provided. Movie popcorn is provided by the Friends of the Parker Williams Library.

Monday, Feb. 5, 4:30 – 6 p.m. Computer class: Microsoft Word. Learn how to use features of Microsoft Word for business or personal use. Classes are facilitated by a Microsoft Office user specialist. Class meets Mondays through Feb. 26, with each class building on the last. Registration is requested.

Monday, Feb. 5, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. Meet for a few hours of game play.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 5 – 5:45 p.m. Book Buddies Youth Literacy for ages 6 and older. This is a youth literacy program sponsored by the Harris County Public Library. Book Buddies, a program for children from kindergarten to third grade, will be held in the library community room for 10 consecutive weeks from Feb. 6 to April 10. Applications may be picked up at the reference desk and are due on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 5 p.m. STEM Time features the Plant Doctor for ages 7 and older. Meet in the library community room for a presentation on the life, achievements and accomplishments of George Washington Carver who was known as the Plant Doctor. He was an African-American botanist and inventor with an affinity for peanuts. Following the presentation is a project of making homemade peanut butter. For those with a peanut allergy, notify the librarian prior to the program for any accommodations.

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.

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 any other events, phone 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:

Saturday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2 p.m. Manga/Anime club

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m. Family storytime

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, Feb. 7, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

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

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of the *Community of Sagemont & 77089* Facebook group is asking parents whose children attend Stuchbery Elementary for help. The member's child is missing a blue-and-yellow smart watch. If found, contact the member through the watch or on Facebook. The post is on the *people of sagemont 2* Facebook group.

A member of the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook group has not seen the white-and-gray cat she had been watching. The member is worried about an injury on the cat's neck. If someone has provided the cat with a home, she wants to make sure the cat is receiving care. She may be called at 713-398-7938.

Another member of the same group has shared a lost dog post. The dog is medium-sized, black and white and might have a blue collar. If found, call 832-312-4491.

A white Chihuahua and a black Chihuahua have been found and posted on *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook group.

A member of *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook group posted that their gray, 13-year-old cat got out. The cat needs daily medications and is on a special diet. The cat is microchipped. If found, contact 832-289-6968.

Another member of the same group has found a black cat and small black dog wandering together. Both are currently sleeping under the member's house.

Also on that same group someone has posted to keep a lookout for a male black and white husky. The husky bit the member's father-in-law, who had to go to the emergency room. The dog's name, Niko, is on the tag.

Happy Birthday, Bryce Carl Williams

Richard and Heather Williams would like to wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to a very special one-year-old! One year ago today, on Feb. 1, 2017, at 5:02 a.m., our family was blessed with a 7 lb. 12 oz. beautiful baby boy, Bryce Carl Williams. We have all enjoyed watching him grow, learn and discover new things over the past year. Whether he was smiling his sweet smile, calling everything "dog," or crying like a wild child, he has filled our hearts with more love and joy than we could've ever imagined! We love you so much, Bryce! HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY!! Love, mom and dad: Heather and Richard Williams, grandparents: Gary and Donna Whitted and Rick and Tammy Williams, great-grandparents: Carl and Frances Valigura, Suzanne Whitted, and Faydean Williams, great-great-grandmother: Sidonia Cross, and all your aunts, uncles and cousins!

Deaths

Marian Deitiker West

Longtime South Belt resident Marian Deitiker West, 88, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at Memorial Hermann Southeast hospital.

She had been in several nursing homes since February 2012 and had suffered a gradual decline in health.

Born on Oct. 4, 1929, in Timpson, Texas, to Nicholas Hines Deitiker and Minnie Rayner Deitiker, she spent her early years in various towns in east Texas and Louisiana where her father worked for the Santa Fe railroad. Eventually, the family settled in Beaumont and Marian went to French High School and on to Lamar College (now Lamar University) where she received an Associate of Arts degree in 1949 as a top honor student. She received a Bachelor of Arts in 1950 and a Master of Arts in education in 1955 from Sam Houston State (Teachers College) in Huntsville.

She married Harvey Lee West of Beaumont in 1955 and was an elementary schoolteacher in Indiana and Texas. The couple had two sons Joel David West, born in 1959, and Brian Neal West, born in 1960. After she retired from teaching she continued to take care of her family as a loving mother.

The family moved in 1965 to Sagemont, a new unincorporated subdivision in southeast Harris County. The couple lived in that house in Sagemont for the rest of their lives. She eventually joined a ladies' exercise club in the Sagemont area and developed many lifelong friends there. She looked forward each week to the TV ministry of First Methodist Church of Houston.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and her brother Charles Deitiker of San Antonio. She is survived by her son Joel of Houston, her son Brian and his wife Jen West and their son Scott West of North Carolina; nephews Jimmy and Philip Deitiker of Houston; nieces Susan and Janet Deitiker of San Antonio; cousin Judy Chandler Loftin of Louisiana; and her in-laws Carol West Fillingame of Beaumont and Donald West of San Antonio. She will be buried next to her husband in Beaumont.

Visitation was held on Friday, Jan. 26, and the funeral service was on Saturday, Jan. 27, both at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Beaumont.

William Scott Johnson

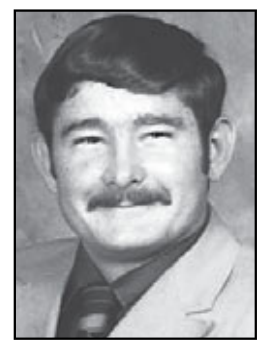
William Scott Johnson, 70, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, after a short battle with lung cancer. William was born on April 26, 1946, in Elwood, Indiana. He graduated from Tipton High School and Indiana University and enjoyed the many directions his life took him. He moved to the Sagemont area in 2006 to be close to his children.

William is preceded in death by his father William T. Johnson and his mother Helen "Bebe" (Bath) Johnson of Tipton, Indiana. He leaves behind his children Dylana and husband Steven Nering, Isaac and wife Candice Johnson, Robin Johnson and Spencer Gibbs; grandchildren Carmen and Reyna Nering, Chris and wife Macie Johnson, Chelsea Johnson; and his great-grandchildren Madison Palanco and Emilee Johnson.

William will be remembered for his sharp wit, sense of humor and easy-going nature. Most days you could find him on the golf course or playing with his three dogs. He loved his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and he lived life to its fullest.

A memorial gathering is planned for Sunday, Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. in the home he shared with his daughter at 11310 Sageoak Dr. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation be made to the American Cancer Society in William's name.

Morris Ben Butch Dickey



Morris Ben Butch Dickey died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018. Known by most as Butch, he was born Morris Ben on Aug. 6, 1948, in Monroe, Louisiana. He was a beautiful baby and at the age of 13 months was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. For a while he was the single apple of his mother's eye. He was later joined by two siblings Deborah and Doug.

He loved them both – loved being a big brother. His mother fondly remembers a story from their youth. Apparently in his role as big brother he spent several moments, as the peacekeeper, referee and coach of his younger siblings. In a rare moment, after caring for them he looked at his mother and said, "I am tired of being the big brother. They ought to do it!"

Butch loved his sister Debbie and was not opposed to sitting up with their dad to inspect potential dates to make sure they measured up to expectation. Debbie told her mother once that it was a wonder she ever had dated.

When it came to Doug, also known as "the Baby," Butch had a special love, a special bond. In the midst of his own life he still had time to coach his brother's Little League baseball team. At holidays, the sight of two of them in the kitchen was a sight to behold. The laughter, love and comradery amongst the "sampling" was endearing.

Butch loved to cook and even did some canning. His renowned pepper sauce will be missed by many.

He loved sports and was an avid fan of all the Houston teams. He especially loved football and even played it in his younger years. Boy Scouts was also part of his life. His mother said he loved animals and could never turn his back on a hungry one. So it comes as no surprise that he owned four cats and a beautiful golden retriever, Madison. Along with all the above he was gifted with a great sense of humor. This popped out while watching the much loved football, baseball, and basketball teams. Out of all the things he loved, though, his mother was the most. Butch was a great son. He called her every day – once in the morning and again in the evening to check on her and her day. They even read the funny papers and laughed together regularly. There were many days when he would pop in for some of her great cooking during lunch. The love they shared was special – the love of a mother and her first-born and his passing will leave a huge void in her. His mother lived in the South Belt area and raised him in South Belt.

Butch was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena. He graduated from South Houston High School and went on to complete his bachelor's at Louisiana Tech University and his Masters in Business Administration at University of Houston Clear Lake before becoming a certified financial planner.

Butch is survived by his mother Norma Rae Dickey; sister Deborah Lynn Dickey; brother Douglas Allen Dickey and nephew Jeremey Michael Dickey. He is also survived by sister-in-law Lou Ann Bird; several nieces and nephews; and his dear and treasured neighbor and friend Bernard Robinson.

Butch is proceeded in death by his father Luther H. Dickey and his wife Patricia Holloway Dickey.

One of the many things that may be said about him is that Butch had a huge heart. He loved life, his friends and his family so much that his big heart couldn't give any more and just failed him. He will be missed but lives on in our hearts and memories.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Freeway in Webster.

A celebration of Butch's life will be held Friday, Feb. 2 at 11:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church – Pasadena located at 4647 Preston Rd. in Pasadena. Immediately following, Butch will be laid to rest at Forest Park East Cemetery.

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Burnett announces second nine-weeks awards

Burnett Elementary has announced its awards for the second nine-weeks.

Good Citizenship

Angelina Amaya, Alma Argueta, Leah Aviles, Carlos Beltran, Jadier Benitez, Rick Bonilla, Breniyah Braggs, Jayla Brasfield, Cheyanne Bravo, Ashby Caniff, Ashley Cantarero, Kimberly Castillo, Italo Chavarria, David Contreras, Angel Dominguez, Joanna Espitia, Giorgio Flores, Sara Galicia, Abigail Gonzalez and Mikkel Gonzalez.

Aiden Gwosdz, Alan Hernandez, Miranda Hernandez, Jakob Hinojosa, Erik Hoang, Derek Machuca, Marlon Machuca, Humberto Maldonado, Brisa Martinez, Dream Mathews, Dulce Mejia, Easton Mendez, Aliza Mendoza, Jacob Miniel, Julianna Montez, Ximena Jasso Moreno and Ruth Mosha.

John Munoz, Ryan Nguyen, Jasmin Pantoja, Kayden Pernilla, Preston Poskey, Kayla Quiroz, Kaden Ramirez, Melany Rangel, Estrella Rocha, Gabriella Salazar, Geovanny Sanchez, Jonathon Sanchez, Camila Serrano, Nawaf Sharif, Juan C. Tamayo, Isabella Villarreal, Minh Vo and Laisha Zarazua.

Honor Roll
Third Grade

Caela Griffin.

Fourth Grade

Kennedy Cavazos and Victory Nwosu.

Merit Roll
Third Grade

Paige Duong and Jacob Torres.

Fourth Grade

Isaura Correa.

All Star Readers
Kindergarten

Lydia Aviles, Hanna Barboza, Sebastian Becerra, Julian Benedict, Marco Botello, Broderick Braggs, Isabel Cubos, Natalie DeLaCruz, Chloe Escobar, Cruz Escobar, Jaeliana Espinoza, Malaika Farr, Layne Freeman, Sara Galicia, Sophia Garza and Emily Gonzales.

Payton Jones, Gibson Jordan, Cheyenne Kelley, Royce Lara, Hector Lopez, Amna Malik, Jaylin Mendez, Jacob Miniel and Abigail Mosley.

Miracle Nwosu, Nicole Oviedo, Xavier Palomares, Fernanda Pineda, Preston Poskey, Kayla Quiroz, Michael Rentas, Javier Robles, Iker Sanchez, Aldo Velasquez and Savannah Yeager.

First Grade

Jay Amaya, Jacelyn Arevalo, Vince Barron, Anderson Castillo, Alyanna DeLaGarza, Cain Dominguez, Joanna Espitia, Christian Gomez, Phenix Gomez, Alexia Guerra, Aiden Gwosdz, Santiago Hernandez, Armon Laurent, Saul Lozano, Aylinn Maldonado, Brisa Martinez, Dream Mathews and Jacob Mendez.

Ruth Mosha, Ryleigh Navarre, Sebastian Negrete, William Nnaji, Mireya Sosa Ojeda, Abigail Perez, Isaac Perez, Ayden Pernilla, Chelsie Salgado, Nawaf Sharif, Ian Silguero, Benjamin Tovar, Lauren Tran, Abisai Visuet, Suri Washington and Elliana Wright.

Second Grade

Angelina Amaya, Lynette Aviles, Abrey Banda, Terry Betties, Lucas Bravo, Ashby Caniff, Miriam Casas, Genaro Chaves, Alexis Cordova, Steven Corporan, Ariez Curtis, Edgar Douglas, Kayla Fitzpatrick, Lily Freeman, Adrian Garcia, Jessalyn Garcia, Kaedy Garcia, Abigail Gonzalez, Keira Gonzalez, Rebekah Hale, Ezequiel Henriquez, Adan Hernandez and Jonathan Hernandez.

Erik Hoang, Jasara Key, Javier Legaspi, Sydney Lumsey, Connor Maldonado, Barbara Melchor, Vivianna Montez, Aubrey Navarre, Jade Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Thai Nguyen, Michael Nwosu, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Jose Quiroz, Yulianna Ramirez, Christopher Romero, Jeannette Salinas, Dayana Santamaria, Makaylah Shyne, Juan C. Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Chance Tucker, Minh Vo, and Amilya Yates.

Math Wizards
Kindergarten

Sara Galicia, Fernanda Pineda and Aldo Velasquez.

First Grade

Jay Amaya, Alyanna DeLaGarza, Phenix Gomez, Brisa Martinez, Jacob Mendez, Ryleigh Navarre, Isaac Perez, Chelsie Salgado, Nawaf Sharif, Lauren Tran, Abisai Visuet and Elliana Wright.

Second Grade

Lynette Aviles, Lucas Bravo, Edgar Douglas, Kayla Fitzpatrick, Kaedy Garcia, Adan Hernandez, Erik Hoang, Javier Legaspi, Barbara Melchor, Vivianna Montez, Aubrey Navarre, Jade Nguyen, Michael Nwosu, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Christopher Romero, Dayana Santamaria, Juan C. Tamayo and Cayla Tang.

"On a Roll"
Third Grade

Alma Argueta, Anderson Aviles, Breniyah Braggs, Mya Cantu, Santiago Diaz, Stephanie Gaona, Aliah Garner, Skye Guzman, Jacob Hurtado, Thomas Jones, Walter Lopez, Aliza Mendoza, Elianne Mendoza, Tylin Merriweather, Toby Nguyen, Amarissa Nunez, Canelius Payne, Melany Rangel, Jonathon Sanchez, Isai Saravia, Kallye Sigue, Julian Silva, Sebastian Udokah and Jazlynn Wimbush.

Fourth Grade

Blue Banda, Megan Bui, Ashley Cantarero, Omar Cantarero, Italo Chavarria, Davia Constantino, David Contreras, Isaura Correa, Hailey Cubos, Alexis DeLaRosa, Bryan Deleon, Orlando DePaz, Jorge Flores, Jennifer Garcia, Jackson Gomez, Olivia Gonzales, Matthew Gonzalez, Vinnie Gonzalez, Miranda Hernandez, Jakob Hinojosa and Kimberly Ledesma.

Edgar Lopez, Eli Mackey, Giovanni Malveaux, Zaniah Marshall, Ariela Medina, Dulce Mejia, Jazliayah Moreno, Matthew Nguyen, Alex Perez, Maria Perez, Emyly Pineda, Izelle Pineda, Malik Powell, Joselyn Romero, Chrishun Thomas, Jacqueline Tobias, Angel Valerio, Nyrell Visuet, Marquise Williams and Laisha Zarazua.

Principal's Award
Third Grade

Samantha Andalla, Alma Argueta, Angela Argueta, Anderson Aviles, Louis Aviles, Alexavier Barrera, Breniyah Braggs, Mya Cantu, Gloria Casteneda, Andrea Chicas, Santiago Diaz, Paige Duong, Brandon Galicia, David Gaona, Stephanie Gaona, Diego Garay, Samuel Garcia, Aliah Garner and Joseph Gonzales.

Caela Griffin, Jaxon Humphrey, Jacob Hurtado, Ximena Jasso Moreno, Calissa Marquez, Rory Martinez, Aliza Mendoza, Elianne Mendoza, Tylin Merriweather, Samuel Moreno, Kennedy Mundy, John Munoz, Ngoc Nguyen, Amarissa Nunez, Isaiah Ochoa, Andy Pineda, Axel Pion and Eliana Poskey.

Kaden Ramirez, Melany Rangel, Diego Reyes, Abilyn Rivera-Martinez, Jasmine Russell, Kaley Sagastizado, Gael Salinas, Erik Sanchez, Geovanny Sanchez, Jonathon Sanchez, Kallye Sigue, Diego Solano, Ashlee Taylor, Adrian Villatoro, Izzy Williams, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.

Fourth Grade

Gael Aguirre, Erik Alvarado, Blue Banda, Rick Bonilla, Cheyanne Bravo, Megan Bui, Ashley Cantarero, Omar Cantarero, Kimberly Castillo, Kennedy Cavazos, Italo Chavarria, Candy Condebarca, Davia Constantino, David Contreras, Isaura Correa, Hailey Cubos, Lila Davis and Alexia DeLaRosa.

Amy Flores, Jennifer Garcia, Olivia Gonzales, Alan Hernandez, Everardo Hernandez, Miranda Hernandez, Himabeli Herrera, Travis Keith, Kimberly Ledesma, Melani Lopez, Kenia Machuca, Adriana Martinez, Torey McKenzie, Ariela Medina, Dulce Mejia, Jazliayah Moreno and Matthew Nguyen.

Rosalynn Nguyen, Victory Nwosu, Jefry Ordonez, Sheryl Ortiz, Michelle Oviedo, Alex Perez, Maria Perez, Emyly Pineda, Izelle Pineda, Anthony Reyes, Araceli Rodriguez, Jose Romero, Joselyn Romero, Edgar Solano, Jacqueline Tobias, Parker Tran, Joan Vasquez, Kevin Velasquez, Nyrell Visuet and Laisha Zarazua.

Perfect Attendance

Dylan Aguilar, Samuel Aguilar-Brocks, Lorena Aguirre, Allison Amaya, Angela Argueta, Alfred Arias, Leah Aviles, Lynette Aviles, Guadalupe Barcenas, Carlos Beltran, Aniya Brannon, Jamison Brown, Ashby Caniff, Ashley Cantarero, Anderson Castillo, Kimberly Castillo, Jonathan Chavarria, Jazlyn Chavez, Lyla Coleman, Steven Corporan, Lila Davis and Alexia DeLaRosa.

Bryan DeLeon, Joshua Deleon, Orlando DePaz, Angel Dominguez, Anthony Dominguez, Mari Carmen Dominguez, Angel Dorsey, Naomi Duong, Paige Duong, Adrian Elizalde, Angelica Elizalde, David Elizalde, Alisha Escobar, Jaelynn Espitia, Joanna Espitia, Brandon Galicia, Sara Galicia-Sandoval, David Gaona, Irvin Gaona and Adrian Garcia.

Alicia Garcia, Diego Garcia, Jennifer Garcia, Samuel Garcia, Jackson Gomez, Phenix Gomez, Vinnie Gonzalez, Alexia Guerra, Adan Hernandez, Ezequiel Hernandez, Jonathan Hernandez, Miranda Hernandez, Himabeli Herrero, Jakob Hinojosa, Daveyn Jackson Little, Ximena Jasso Moreno, Payton Jones, Thomas Jones, Kameron Joseph, Gerson Joya-Lopez and Alyssa Lara.

Royce Lara, Tam Le, Kimberly Ledesma, Stephanie Ledesma, Javier Legaspi, Edgar Lopez, Ellie Maldonado, Amna Malik, Giovanni Malveaux, Calissa Marquez, Barbara Melchor, Elianne Mendoza, Timothy Merriweather, Tylin Merriweather, Tyrin Merriweather, Oswaldo Montecinos, Azhley Mora, Jeremiah Myers, Aubrey Navarre, Ryleigh Navarre, Phillip Ngo and Jade Nguyen.

Ngoc Nguyen, Rosalynn Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Sophia Nguyen, Thai Nguyen, Toby Nguyen, Amarissa Nunez, Michael Nwosu, Miracle Nwosu, Victory Nwosu, Jefry Ordonez, Sheryl Ortiz, Michelle Oviedo, Nicole Oviedo, Xavier Palomares, Emilio Palomo, Abigail Perez and Isaac Perez.

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Geovanny Sanchez, Iker Sanchez, Nawaf Sharif, Kallye Sigue, Logan Skelton, Diego Solano, Edgar Solano, Marley Strickney, Juan C. Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Colten Tang, Parker Tran, K'onna Udokah, Sebastian Udokah, Kevin Velasquez, Abisai Visuet, Elienai Visuet, Nyrell Visuet, Minh Vo, Long Vu, Izelliah Williams, Ke'sion Williams, Spencer Williams and Savannah Yeager.

Moore honors science fair winners

The Moore Elementary Science Fair was held on Friday, Jan. 26. Bladimir Tovar, Thalia Oddo, Jaiden Torres, Hadassah Burgett, and Jaiden Alvarez took top scores and will represent Moore at the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair in March. Shown displaying their medals of honor are, left to right, Tovar, Oddo, Torres, Burgett and Alvarez.

Photo by Angelica Perez

Hancock Elementary awards listed

Thomas Hancock Elementary has announced its perfect attendance and honor roll for the second nine-weeks.

Perfect Attendance
Pre-K

Emery Alexis Betancourt, Sophia Cavazos, Julian Justo Garza, Sophia Andrea Ibarra, Braydon Lenton, Bryson Deantre Lenton, Isaac Raul Lopez, Legrand Mbusa Mbusa, Gift Ayongogwe Abimni Obah and Journey Brooklyn Olivier.

Lyla Alyson Resendez, Levi Sarmiento, Aubrey Lizeth Tenorio, Melanie Lynette Toledo, Alexia Divine Toledo Luviano, Rooney Vu and Lesleigh Danae Williams.

Kindergarten

Robin Chigozie Azinge, Isaiah Alexander Betancourt, Jerediah Roy Cantu, Jayden Alexander Carmouche, Yariel Plinio Carreon, Cullenn Earl Castor, Geoffrey Ryan Charles Jr., Dorian Alvertis Chenier Jr., Kaysen Zion Clark, Braylon Steel Cooper, Averi Rae Dumont and Roberto Omar Duran Ramirez.

Alezandro Josiah Espinoza, Ximena Lizbeth Espinoza, Joan Maximiliano Gonzalez, Ricardo Guerra Jr., Oscar Daniel Lara, Andrew Lorenzo Lopez, Bryan Clifton Martin, Roberto Najera Jr., Allen Payamps, Gabriel Aiden Pineda, Issis Belen Rodriguez, Julio Salazar, Areeba Subhani and Isaac Vazquez.

First Grade

Rick Chidubem Azinge, Dylan Jacob Daugherty, Alison Elisabeth Garcia, Caleb Jacob Garcia, Nathan Xavier Garcia, Savannah Lynn Gomez, Kameron Chanel Johnson, Axel Juarez, Adam Isaiah Lopez, Eliel Alexis Machado, Noah Jaime Maldonado, Melanie Marin and Luis Mario Melesio Jr.

Roberto Arturo Najera, Garrick Obah, Nahla Dior

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Roberts recognizes science fair winners

Fred Roberts Middle School held its science fair on Jan. 23 and has announced its winners. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Vivian Nguyen, Christy Mendoza, Yair River, Afam Iyegbu, Ayesha Hasan, Jacob Holmes, (back row) Shaina Miles, Vincent Mac, Princess Edogiawerie and Alyson Schwausch.

Photo by Jennifer Sauceda

Average Houston home's property tax payment rises to nearly $5000

Texas State Sen. Paul Bettencourt highlighted just how rapidly property tax bills have increased on an average Houston home by releasing the eight-line property tax bill calculations that show property taxes are up 37.45 percent, or $1,341, in just four years. The average Houston home, with a market value of around $235,000 will pay $4,924 in property taxes, up dramatically from $3,582 in 2013. Astonishing increases of this magnitude have a real impact on the ability of Houstonians to own a home. Property tax bills at the end of 2016 had already risen by 30 percent, this year's increase pushes that even higher to 37.45 percent.

"Even in my years as Tax Assessor, I have never seen an increase in property taxes this strong," said Bettencourt. "What has happened, especially in Harris County, values have increased and tax rates have not come down, resulting in crushing tax increases on the average Houston home."

While the average increase is 37.45 percent, most taxing jurisdictions exceed that by either not cutting the tax rate, or in some cases actually raising their tax rates on top of appraised value increases. For example, Houston Independent School District and Houston Community College both raised their property tax rates. A few of the districts are below average, because their governing body has lowered their tax rate, or as in the case of the City of Houston, a voter approved charter amendment automatically lowered their property tax rate by five pennies, or a 28 percent increase.

"We just do not have a culture in government of giving taxpayers a break," continued Bettencourt. "Revenues continue to increase unchecked by any consideration for taxpayers' ability to pay. Property tax bills really are growing twice as fast as Texan's paychecks, and this is a real world example of it."

As bad as these numbers are and unless taxpayers request payment plans, such as being older than 65 or if they were impacted by Hurricane Harvey, if taxpayers missed their payment deadline on Jan. 31, they can expect to pay penalties and interest, which is on average $350 in February and an additional $100 a month through July 1, when the tax roll is turned over for collections. Harvey reappraisals are in the mail for requesting taxing units.

Property tax reform was derailed in the Texas Special Session when the House adjourned a day early, leaving the Texas Senate with a take it or leave it bill that would only provide four out of 254 counties with tax relief.

The Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform, appointed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and chaired by Bettencourt, will convene hearings to discuss disaster reappraisal and their massive increase. Follow the committee's progress online at http://www.senate.state.tx.us/cmte.php?c=585.

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Hancock top spellers lauded

Thomas Hancock Elementary held its spelling bee on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Shown are, Adriana Reyes (left), winner; and Joaquin Ramirez, runner-up. The winning spelling word was "passage." Reyes will advance to represent Hancock in the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee.

Photo by Stacey Gomez

Abbott releases 2nd achievement report

On. Jan. 29 Gov. Greg Abbott released his second "Report to the People of Texas," which highlights the legislative, economic, educational, and public safety achievements over the past year.

The year in review offers a look back at the triumphs and challenges of 2017, and provides Texans greater insight into important programs and policies being implemented across the state, in addition to other actions Abbott has taken to move Texas forward.

"Though tested this year by Hurricane Harvey and other challenges, Texas remains the envy of the nation," Abbott wrote.

"That is why I have focused on making the Lone Star State freer, stronger, safer and smarter, and why I will continue to work with my partners in the Texas Legislature to build a brighter path to opportunity for all Texans."

The report notes that more than 306,000 jobs were created statewide in 2017; Texas set a new record-low unemployment rate; Texas has more public high schools ranked in the top 100 than any other state; and more than $18 million was awarded from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division to aid in anti-trafficking efforts.

Abbott concludes the report with a look ahead, focusing on opportunities for continued success for Texans in the coming year. "Businesses are growing here, families are growing here, innovation is growing here. And our economy is booming," Abbott said.

"Yet, we have more left to do to expand economic opportunity, advance education, preserve safety and security, and protect life and liberty," Abbott concluded.

In addition to the report, Abbott released a message to Texans inviting them to look back at the year's successes, and thanking them for helping build an even stronger Texas for tomorrow.

To get a copy of Abbott's report, visit http://bit.ly/2Eqx MIz.

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SB Elementary announces awards

South Belt Elementary has announced its perfect attendance, All Star Readers, Math Wizards, principal award, good citizens, honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks.

Perfect Attendance
Kindergarten

Hannah Bui, Elizabeth Carling, Kinsley Freeman, Ariana Guillen, Max Hernandez, Xavier Jimenez, Sydney Landis, Roland Lee, Aj Rodriguez, Noah Stange, Zoie Sudario, Noelly Torres, Anna Wilkerson and Emmanuel Williams.

First Grade

Christopher Alvarez, Samantha Barraza, Ashton Carter, Brooklyn Coronado, Kaci Curry Shepard, Emilio Dela Garza, Gael Diaz, Iris Durrette, Matteo Garciduenas, Alice Lam, Gabriel Melchor, Adianna Padilla, Abby Palma, Nathan Torres and Christina Vu.

Second Grade

Jacob Aguirre, Alijah Banda, Kayla De Robles, Trent Edwards, Miguel Galan, Adrian Garza, Robert Granados, Josue Herrea, Jaylen Hill, Elizabeth lopez, Donovan Martinez, J'Von McNeal and Ava Morin.

Lisa Ngo, Mia Nguyen, Nathalie Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Kinora Ploucha, Gabi Ramirez, Julie Rich, Liliana Salazar, Emma Stone, Dexter Sullivan, Nala Tealer, Kayla Thomas, Krystal Thomas, Danica Titus-Williams, Leslie Torres and Justin Tran.

Third Grade

Olivia Antoine, Mariya Colbert, Chancellor Conley, Leslie Costa, Carlos Delgado, Kyleigh Dorsey, Alyssa Espinoza, Alana Espinoza, Macy Figueroa, Joey Garcia, Nathan Gaytan, Lynley Gillis, Ayzel Gonzalez, Alyssa goree, Marina Kostikoglou, Javieah Lewis, Hayden Limas, Kelvin Lopez and Audrey Lopez.

Morgan Momie, Katelinh Moore, Cody Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Lucian Padilla, Ethan Pereida, Jonny Pham, Bianca Pineda, Kendrick Ramos, Alex Soria, Marissa Tevera, Elijah Ugalde, Aidyn Vega, Alex Vouffo, Angelina vu, Nathan Vu, Jyles Washington, Kyland Willridge and Luis Yates.

Fourth Grade

Kayla Akinfenwa, Kendall Ashworth, Ivan Ayala, Alonzo Chapman, Vanessa Dela Fuente, Caleb Echavvarria, Jonathan Garcia, Emily Golenko, London Herrera, Aiden Ho, Layla Jack, Danton Le, Alex Le, Jason Leahman, Morgan McGee, Ayden Munoz and Jawad Naser.

Minh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Haley Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Michell Nguyen, Chloe Nunez, Max Perez, Kinotsu Ploucha, Justin Rubio, Justin Salinas, Matthew Salinas, Makayla St. Romain, Addison Taylor, Gavynn Trevino, Ivan Valdez, Thu Vo and Christopher Vu.

All Star Readers
Kindergarten

Avery Aguilar, Nadira Alexander, David Alvarenga, Aubrey Arredondo, Giselle Ayala, Rylee Bacon, Arian Banda, Elijah Barron, Kaleah Barsock, Malachi Caballero, Robert Capers, Brianna Cardenas, Chacidy Carter, Andy Castillo, Yvette Castillo, Micheal Castillo, Alessandra Cervantes, Sofia Charles and Diego Davila.

Christian Garza, Daniella Gonzales, Anthony Gonzales, Ariana Guillen, Rylee Hayes, Max Hernandez, Xavier Jimenez, Xavier Jimenez, Simone Jones, Sydney Landis, Reagan Landis, London Leal, Roland Lee, Daniel Mabry, Mateo Mancillas, Mathew Martinez and Delilah Mason.

Breanna McNeal, Jayden Miko, Jamison Miller, Nathaniel Molina, Warren Nedd, Aryan Nepal, Alan Nguyen, David Nguyen, Nathan Nnadi, Deji Oregbesan, Cruz Ortiz, Skye Orusa, Mia Palacios, Adan Palomares, Porus Pandey, Damien Pena, Sophia Peters, Arely Pinon, Aaron Posadas, Kyle Ramos and Estafania Rodriguez.

Alevaier Rodriguez, Lia Romney, Viviana Salazar, Zoie Sanabria, Aubree Sandino, Addison Santiago, Tristyn Santos, Anniyah Sobratti, Noah St. Ange, Zoie Sudario, Alicia Sypein, Liam Thomas, Isaac Torres, Noelly Torres, Paris Valencia, Abby Villanueva, Hannah Walker, Anna Wilkerson, Sulaiman Zafar, Evan Zaman and Hussein Zamzam.

First Grade

Jennifer Aguirre, Samuel Alexander, Samantha Barraza, Maham Bukhari, Ashton Car Hoder, Lila Collazos, Carissa Cortez, Kaci Curry Shepard, Kate Dao, Samantha Deluna, Gael Diaz, Gabriella Franklin, Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez, Lance Goree and Riley Hensley.

Sophia Hernandez, Sebastian Hernandez, Durriyah Hill, Bradley Jones, Alice Lam, Jayda Lasker, Phuwadet Maingot, Melanie Martinez, Mason Martinez, Isaiah Mata, Chloe Maycott, Brady McNeal, Michelle Medrano, Leile Monroe, Annie Nguyen, Hillary Nguyen and Ethan Nguyen.

Nicole Nnadi, Abby Palma, Carter Pham, Nathan Precella, Daniel Ramirez, Melody Ramirez, Grayson Riley, Emily Rodriguez, EJ Reynolds, Marion Schoder, Jude Scmitt, Brianna Scott, Nathaniel Simpson, Nathan Torres, Evan Treadway, Leonardo Trevino, Kallie Troxler, Kaison Troxler, Christina Vu, Kelvin Wiley and Ghazel Zamzam.

Second Grade

Devin Aguilera, Jacob Aguirre, Juwayriyah Ali, Isaiah Ambriz, Shelby Armstrong, Iduna Baruwa Ettie, Joseph Bello, Aja Breaux, Elizabeth Cervantes, Adam Cid, Sophia Cleary, Kenya Delong Thompson, Kayla Derobles, Bryce Edwards, Miguel Galan, Aly Garza and Robert Granados.

Jasmin Hernandez, Miguel Johnson, Crysta Keim, Gabe Laurila, Isaiah Machado, Brandon McNeal, Zamira Mosely, Hailey Naughton, Lisa Ngo, Grace Nguyen, Mia Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Emma Olvera and Emma Parker.

Kinora Ploucha, Gabi Ramirez, Alayna Rodriguez, Jordyn Rodriguez, Liliana Salazar, Logan Stewart, Emma Stone, Lori Suarez, Dexter Sullivan, Alec Tamegnon, Audrey Teters, Kayla Thomas, Michael Timmons, Leslie Torres, Hayden Walker and Hassan Zamzam.

Math Wizards
Kindergarten

Avery Aguilar, Giselle Ayala, Rylee Bacon, Kaleah Barsock, Andy Castillo, Alessandra Cervantes, Sofia Charles, Diego Davila, Christian Garza, Anthony Gonzales, Rylee Hayes, Max Hernandez, Xavier Jimenez, Simone Jones, Sydney Landis, Reagan Landis, London Leal, Roland Lee and Daniel Mabry.

Jaydon Miko, Jamison Miller, Nathaniel Molina, Warren Nedd, Aryan Nepal, Alan Nguyen, David Nguyen, Nathan Nnadi, Cruz Ortiz, Adan Palomores, Porus Pandy, Sophia Peters, Arely Pinon, Aaron Posadas, Kyle Ramos and Estaefania Rodriguez.

Alexavier Rodriguez, Viviana Salazar, Aubree Sandino, Tristyn Santos, Anniyah Sobratti, Noah St. Ange, Zoie Sudario, Alicia Sypien, Paris Valencia, Abby Villanueva, Hannah Walker, Anna Wilkerson, Sulaiman Zafar and Hussein Zamzam.

First Grade

Jennifer Aguirre, Samuel Alexander, Samantha Barraza, Sabrina Cavazos, Lila Collazos, Carissa Cortez, Kate Dao, Gael Diaz, Peyton Dowell, Bennett Fiterman, Carter Fletcher, LeBryan Flores, Luke Flores and Mia Gonzalez.

Mikayla Gonzalez, Lance Goree, Riley Hensley, Elijah Hern, Sophia Hernandez, Blake Hughes, Jaden Jimenez, Bradley Jones, Alice Lam, Pablo Lopez, Phuwadet Maingot, Mason Martinez, Chloe Maycott and Brady McNeal.

Annie Nguyen, Hillary Nguyen, Abby Palma, Daniel Ramirez, Melody Ramirez, Grayson Riley, Jude Schmitt, Marion Schroder, Brianna Scott, Nathaniel Simpson, Leonardo Trevino, Kaisen Troxler and Christina Vu.

Second Grade

Jacob Aguirre, Aja Breaux, Adam Cid, Kenya Delong-Thompson, Trent Edwards, Aly Garza, Luke Kellen, Gabe Laurila, Isaiah Machado, Lisa Ngo, Grace Nguyen, Mia Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Alayna Rodriguez and Logan Stewart.

Principal's Award
Third Grade

Damian Aguilera, Ibrahim Ali, Ayan Alijafri, Olivia Antoine, Jaslyn Arredondo, Nathan Arriaga, Ibrahim Asif, Paige Bernard, Evan Bowden, Alexandria Bryd, Savannah Castillo, Jayden Castro, Chancellor Conley, Khloe Coronado, Leslie Costa, Carlos Delgado and Kyleigh Dorsey.

Alyssa Espinoza, Alana Espinoza, Macy Figueroa, Xannder Fitterman, Courtlyn Fletcher, Jalen Ford, Aniyah Fulton, Kareli Garza, Ayden Garza, Tristan Gause, Nathan Gaytan, Romeo Gill, Lynley Gillis, Ayzel Gonzalez, Isabella Gonzalez, Alyssa Goree, Vivian Hang and Alexia Hoang.

Kelijah Jackson, Carolyn Jaramillo, Anthony Jennings, Marina Kostikoglou, Allyssa Laurila, Sheyla Le, Hayden Limas, Kelvin Lopez, Audrey

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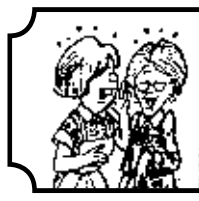
Over The Back Fence by Alexis



ANGELA ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Bobby and **Kenneth Griffin** send birthday greetings to daughter-in-law **Angela Griffin**, who celebrates a birthday Feb. 2.

OWEN CELEBRATES 9 YEARS!

Owen Michael Flowers enjoys his 9th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 3. Best wishes and lots of love, hugs and kisses are sent to Owen from big sister **Kennedy**, little sister **Evie**, parents **Stephen** and **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**; grandparents **Robert** and **Jannie Scarberry** of South Belt and **Mike** and **Karen Flowers** of Dickinson; uncles **Tyler**, **Austin**, **Joey**, **Wesley** and **Travis**; aunts **Jenny**, **Christine** and **Michelle**; and cousins **Brayden**, **Baylee**, **Olivia**, **Jade**, **Lily**, **Sierra**, **Ryker**, **Connor**, **Jesse**, **Christopher** and **Mason**. Owen's mom is a 2005 Dobie High School graduate.

OLIVIA TURNS 5!

Olivia Moreno celebrates her fifth birthday Monday, Feb. 5. Wishing her a wonderful birthday with lots of love, hugs and kisses are her mom **Jenny Hayes** of Spring; big brother **Brayden**; big sister **Baylee**; proud grandparents **Robert** and **Jannie Scarberry** of South Belt, and **Mike** and **Doris Hayes** of Ada, Oklahoma; aunt **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**; uncles **Joseph Hayes**, **Austin Scarberry** and **Tyler Scarberry**; and cousins **Kennedy**, **Owen** and **Evie Flowers**, and **Jade** and **Lily Scarberry**. Mom Jenny is a 1997 Dobie High grad.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR KARMA

Birthday wishes are sent Feb. 2 to **Karma Wright**, former *Leader* staffer, from her family, friends and staff at the *Leader*.

BOBBY CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Bobby Kramer,** former Dobie tennis coach and Pasadena ISD Hall of Fame candidate who enjoys his 80th birthday on Feb. 4. Special birthday greetings are sent from **Ann Brennan** and **Marie Flickinger** for an enjoyable day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANA!

Special birthday wishes are sent to **Dana Lizik** Feb. 6 from family, friends and former co-workers at the *Leader*.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 1 through Feb. 7.

Atkinson Elementary

Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake Feb. 2 for **Stefhanie Covarrubias**.

Burnett Elementary

On Feb. 1, **Kateri Williams** celebrates a birthday. Send a birthday wish Feb. 4 to **Lisa Baumann**. On Feb. 7, **Keonne McClain** enjoys a birthday.

Bush Elementary

On Feb. 4, birthday greetings are sent to **Maria Palacios**. On Feb. 5, sing a happy birthday song to **Ixida Quintero**.

Meador Elementary

Feb. 5 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Felipe Saucedo**.

Moore Elementary

Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Debbie Pampell** Feb. 4. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 6 are **Angelica Perez** and **Jerry Watkins**.

South Belt Elementary

Birthday greetings are sent to **Jessica Arnold** and **Ma Cuevas De Vazquez** Feb. 3.

Roberts Middle School

Celebrating a birthday Feb. 5 is **Nekia McAlpin**. **Carey Thibodeaux** enjoys a birthday Feb. 7.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Sing a happy birthday song for **Cynthia Wright** Feb. 2.

Thompson Intermediate

Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Feb. 5 for **Mark Varian**.

Dobie High

The day for a double-layer cake for **Frank Mora** and **Leslie Rustin** is Feb. 1. Sharing a birthday Feb. 3 are **Vanessa Buentello**, **Garland Ganter**, **Denice Ontiveros Valencia** and **Veronica Oyervides**. Light the birthday candles Feb. 4 for a birthday celebration for **Chastity Hall**, **Shannon Howard**, **Shaqwan Scott**, **Kristi Vance** and **Sandra Villarreal**. On Feb. 5, birthday cheers go to **Geydi Bonilla** and **Nichole Kemp**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS

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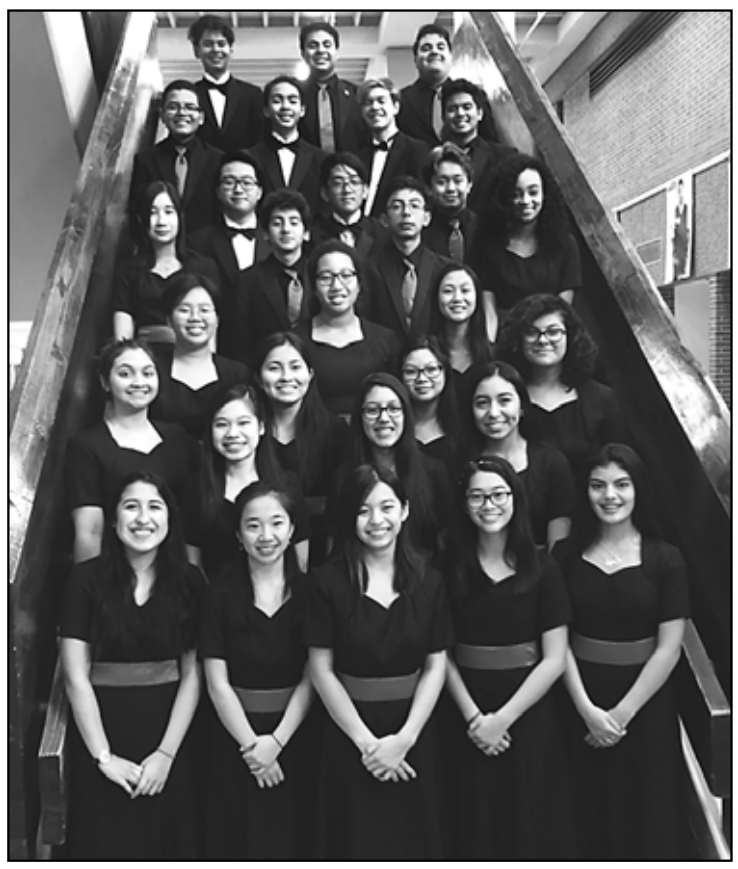
Dobie Orchestra performs



J. Frank Dobie High School Orchestra students performed in the Texas Music Educator Association's Region XIX Orchestra Concert held on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Deer Park High School. The Dobie Orchestra students earned a spot in the performance during Region auditions last semester. Shown with their respective grade levels are, left to right, (front row) Cassandra Guevara, 12; Uyen Phan, 12; Elina Nguyen, 10; Catherine Le, 11; Julyssa Herrera, 11; (second row) Victoria Solis, 11; Sandy Huynh, 11; Katherine Orta, 11; Gabrielle Gutierrez, 10; Jennifer Nguyen, 11; Madisyn Munoz, 10; Patricia Medina, 9; (third row) Michelle Nguyen, 11; Camille Smith, 11; Taylor Tran, 11; (fourth row) Lynn Ho, 12; Milow Loazano, 11; Steve Hernandez, 10; Jayla Carmouche, 10; (fifth row) Huy "Ryan" Nguyen, 9; Tony Bui, 9; Patrick Tran, 12; (sixth row) Oscar Velasquez, 10; Daniel Dinh, 9; Nicholas Keel, 10; Jason Sabal, 12; (back row) Abel Limachi, 9; Anthony Ramirez, 12; and Pedro Alba, 12. The Dobie Orchestra directors are Angela Badon, Stephen Payne and Christine Gomez. *Photo by Stephen Payne*

Fred Roberts MS releases honor roll

Fred Roberts Middle School has announced its honor roll for the second nine-weeks.

Fifth Grade

Amaya-Mari A. Acosta, Andrea R. Aguilar, Ayla G. Albert, Bereni Alfaro, Kemora N. Andrade, Andrew A. Arevalo, Mauricio Avila Castrellon, Aldrin M. Baluyut, Etlin S. Banegas Bejarano, Herli D. Barahona, Alvaro N. Barrios, Maddison F. Barrios Ferrera, A'nyia M. Beasley, Chelsy N. Bonilla, Shane C. Bonner, Mckenzie M. Bonner, Noah A. Caballero and Miranda I. Cano.

Tommy T. Cao, Joana Casas, Jada N. Castaneda, Jaymie D. Castillo, Samantha I. Chano, Ethan T. Chavez, Kelsi J. Coleman, Elizabeth-Truc K. Dao, Levi A. Del Angel, Diego E. Diaz, Eduardo Dominguez, Kirsten K. Duong, Allison A. Duran Ramos, Nathalia A. Elizalde, Alonso Escamilla, Jeffrey Galan and Alexis E. Gamez.

Margarita Gaona, Elizabeth C. Garcia, Emily D. Garcia, Nahomi Garcia, Michala J. Garcia, Erianna J. Garcia, Elias Garcia, Devin D. Goldsby, Natalia Gonzalez, Daphne J. Goytortua, Isabella Guajardo, Jesselyn Guevara, Christina Guzman, Xavier T. Hannah, Corynn A. Harris and Jose A. Henriquez.

Emily J. Henriquez, Michelle A. Hernandez, Lillian R. Herte, Lena Q. Hoang, Aaron D. Hudspeth, Kara M. Ingersoll, Jake R. Joslin, Marco A. Juarez, Heidy-Patrice A. Kamh, Jalisa A. King, Maher M. Kothiya, Britney Le, Alejandro Lezama, Kayla N. Lopez, Aliah M. Lopez and Audrey Claire P. Lopez.

Alina M. Loredo, Allison V. Lovo, Hannah P. Maldonado, Edgar Martinez, Kayla Martinez, Samantha Martinez, Jonathan I. Martinez, Riley N. Martinez, Mariyah N. Martinez, Aeriona D. Mccann, Emma N. Millhouse, Joslyn B. Miniel, Rayan Mirza, Bryant Morfin, Jose L. Muniz, Phillip O. Mushtaq and Abriana L. Neco.

Corey J. Nelloms, Christine T. Nguyen, Alex T. Nguyen, Huong P. Nguyen, Huy H. Nguyen, Nhi B. Nguyen, Ny H. Nguyen, Vinh Q. Nguyen, Dorothy C. Nwosu, Alexander S. Odom, Alex E. Olvera, Citlali E. Ortiz Pedroza, Sodanin Oun, Zachary A. Owens, Ruben Palacios, Trinity A. Parker, Annalise J. Pate, Isaac A. Penado and Elijah G. Perez.

Kimberly D. Perla, Jaliyah S. Pettway, Andrew A. Quintero, Martin Ramos, Delailah A. Ramos, Jayden R. Rangel, Amber E. Reyes, Nevaeh J. Reyes, Genesis A. Reyes Martinez, Jayme R. Reyna, Magally Reyna, Angel D. Rhodes, Hilda I. Robles, Chloe C. Robles, Sydney K. Rodriguez and Melanie E. Rodriguez.

Zemeriah Rodriguez, Ava A. Rojas, Manuel D. Romero, Carlos Salazar, Luis Salazar, Joanna Salinas Roman, Ketlia N. Sanchez, Brianna Sanchez, Sha'uri E. Sanchez, Efrain L. Santibanez, Adrienne A. Smith, Ashunti N. Smith, Alex A. Sosa and Elton J. Stallman.

Jacob D. Tagle, Ally J. Thompson, Jalissa E. Torres, Kevin D. Tran, Nam H. Trinh,

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Incarcerated student's gift expresses gratitude

It's not unusual for students to give their teacher or professor a gift to express their appreciation for what they've learned, or for the support they've received in a particular class. When Associate Professor of Humanities Shreerekha Subramanian saw her student's mother appear in her office to present her with a very large painting on behalf of her son, it was much more than a token gift of thanks for an enjoyable class.

In the 10 years that Subramanian has been on the faculty at University of Houston-Clear Lake, she has been teaching undergraduate humanities courses at the W.F. Ramsey Unit, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison located in Rosharon, which is where her artistic student is currently serving his sentence.

"UH-Clear Lake has had this program for inmates since 1974, when the university first opened," Subramanian said. "Inmates are able to get an undergraduate degree in behavioral science or a master's degree in humanities or literature. Students in the Ramsey program have been very successful and hardworking students who are sincere about improving their lives and getting an education."

Faculty from the College of Human Sciences and Humanities, especially full-time faculty from the Department of Liberal Arts that Subramanian currently chairs, have been teaching for this program since the start of the university. Many of the charter faculty, including Gretchen Mieszkowski, John Gorman, and Bruce Palmer as well as current faculty in literature and humanities programs teach at the Ramsey Unit. The program, Academics for Offenders, housed in the College of Human Sciences and Humanities, is Texas Department of Corrections' program for incarcerated students.

"The success of the program is a direct result of the dedication of the faculty, both full-time and adjunct, who have contributed to the TDC program from its inception," said William Powers, UHCL director of TDCJ and adjunct instructor for graduate and undergraduate programs at TDCJ's Ramsey Unit. "This dedication has enabled us to award over 600 degrees to students within the TDCJ. The vast majority of those students do not recidivate, but rather pursue other advanced degrees and secure meaningful, relevant career opportunities."

The artist who painted the gift for Subramanian finished his undergraduate degree in behavioral sciences and was the 2016 valedictorian for his Ramsey Unit class. "He wished to share with me what he learned from my classes through this art," said Subramanian. The mixed-media acrylic, airbrush, wood putty and pen image, which the artist painted on recycled ¾ inch thick plywood, depicts his newly-gained perspective on the world since he's been working on his degree.

In his artist's statement, the artist wrote that he wished to express a sense of giving value to those who felt they had been rendered worthless by society. Although the artist is white, he wrote that he focused his brush on the face of a young black man to address issues of power and disenfranchisement that plague our society, at present. The yellow police tape symbolizes the very real and sometimes invisible borders that are set in our culture that keep people in their own communities, afraid or unable to cross over and interact with others. The words, "Warning, No Crossing" indicates his sense of feeling "crossed out," or invisible. On the top left is a partially covered woman whom the artist places as a reminder of the objectification of women; according to him, she is every woman who is on the other side of the border, veiled and misunderstood, and also unable to cross the border toward self-representation.

"He writes that in this painting, he wishes to cross lines and see perspectives of others rather than focus on stereotypes," Subramanian said. "He has learned that it's much better to cross boundaries and enter into dialogue."

The artist, who titles the painting "Who is i? Who is I?" said, "I would like to convey the fact that there are people desiring and trying to escape poverty and lack of opportunities in their own homes/neighborhoods. Yet walls exist impeding their progress for various reasons, such as the color of their skin, the religion they are born into, or their lack of education, and access to power."

Subramanian said she believed her student had put over 100 hours of work into the painting. "It's quite an impressive-sized work, and it's currently hanging in Dean of Human Sciences and Humanities Rick Short's office."

Short, who is looking for the best space to hang the painting in the College of Human Sciences and Humanities office suite, expressed great optimism for the Ramsey Unit program. "It's been extremely successful, and it's important to note that we are not providing any special privileges at all to the inmates," he said.

"It's a misconception that resources are allocated to mitigate punishment or perhaps even shorten sentences. Inmates are required to pay the same tuition that any student would pay. Obviously, inmates cannot park or use the library on campus, so they do not pay those fees, but all other requirements are exactly the same," Short said.

Short added that the curriculum expectations were identical for inmates as for any UHCL student. "It's hard work. There is nothing 'watered down' about the coursework," he said. "Education is the single most effective way to help an inmate lead a productive life outside of prison. The rate of recidivism among inmates with an education is so much lower, which benefits everyone."

Prison education reduces recidivism by more than 40 percent, the global policy think tank RAND Corporation reported in 2013.

Crime is expensive, explained Short. Not only are innocent citizens hurt by the destruction or loss of their property or personal injury, but it also costs massive amounts of money for the state to keep inmates incarcerated. "There's simply no better way to keep them from returning to prison than to educate them," he said. "The state won't have to pay huge sums to keep these people off the streets. It's the right answer."

If an inmate completes coursework through UHCL while incarcerated, said Short, he will not exit prison with technical skills. "We have a different view on prison education," he said. "We want them to become ethical beings and critical thinkers who have acquired an internal compass or standard of behavior so they can judge their decisions and behave logically and ethically. And it works."

The coursework and the interaction with the professors provides inmates a way to think, introspection about what they've done, and are taught to evaluate what is truth and what is good. "They learn to make different decisions," Short said.

"We are not saying that all inmates are ready to move into society because they have been educated, but certainly the statistics show that recidivism rates are much lower. Our objective is to help all citizens become educated, and that's true for inmates as well."

Subramanian said that she was deeply moved by the painting and by her student's efforts to demonstrate his gratitude to the university for the education he had received. "It's rare for a student to turn back to say thank you," she said. "But then, to turn back with this dedicated piece of artwork to demonstrate all the ineffable things that have been learned, it is really a testament to all the positive things that are going on in the Ramsey program."

Remember When

40 years ago (1978)

Former Dobie football star Edward O'Brien was seriously injured in a shooting incident.

Clear Lake City residents were seeking assistance from residents of the city of Houston in their fight against the annexation of the Clear Lake area.

35 years ago (1983)

Approximately 5 percent of the 700-member families of the United Sports Association authorized the organization's board to borrow up to $130,000 for field approvals to the Choate Road ballpark.

More than $4,000 in merchandise, including a console and a portable TV, stereos, radios, an Intellivision, camera and several jewelry boxes were stolen from a residence in the 11400 block of Sagedowne.

30 years ago (1988)

Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees conducted its annual reorganization, electing Dr. Floyd Myers president, Ruth Walraven vice president and George Meriwether secretary.

Southbend Homeowners Association leaders said they would fight a proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency which called for partial cleanup of the Brio and Dixie Oil Processing sites adjacent to their subdivision.

25 years ago (1993)

Approximately 120 homes in the Southbend subdivision were boarded up. The titles of the homes were transferred to Farm & Home to prevent additional Brio-related litigation.

Dobie band students Brian Hyatt, Laurie Succop, Mary Katherine Wright and Aaron Brown were chosen to the all-state band.

20 years ago (1998)

The Dobie High School homecoming queen, Claudia Ortega, qualified to attend the Miss Texas Homecoming Queen Pageant held in Austin.

The Dobie cheerleaders were participating in the national high school cheerleading competition in Orlando, Florida.

Dobie's Academic Decathlon Team advanced to the state competition by placing second at the regional competition. Winning medals for Dobie were bronze medalists Rachel Castillo and Sheri Offenhauser, silver medalist Sabia Taqvi and gold medalist Leonard Lyons III.

15 years ago (2003)

A security-conscious resident of Highland Meadow turned over a videotape which documented that a large cat such as a mountain lion or cougar was roaming the residential streets near Scarsdale Boulevard.

Rodolfo Caldera, 26, of north Houston was arrested in connection with residential burglaries in the area.

10 years ago (2008)

Construction worker Ricardo Vence, 24, fell 20 feet down into a well in the College Place subdivision. Vence, a Robertson Well employee, was reportedly reaching down for a ladder in the hole when he fell. Apparently, he was not wearing a safety harness that was required. Vence remained in the hole for nearly two hours before being rescued by city of Houston emergency personnel. The injured worker was transported by Life Flight to the medical center, where he was treated for a fractured femur and multiple bruises.

Houston police released the name of Anthony Wayne Motley, 23, who was the suspect in a home break-in that occurred in the 11000 block of Sagewillow.

Newly named St. Luke's pastor James Burkart was presented the Clergy of the Year award by Cardinal Daniel DiNardo at the Knights of Columbus' 24th Annual Clergy Appreciation Night. The event was attended by more than 1,300 people from throughout the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese, including all the organization's bishops. Burkart was also given a monetary stipend for his contributions.

The Texas Department of Agriculture asked the Pasadena Independent School District to put meat that it considered questionable on hold.

The San Jacinto College board of trustees voted to call a bond referendum in an effort to raise $295 million to update the school's facilities. Impact on taxpayers within the district was expected to be minimal.

Sarah Elizabeth Coronado, 14, went missing after leaving Dobie High School with two Hispanic males in a white Dodge pickup. Authorities said she may have gone to Baytown, Spring or Hayward, California.

5 years ago (2013)

South Belt resident Malvin Baerga-Rivera was selected the Outstanding State of Texas Air National Guard First Sergeant of the Year. A member of the guard's 147th Reconnaissance Wing based at Ellington Field, Baerga-Rivera was chosen for his military leadership skills and community service involvement. Baerga-Rivera joined the Guard in 1996 and was promoted to the duty of first sergeant in December 2009. In addition to his military service, Baerga-Rivera also works for the Pasadena Independent School District, where he has been a first-grade teacher at Pearl Hall Elementary for the past 21 years.

Cynthia Hawk was named president of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at the group's 29th annual banquet. She replaced longtime president and *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger. Ellington Airport General Manager Brian Rinehart was the guest speaker at the event, which was a salute to Ellington Field.

1 year ago (2017)

The First Convenience Bank, located inside the Kroger grocery store at Beltway 8 and Sabo, was robbed at gunpoint on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 31. According to police, a man entered the store at approximately 9:45 a.m., approached a bank teller, brandished a pistol from under his waistband and demanded money. The man then fled the store on foot with an undisclosed amount of money. No immediate arrests were made.

After 75 years of being known as Easthaven Church, the local place of worship, located at 13100 Beamer, changed its name to South Belt Church. According to the Rev. Kevin J. Rizer, head pastor at South Belt Church, the new name better reflects the community that it serves.

Pasadena Independent School District's Dobie and Memorial high school's Academic Decathlon teams advanced to the state meet after earning top 40 spots in the Region 5 competition. Competing in the large school district division, Dobie's team ranked No. 5 in the state, with a combined total score of 4,623. Memorial's team placed 20th in the regional competition with a total score of 3,421. Top Dobie performers included Bill Huynh (Honors Division: 3rd place highest-scoring student, 3rd place economics, 3rd place language, 3rd place social science, 1st place art, 2nd place music and 2nd place science); Steve Nguyen (Honors Division: 1st place economics); Noelle Phan (Honors Division: 3rd place music, 3rd place science and 2nd place economics); Jay Do (Scholastic Division: 3rd place highest scoring student, 3rd place math and 1st place social science); Gus Rodriguez (Scholastic Division: 3rd place music, 1st place economics, 2nd place music and 2nd place social science); Christine Perry (Varsity Division: 3rd place art, 3rd place music, 3rd place social science and 1st place language); Adrian De Los Santos (Varsity Division: 2nd place highest scoring student, 3rd place economics, 3rd place science, 1st place art, 1st place social science, 2nd place language and 2nd place music).

Master Gardeners events set

The Harris County Master Gardeners at the Genoa Friendship Gardens, will host the following activities that are free and open to the public during the month of February.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, the lecture series presents Monica Singhania, regional urban forester with Texas A&F forest service, Harris County. Singhania's lecture will be *Good Tree Planting Techniques and Pruning Young Trees* from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road.

On Monday, Feb 19, the Harris County Master Gardeners Association Satellite will have an Open Garden Day from 8:30 to 11 a.m., at the Genoa Friendship Gardens, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master Gardeners will also be available to answer gardening questions.

For more information, visit https://hcmga.tamu.edu.

Precinct One distributes generators to seniors

Precinct One has distributed 119 surplus electric generators to help senior citizens affected by Hurricane Harvey recover from the historic flooding and better prepare them for future severe weather.

The surplus generators were provided to Precinct One by Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. They were delivered to eight Precinct One community centers that offer programs for seniors.

"Severe weather is becoming the new normal in our region, which means preparedness is even more important, particularly for our seniors," said Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis. "Distributing these surplus generators are a part of our ongoing efforts to help our residents recover from Harvey and to be ready for whatever Mother Nature brings next."

Precinct One has been active in aiding the recovery effort since Harvey hit Harris County. In the five months since the storm, Precinct One has distributed recovery supplies, helped constituents apply for financial disaster aid, and provided other essential services.

During Harvey, more than 100,000 electric customers lost power. Back-up generators are among the items that the Department of Homeland Security and local emergency management partners recommend having available in case of electrical power outages.

Building an emergency tool kit, which includes first aid items, flashlights, non-perishable food and other items, as well as making an emergency plan can help families be ready when severe weather strikes.

For more information about hurricane readiness, visit readyharris.org.

Jacobson, Schaefer to wed in April

The parents of Jennifer C. Jacobson, M.D., and Stewart L. Schaefer, M.D., have announced the engagement of their children.

Jacobson is the daughter of Angela Shiflett Menard and Andy Menard of Houston, and Paula and Jeff Jacobson of League City.

Jacobson's maternal grandparents are Eunice Conn and the late John Conn of Many, Louisiana and Betty and Roy Shiflett of New Braunfels, formerly longtime South Belt residents.

Her paternal grandparents are Barbara and Robert (Bob) Jacobson currently of Pearland.

The bride's parents and grandparents were longtime residents of the South Belt area.

Schaefer is the son of Denise and Rick Schaefer who reside in Edmonds, Washington. Schaefer's maternal grandparents are Dolores and Arthur Krawchuk who reside in Fenton, Michigan.

His paternal grandparents were the late Nancy Schaefer and the late James Schaefer, who until their deaths resided in Bingham Farms, Michigan.

Jacobson attended Texas A&M University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2008.

Schaefer attended Western Washington University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry in 2009.

They both attended medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where they both received a doctor of medicine degree.

Currently, Schaefer is an Internal Medicine resident at the University of Washington and Jacobson is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry fellow at the University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School.

The couple is planning a late April wedding.

The Rev. Emory Gadd, an associate pastor of Sagemont Church, will perform the ceremony which will be held in Gruene, Texas.

Roberts lists honor roll

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Natilee N. Trujillo, Keyman J. Turner, Maria M. Vajlani, Kianna N. Valadez, Alexander A. Vargas, Anabella Vega, Cameron L. Walcott, Theodore R. Washington, Jo'anna Williams, Dewayne S. Williams, Vivian Wu and Cesar Zavaleta.

Sixth Grade

Imaad H. Ali, Dayvin Alvarado, Carlos M. Amaya Vargas, Jimena Antunez-Vargas, Hamza Arif, Leobardo J. Aviles, Kevin D. Ayala, Hussain Babar, Angelo M. Baluyut, Enrique Banda, Houston J. Banda, Damian Benavidez, Austin J. Buchner, Alan H. Bui, Rebecca Y. Cabello, Jorge A. Camacho and Carolina A. Cantarero.

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Emily A. Garcia, Mariana Garcia, Aranzasu Garcia, Mauricio A. Gloria, Izabella G. Gomez, Flor M. Gomez Chicas, Miranda G. Gonzalez Garza, Xitlali D. Gutierrez, Izmael Guzman, Ayesha Hasan, Earl J. Haymond, Emily M. Hernandez, Xally P. Hernandez and Rodrigo Hernandez.

Anna J. Hernandez, Jacob T. Holmes, Aaron K. Huynh, Jonathan P. Ibarra, Afam U. Iyegbu, Ramon Jasso-Moreno, Isabel K. Jimenez, Madison N. Juarez, Jonathan T. Le, Anna L. Le, Atianna N. Leija, Nathaniel K. Luna, Jennifer Ly, Vincent Mac, Jazzmine I. Marquez, Gisettee J. Martinez and Trinity D. Maxwell.

Celae A. Mazique, Mackenzie D. McBride, Edward Medina, Giovanni Mendoza, Shaina M. Miles, Adrian R. Monita, Jazzlyn J. Moya, Anh D. Nguyen, Terry T. Nguyen, John T. Nguyen, Peter T. Nguyen, Anastasia E. Odom, Kaleb J. Ojeda, Alex Olivares, Lacie E. Pace and Atoria N. Parker.

Mariana R. Perales, Jose A. Perez, Javari A. Powell, Iris V. Premanand, Zumar Rafique, Mariana Ramos, Yair E. Rivera, Zoe N. Rivera, Stephanie Rivera, Kiana N. Rodriguez, Gustavo R. Salinas, Dominick A. Sanchez and Alyson R. Schwausch.

Sahalley Silva, Ta'jah J. Smith, Maddisyn L. Sockwell, Allisyn H. Sockwell, Yecenia V. Tamez, Hermynie Taylor, Layla M. Torres, Michael H. Tran, Mai Anh N. Truong, Julius N. Valdez, Jayden N. Valdez, Jeneby L. Varela, Alfredo Venegas, Teresa N. Vu, Giselle G. Wittenberg and Mary R Young.

Cosse performs

Ava Cosse, a fifth-grader at Morris Middle School, recently performed in the Texas Music Educator Association's Region XIX Middle School Orchestra Concert, held on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Deer Park High School. Cosse earned a spot in the performance during Region auditions last semester. She is 10 years old and was the youngest student in the Region Orchestra. Her orchestra directors are Michelle Ham and Laurie Arnold. Cosse is a student at the University of St. Thomas Preparatory Music school and is the violin student of Ning Chih Hsu. She is also a Music Doing Good Scholarship winner. *Photo by Angela Badon*

Thompson holds spelling bee

Thompson Intermediate held its spelling bee on Thursday, Jan. 11. Shown are, left to right, Wayne Sanders, assistant principal; Jeremiah Palma, winner; and Luke Auzenne, runner-up. Palma will represent Thompson in the Pasadena Independent School District Spelling Bee. *Photo by Gina Gibson*

Genoa Elementary releases honor roll

Genoa Elementary released its honor roll for the second nine-weeks.

Honor Roll

Third Grade

Destinee Garcia, Alana Green, Brittany Llanas, Edith Lopez, Noelly Metiviet, Stefanie Pelico and Amaya Vargas.

Fourth Grade

Helen Acosta, Amanda Aguilar, Victoria Chioreanu, Harold Funez, Anh Ngo and Marlenie Sandoval.

South Belt Elementary lists awards

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Lopez, Felipe Martinez, Mackenzie Martinez, Auriana Mata, Kalien McLaren, Mariana Mejia, Adlin Mena, Dylan Mohwinkle and Morgan Momie.

Katelinh Moore, Evan Mora, Zainab Naveed, Cody Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Luciano Padilla, Sujina Pandit, Juliana Perez, Jeremiah Perez, Matthew Perez, Ethan Perieda, Jonny Pham, Bianca Pineda, Vihaan Prakesh, Damian Ram, Kendrick Ramos and Jeremiah Rivero.

Aubree Rodriguez, Nolan Rogers, Emily Salinas, Kateline Salinas, Carlos Sanchez, Aniya Scott, Donovan Serna, Jaliyah Silas, Christiane Simpson, Peresphone Soria, Jayda Stewart, Marissa Tavera, Evan Taylor, Sara Teng and Samantha Trevino.

Elijah Ugalde, Hayly Ugalde, Issac Urquieta, Jadyn Vallado Cantu, Faith Vasquez, Katia Vazquez, Aidyn Vega, Jetziel Velasquez, Jabari Venson, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Vu, Nathan Vu, Azyla Williams, Rachel Wilson and Caleb Yount.

Fourth Grade

Julian Acevedo, Anthony Aggire, Kayla Akinfenwa, Sureal Alcorta, Xavier Ambriz, Joshua Arredondo, Adrian Arreola, Kendall Ashworth, Ivan Ayala, Kaila Baltzell, Nathaniel Belleville, Katia Boardman, Cadence Braden, Caleb Brown, Akira Brual, Kylie Campos, Anthony Cancel, Ava Castillo, Jakeida Cervantes, Alonzo Chapman, Macy Cooper and Cecilia Cruz.

Khayden Davis, Vanessa Dela Fuente, Caeleb Echavarria, Madelyn Esposito, Joseph Faz, Jonathan Garcia, Mia Bella Garza, Emily Golenko, Belen Gomez, Adam Gonzales, Evalyna Gonzales, Abigail Gutierrez, Renya Harvey, Jakob Hasbell, Lance Heath, Ava Hernandez, Audrina Hernandez, London Herrera, Aiden Hughes, Vi Huynh, Layla Jack, Davion Johnson, Sheyanne Kellen, Danton Le, Alex Le, Jason Leahman, Jayden Lee, Jacob Little, Jaylyn Lopez and Santiago Lopez.

Mario Martinez, Sarah Massey, Liliana Mata, Mia Mata, Morgan McGee, Lennyn Mendoza, Jessica Moise, Lauren Moorer, Jaward Naser, Bao Ngo, Jennifer Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Haley Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Michelle Nguyen, Chloe Nunez and Kinotsu Ploucha.

Justin Quintanilla, Amanda Ramirez, Giovanni Ramirez, Leila Reyes, Caroline Rodriguez, Oscar Salinas, Cy'moria Silas, Daniel Soto, Makayla St. Romain, Addison Taylor, Emily Taylor, Mina Tran, Jalen Tran, Gavynn Trevino, Andrea Valdez, Fernando Vargas, Noah Villareal, Joseph Vivier, Thu Vo and Morgan Williams.

Honor Roll

Third Grade

Ibrahim Ali, Olivia Antoine, Nathan Arriaga, Kyleigh Dorsey, Alyssa Espinoza, Macy Figueroa, Courtlyn Fletcher, Ayzel Gonzalez, Vivian Hang, Marina Kostikoglou, Allysa Laurila, Kelvin Lopez, Audrey Lopez, Dylan Mohwinkle, Morgan Momie, Cody Nguyen, Hayly Nguyen, Andrew Nguyen, Ethan Pereida, Jonny Pham and Jetzil Velasquez.

Fourth Grade

Alonzo Chapman, Bao Ngo and Haley Nguyen.

Merit Roll

Third Grade

Damian Aguilera, Alexia Hoang, Sheyla Le, Zainab Naveed, Justin Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Aubree Rodriguez, Noaln Rogers, Jaliyah Silas, Chistiana Simpson, Jayda Stewart, Katia Vazquez, Rachel Wilson and Heather Yount.

Fourth Grade

Ivan Ayala, Abigail Gutierrez, Sarah Massey, Michelle Nguyen, Daniel Soto and Christopher Vu.

Good Citizen Award

Kindergarten

Chrian Garza, Rylee Hayes, Max Hernandez, Breanna McNeal, Alan Nguyen, Sophia Peters, Arely Pinon, Trystan Santos, Liam Thomas and Anna Wilkerson.

First Grade

Samuel Alexander, Genesis Banda, Lola Carrizal, Gabriel Castillo, Tori Dehoyos, Peyton Dowling, Jeanette Hernandez, Elijah Hernandez, Alice Lam, Brady McNeal, Isaac Ortiz and Kelan Toney.

Second Grade

Isaian Ambriz, Chloe Garcia, Roberto Granadoa, Luke Kellen, Jayme Martinez, Marissa Martinez, Paula Medrano, Alayna Rodriguez, Mia Roppolo, Paul Salinas, Alec Tamegnon and Hassan Zamzam.

Third Grade

Ibrahim Ali, Anthony Corbett, Alana Espir, Alyssa Goree, Vivian Hang, Anthony Jennings, Adlin Mena, Hatelinh Moore, Jeremiah Perez, Jonny Pham, Jadyn Vallado Cantu and Azyla Williams.

Fourth Grade

Caleb Brown, Anthony Cancel, Madelyn Esposito, Abigail Gutierrez, Mia Mata, Lennyn Mendoza, Minh Nguyen, Max Perez, Daniel Soto, Andrea Valdez and Jospeh Vivier.

Hancock announces perfect attendance, honor rolls

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Penalver, John Anthony Post, Stephanie Eleene Romero, Margarito Yovani Segovia, Giselle Vallesteros, Adalia Sofia Vilorio and Gabrielle Zoe Rose Wilkins.

Second Grade

Dianelys Banda, Mykaela Lynn Cantu, Jazlyn Annette Carmouche, Christopher Carranza, Brianna Alisson Castillo, Natalie Aurora Cazares, Maxwell Ryan Charles, Khloe Nicole Hughes, Chaz Tyler Jones Jr., Kaylee Celeste Lopez, Noel Joel Lozano and Monica Luna.

Nathan Isaiah Maldonado, Lo'real Marie Mast, Josue Antonio Murillo Euceda, Giselle Lorena Najera, Sisamay Abigail Olivos, Nathan Pickney Iii, Hailey Brianna Ramsey, Isaiah Jordan Romero, Niomi Gwen Sanchez, Christian David Teruel, Alex Tien Tran, Hayson Tinh Vo and Lilynhu Vu.

Third Grade

Mayte Almanza, Nathalie Almanza, Roy Chijindu Azinge, Joshua Romalice Brown Jr., Lenneth Pacis Cruz, Mya Denise Durant, Ailey Isabella Espinoza, Khaiden Semaj Gholar, Gabriel Alejandro Gonzalez and Joshua Gutierrez.

Da'shy Lynn Johnson, Christian Alexander Jones, Adalyn Juarez, Camila Alexa Juarez, Michelle Marie Lopez, Louisa Safor Obah, Gloria Stephanie Ochoa, Jazlynn Alicia Post, Leah Audrey Sarmiento, Semaj James Smith and Juan Javier Torres.

Fourth Grade

Izik Lanard Alexander, Adrian Caballero Jr., Yarelin Alicia Carreon, Alanah Paige Carter, Malakei Isaiah Contreras, Kayla De La Cruz, Gregory Luis Deleon Jr., Chloe Anese Gillespie, Ethan Xavier Gomez, Nicholas Xavier Hernandez, San Le Jr., Lauren Gianna Lewis, Katherine Lopez and Cristian Keisi Lopez Guerrero.

Victoria Araceli Lozano, Maximus Caine Martinez, Gia An Tran Nguyen, Kelvin Nguyen, Rendy Aseugong Obah, Onanna Naomi Obi, Benjamin Deandre Ortiz, Ju'vonie Lamont Rasberry, Camron Latrell Robertson, John Peter Sibrian, Jayden Alexander Victoria and Tarianna Aaliyah Wheaton.

Honor Roll

First Grade

Efrain Acosta, Alyna Ayala, Rick Azinge, Naidelyn Barron, Christopher Beltran, Jonah Castaneda, Christopher Delao, Edgar Flores, Josiah Flores, Alaynnah Garcia, Savannah Gomez, Aniya Hardy, Aiden Heredia, Samaria Hernandez, Jenesis Johnson, Kameron Johnson, Axel Juarez and Eva Kuczynski.

Kathia Lerma Medrano, Eliel Machado, Damien Martinez, Luis Melesio, Jordan Mouton, Brandon Peters, Yarelie Rangel, Richard Rodriguez, Stephanie Romero, Silvino Sanchez, Margarito Segovia, Hennah Silva, Antonella Tabernilla, Archie Thompkins, Giselle Vallesteros, Joseph Vazquez, Adalia Vilorio, Cedra Walker and Caleb Young.

Second Grade

Sofia Alvarez, Andrew Arevalo Melgar, Braylen Armstrong, Dianelys Banda, Andrew Caballero, Christopher Carranza, Brianna Castillo, Natalie Cazares, Maxwell Charles, Byron Cruz, Gustavo De La Fuente, Brayden Dean, Maverick Deleon, Danaye Fant and Jasmine Fletes-Espinal.

Joel Flores, Jonathan Haro, Khloe Hughes, Jewell Johnson, Chaz Jones, Tyler Kargbo, Brandon Lopez, Nathan Maldonado, Madaline Marquez Abrego, Lo'real Mast, Davion Maxwell, Josue Murillo Euceda, Giselle Najera, Kaleb Okeke and Sisamay Olivos.

Lauren Penaflor, Nathan Pickney, Hailey Ramsey, Isaiah Romero, Davien Sanni-Thomas, Khloe Simonton, Christian Teruel, Alex Tran, Hayson Vo, Lilynhu Vu, Aiyanna-Renee Webster, Derek Young and Jesus Zambrano.

Third Grade

Alessandra Alcantar, Gabriella Anowey, Lenneth Cruz and Adalyn Juarez.

Fourth Grade

Izik Alexander, Brylon Badger, Ashly Banda, Natalia Betancourt, Ethan Blandon, Amaya Carr, Alanah Carter, Leroy Carter-Walker, Malakei Contreras, Angel Cuello, Gregory Deleon, Hazel Durant and Anyia Flores.

Ethan Gomez, Jamiah Johnson, Katherine Lopez, Victoria Lozano, Jacoby Muniz, Gia An Nguyen, Joaquin Ramirez, Camron Robertson, Brianna Schulgen, John Sibrian, Montserat Stall, Arianna Wheaton, Tarianna Wheaton and Jose Zambrano.

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Schumer attends Democratic fundraiser

Sen. Chuck Schumer (right) was the featured guest at a Democratic fundraiser hosted by congressional candidate Tahir Javed (left) on Saturday, Jan. 27. The event benefited the 2018 campaigns of Sens. Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Joe Donnelly (D-IN) and Reps. Beto O'Rourke (D-TX) and Jacky Rosen (D-NV).

Javed holds fundraiser

On Saturday, Jan. 27, Tahir Javed, a Democratic candidate for Congress in the 29th Congressional District, hosted a fundraiser with special guest Sen. Chuck Schumer to benefit 2018 Senate campaigns for Sens. Bill Nelson and Joe Donnelly and U.S. Reps. Beto O'Rourke and Jacky Rosen.

"I am proud to support Senator Schumer and other Democrats seeking election in 2018," said Javed. "We must reclaim both the House and Senate to ensure effective resistance to President Trump. I am also grateful for the opportunity to discuss the importance of Hurricane Harvey relief funding and the needs of DACA recipients in District 29."

Javed has raised millions of dollars for Democratic candidates and committees. In January 2016, he helped raise $400,000 for Hillary Clinton in Beaumont. A philanthropist and community activist, Javed has also raised more than 3 million for Harvey relief in September 2017. The joint fundraising committee, held at Houston Marriott South from 10 a.m. to noon, raised $200,000 which will be contributed to the 2018 Senate IMPACT.

Javed is a health care executive, business leader, and activist seeking the Democratic nomination in TX-29. To learn more, visit www.javedforcongress.com.

Firefighters respond to blaze

Two Houston firefighters are shown above breaking into the attic of a unit at the Clear Creek Landing apartment complex, where a fire ignited the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 30. While someone was reportedly inside the apartment when the fire broke out, no one was injured. See related photo on Page 1A. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

Risner supports O'Rourke

Harris County Precinct 2, Place 2 Justice of the Peace George Risner (right) is shown to left showing his support for congressional candidate Beto O'Rourke (center) at a fundraiser Saturday, Jan. 27. O'Rourke is challenging Sen. Ted Cruz. Sen. Chuck Schumer served as the featured guest at the event. Shown with the pair at the event is O'Rourke's wife, Amy Hoover Sanders. See related photos on this page and Page 1A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Dynamic Women to meet on Feb. 8

The quarterly luncheon for Dynamic Women will be held Thursday, Feb. 8, at Golfcrest Country Club from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All area women are invited to enjoy a lunch, make new friends, shop with local vendors, and enjoy an inspirational story from the guest speaker.

This month's speaker will be Janet Rose, owner of Accord Texaswide Insurance in Nassau Bay. Rose will share her story of feeling empty and dissatisfied in life, even though she had all the worldly reasons to be happy. Plan to attend to hear how Rose found true satisfaction in life.

Doors will open at 10 a.m. when guests can do some shopping and networking with exciting area vendors who feature home décor, fashion accessories, jewelry, health and beauty, and business and professional services.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the event ends at 1 p.m.

Guests can register for free door prizes when they sign in. The cost of the luncheon is $16 which includes the networking/shopping event and lunch.

The Dynamic Women group seeks to connect women through networking and friendship, help women grow their businesses, and provide a service to the community. All are invited to attend.

For reservations, email Sandee Ellis at sandeeellis@comcast.net or call Dot at 713-477-6496.

Martin announces repairs to Hwy. 3

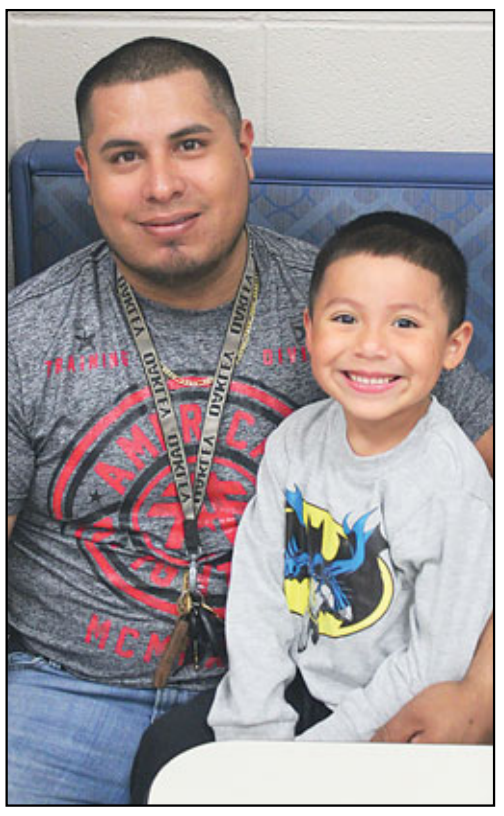
Houston City Council Member Dave Martin would like to make residents aware that the City of Houston Public Works Department (HPW) will be making repairs to the top of a recently damaged manhole located at 16305 Old Galveston Road, beginning Monday, Feb. 5. The project is anticipated to be completed by Tuesday, Feb. 20.

While making repairs to the manhole, HPW will be installing an air release valve. The air release valve is designed on pressure pipe at elevation changes and is located along the alignment based on modeling results of that pipe. An air release valve previously existed there and at some point was damaged and removed. This work order will restore the original designed location of the air release valve.

During construction, the outside southbound lane of the 16300 block of Old Galveston Road will be closed during the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drivers should expect reduced traffic speed through the channelized area during this time. To ensure driver and worker safety, traffic control measures will be in place at all times. The District E office has contacted the Houston Police Department's Clear Lake Substation to ask that officers monitor the location and provide assistance with traffic control as needed.

For more information, contact the District E Office by emailing districte@houstontx.gov or by calling 832-393-3008.

Hancock hosts Cocoa with Kids



Thomas Hancock Elementary hosted *Cocoa with Kids* on Jan. 11. This event was held as an incentive for students who had perfect attendance during the entire month of December. Parents were also invited to attend as a reward for helping their child achieve the goal of perfect attendance. They enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies together and were provided with several door prizes.

Shown, above left, are fourth-grader Ashton Ngo and his mom Nga Nguyen. Above, right, are kindergartner Andrew Ramirez and his dad Ruben Ramirez. Shown below are, left to right, Giselle Najera, second-grader; Jennise Gonzalez, mother; Marissa Rocha, future Bison; and Roberto Najera, first-grader.

Photos by Stacey Gomez

Law enforcement endorses Garcia

Every constable representing Texas' 29th Congressional District has endorsed Sen. Sylvia Garcia for Congress. Those offering full support and endorsement are Alan Rosen, Precinct 1; Chris Diaz, Precinct 2; Sherman Eagleton, Precinct 3; and Silvia Trevino, Precinct 6. In addition, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez endorsed Garcia.

"We stood together against human trafficking and racial profiling in the Texas Senate; we have fought for safety in our neighborhoods. We will stand together and work on these issues in Congress," said Garcia, candidate for Congressional District 29.

"I am proud to support Senator Sylvia Garcia. We have worked together for many years in our community," said Constable Diaz. "I am confident she will work with local officials and law enforcement across the 29th Congressional District to ensure we have the support we need."

PARC hosts Souper Saturday

Everyone is invited to the Pearland Area Republican Club annual world famous "Souper" Saturday Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., in Pearland. Meet the Republican candidates as they are preparing for the 2018 primary election. Enjoy some delicious homemade soups, cornbread and desserts, as well as fun silent auction bidding. The ticket donation is $15. For more information, call Pat Smajstrla at 281-435-3097 or Cindy Simpson at 713-501-4123.

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JFD baseball, softball hosts big day Feb. 10

The Dobie baseball booster club will hold its annual barbecue fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Longhorn Field located within El Franco Lee Park.

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Dobie girls close in on 22-6A championship

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Charlee Peters and company got closer to a repeat district championship in varsity girls' basketball as Dobie eased past Rayburn 41-24 Jan. 30 at home.

Dobie head coach Shane Brown was not thrilled at all with his team's single-point fourth quarter, but in the end the Lady Longhorns did enough in the first half (27-8 lead) to win. Victoria Onozie, who led the team to a 65-32 win over South Houston Jan. 26 with 23 points, had eight points to held out against Rayburn, as did Destiny Estes.

Now with nine straight wins in league play, Dobie is 18-8 overall, including 11-1 in district action. West Brook is a game back at 10-2 with two to go.

"Obviously I'm very proud of this group, but we have to come out every night and play with intensity on every possession," Brown said.

"We know we are in the playoffs, and everybody is good. You have to perform at a high level for 32 minutes or more. One point in the fourth quarter is not going to cut it. But we did win, and that is the desired end result."

Elsewhere, the Dobie varsity boys are now in a fight for the fourth seed in 22-6A, and the Clear Brook boys are in must-win mode in 24-6A.

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At right, Dobie's Briasia Garza (1) drives to the basket in District 22-6A play. At 11-1, the Lady Longhorns have a one-game lead over West Brook with two left.
Photo by John Bechtle

Dobie to deliver next head FB coach Feb. 7

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

And then there were five.

Dobie principal Franklin Moses told the *Leader* that the school's search for a varsity football head coach/campus athletic coordinator has been trimmed to five unnamed finalists.

As of Jan. 30, Moses said he and his committee had yet to decide just who the winner of the search is.

That decision is coming soon, however, and Moses plans to present a candidate to the Pasadena ISD board of trustees for its approval vote Wednesday, Feb. 7, in a special morning meeting.

Well aware of all of the moving and shaking that has been seen in the southeast Houston area alone involving head football coaches, Moses said he has been careful all along to ensure there was and is no rush to act.

"You don't want to be doing this every three years in a perfect world," Moses said.

"I said two months ago and have continued to say that we are seeking the best person for our football program, our kids and our entire athletic program. There's only one guy, and we want to make sure that we do our proper due diligence in deciding who that one person is."

As is always the case when a head football coaching/athletic coordinator job comes open, there was plenty of interest shown in the Dobie gig, with Moses screening more than 90 applicants.

The University Interscholastic League will release its biannual realignment plan Feb. 1 (after press time), and there is a meeting set for a location within Region IV as head coaches decide on their nondistrict foes for the next two years. Moses said he plans to represent Dobie at that meeting.

Over the past two seasons, Dobie has faced Summer Creek, Clear Springs, Morton Ranch and Dawson in nondistrict play.

Whether Moses needs to schedule three or four nondistrict foes based on what the realignment delivers, he will endeavor to keep Dobie competitive.

"Obviously we are not going to schedule North

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San Jacinto College softball starts at 1-1

San Jacinto's season-opening doubleheader was canceled after Lake Land (Illinois) pulled out at the last minute, leaving the locals to begin play against the nation's best.

Instead, the Coyotes hosted defending Division II national champion LSU-Eunice, coming away with a doubleheader split Jan. 28 at the South campus.

As expected, Riley Bullen was one of the offensive forces for the locals over the two games. In all, Bullen homered, tripled and doubled while going 6 for 7 in the two games.

Kenzie Kotrla, another returnee who is expected to do big things this season, was 2 for 6 with a double, and freshman Samantha Martinez singled three times in the doubleheader.

San Jacinto got five innings of strong relief pitching from Denisse Gracia in the opener, and she was rewarded with the win after her team rallied from a 7-2 deficit with six runs in the sixth inning for an 8-7 win.

A key error in the second game allowed LSU-Eunice to escape with a 5-2 win in the nightcap.

In that one, Dobie graduate Michelle Kristoff pitched 6 1/3 innings and allowed just one earned run, but was saddled with the loss after an error proved costly.

With basically just three returnees making a solid contribution this season along with a slew of freshmen, San Jacinto head coach Kelly Saenz was pleased with the split against the 2017 Division II national champion.

Over a three-day road trip that also included doubleheaders against Blinn and Galveston, LSU-Eunice went 3-3.

"I thought it was a good start for us, especially considering how many first-year players we had out there going against a national champion," Saenz said.

"We know what Riley is capable of offensively, and we also know Taylor (McHenry) is going to hit

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Denisse Gracia got the win in her first collegiate appearance, tossing five solid innings in an eventual 8-7 victory over LSU-Eunice, helping San Jacinto College earn a doubleheader split Jan. 28.

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Brook's Allison to Dawson; Pearland Oilers also decide

The musical chairs game – that is high school football coaching – is continuing.

Dobie is still in the process of deciding on its new leader of the football program after Mike Norman resigned in November. See more details on this page.

Pearland ISD, meanwhile, has found its men for the Pearland and Dawson head coaching spots.

The biggest news locally is that Mike Allison has ended his three-year stay at Clear Brook after being selected to lead the Dawson program.

Allison had been the Eagles' defensive coordinator for eight seasons at Dawson before coming to Clear Brook in the spring of 2014.

Also, Ricky Tullos, who won a Class 5A state title with George Ranch in 2015, has landed the Pearland High School job.

He topped a group of finalists that was widely reported to have included former Friendswood High School head coach Steve Van Meter, who led Hutto to an 11-2 record last season.

Both Allison and Tullos gained board approval Jan. 31.

So with South Houston's Dwayne Lane leaving last week for Clear Creek and Allison heading to Dawson, there are now openings with the Trojans and Wolverines.

Perhaps James Farmer, who was Pearland's interim head coach last season, will vie for the Clear Brook job, according to a source.

Lane and Allison were considered strong candidates at Creek and Dawson, respectively, largely due to their previous ties to those programs, in addition to recent success.

Lane guided playoff-starved South Houston to the postseason in both 2016 and 2017, while Allison took Clear Brook to the regional quarterfinals in 2016.

The Deer Park head coaching job remains open, although officials in Deer Park ISD are said to be narrowing their search.

The head coaches recently hired will now be able to make their own nondistrict game choices once the University Interscholastic League's biannual realignment is revealed Feb. 1, after press time. That nondistrict game selection meeting for head coaches is also set for Feb. 1 at a Region IV location.

For more information on the realignment and Dobie's hire, see the Feb. 8 *Leader.*

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Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 2

Brook varsity boys at Clear Lake, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls at Pasadena, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys host Pasadena, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 7:00
Brook JV girls host Clear Lake, 5:30
Brook JV boys at Clear Lake, 5:30
Dobie JV girls at Pasadena, 5:30
Dobie JV boys host Pasadena, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys at Pasadena, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys at Clear Lake, 5:30
Dobie freshman A boys at Pasadena, 4:00
Brook freshman A boys at Clear Lake, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls host Clear Lake, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls at Pasadena, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys at Clear Lake, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys host Pasadena, 4:00

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Brook varsity boys host Clear Springs, 7:00
Dobie varsity girls host Deer Park, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys at Deer Park, 7:00
Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 7:00
Brook JV girls host Clear Springs, 5:30
Brook JV boys host Clear Springs, 5:30
Dobie JV girls host Deer Park, 5:30
Dobie JV boys at Deer Park, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys at Deer Park, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys host Clear Springs 5:30
Dobie freshman A boys at Deer Park, 4:00
Brook freshman A boys host Clear Springs, 4:00
Brook freshman A girls at Clear Springs, 4:00
Dobie freshman A girls host Deer Park, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys host Clear Springs, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys at Deer Park, 4:00

Friday, Feb. 9

Brook varsity boys at Alvin, 7:00
Dobie varsity boys at La Porte, 7:00
Brook JV boys at Alvin, 5:30
Dobie JV boys at La Porte, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys at La Porte, 5:30
Brook sophomore boys at Alvin, 5:30
Dobie freshman A boys at La Porte, 4:00
Brook freshman A boys at Alvin, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys at Clear Lake, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys at Alvin, 4:00

SOCCER

Friday, Feb. 2

Brook varsity girls host Friendswood, 7:30
Brook varsity boys at Friendswood, Winston, 7:30
Dobie varsity boys at West Brook, 7:00
Dobie JV boys at West Brook, 5:00
Brook JV boys at Friendswood, Winston, 5:30
Brook JV girls host Friendswood, 5:30

Saturday, Feb. 3

Dobie varsity girls host West Brook, Veterans, noon
Dobie JV girls host West Brook, Auxiliary, 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 5

Dobie varsity boys vs. S. Houston, Veterans, 5:00
Dobie JV boys vs. S. Houston, Veterans, 7:00

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Dobie varsity girls host South Houston, Veterans, 5:00
Dobie JV girls host South Houston, Auxiliary, 7:00

Friday, Feb. 9

Dobie varsity girls vs. Rayburn, Veterans, 6:00
Dobie varsity boys vs. Rayburn, Veterans, 8:00
Dobie JV girls host Rayburn, Auxiliary, 8:00
Dobie JV boys vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary, 6:00

TENNIS

Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3

Dobie varsity at Lamar U./Ron Westbrooks invite, TBA

Friday, Feb. 9

Dobie varsity hosts Franklin/Kramer tourn., TBA

SOFTBALL

Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3

San Jacinto College at Galveston Invitational, TBA

Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10

San Jacinto College hosts Coyote Invitational, TBA

Monday, Feb. 5

Dobie varsity at Clear Creek, 6:00
Dobie JV at Clear Creek, 4:30

TRACK AND FIELD

Tuesday, Feb. 13

PISD intermediate girls' meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Wednesday, Feb. 14

PISD intermediate boys' meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

BASEBALL

Monday, Feb. 5

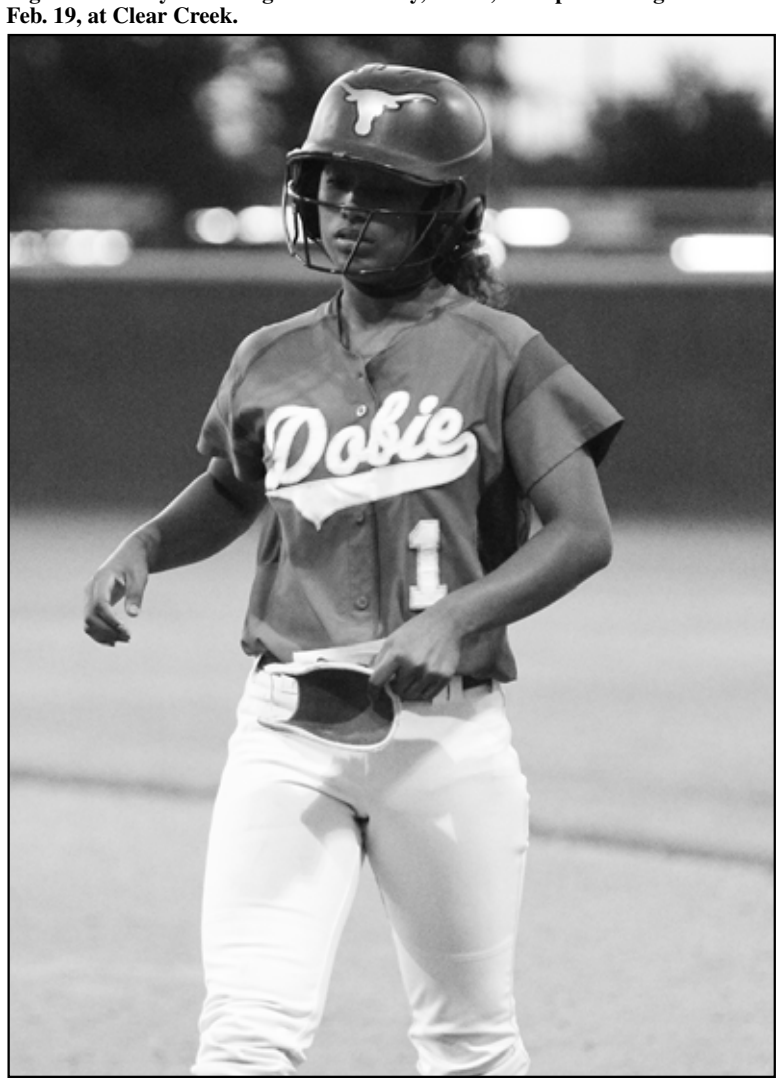
Brook varsity at La Porte scrimmage, 4:00
Dobie varsity at Alvin scrimmage, 5:00
Brook JV hosts La Porte scrimmage, 6:00
Brook sophomores host La Porte scrimmage, 4:00

Friday, Feb. 9

Brook varsity hosts Pas. Memorial scrimm., 4:00
Brook JV at Pas. Memorial scrimm., 6:00
Brook sophomores at Pasadena Memorial, 4:00

Dobie baseball, softball scrimmages, fundraisers coming

Dobie senior first baseman Isaiah Vasquez, a returning second team all-district pick out of 22-6A, will be one of the Longhorns' key offensive cogs this season as the team looks to improve upon last season's fourth-place finish. Dobie, which begins its varsity scrimmage action Friday, Feb. 2, will open the regular season Feb. 19, at Clear Creek.



Dobie four-year starter and Texas Tech University softball signee Yvonne Whaley will lead the way as the Lady Longhorns chase the 22-6A title this season. The team is planning a big day of round-robin scrimmage play Saturday, Feb. 10, and the regular season begins Feb. 12 at Dawson High School.

Photos by John Bechtle

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Booster club members will sell combo plates for $10 each, and Dobie fans will also have the chance to watch the school's sophomore baseball team scrimmage against Baytown Sterling at 1 p.m.

Feb. 10 is also a big day for the Dobie softball program, which will host a series of scrimmage games at Dobie and El Franco Lee Park involving teams from Pearland, Friendswood, Santa Fe, Cypress Lakes and Clear Falls at all levels.

The Dobie softball booster club will host a fundraiser of its own that day. All members of the softball program are currently selling hamburger combination tickets for $7 each.

Supporters may either purchase a ticket or simply walk up to the softball concession stand at El Franco Lee Park Feb. 10. The plates will include a hamburger, either chips or beans, a beverage and a dessert.

The Dobie varsity softball team will also scrimmage Friday, Feb. 2, at Friendswood. The Lady Longhorns will also play Monday, Feb. 5 at Clear Creek in a scrimmage.

The Lady Longhorns begin the regular season Monday, Feb. 12, at Dawson High School against the Lady Eagles. In last season's opener, Dobie's Taylor Pleasants hit a grand slam to help her team beat Dawson 6-4.

Brook Wolverines
Varsity Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 3	at Dawson scrimm.	TBA
Feb. 6	Texas City scrimm.	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Dobie round robin	9 a.m.
Feb. 13	Manvel	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 15-17	at Brenham tournament	TBA
Feb. 20	Dobie	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 22-24	Clear Creek ISD tourn.	TBA
Feb. 27	*Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
March 2	at Seven Lakes	6:30 p.m.
March 6	*at Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
March 9	*at Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
March 12	*Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
March 20	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
March 23	*Alvin	6:30 p.m.
March 27	*at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
March 29	*at Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
April 3	*Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
April 6	*Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
April 10	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
April 13	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
April 17	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
April 20	*Dickinson	6:30 p.m.

* District 24-6A games

Dobie Longhorns
Varsity Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 2	at Friendswood scrimm.	TBA
Feb. 5	at Clear Creek scrimm.	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Dobie round robin	9 a.m.
Feb. 12	at Dawson	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 15-17	at Bryan tournament	TBA
Feb. 20	at Clear Brook	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 22-24	Pearland Haynie tourn.	TBA
Feb. 27	*at Beaumont West Brook	6:30 p.m.
March 1-3	at Goose Creek tourn.	TBA
March 6	*South Houston (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
March 9	*Sam Rayburn (PISD)	7 p.m.
March 10	*Pasadena (PISD)	10:30 a.m.
March 20	*at Deer Park	7:30 p.m.
March 23	*at La Porte	6:30 p.m.
March 27	*Memorial (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
March 29	*West Brook (PISD)	7 p.m.
April 3	*South Houston (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 6	*Sam Rayburn (PISD)	7 p.m.
April 10	*Pasadena (PISD)	7 p.m.
April 13	*Deer Park (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 17	*La Porte (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 20	*Memorial (PISD)	6 p.m.

(PISD) at Pasadena ISD Complex, Pasadena

* District 22-6A games

Brook Wolverines
Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 5	at La Porte scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	Pasadena Memorial scrimm.	4 p.m
Feb. 12	at Santa Fe scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 16	Manvel scrimm.	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 22-24	at La Porte tourn.	TBA
Feb. 26	Pasadena Memorial	6:30 p.m.
March 1-3	Clear Creek ISD tourn.	TBA
March 5	Dobie	6:30 p.m.
March 8-10	at Alvin tourn.	TBA
March 13	*Clear Falls	7 p.m.
March 16	*at Clear Falls	7 p.m.
March 20	*at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
March 23	*Clear Creek	7 p.m.
March 27	*at Friendswood	7 p.m.
March 29	*Friendswood	7 p.m.
April 3	*Clear Lake	7 p.m.
April 6	*at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
April 10	*at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
April 13	*Clear Springs	7 p.m.
April 17	*Alvin	7 p.m.
April 20	*at Alvin	7 p.m.
April 24	*at Dickinson	7 p.m.
April 27	*Dickinson	7 p.m.

* District 24-6A games

Dobie Longhorns
Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 5	at Alvin scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Bay. Sterling scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Crosby scrimm.	5 p.m.
Feb. 16	at North Shore scrimm.	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 22-24	at Border Olympics tourn.	TBA
Feb. 27	at Clear Falls	7 p.m.
March 1-3	at Pasadena ISD tourn.	TBA
March 5	at Clear Brook	6:30 p.m.
March 8-10	at Crosby tourn.	TBA
March 13	*West Brook	1 p.m.
March 15	*at South Houston	noon
March 20	*Rayburn (at Maguire)	4 p.m.
March 23	*Pasadena (at Maguire)	4 p.m.
March 27	*Deer Park	4 p.m.
March 29	*La Porte	4 p.m.
April 3	*at Memorial	4 p.m.
April 6	*at West Brook	7 p.m.
April 10	*at South Houston	4 p.m.
April 13	*Rayburn (Maguire)	4 p.m.
April 17	*Pasadena (Maguire)	4 p.m.
April 20	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
April 24	*at La Porte	4 p.m.
April 27	*Memorial	4 p.m.

* District 22-6A games

Home games at Dobie unless noted otherwise.

San Jacinto College softball now heads to Galveston Isle

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for us, too. That's about all in the experience area we have. I know things are all going to come together for us."

Last season, San Jacinto College got a huge season out of Bullen as a freshman, as well as a talented group of sophomores.

Sophomore pitcher Niki Gonzalez was also one of the country's leaders in wins and strikeouts en route to becoming the college's all-time winningest pitcher.

But it's a new season, and freshman players, be it either Kristoff or Gracia in the circle or Martinez and others at the plate, will need to deliver.

And they will. The season may be a work in progress, but the end results is all that counts.

Galveston Invitational

Feb. 2 Games

San Jacinto vs. Navarro, 11 a.m.

San Jacinto vs. Seminole, 3 p.m.

Feb. 3 Games

San Jacinto vs. Kilgore, 9 a.m.

San Jacinto vs. Chipola, 1 p.m.

San Jacinto vs. Odessa, 5 p.m.

Lajaunie memorial tennis coming April 27-29

The 2018 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena April 27-29.

The DLTSF will continue to award college scholarships to the seniors on the Dobie High School tennis team, in addition to qualifying members of the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are in the planning and sponsorship gathering stages for its 7th annual memorial tennis tournament.

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011. This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center. Lajaunie was also dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt, a luggage tag and enjoy a complimentary opening morning breakfast snack.

A free lunch will also be available for players and spectators, donated by the Lajaunie family. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors and silent auction items.

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 27.

There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets will soon be available for purchase.

Opening night special activities this year include HTTC hosting a complimentary cardio tennis clinic for adults, and a children's clinic full of fun tennis games for ages 12 and under. There will also be plenty of giveaway prizes.

Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website at the end of March. In May, the 2018 Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is $35 for singles and $22.50 per player for doubles.

Players may also register at www.setteo.com. Registration deadline is April 13.

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 28, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLtennisscholarships.com includes pictures from the 2017 tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships details and more.

Those who would like to donate may also do so on the website. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or one may mail a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX, 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson at cjlajaunie@gmail.com with any questions.

Longhorns among best within District 22-6A varsity team tennis ranks

District 22-6A First Team

Boys' Doubles
1) Ethan Cook/Sam Nitsch (Deer Park)
2) Justin Manuel/Luis Puente (Deer Park)
3) Kyle Cowsert/Jonathan Peltier (Deer Park)

Girls' Doubles
1) Ann Batres-Pereira/Brooke Renfro (Deer Park)
2) Morgan Cook/Manar Mahmoud (Deer Park)
3) Brooke Jones/Bianca Ramirez (Deer Park)

Mixed Doubles
1) Leilani Vargas/Alex Cuaping (Dobie)

Boys' Singles
1) Tommy Nguyen (Dobie)
2) Alex Cuaping (Dobie)
3) Lil' Tommy Nguyen (Dobie)/Luis Puente (Deer Park)
4) Jeremy Yarbrough (Deer Park)
5) Adrian Tamez (Dobie)
6) Sebastian Delgado (Dobie)

Girls' Singles
1) Ann Batres-Pereira (Deer Park)
2) Brooke Renfro (Deer Park)
3) Emily Nguyen (Dobie)
4) Manar Mahmoud (Deer Park)
5) Brooke Jones (Deer Park)
6) Katelyn Edbon (Deer Park)

District 22-6A Second Team

Boys' Doubles
1) Luis Neira/Tommy Nguyen (Dobie)
2) Lil' Tommy Nguyen/Adrian Tamez (Dobie)
3) Austin Luu/Longy Nguyenvo (Dobie)

Girls' Doubles
1) Alycia Allen/Emma Staes (La Porte)
2) Natalie Allen/Kylie Nutt (La Porte)
3) Margarita Davila/Olivia Jackson (Memorial)

Mixed Doubles
1) Jasmine Garcia/Jonathan Villarreal (Memorial)

Boys' Singles
1) Ethan Cook (Deer Park)
2) Sam Nitsch (Deer Park)
3) Dillan Tangavelou (Memorial)
4) Luis Neira (Dobie)
5) Justin Manuel (Deer Park)
6) Tahir Erskine (La Porte)

Girls' Singles
1) Leilani Vargas (Dobie)
2) Emma Staes (La Porte)
3) Morgan Cook (Deer Park)
4) Ann Truong (Dobie)
5) Lakin Osmus (La Porte)
6) Julia Bui (Dobie)

Alex Cuaping (serving) and Leilani Vargas were exceptional on the mixed doubles court all season, leading to a District 22-6A first team honor for the pair. Vargas, who is now completing the final semester of her standout career, is a four-year letterman and was also a second-team performer in girls' singles. Cuaping, meanwhile, made the first team as a singles player. *Photo by John Bechtle*

District 22-6A Honorable Mention

Boys' Doubles
Gio Barragon/Jonathan Barragon (La Porte)
Tahir Erskine/Colton Lukenbaugh (La Porte)
Michael Neason/Dillan Tangavelou (Memorial)

Girls' Doubles
Kristy Morales/Jordan Tran (Dobie)
Thuy Le/Ivana Palomares (Memorial)

Mixed Doubles
Chloe Colvin/Whitney Thomas/
Jeremy Yarbrough (Deer Park)
Yulyanne Negron (South Houston)

Boys' Singles
Ryan Mai (Memorial)
Rodrigo Resendez (Pasadena)
Marcos Montemayor (Sam Rayburn)
Josh Torres (Sam Rayburn)
Billy Bin (West Brook)
Vignesh Chennupati (West Brook)

Girls' Singles
Tina Ha (Dobie)
Bao Nguyen (Dobie)
Cynthia Gomes (La Porte)
Kylie Nutt (La Porte)
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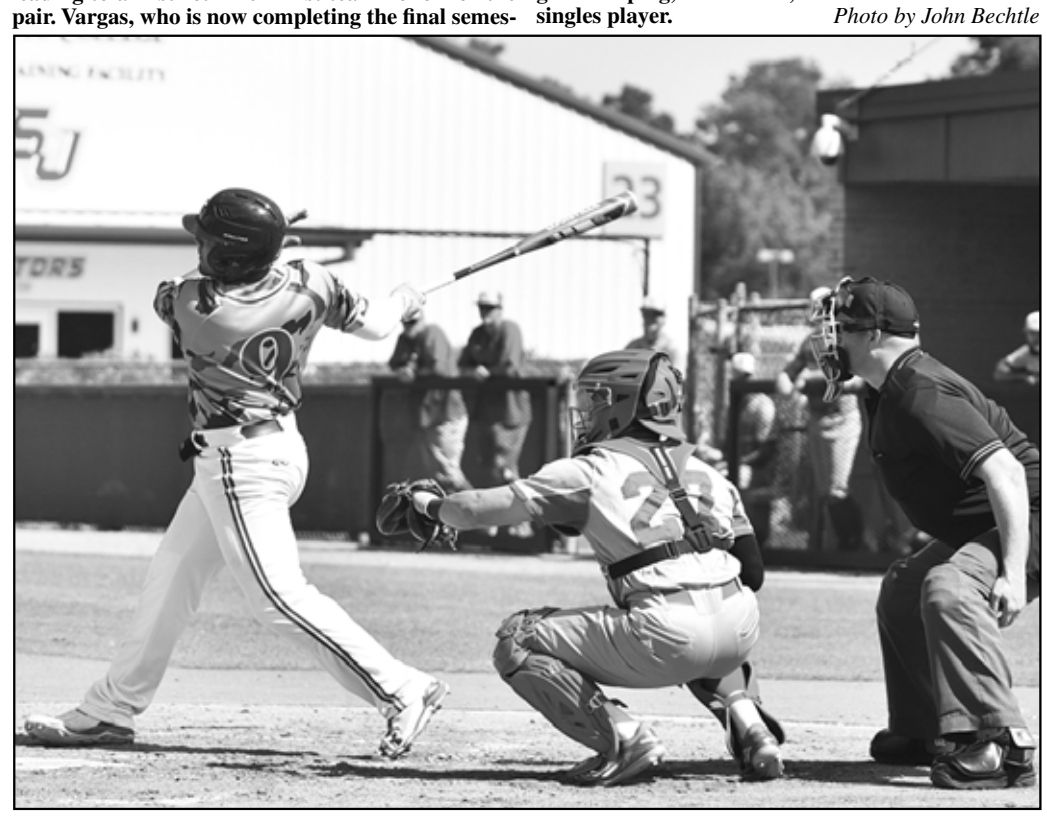

San Jacinto College baseball star Sergio Macias (9) had a big weekend as the Gators opened the regular season with a pair of victories. Over the two games, both wins over Panola and Baton Rouge, Macias homered, tripled, drove in four runs and scored four times. The locals are ranked No. 1 in the Perfect Game.net poll and third in the National Junior College Athletic Association poll.

District soccer races to seize center stage

Both Dobie varsity soccer teams will begin District 22-6A action, with playoff hopes certainly on their minds.

The Dobie varsity boys, set to begin defense of their Region III title, went 6-2-2 against a very difficult schedule.

After a near two-week break, the Longhorns will head to Beaumont to take on the West Brook Bruins Friday, Feb. 2.

The Longhorns will then play South Houston.

Dobie girls eye BWB

Right out of the gate, the Dobie varsity girls expect a playoff-type game against Beaumont West Brook in the Feb. 3 opener at home.

With just one game played in the last two weeks, Dobie will be fresh entering league play. They are well rested. Head coach Bryan McDonald also feels as though his team has been tested well.

"We did see some good competition through tournament season," McDonald said. "We saw some very good things in terms of our possession and creating scoring opportunities.

"Defensively, we return everyone from last season. We are just working to ensure we are well organized and play smart in the back."

Deer Park is the defending 22-6A champion and team to beat, but Dobie and West Brook plan to be in the mix in the end.

"Our keys to success in district will be capitalizing on scoring chances and playing solid defense. I think we have all the tools and pieces to make a solid run in district," McDonald said.

"Getting off to a good start against West Brook is crucial. I expect them to be a potential playoff team, and we want to get out ahead of everyone we can."

Dobie varsity girls' soccer head coach Bryan McDonald will lead his team into District 22-6A action with a Saturday, Feb. 3 game against Beaumont West Brook. The two teams will play at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, at noon.

Top-ranked San Jac baseball captures two opening wins

The San Jacinto College baseball program opened the season with a performance worthy of being recognized as one of the nation's best.

In the 2018 season opener Jan. 27 in Louisiana, San Jacinto downed Panola 8-3 as Jake Cantleberry dominated with eight strikeouts over four innings.

The following day, the Gators' offense pulled the team out of a deficit, scoring 17 of its 18 runs over a four-inning span to take an 18-6 victory over host Baton Rouge.

Cantleberry dominated last season to the tune of an 11-1 record with a 1.73 earned run average. Entering this season as one of the top sophomore returnees in the country, Cantleberry allowed just one hit over his four frames against Panola, and the offense did the rest.

Sergio Macias led the way with a two-run triple, and Mario Moralez and Andres Sosa homered in the game.

Lutheran South Academy graduate Trent Franson played a big part in the offensive onslaught against Baton Rouge, slugging a home run to go with two RBIs and three runs scored.

Jordan Myrow hit a pair of homers, and Macias homered, scored two runs and drove in two more. D.J. Stephens had three RBIs and scored three times, and Jacob Matheny was 2 for 3 with three runs scored.

In all, SJC hurlers came up with 29 strikeouts over the 18 innings of play. San Jac is ranked No. 1 in the PerfectGame.net poll and sits at No. 3 in the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason poll.

Next up for San Jacinto is a single game against Bossier Parrish Feb. 2. On Feb. 9, the Gators will face defending national champion Chipola (Florida).

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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 – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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.

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.

The Bay Area Writers League – Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

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.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7 a.m.

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10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

8 p.m.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

10 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

11 a.m.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

1 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

7 - 10 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park – invites the public to a "Valentine Ball" ballroom dance Saturday, Feb. 3, at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway in League City from 7 to 10 p.m. Door Fee is $8. Dress code is one's choice, "casual to glitzy" to "after five." Couples, dancers without partners, seniors and all students are all welcome. Tables are reserved for dancers without partners to help make individuals welcome to exchange partners. There is no membership, no reservations or prepayment required. This is a safe, smoke-free and alcohol-free environment with plenty of lighted parking and sidewalks. The dance is sponsored by Let's Dance, a 501(c)(3) fund, coordinated by Neva and Bill Schroder. For more information, call 417-838-2204.

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.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

1 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

2 p.m.

Grief Support Group – For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery – A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Almeda 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.

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8 p.m.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 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.

10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

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 – Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

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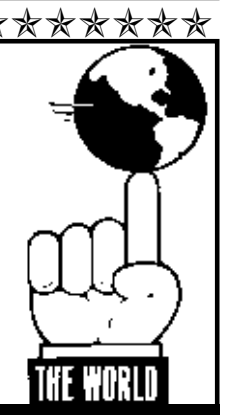

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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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 – Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near 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 building). For details, call 713-856-1611.

7:30 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Israeli Folk Dancing Mondays, 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 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

11:30 a.m.

Local NARFE Meeting – National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is $6. For information, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.

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 speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park – has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen Bauerlein on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 following the senior luncheon 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.

1 p.m.

Trailmixers – Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.

1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) – #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.

2 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class – Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Quilt Guild – Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild.

7 p.m.

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11:30 a.m.

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club – meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter – Meets at Bon Appetit Cafe, 18027 Point Lookout Dr., 77058, monthly, first Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. Professional speaker often present. For details, contact Christie O'Rear at chris tieorear@gmail.com.

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.

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention – Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group 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 information, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7 a.m.

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9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse – Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.

10 a.m.

Fun Bunch – for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com 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.

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6:30 p.m.

Pearland Area Republican's Club – meets monthly on the second Thursday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

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 csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Lady Longhorns secure No. 2 seed, eye top spot

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Dobie boys drop pair

Two inopportune losses have the Dobie varsity boys' team battling with Sam Rayburn and others for the fourth and final playoff spot in District 22-6A.

The Longhorns, at least mathematically, can still tie Deer Park for third place, but it's more realistic that the locals are fighting for fourth.

After defeating Sam Rayburn 71-51 in the first round of league play, the Longhorns had the tables turned on them Jan. 30 with the 62-56 setback at Rayburn.

Texans' sophomore Xzavion Bordelon, who had 20 points in the first matchup against Dobie, came up with a game-high 24 this time, helping his team pull into a tie with the Longhorns at 4-6 with four games to play.

The Longhorns also suffered a costly loss to South Houston at home Jan. 26, with Dralyn Brown pumping in 22 points to lead the Trojans to a 54-37 win and a season series sweep over the locals. First-place West Brook has also swept the Longhorns.

With the Longhorns now 4-6 after falling at Rayburn, there is no chance to catch 10-0 West Brook for first place, and Deer Park and South Houston (both 8-2) are also comfortably positioned. La Porte is next at 3-7 after losing 63-54 to West Brook Jan. 30.

Simply put, Dobie has not been able to gain much momentum from game to game, leading to the 4-6 record.

Destiny Estes had eight points in the Lady Longhorns' 41-24 victory over Sam Rayburn Jan. 30, at Rayburn, a decision that secured no worse than a second-place finish for the locals. With two games remaining in the regular season, the Lady Longhorns, 11-1, own a one-game lead over Beaumont West Brook. After playing at Pasadena Feb. 2, the locals host Deer Park in the final league game Feb. 6. *Photo by John Bechtle*

With the four games remaining, Dobie needs to hold off Rayburn, La Porte and Pasadena for that fourth seed, which today would mean a bidistrict playoff battle coming against Atascocita.

Brook boys fade

Clear Brook, meanwhile, has been hurt by the solid play of four very good teams in the District 24-6A varsity boys' race.

Dickinson, Clear Lake and Clear Creek are all 8-2 with four games to play, while the Wolverines are three games back at 5-5. The Wolverines trail fourth-place Clear Springs by two games.

Clear Lake had downed Dickinson 74-69 Jan. 26, forging a four-way tie atop the standings at 7-2 with Dickinson, Clear Springs and Clear Creek.

But Dickinson rebounded with a big win over Clear Springs as sophomore star Tramon Mark scored a game-high 27 points for the Gators. Clear Lake tripped Clear Falls while Clear Creek easily got past Alvin.

The Wolverines held their ground Jan. 30 with a 67-62 victory over the Friendswood Mustangs as Kendrick Christian had a game-high 32 points for the winners.

Caleb Chapman had 15 for the Wolverines, while Nakia Johnson added 12. Friendswood's Alex De-Hoyos paced the Mustangs with 24 points.

The win over Friendswood helped the Wolverines get back in line after a 74-56 loss to 24-6A co-leader Clear Creek Jan. 26.

In that one, Christian had 27 points, and Johnson had 12.

With four games left, including games against Clear Lake and Dickinson, the Wolverines likely need to run the table to be able to catch Springs for that coveted fourth seed.

It all starts Feb. 2 as the Wolverines travel to Krueger Field House in Clear Lake to face the Falcons in a 7 p.m. tip-off.

Brook girls close it out

Despite a big 36-32 victory over Friendswood Jan. 30, the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball team has to have a pair of wins and two Alvin losses to have a chance to grab the fourth seed in District 24-6A.

NaKayla Bell led the way against Friendswood with 14 points, and Celeste Clement added 11 more. Veyda Lake had nine as the Lady Wolverines pulled to 5-7 in league play with two games remaining. Alvin, currently fourth, is at 6-6. But the Lady Yellowjackets own the tiebreaker over Brook, having swept the season series.

Clear Brook may be haunted by a 41-40 loss Jan. 26 to Clear Creek, which after a slow start is 7-3 and headed to the playoffs after reaching the Region III Final Four last season.

Clear Springs, unbeaten at 12-0, is a Region III title contender this season, and Clear Lake has been impressive at 10-2.

February 2 Games

Brook boys at Clear Lake

Dobie boys host Pasadena

Dobie girls at Pasadena

Brook girls host Clear Lake

All games begin at 7 p.m.

February 6 Games

End of girls' regular season

Dobie girls host Deer Park

Brook girls at Clear Springs

Dobie boys at Deer Park

Brook boys host Clear Springs

All games begin at 7 p.m.

22-6A Varsity Girls' Hoops

(As of Jan. 31)

Teams	W	L
Dobie	*11*	*1*
West Brook	*10*	*2*
Memorial	*7*	*5*
Rayburn	*6*	*6*
Deer Park	*6*	*6*
La Porte	*2*	*10*
Pasadena	*2*	*10*
South Houston	*0*	*12*

22-6A Varsity Boys' Hoops

(As of Jan. 31)

Teams	W	L
West Brook	*10*	*0*
Deer Park	*8*	*2*
South Houston	*8*	*2*
Dobie	*4*	*6*
Rayburn	*4*	*6*
La Porte	*3*	*7*
Memorial	*2*	*8*
Pasadena	*1*	*9*

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Dobie coach search nears answer

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Shore, Katy and Manvel, but I will look for opponents who are similarly competitive to us," Moses said.

"We will not play inferior programs. There's no reason to build a false sense of security early in a given season and then find yourself unprepared for district play.

"We've always aimed to play solid programs that are similar to ours. I will be looking to continue that (Feb. 1)."

Rest assured, as a former coach himself, Moses knows how important this hire is.

While it is equally as important to hire the proper English or mathematics instructor, bringing in a head football coach/athletic coordinator comes with much more publicity, with plenty of eyes on the field and ears to the ground.

In the spirit of rodeo season in Houston, this is not Moses' first go at this.

His first hire for these roles did not work out as well as everyone involved hoped. But that doesn't mean the process is flawed. A new era at Dobie will soon dawn.

"We're proud of our tradition and are excited to bring in that new leader," Moses said. "We're close, but there was never a reason to rush. We plan to be at the finish line (Feb. 7)."

Dobie swimmers second at 22s; Parker sets new school record

The Dobie varsity swimming team came up with a great effort at the District 22-6A Championships Jan. 26 at Deer Park, finishing second overall as a program.

The Longhorn boys were second in the team standings, with several relay teams and individuals advancing to regionals.

Joseph Lukner was the 22-6A champion in the 200-yard freestyle, with teammate Daniel Shaffer sixth for a regional berth.

Lukner's brother, David Lukner, also delivered in the clutch for the Longhorns.

David Lukner won the 200-yard individual medley as well as the 500-yard freestyle, cruising his way to regionals. Joseph Lukner was second in the 500-yard freestyle.

Dobie excelled in three relays as well, with David Lukner taking part in two of those.

In the 200-yard medley relay, David Lukner joined Samuel Parker, Josh Woernley and Victor Nguyen for second place and a ticket to regionals.

Moving to the 400-yard freestyle relay, David and Joseph Lukner teamed with Nguyen and Woernley for second place and, of course, a regional berth.

The Longhorns were second overall in the 200-yard freestyle relay as James Castaneda, Parker, Shaffer and Matthew Willhoite grouping for the regional berth.

Woernley was the champion and top regional qualifier in the 50-yard freestyle, and Nguyen sixth.

Nguyen also placed sixth in the 100-yard fly to punch his ticket to regionals.

In the 100-yard freestyle event, Woernley was second, with Parker fifth as the teammates qualified for regionals.

Willhoite was fourth and Jeffrey Wilson sixth in the 100-yard backstroke as they kept their season going. Meanwhile, Parker was fifth and Castaneda sixth for regional berths in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Parker sets record

Allie Parker led the way for the Lady Longhorns, who took fourth place in the girls' division.

Establishing a new school record, Parker advanced to regionals after placing third in the 100-yard fly.

Parker also moved on to regionals in two other events.

She was fourth in the 100-yard backstroke for a regional qualification, and she joined Hannah Woernley, Sophia Colmenares and Madison Caballero for second place and a regional invitation in the 200-yard freestyle.

The Lady Longhorns are also off to regionals in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

At district, Dobie placed third behind the efforts of Johari Weaver, Lauryn Ramirez, Woernley and Karen Bonilla.

Caballero, meanwhile, advanced in a pair of individual events. She was third in the 50-yard freestyle as she moved on to regionals.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Caballero was fifth for a regional spot. Colmenares also reached regionals in the 200-yard individual medley with a terrific effort. Deer Park won the boys' and girls' team crowns.