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### Scholarships offered

#### Atkinson Elementary PTO

Atkinson Elementary PTO is offering \$500 scholarships to two graduating Dobie seniors who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. Applications must be received by noon Friday, Feb. 26.

#### Frazier Elementary

Frazier Elementary is offering scholarships to seven graduating Dobie seniors who attended Frazier in third and fourth grades. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. Applications must be received by noon on Friday, March 11.

#### Moore Elementary Student Council

The Moore Elementary Student Council will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in the fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Friday, April 1, to be considered.

### Jessup hosts health fair

Jessup Elementary, located at 9301 Alameda Genoa Road, will host its annual Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, Feb. 11, from 5 to 6 p.m. Vendors who would like to participate can contact Val Noland at 713-740-0616.

### JFD softball to sell BBQ

The Dobie High School softball program will sell barbecue sandwich baskets Saturday, Feb. 13, during the Lady Longhorns' round robin scrimmage at El Franco Lee Park. The softball action begins at 9 a.m. with Dobie taking on Santa Fe. Plates will be available. The \$8 baskets includes chopped brisket sandwich, chips, water or soda, and dessert. For more information on the scrimmage, see Page 1B.

### Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Feb. 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

### PIP meeting Feb. 16

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Assistant County Attorney Pegi Block, who will discuss living wills and advanced directives. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

### Mandatory cheer meeting set

Dobie will hold a mandatory cheerleader tryout information meeting for parents and students on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6:45 p.m. in the Dobie cafeteria. A parent or guardian must be present.

### Lady Longhorns host bingo

The Dobie Lady Longhorns Booster Club will hold a bingo fundraiser Saturday, March 5. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through a Dobie soccer player or a booster club member. The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobie soccer program throughout the school year. For more information, email jfdgirlssoccer@gmail.com.

### JFD Spanish seeks vendors

The Dobie Spanish Department is currently seeking vendors for its spring craft show, to be held at the school on Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booths are \$30 each and include one table and two chairs. Booths with power are available for \$5 extra. Vendors must provide his or her own extension cords. For more information, contact Elizabeth Puente at 832-528-4388 or epuente@pasadenaisd.org.

### Hall of Fame event sold out

All tickets have been sold for the April 9 Fifth Annual Pasadena Independent School District Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. A record number of around 450 guests is expected. The banquet has sold out three times in five years. Six former PISD student-athletes will be inducted, as will the late Walter Woodard, a 1966 Rayburn graduate whose support of community sports events earned him acclaim as Pasadena's "greatest fan."

Set for induction are the late Horace "Smitty" Duke (Pasadena High, Class of 1960), Donna Branch (Rayburn High, Class of 1975), Brian Brazil (Rayburn High, Class of 1983), Lilly Denoco (Pasadena High, Class of 1990), John Scheschuk (Dobie High, Class of 1995) and Shane Nance (Dobie High, Class of 1996).

The banquet will be held at Phillips Field House. The adjacent Hall of Fame Museum will open at 5:30 p.m. An autograph and photo session will be in the museum following the banquet. Longtime Houston Rockets play-by-play commentator Bill Worrell will serve as guest emcee.

## More local low-income housing proposed

The proposed construction of four separate low-income apartment complexes in the South Belt community has caused concern among many community leaders.

Proposed developments include Auden Village at the intersection of Fuqua and Monroe (adjacent to the new Dobie ninth-grade center), The Wayfarer on Wayfarer Lane near Windmill Lakes, Kingspoint Manor at the intersection of Hall Road and Kingspoint and the Stonebrook Manor apartments located at the southeast corner of the Gulf Freeway and Kurland Drive near Fuqua.

The four complexes would all be located within 2.5 miles of each other, if approved.

A primary concern is the high concentration of existing low-income apartment complexes already in the area. There are currently at least 10 government-subsidized apartment complexes between Alameda Mall and Dixie Farm Road.

Low-income developments traditionally put an extra strain on local fire departments and law enforcement agencies. According to officials from the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, the local Highland Meadow Village apartment complex has roughly five times more

annual calls for police and ambulance service than single-family residences in the community.

A second concern is the added burden to area schools. If approved, students living in the proposed complexes would all attend Dobie High School, which is already overcrowded. Despite being recently constructed, the school currently has portable buildings on campus, as it is overcapacity.

"Low-income housing places a burden on police, social services and schools in the community," Sagamont Civic Club President Kay Barbour said on the homeowner group's Facebook page. "Low-income housing drives down the median income of the community. Low-income housing has a negative effect on property values. Our schools are overcrowded. Our streets are in dire need of repair. Thousands of additional people will add to the stress of our infrastructure."

Barbour further feels the subsidized developments need to be more equally distributed throughout the city.

"We already have at least 10," Barbour said. "Building homes for low income people sounds like a good idea. But if it were such a great idea, why aren't our wealthy suburban communities doing it instead of paying us to do it for them? The South Belt area has 10 low-income apartment units. How many does Kingwood have?" [Ed. Note: The Leader initially told Barbour there were at least 10 complexes. By Wednesday, the Leader had confirmed 12.]

A Council vote on the proposals is expected to take place in the next two weeks. Barbour is urging concerned residents to contact their City Council members to voice their opposition. She has posted a form letter on the HOA's Facebook page. Leader publisher Marie Flickinger is also scheduled to meet with City Council Member Dwight Boykins and one of the developers to discuss the issue. The developments, however, do not specifically require Council approval, as tax-credit awards are based on a varied point system.

### Concentration of subsidized apartments



Developers have proposed to construct four separate low-income apartment complexes in the South Belt area, sparking concern among some residents who feel there is already too many in the community. The black stars on the above map indicate where existing low-income complexes are already located. The red circles on the above map indicate where the proposed complexes are. It is believed there may be additional ones not listed here.

## Residents beware of IRS scam

With the April 15 tax deadline looming, the Internal Revenue Service is warning people about an old scam that seems to be picking up steam again in the Houston area.

Fraudsters are calling residents, claiming to be IRS agents and threatening arrest if immediate payments are not made.

To date, the treasury inspector general has received nearly 900,000 complaints – on average between 9,000 and 12,000 reports a week. The Leader has received dozens of complaints over the last year.

The IRS issued the following warning: The IRS will always send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due via the U.S. mail. The IRS never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the telephone. For more information or to report a scam, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and type "scam" in the search box.

People have reported a particularly aggressive phone scam in the last several months. Immigrants are frequently targeted. Potential victims are threatened with deportation, arrest, having their utilities shut off, or having their driver's licenses revoked. Callers are frequently insulting or hostile – apparently to scare their potential victims.

Potential victims may be told they are entitled to big refunds, or that they owe money that must be paid immediately to the IRS. When unsuccessful the first time, sometimes phone scammers call back trying a new strategy.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

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## Dobie counselors start food bank

By Crystal Saucedo

Dobie counselors Erin Thompson and Erin Richardson are starting up an on-campus food pantry that will also include toiletries, school supplies and clothing for students who may be in need of such items.

There are students at Dobie who may be responsible for taking care of themselves and/or siblings. Thompson and Richardson are hoping a food pantry can ease the stress those students may have by providing necessary items.

"One need, which often goes overlooked, is the one for basic necessities such as school supplies, canned goods and personal toiletry items," Thompson said.

The Dobie counselors have noticed that teachers are currently helping these students by providing items such as breakfast bars and school supplies.

The idea started when Thompson saw another school on Facebook sharing their story of having a food pantry. Thompson shared the story on her page and was surprised by all the supportive responses she received.

Thompson and Richardson are currently trying to develop the pantry by writing a grant through the Pasadena Education Foundation for the shelving and supplies. Even if the counselors do not receive the grants, they still plan on moving forward with the plan by gathering the items the students would need. The counselors are planning on naming the pantry The Dobie Depot.

The student would need a referral from either a counselor or assistant principal to use the pantry. The referral would be anonymous. The coun-

selor or assistant principal would then walk the student to the pantry, and the student would be able to grab what they needed from the selection of toiletries, supplies, clothing and food. Even if a student may have everything they need during the school day, they would be able to go to the food pantry for items they may need outside of school.

Students may feel afraid to ask for help or may not know that the school can provide help. Thompson and Richardson are hoping the food pantry can open up conversations with students who may need more help than what a food pantry can provide.

If a counselor or administrator starts to notice a student needing more help, they can talk with the student about services in the community such as a free pantry in town, clothing vouchers, food stamps and social services.

If interested in donating items, Thompson and Richardson can be reached by phone at 713-740-4180, either extension 04136 for Thompson or extension 04113 for Richardson. Thompson can also be reached by email at [cethompson@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:cethompson@pasadenaisd.org), and Richardson can be reached at [Erichardson@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:Erichardson@pasadenaisd.org).

## Leader correction

Due to a submission error, the outline for the photo with the headline *BAHEP recognizes Greg Smith* that ran on Page 1A of the Feb. 4 edition of the Leader contained a mistake. Ironically, everyone except Smith was in the submitted photo. The Leader staff apologizes for any confusion. See the correct photo on Page 6A.

## Early voting begins for primaries

Early voting for the 2016 March 1 primary elections will begin Tuesday, Feb. 16, and continue through Friday, Feb. 26.

While there are several local positions that are open this election, most incumbents are running unopposed. The state Senate District 6 seat currently served by Sen. Sylvia Garcia, the state House District 129 seat currently held by Rep. Dennis Paul, the House District 147 seat currently occupied by Garnet Coleman and the Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 justice of the peace position currently held by Jo Ann Delgado are

going unchallenged.

The Harris County Precinct 1 commissioner position, formerly held by El Franco Lee, will also be unchallenged, as it is too late to replace his name on the primary ballot. Lee died from a heart attack Jan. 3, after serving more than 30 years in office.

Democratic precinct chairs will select a nominee to replace Lee on the November ballot. Last month, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett appointed former Houston city attorney Gene L. Locke

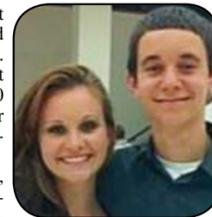
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## Two siblings killed in house fire

Two South Belt siblings were killed early Sunday, Feb. 7, in a house fire that took place in the 500 block of Llano near Allen Genoa in Pasadena.

Jesse Walker, 19, and Taylor Walker, 20, were pronounced dead at the scene. Both were Dobie graduates.

A third victim, Cody Holcomb, 25, was transported by Life Flight to Memorial Hermann



Taylor and Jesse Walker

Southeast Hospital in critical condition after suffering smoke inhalation. He had reportedly been engaged to Taylor Walker.

The cause of the blaze is currently under investigation by the Pasadena Fire Marshal.

A view/visiting is scheduled to take place Sunday, Feb. 14, at Niday Funeral Home, located at 12440 Beamer, from 4 to 6 p.m. The funeral service will be Monday, Feb. 15, at Sagamont Church at 11 a.m. The graveside service will be private.

The Walker family has set up a GoFundMe page to help with funeral costs. Donations may be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/bsnqs4ng>. Obituaries were unavailable at press time.

## Pedestrian dies in auto accident

A local man was killed Saturday, Feb. 6, in an auto-pedestrian accident at the corner of Scarsdale and Beamer around 9:30 p.m.

Cedric Roby, 59, of the 11600 block of Sagewillow, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, Roby was attempting to

cross the street when he was struck by a vehicle heading north on Beamer. Witnesses said the 22-year-old driver had a green light. No charges were filed.

Initial reports of the accident erroneously stated that Roby was homeless.

## Clear Creek ISD excels in state testing

The Clear Creek Independent School District has exceeded student academic performance expectations, according to the Texas Education Agency.

In a newly released 2015 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), the school district and all eligible 43 campuses received the highest accountability rating of Met Standard. TAPR describes the educational performance of a district and each campus in relation to the district, the state and a comparable group of schools.

Clear Creek ISD's State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) results for the 2014 - 2015 school year were higher than the state average in reading, math, writing, science and social studies. The district's four-year graduation rate and college/career readiness also exceeded the state average.

"I am continuously impressed with the work of our students and teachers," said CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith. "We use this data as a means to reinforce our daily work. Ratings and results from state standardized test do not define us. Our community shares in this belief as well, which is why we have created our own community-based accountability report."

Like many school districts in Texas, CCISD received a Needs Assistance determination in the area of student performance for students with special needs. This specific determination is due to the state eliminating the ability for a student with special needs to take a modified state assessment.

To view, the state's full report, visit <https://rptsv1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/tapr/2015/in dex.html>.

## Crashes continue at Hughes, Beamer



Car crashes continue to frequently occur at the intersection of Hughes and Beamer, where ongoing construction is causing confusion. The above accident took place Sunday, Feb. 7. Dan Gross, who sells firewood by Donut Haven, ran over to help when he heard the crash. Gross pulled two people out of the SUV, while others kept the vehicle from falling over. No injuries were reported.

Photo by Debbie Brown

## Former skate rink demolished



After serving the South Belt community for several decades, the Alameda Skate Rink was recently demolished to make way for new construction. The rink had already closed for business this past July. The above photo was taken by South Belt resident Sherri Golightly, whose first job was at the local hangout back when she was in junior high. Photo by Sherri Golightly

## Project Linus accepting blanket donations

Kirkwood South Christian Church has given Project Linus a room in its building to use as a place to work on and to store blankets until time to deliver them. This is an organization that donates homemade blankets to children in crisis. The blankets are made by many individuals and groups who bring them to Project Linus where they are counted, labeled and delivered to local hospitals, shelters, etc. Anyone who would like to donate homemade blankets, fabric, yarn, batting or money to purchase these items is welcome to call Linda at 281-481-3964.

## Pasadena TRIAD meets Feb. 15

The Pasadena Police Department will hold its next TRIAD meeting on Monday, Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at Madison Jobe Senior Center in Pasadena. The Pasadena TRIAD program is a partnership between three community groups – sheriffs, police and leaders in the senior community – who meet monthly to work together to reduce the victimization of senior citizens in the area.

The event highlights the message that “Knowledge is Power” when it comes to reducing the likelihood of crime perpetrated against seniors in the community. Social Security executive Andy Hardwick will speak on how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, and elder abuse.

Free refreshments will be jointly provided by Paramount Senior Care Centers of Pasadena and Parsons House Assisted Living Facility in La Porte. Bring a friend. For more information, call 713-477-0175.

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Thursday, Feb. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. – Valentine Craft Time. Make a Valentine picture frame to show a special message or photo. For adults and children 8 years and older.

Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 6:30 p.m. – Author Robert D. Jacobus will speak about his book, *Houston Cougars in the 1960's*.

TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 18, 2016. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns. This service is free and is available in the library meeting room on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo-ID, Social Security cards and any other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, and any other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return.

Wednesdays – Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays – Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays – Vietnamese Storytime. Classes are at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. For more information on Vietnamese programs, speak with Loc Bui.

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

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint. Tuesdays – Pre-K Storytime from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays – Baby/Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup at 11 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays – Citizenship Class from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 – Not Your Mama's Book Club at 6 p.m.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday - noon to 8 p.m., Friday - 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

## Elected officials speak out

## Alvarado testifies to board regarding UT land purchase

Rep. Carol Alvarado recently spoke before the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to express concerns about the University of Texas System expanding into the Houston area.

“UT's action sets a precedent that could undermine the Board's legislative authority to ensure the efficient and effective use of higher education resources and to eliminate unnecessary duplication,” said Alvarado.

The University of Texas

System is purchasing over 300 acres of land in the Houston area that is currently serviced by the University of Houston, Texas Southern University, and Rice University. This property is larger than the University of Houston's main campus and would make Houston the only city in the nation to have three senior public institutions which could further restrict the state's higher education resources.

“It is clear that in order to

adequately serve the growing educational needs of our state, the Board will need the proper authority to take appropriate steps to facilitate those needs. Over the course of the interim, I will urge my colleagues in the legislature to reconsider the proper level of statutory authority of the Board to ensure the state of Texas is providing the best quality higher education in Houston, without the needless duplication of services,” added Alvarado.

## Elected officials share their words

## District E News

By Council Member Dave Martin

Last month, I was sworn in to serve my second term on Houston City Council as the District E Council Member. I, first, want to thank the voters for electing me to serve and represent them at City Hall. We have many challenges that lie ahead of us in the next several years, one of which is financing our unfunded liabilities. I am excited to announce that Mayor Turner has appointed me to look further into the city's financial situation and lead the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee on Debt Financing and Pensions. Over the next several weeks, I will be meeting with key stakeholders at the city to offer my suggestions and determine what steps need to be taken to address this looming issue. Additionally, Mayor Turner has appointed me a member of the newly created Economic Development Committee, Ethics, Elections and Council Governance Committee as well as the Transportation, Technology and Infra-structure Committee. I look forward to serving on each and addressing important matters affecting the city.

Also, during his inauguration address on Monday, January 4 Mayor Turner mentioned that he has tasked the Public Works and Engineering Department with implementing a new program to address the city's infrastructure, specifically potholes. In his speech, Mayor Turner said “the potholes that are properly reported to the City's 3-1-1 Help and Information Line will be assessed and addressed by the next business day. Our goal is to effectively, efficiently and safely repair each reported pothole within a 24-hour period. For those potholes where safety and infrastructure will require additional time, the Public Works Director will provide a priority report that I will personally monitor and will share with the members of City Council.”

My office took a proactive approach when learning about this new program last month, and has driven the major thoroughfares in the council district, documenting all areas of concern that were seen. Although we routinely monitor the district's roads, it is important that

residents continue to turn in areas of concern that they see as well.

Since the new program was announced, pothole reports to 3-1-1 have skyrocketed. However, as of last week, the Department has so far achieved a 96% repair rate.

Further, due to the many definitions the public has for potholes, the administration has expanded its definition from four square feet or smaller to five square feet or smaller or up to 25 square feet. As mentioned in his address, anything that is larger than what fits within this expanded definition will be placed on a priority report that will include recommended action and a proposed timeline, and will be given to the mayor.

Additionally, many council members, including myself, have inquired about the potential impact this new program will have on the budget. Mayor Turner has assured City Council that based on the data gathered he believes the program can continue to succeed using resources that already exist within the Fiscal Year 2016 budget, which ends on June 30 of this year.

Lastly, to complement the program, Public Works and Engineering debuted a new website, www.houstonpotholes.org, in addition to a new customer notification process that will be managed by the Mayor's Citizens Assistance Office. The new process will aim to notify each constituent by phone or email who reports a pothole about the status of their request.

I encourage residents to report all pothole concerns by contacting the city's 3-1-1 system by calling 3-1-1, (713) 837-0311 or by emailing 311@houston.tx.gov. Additionally, smartphone users can download the 311 app by visiting the iTunes App Store or Google Play.

As Mayor Turner and Public Works and Engineering continue to move forward with this new program, I look forward to working with them to address the needed repairs and improvements to District E streets.

For more information, please contact my office at 832-393-3008 or districte@hous.tontx.gov.

## District Clerk Daniel to open passport offices in suburbs

District Clerk Chris Daniel launched a passport service in 2013 because he drove by a number of post offices where people were waiting in long lines to get passports.

The district clerk's passport service has been hugely popular with customers – they routinely praise the operation for its fast and friendly service – and it provides some property tax relief for homeowners by putting money into the county coffers.

Based on how well the operation has been received, Daniel is preparing to launch satellite passport offices in Harris County's suburbs in 2016.

“The longest lines I've seen for passport service are at post offices in some suburbs,” Daniel said. “Try getting a passport at the Humble post office. Sometimes you have to wait a month before they'll see you.”

The district clerk's office is hoping to get space to expand its passport service in county community centers or annexes.

Among the locations where the service may be offered are: Humble, Clear Lake, Cypress and the Katy area, possibly in the county annex on Clay Road. A satellite office in Pasadena also is under consideration.

The service likely would be offered one day a week at suburban locations, with a clerk rotating among the satellite offices.

“As we all know, Harris County is vast,” Daniel said. “These offices would save people a trip downtown. I think that passport offices are a service that people want. My attitude is that government should be responsive to constituents' needs.”

“In a year or two, the district clerk's office may oper-

ate the passport service in the busiest satellite offices more than one day a week. Supervisors of the passport service will monitor traffic in the satellite locations to see if there are enough customers to warrant a second day of service,” Daniel said.

County revenues from processing passports are projected to increase 19 percent in Fiscal Year 2015-16, rising to more than \$129,000. Since its launching, the district clerk's passport service has brought in more than \$223,000 for the county.

Paul Coselli, DCO Accounting and Finance Bureau director, said, “The passport operation has been profitable and filled a need. Other places that provide passports often are busy doing other things, such as sorting mail. I have a friendly staff that succeeds in getting to customers quickly.”

## Powell makes history



Pasadena Independent School District board member Mariselle Quijano (right) presents a proclamation to new superintendent DeeAnn Powell (left) on her first day. Also pictured is board vice-president Vickie Morgan. Powell made history as the first graduate of Pasadena ISD to be appointed superintendent. She is also the first female superintendent in the history of the district. On her first day, the board of trustees proclaimed Feb. 1, 2016, as Dr. DeeAnn Powell Day throughout the district. Photo submitted

## Legacy Comm. Health to screen pregnant women for Zika virus

In light of the confirmed cases of Zika virus in Harris County, Legacy Community Health, one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers, is now offering its pregnant patients clinical screening for the mosquito-borne virus. With 22 clinics across southeast Texas, Legacy provides prenatal care to about 300 pregnant women per day, some of whom travel to Zika-affected Latin American countries.

“Given the patient population we serve and the confirmed cases in Houston, we are taking the precautionary measure of screening our pregnant patients by asking their travel history and if they are experiencing possible symptoms of Zika virus,” said

Dr. Ann Barnes, chief medical officer at Legacy Community Health. “In addition, we are ramping up our patient communications through individual letters and a radio ad to reiterate our guidance that pregnant women not travel to Central and South American countries where the virus is an epidemic as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).”

Zika is most commonly transmitted through mosquito bites, and most patients are unaware they have been infected. Symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain, or red eyes. The best prevention method is to avoid mosquito bites by using insect repellent, wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and staying in

air-conditioned spaces.

Local health officials have confirmed at least six Zika cases in the Houston area, all of which were imported from certain Latin American countries. The CDC has issued travel notices for now 30 countries where Zika is spreading. Earlier this week, Dallas County health officials confirmed the first known U.S. case of the virus being transmitted through sexual contact.

“We are certainly monitoring the sexual transmission case out of Dallas, but, for now, the spotlight really should remain on the most common method of transmission: mosquito bites,” said Dr. Natalie Vanek, an infectious disease specialist at Legacy.

## Early voting begins . . .

Continued from Page 1A to finish the remainder of Lee's term. Locke said he is contemplating a run for the position, should a qualified candidate not step up. Other potential candidates include Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, state Sen. Rodney Ellis and City Council members Dwight Boykins, Jerry Davis, Larry Green and C.O. Bradford.

The only local positions being challenged are the U.S. House District 22 seat currently held by Rep. Pete Olson and the Harris County Precinct 2 constable job currently held by Chris Diaz.

In the District 22 race, A.R. Hassan and Mark Gibson are competing for the

Democrat nomination to challenge Olson in the November general election.

In the constable race, Diaz will face challengers George Goffney Jr., Joe “Joey” Martinez and Ruben Loreto in the Democrat primary, while Daniel Vela and Joe Alanis have filed to compete in the Republican primary. Four of the five candidates – Martinez, Loreto, Vela and Alanis – all ran for the position in 2012 when Diaz narrowly defeated Zerick Guinn to replace the retiring Gary Freeman.

Local early voting polling locations include the Harris County Courthouse Annex No. 25 at 7330 Spencer Highway and the

Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane. While the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Hall on Allen Genoa has served as an early voting location in years past, it was not listed at press time.

Polling hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Feb. 19; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 20; 1 to 6 p.m. on Feb. 21; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 22 through Feb. 26.

If necessary, a runoff election will take place Tuesday, May 24. The general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 8.

For additional information or to see a complete list of polling locations, visit www.harrisvotes.org.

## Beware of IRS scam . . .

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• If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there really is such an issue.

• If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill, or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the treasury inspector general for tax administration at 1-800-366-4484.

• You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose “Other” and then “Imposter Scams.” If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words “IRS Telephone Scam” in the notes.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request person-

al or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels.

The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the email to phishing@irs.gov.

More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov.

## Deaths

### Joyce King Eddlemon



Joyce “Nanny” King Eddlemon, 90, of South Belt, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016. She was born on her granny's farm in Georgetown, Texas, on Nov. 1, 1925.

She lived most of her early life in Houston, with a brief stay in Texon, where she graduated from Reagan County High School, afterwards returning to Houston to work as a typist for Western Union. On Dec. 7, 1943, she married James King, following him to Washington, Florida and Texas as he served in the U.S. Navy and she served in the Civil Air Patrol.

The couple had four children, and the family eventually settled in Houston where James worked for Robertson Tank Lines.

Eddlemon spent most of her professional career in the Yellow Pages department of Southwestern Bell. She lost her husband in 1969. She later married Roy Eddlemon of Houston, whom she cared for during his protracted battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's until his death in 1995.

Eddlemon opened her home as a gathering place for family events, reunions, and holiday celebrations. Her grandchildren remember spending time with her playing dominoes, making dolls and other crafts, and fishing on Lake Livingston. She embraced friends, neighbors, and even strangers whenever they were in need. She hosted church gatherings, quilting bees and welcomed foreign exchange students into her home. She was a member of Southeast Church of Christ for more than 30 years, and she served the community by driving ill patients to and from medical treatments, and sewing clothing for hospitalized infants and for needy children in impoverished nations. She also reached people through her passion for creating art. She was a talented painter, a gifted quilter and a renowned porcelain doll maker.

Eddlemon is preceded in death by husband James Lowell King; husband Roy Arvil Eddlemon; daughter Sue Ellen King Carlisle and grandson William Bradley Taylor.

She is survived by her son, James Vaughn King; daughter Elizabeth Pearl King Bailey; daughter Nora Ann King

Rodriguez; grandchildren Ashley, Tim, Jim, Leah, Melissa, Tara, Tracy, Jeremiah and Heather; 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at South Park Cemetery.

### Adeline Thuerwacher

Adeline Thuerwacher, 94, of South Belt, formerly of Galveston, died on Sunday, Jan. 31, 2016, in Houston.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Capt. William Thuerwacher.

She is survived by one son, David Thuerwacher; grandson William Thuerwacher; daughter Amanda Adams; three great-grandchildren: Alyssa Pierce, Autumn Howells and Ace Adams; and numerous nephews and nieces.

It was Thuerwacher and her husband's wish to be cremated. A private family service will be held at the Galveston Memorial Park Cemetery in Hitchcock, Texas, where the couple's remains will be placed together in a single vault.

### Gloria Eudora Van Gilder



Gloria Eudora Goatcher Van Gilder, 77, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016. She was born on March 4, 1938, to Archie Goatcher and Lucille Ragsdale Goatcher in Sikeston, Mo. She was a South Belt resident.

Van Gilder is survived by her husband of 37 years, John Richard Van Gilder; son Jack Morris Terry III; stepson Richard Ellis Van Gilder; stepdaughter Susie Van Gilder Ortiz; daughter-in-law Angela Rollins Van Gilder; and granddaughters Abbie Ortiz and Audrey Van Gilder.

She enjoyed spending quality time with her friends, family and cats. She loved to read, write, dance with her husband to the tunes of Big Bands, and listen to talk radio. She was a talented pianist and published author. During her university days, she was a twirler in the Houston Cougar band.

Van Gilder spent her professional career serving others. She taught business classes at San Jacinto College with Parker Williams. She managed the Human

Resources department at Memorial Southwest Hospital. She referred to her co-workers at Memorial as her extended family. She would proudly tell of her greatest professional accomplishment – co-owning Records, Etc., an attorney's records service, with her husband for 28 years.

### Sydney Arnold Bradshaw



Sydney Arnold Bradshaw, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016. He was a 25-year South Belt resident.

“Big Daddy,” as he was called by his family, was born in Guyana, South America, on Jan. 5, 1926. He was the fourth of four children born to the late George and Hilda Bradshaw.

Bradshaw was preceded in death by his siblings, Nora, Lloyd and Kathy, and his son, Sydney Ian Bradshaw.

Bradshaw and Frances Veronica De Mendonca were married in 1949. A union of 67 years produced three children, Colin Arnold, Sydney Ian (deceased), and Frances Alison.

Bradshaw worked as an accountant at the Guyana Marketing Division until he, his children, and mother-in-law Frances Steinbergen, emigrated to the United States in December 1964 to join his wife, Veronica, who preceded them in their U.S. migration.

He joined the Chase Manhattan Bank Accounting Department and worked there until his retirement.

Bradshaw was said to be a kind, mild, soft spoken and loving individual. He was a diplomat and peacemaker among his friends. His favorite table game was dominoes. He was one of the founders of the Spoilers Domino Club, a group of intimate friends who enjoyed local and international domino competitions.

Survivors include his wife, Veronica; children Colin Bradshaw (Gwendolyn) and Alison Pree (Curtis); grandchildren Nicole Tiest, Angela, Michael, Raymond, Henry, Sean, Kenneth, Cameron and Aliyah; great-grandchildren Diesyl, Delila, Deveron, Donavon, Zoe, Draiden, Zeke, Lillian and Aiden; and numerous nephews and nieces.

The funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. at the Forest Park East Funeral home.

## Driver smashes wall, flees



The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is looking for the driver who ran into the barrier wall on Scarsdale near Sagevale on Sunday, Feb. 7, between noon and 6 p.m. The driver apparently fled the scene after causing extensive damage. Anyone with any information about the incident is urged to call 281-481-9189. Photos submitted

## AARP Chapter 199 meets Feb. 19

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

Speakers for Friday, Feb. 19, will be Peggy Kelso and Thomas A. Zaubi from the Council for Health Education, who will present a program on *Practical Care Giving* and therapeutic classes that are being offered in the area for chronic pain via special classes such as tai chi. This is not regular tai chi, but a special class that is geared toward those who have chronic pain.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on March 16, but the location is not yet confirmed.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter.

For information, contact Liz Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

# Stuchbery Elementary announces second nine-weeks rolls

Stuchbery Elementary School recently released its honor, merit and perfect attendance rolls for the second nine-weeks grading period of 2015-16. Students earning honor, merit and perfect attendance roll status are:

**Kindergarten**  
**Perfect attendance**  
 Nicholas Aguilar, Emily Aurelien, Kingston Auzenne, Maria Barrera, Emily Barrera, Jermani Bernard, Kendall Castillo, Kayden Charles, Carter Clemons, Francine Cooley, Madison De Santiago and Santiago Del Villar.  
 Kenya Delong-Thompson,

Makaela Edwards, Liliana Escudra, Gael Gutierrez, Daniel Hernandez, Samaria Hernandez, Eden Iniesta, Olivia Joiner, Liam Kendall, Jenny Lam, Donovan Mandani, Makayla Mendez and Azhley Mora.  
 Emily Nazario, Sophie Nguyen, Johnny Nguyen, Humphrey Nnolim, Henry Nnolim, Aurelia Ochwila, Diego Ortiz, Esther Oti, Kensington Pena, Anthony Perez, Enijah Ploucha and Elijah Ramirez.  
 Gabriel Rincon, Damien Sanchez, Brianna Soto, Harley Stewart, Melaysia Sykes, Alexander Tenorio, Tammy Tran, Kahlan Tran, Jesus Val-

dez, Zackary Vargas, Analiese Vela and Kerri Ward.  
**First grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
 Deacon Akinloye, Kevin Alfaro, Judith Andrade, Leonardo Ardon, Juan Arredondo, Terry Betties, Cordarus Bibbs, Alexander Brock, Sheridan Brooks, Alexandria Byrd, Emma Canales, Jasmine Cooper and Steven Corporan.  
 Jarrett Daniels, Kiahna Davis, Starr Delgado, Joy Denman, Melonie Edozie, James Flores, Natalyn Grace, Ethan Gordillo, Grace Hernandez, Phoebe Kulhawik, Duy Lam, Anh Le, Chloe

Lewis and Lauren Liscano.  
 Richard Lopez, Wesley Maciel-Rangel, Allyson Marquez, Ashley Martinez, Vincent Martinez, Nathan Mata, Mohammad Mian, De Moses, Nicholas Neira, Favour Nwaodu and Manuel Olvera.  
 Nathaniel Padilla, Steffany Palomino, Dylan Pham, Andrew Posey, Giovanni Prudhomme, Aidan Quiroz, Kailyn Quiroz, Ana Reyes, Audrey Rodriguez, Jonathan Rounds and Cathy Sanchez.  
 Eloisa Sanchez, Rachel Sanchez, Arianna Serna, Corey Shular, Alex Soria, Rickira Specht, Ashlyn Terry, Angel

Vo, Sirya Williams, Dolton Wofford and Louis Yates.  
**Second grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
 Kayla Aguirre, Blessing Akinloye, Reemas Alazeh, Adriana Alvarez, Abel Anthony, Avian Arredondo, Jeremiah Briscoe, Jordyn Brown, Lily Cano, Tristian Castillo and Ramon Ceja.  
 Rhiana Charles, Pailin Cheawchan, James Constance, Celeste Delafuente, Anthony DeLaRosa, Ricky Delgado, Aiden Diaz, Victor Escudra, Jalynn Flores, Anthony Flores and Jada Fowler.  
 Louis Gonzales, Logan Hargraves, Abdalrahman Hehal, Sydney Hile, Brandon Jackson, Anthony Jimenez, Edsel Juarez, Nathan Le, Raphael Lopez, Edgardo Mateo and Gabriela Matias.  
 Avery Maxwell, Isaac Mendez, Rosie Molina, Jada Moore, Angie Muñoz, Cordon Nguyen, Diana Nguyen, Harry Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Henry Nunez, Robyn Oba and Jordan Obregon.  
 Madison Okun, Tanya Palomino, Lukas Pena, Matthew Perez, Erubiel Perez, Bryan Quito, Sebastian Rincon, Donnie Robinson, Jorgen Rodriguez, James Saenz, Cielo Sanchez, Nicholas Sepulveda and Lauren Soto.  
 Nicholi Soto, Jayden Summerlin, Rodrigo Tovar, John Tran, Nathan Tran, Loc Truong, Keyli Vanhouten, Marissa Vasquez, Danna Vazquez, Trae Vela, Melody Weaver, Adam Williams and Deryon Williams.

**Third grade**  
**Honor roll**  
 Rigoberto Alanis, Emily Cano, Desirae Charles, Adriel Cruz, Viviana Fernandez, Corryn Harris, Nhi Nguyen, Angel Padilla, Isabella Sanchez, Tristan Tran and Jasmyn Willis.  
**Merit roll**  
 Aysjha Anderson, Alphin Antony, Joelle Jadgeo, Iakovos Kostikoglou, Ngan Le, Natalia Le Goenaga, Mayte Marfil, Annalisse Pate, Josiah

Pena, Derek Rodriguez, Jaden Rodriguez, Katherine Sabillon and Chloe Tran.  
**Perfect attendance**  
 Melina Aguilera, Rigoberto Alanis, Jono van Allen, Aysjha Anderson, Alphin Antony, Tristen Baptiste, Evelyn Barrera, Jaquan Betties, Emily Cano, Desirae Charles, Kobi Conaway, Tailin Curtis, Jaila Davis and Kaden Dillard.  
 Christopher Edwards, Ashley Etienne, Viviana Fernandez, Javon Fowler, Lauren Galvez, Priscilla Gutierrez, Jayren Hector, Teboris Henry, Sabino Hernandez, Travis Howard, Darius Ircihl, Joseph Jones and Iakovos Kostikoglou.  
 Ngan Le, Christopher Lopez, Shyla Marcano, Mayte Marfil, Diego Martinez, Giovanni Melendez, Aden Miranda, Ashley Moreland, Je'Kese Morris, Huy Nguyen, Huang Nguyen, Julian Olvera, Angel Padilla and Sophia Paz.  
 Tran Phan, Danae Robinson, Jaden Rodriguez, Derek Rodriguez, Nery Rodriguez, Naely Rosales, Adrien Salinas, Isabella Sanchez, Jasmine Tatum, Ebony Tejada, Conner Torres, Kalya Tran, Jenny Trinh and Mariel Watson.  
**Fourth grade**  
**Honor roll**  
 Chelsea Akinloye, Richard Diaz, Gracie Dykstra, Orlando Gonzalez, Emma Lacount, Laura Landers, Tommy Le, Vy Nguyen, Abigail Panza, Jayden Rangel, Jasmine Stewart, Y Tran and Mai Anh Truong.  
**Merit roll**  
 Rosalyn Barber, Jeymy Cabrera, Julian Cavazos, Xavier Chapa, Camryn Collins, Kelly Flores, Jazmin Hernandez, Alyssa Mata, Sophia

# Enjoying 100th



Stuchbery Elementary second-grade teacher Laura Bryan and Jalynn Flores celebrate the 100th day of school. Photo submitted

## Meador celebrates 100th day of school



Meador Elementary students were invited to dress up as a 100-year-old person or wear 100 of something to acknowledge Feb. 8, the 100th day of school this year. They are proclaiming to be 100 days smarter. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Mariana Salazar, Alexa Guevara, Melissa Melendez, Arlett Guzman, Ailyn Rodriguez, Solanch DeLeon, Joseph Rodriguez, (middle row) Arturo Serrano, Angel Diaz, Kendra Pineda, Aul Pineda, Gabriela Torres, Aaron Gonzalez, Evelyn Arellano, (back row) Principal Beverly Bolton, David Arrendondo, Karime Munoz, Miriam Torres, Lexie Cowan, Cheryl Ngechu, Jillina Mikulski, Ximena Serrano and Assistant Principal Amy Clowers. Photo submitted

## Pearland Republicans meet

The Pearland Area Republican Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. Guest speaker Robert Sholly will speak on *Counterterrorism for Civilians - Adjusting to the New Normal*. Sholly is the author of the bestselling books, *Young Soldiers Amazing Warriors* and *Soul of Success*. Free refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## South Belt Elementary names VIPs



South Belt Elementary recently announced its VIPs for the month of February. These students were chosen by their teachers, based on their ability to display the character trait of the month, *respect*. VIPs pictured are, left to right, (front row) Ibrahim Ali, Leny Mendoza, Damien Ram, Alexia Hoang, Gabriel Melchor, Evan Taylor, (second row) Manuel Sanchez, Bethenny Avelar, Jasmin Hernandez, Kayla DeRobles, Hafsa Rehan, Rayan Mirza, (third row) Caden Corvin, Leila Reyes, Liliana Salazar, London Herrera, Ryleigh Gonzalez, Olivia Tamez, (fourth row) Jalen Tran, Elijah Perez, Ozzi Fuentes, Aliah Moore, Jabez Palma, Sophia Vu, (back row) Taylor Nguyen, Michael Collins, Cindy Ni, Ariana Garza, McKlaus Garcia, Ayah Palomares, Bao Ngo and Lakitha Green (counselor). Photo submitted

## Pasadena ISD holds February 2016 Chess Exhibition

On Saturday, Feb. 6, Pasadena Independent School District held its sixth annual Spring Chess Exhibition at Beverly Hills Intermediate. There were 317 students participating, shattering the previous record of 257. Forty-four campuses were represented (an all-time record), including seven high schools, 12 intermediate schools, nine middle schools, and 16 elementary schools.

Thirty-eight of the schools participating were from Pasadena ISD, five were from Deer Park ISD, and one was from Alvin ISD. Numerous other campus chess coaches and adult volunteers were there to help. Several campus administrators and central office personnel came to support the students. Co-directors were Bob Bartel, Kathy Massey and Leslie Axel. Stacey Barber is the principal at BHI, where the exhibition was held. Axel took care of all the logistics in advance. In all divisions, each student played five games, receiving one point for each win and a half-point for each draw. The table at right shows the top five finishers in each of the six divisions. The next PISD chess competition will be Saturday, May 21, at San Jacinto Intermediate.

Division	Place	Name	Campus	Grade	Score
Grade 1	1	Alan Olvera	Golden Acres	1	5.0
	2	Vincent Villarreal	Golden Acres	1	4.5
	3	Daniel Perez	Genoa	1	4.5
	4	Miguel Campuzano	Matthys	1	4.0
	5	Alan Munoz	Richey	1	4.0
Grade 2	1	Alexandro Lopez	Meador	2	5.0
	2	Rey Aguirre	Frazier	2	5.0
	3	Emily Rodriguez	Genoa	2	4.0
	4	Manuel Hernandez	Matthys	2	4.0
	5	Nathaniel Luna	Genoa	2	4.0
Grade 3	1	Dylan Campos	Melillo	3	5.0
	2	Nicholas Lopez	Roberts	3	5.0
	3	Jake Callaway	EC Mason Elementary	3	4.0
	4	Silas Tobias	Roberts	3	4.0
	5	Marcus Kemp	Melillo	3	4.0
Grade 4	1	Patrick Ortega	Morris	4	5.0
	2	Gretchen Prado	Schneider	4	4.0
	3	Tristan Phillips	Bonnette Jr. High	4	4.0
	4	Eduardo Vargas	Shaw	4	4.0
	5	Henry Lavergne	Morris	4	4.0
Intermediate	1	Troy Lampton	Beverly Hills	5	5.0
	2	Jeremiah Little	Beverly Hills	5	5.0
	3	Timmy Phan	Beverly Hills	5	5.0
	4	Tin Ly	Beverly Hills	5	5.0
	5	Jose Ruiz	Queens	5	4.0
High School	1	Micah Greer	Deer Park HS	12	5.0
	2	Dario Trevino	Pasadena HS	12	4.5
	3	Vincent Tran	Deer Park HS	12	4.0
	4	Ron Kiran	Deer Park HS	12	4.0
	5	Edward Ellis	Deer Park HS	12	4.0



Grade 3: Left to right are Daniel Perez (Genoa), Miguel Campuzano (Matthys), Alan Munoz (Richey), Vincent Villarreal (Golden Acres) and Alan Olvera (Golden Acres). Photos submitted



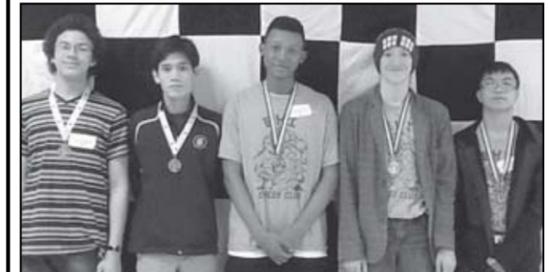
Grade 4: Left to right are Nathaniel Luna (Genoa), Manuel Hernandez (Matthys), Emily Rodriguez (Genoa), Rey Aguirre (Frazier) and Alejandro Lopez (Meador).



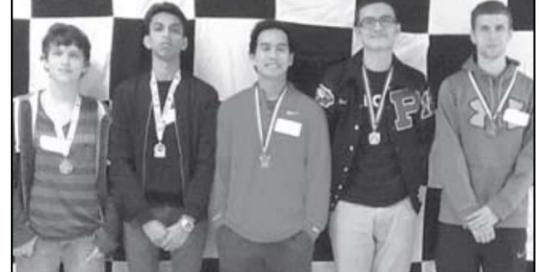
Grade 5: Left to right are Jake Callaway (E.C. Mason, Alvin ISD), Joshua Martinez (Williams), Silas Tobias (Roberts), Nicholas Lopez (Roberts) and Dylan Campos (Melillo). Not pictured is Marcus Kemp (Melillo).



Grade 6: Left to right are Tristan Phillips (Bonnette Jr. High, Deer Park ISD), Henry Lavergne (Morris), Gretchen Prado (Schneider), Eduardo Vargas (Shaw) and Patrick Ortega (Morris).



Intermediate: Left to right are Kobe Thompson (Thompson), David Hoang (San Jacinto), Troy Lampton (Beverly Hills), Jeremiah Little (Beverly Hills), Timmy Phan (Beverly Hills). Not pictured are Tin Ly (Beverly Hills) and Jose Ruiz (Queens).



High School: Left to right are Edward Ellis (Deer Park), Ron Kiran (Deer Park), Vincent Tran (Deer Park), Dario Trevino (Pasadena) and Micah Greer (Deer Park).

## Carnival with Jewish flavor for everybody

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, together with Temple Beth Tikvah in Clear Lake, will celebrate Purim with an annual carnival on Sunday, April 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The festival will take place at Shaar Hashalom. Purim is a Jewish celebration that has been often compared to Halloween. Well, the comparison is not quite correct: Indeed, children and adults put on costumes, but that's where the similarity ends. Purim celebrates the deliverance of the Jews from the evil Haman, through the courage of their leaders, Queen Esther and her cousin, Mordechai. Though a relatively minor Jewish holiday, Purim is one of the most joyous holidays, and definitely most beloved by children. It is celebrated with sending special triangle-shaped pastries filled with jam or sweet poppy seed paste, called Hamantaschen (Oznei Haman in Hebrew) to friends; putting on costumes (especially those of the story characters); and reading the Megillah - the story of the Biblical Book of Esther. During the reading, every time Haman's name is mentioned, everybody drowns it out with boisterous noise-making and booing. The festival takes place each year on the 14th day of Adar (usually the sixth month of the Jewish calendar, but as this year is a leap year - it is the seventh month of the current calendar year). Congregation Shaar Hashalom, the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area Houston, is located at 16020 El Camino Real (midway between Bay Area Blvd. and El Dorado). Temple Beth Tikvah is the Reform synagogue office at 281-488-5861, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday; or by email raising event. The entire community is invited to join in the fun, food and merriment. A package that includes 60 game tickets and one meal ticket will cost \$18 if preordered, and \$23 at the door. Ticket packages can be obtained by calling the synagogue office at 281-488-5861, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday; or by email raising event. 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# San Jac announces upcoming events

San Jacinto College recently released its upcoming Calendar of Events.

The San Jacinto College South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road in Houston; the Central campus is at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; and the North campus is at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston.

**Women's basketball Play 4Kay game**

The San Jacinto College women's basketball team will face Blinn College for the Play 4Kay breast cancer awareness game at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13. Those who attend are encouraged to wear pink, and the first 100 attendees will receive a free pink rally towel.

All home games are played at Nichols Gym on the North campus.

Admission is free and open to the public.

For a full season schedule, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

**Men's basketball games**

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will play Blinn College on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 4 p.m. and host their annual Youth Night game against Lamar State College-Port Arthur on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m. All local recreation leagues and schools are invited to Youth Night, and the first 100 basketball fans to arrive, ages 18 and younger, will receive a free mini basketball.

All home games are played at the Central campus in Anders Gymnasium and are free and open to the public.

For a full season schedule, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

**San Jac softball tournament**

San Jacinto College will host its softball tournament Feb. 13-14 at the South campus and will play the opening game against Meridian

Community College at 10 a.m. The first home game of the 2016 season will be on Wednesday, March 2, at 3 p.m., against Louisiana State University at Eunice (LSUE).

All home games are free and open to the public and are held at the San Jacinto College South campus. For a full season schedule, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

**Expo Concert**

The Central campus music department will present an Expo Concert at 12 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, in the Monte Blue Music Building. Every San Jacinto College music program will be showcased at the concert.

**Black History Month events**

To commemorate Black History Month, San Jacinto College has various activities scheduled throughout February:

• Movie screening: *Straight Outta Compton*

• Central campus – Monday, Feb. 15, at 11:45 a.m., Student Center Lounge A

• North Campus – Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 11:30 a.m., Monument Room

• South campus – Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 11:45 a.m., Science and Allied Health Building Room S1.113

African-American Literary Theatre will be held Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Central campus in the Interactive Learning Center Kaleidoscope Room.

**Nursing Information Session**

The First Steps Into Nursing Information Session will be held on Friday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 p.m. at the San Jacinto College South campus in the Science and Allied Health Building (Building 1) in Room S1.113. For more information email [vocational.nursing@sjcd.edu](mailto:vocational.nursing@sjcd.edu).

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**DEAN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**

Dean Baier, longtime South Belt resident and director of operations at Clear Brook City MUD, is wished a happy birthday Feb. 16 from friends and the *Leader* staff. He is active in the community, serving as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter for Harris County Southeast Fire Department and chairing the South Belt Spectacular Cookoff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 11 through Feb. 17.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Ludivina Perez** Feb. 17.

**Burnett Elementary**  
**Maritza DeLaGarza** enjoys a birthday Feb. 15.

**Frazier Elementary**  
**Maria Rodriguez** has a birthday Feb. 16.

**Meador Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles for **Erika Nava** Feb. 12. Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Yolanda Arebalo** Feb. 13.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a party for **Thomas Durr** is Feb. 15.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 12 is **Melissa Cerda**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**

**Celia Espinoza** is wished a happy birthday Feb. 11. **Jean Fusilier** enjoys a birthday Feb. 12.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Sharing a birthday on Feb. 12 are **Alma Paredes** and **Michelle Rush**. Enjoying a double-layer cake on Feb. 14 are **Gabrielle Weber** and **Natalie Young**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria Montenegro** on Feb. 17.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Sing a happy birthday song Feb. 11 to **Elsa Chiachio**. Celebrating a birthday Feb. 12 are **Melissa Cummings** and **Brenda Lawson**. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 13 is **Esmeralda Rodriguez**. Feb. 15 is the day for a party for **Angela Lopez** and **Rita Coulon**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Send a happy birthday card Feb. 11 to **Ronnie Thomas**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Sandra Garza** Feb. 15.

**Dobie High**  
**Dean Beltram** and **Cecily Haley** enjoy a double birthday Feb. 11. Blow out the birthday candles for **Juan Fernandez** and **Steven Long** Feb. 12. **Holly Peel** enjoys a wonderful birthday Feb. 13. Light the birthday candles for **Andrew Kirkpatrick** and **Venus Watson** Feb. 15. The day for a birthday celebration for **Elizabeth Puente**

is Feb. 16. Sing a happy birthday song to **Jeri Joslin** Feb. 17.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**

The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, Feb. 11: **Cesar Ramirez, Ron Martinez** and **Jennifer Zanders**; Friday, Feb. 12: **Greg Banhart, C.J. Jareo III, Chris Smith, Melinda Poplawski, Cynthia Tavera, Clyde Jones, Lisa Jones, Jacqueline Preston, Alex Lerma** and **Robert Barbosa**; Saturday, Feb. 13: **Celeste Beaty, Trisha Waguespack, Cristi Skerrett** and **Randy Harms**; Sunday, Feb. 14: **Cathi Brockman** and **Jon Baker**; Monday, Feb. 15: **Mark Wilson, Laura Allison, Gene Cearnal** and **Kelley Huebner**; Tuesday, Feb. 16: **Yvonne Rojas, Linda Soria, Danielle Cunningham, Mary Nell Dees, Rhonda Stallbaumer, Sharla Fuels** and **Lisa Fernandez**; and Wednesday, Feb. 17: **CaShaune Murphy, Jeannie Nelson, Monica Gonzales, Dawn Armstrong, Jeri Joslin, Donn Reichelt, Russell Janacek** and **Susan Slater**.

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

## High school volunteers help grow the urban forest

Students from Clear Brook (Clear Creek ISD) and Milby (Houston ISD) high schools spent a recent Saturday morning, Jan. 30, helping the Harris County Flood Control District prepare native tree seedlings for replanting along bayous and

stormwater detention basins around Harris County. Seedlings arrive at the Flood Control District's South Service Center Tree Nursery without soil around the roots, and must be potted soon after delivery from the grower.

Four dozen volunteers from Clear Brook's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) and Milby's Peace Club participated in this year's Seedling Potting Event, using shovels, gardening tools, bare hands and team spirit to separate and

transfer about 2,600 seedlings into 5-gallon containers of potting soil. The potted seedlings – such as black oak, shortleaf pine and water hickory – will be tended throughout the spring and summer, and will then be planted at various locations during the 2016-17 planting season, which typically runs from October through March.

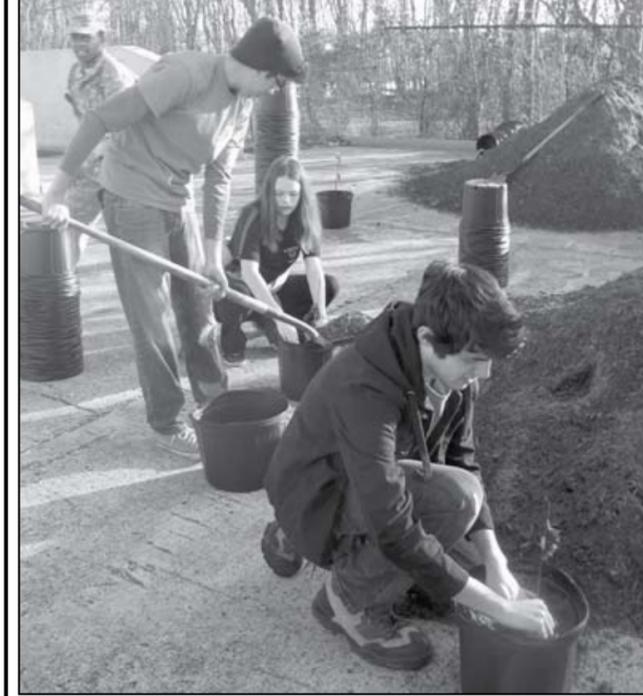
**About the Harris County Flood Control District's Tree Planting Program**  
The Flood Control District started a sustained tree planting program for project sites in 2001 to enhance capital improvement projects

and as part of its routine maintenance program.

Since then, the Flood Control District has planted more than 217,000 trees on 200 flood control sites across Harris County.

The Flood Control District has been recognized by the Houston Area Urban Forestry Council and Trees for Houston for its tree planting and rescuing efforts.

For more information on organizing a volunteer tree planting, contact the Community Services Section of the Property Management Department or go to <http://www.hcfd.org/trees.html>.



Misael Calderon (standing) from Milby High School helps Clear Brook High School's Cortney Davis with a shovel of potting soil, while Jeremy Stone (front), also from Milby, pots another seedling at the Harris County Flood Control District's annual volunteer event. Clear Brook student Marcus Freeman heads over to replenish his team's seedling supply. Photos submitted



Clear Brook High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps members, left to right, Cortney Nally and Marcus Freeman take a break from potting seedlings for the Harris County Flood Control District.

## UHCL art student holds debut exhibit

Explore a debut solo art exhibition through Thursday, Feb. 18, at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Student Art Project Space Gallery. UHCL art student Sarah Melville's exhibit, *You are Here: Interactions of Color, Time and Space*, features paintings and installations.

The SAPS Gallery is a student-run exhibition space open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

in the Arbor North Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The gallery displays exhibits proposed by UHCL students, who gain experience displaying and curating work in a public setting.

For more information about the exhibits in the Student Art Project Space Gallery, visit the UHCL Art Gallery website at <http://www.uhcl.edu/artgallery>.

## Register for certified manager training

A Lunch-N-Learn session about Certified Manager training will be held at the San Jacinto College Central campus on Wednesday, March 23.

This free event is available to anyone who wants to learn more about preparing for the Certified Manager exam and the three modules: management fundamentals, planning and organizing, and leading and controlling.

Instructor, Carl Taylor, will lead the session from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will need to bring their own lunch.

This event is sponsored by the Business and Professions program through the San Jacinto College Continuing and Professional Development division. To register, visit [www.eventbrite.com/event/lunch-n-learn-certified-manager-tickets-21008323461](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/lunch-n-learn-certified-manager-tickets-21008323461).

The San Jacinto College Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

## Black heritage honored at UH-Clear Lake

University of Houston-Clear Lake celebrates Black History Month with events that offer discovery, discussion and expression.

Feb. 12 – Poets, singers and musicians are invited to an open mic from 5 to 9 p.m. in the university's Bayou Building, Atrium II, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., hosted by the Black Students Association.

Feb. 25 – Join retired Texas Southern University professor Mtangulizi Sanyika for *Africa and African People on the World Scene: Discussion*

on people of African descent in the global context, 5 p.m., in UHCL's Bayou Building, Forest Room, also hosted by the Black Students Association.

Feb. 24 – Screen *The Two Nations of Black America*, at 2 p.m. in the Bayou Building, Garden Room with UHCL's Intercultural Student Services.

For more information, contact the Black Student Association representative by emailing [seahorn@uhcl.edu](mailto:seahorn@uhcl.edu), or contact Intercultural Student Services at 281-283-2575 or [iiss@uhcl.edu](mailto:iiss@uhcl.edu).

## Congregation Shaar Hashalom first event at Hope Village

The Social Action Committee of Congregation Shaar Hashalom held its first event of 2016, with an ice cream social held recently at Hope Village in Friendswood. Hope Village is a not-for-profit residential home for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

About a dozen Sunday School students participated, helping to hand out ice cream to the residents. CSH's Joe Buchanan contributed his voice and sang a variety of songs.

Another CSH member, Elizabeth Bell, donated her time creating face painting. The event culminated with almost 20 people, residents and congregants forming a circle and dancing the hokey pokey.

The event was accompanied with a lot of laughs and brought lots of smiles to the faces of the residents.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

### Honor veteran with name plate

With the completion of San Jacinto College Foundation's three Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success, anyone can help a veteran achieve his or her dream through emergency funding. Each center is staffed with trained and certified personnel to help assist student veterans in their transition back into civilian life. Each campus's Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success hosts a Wall of Honor to pay tribute to the men and women who have served in the military. Consider honoring a family member or loved one through the purchase of a name plate. The cost is \$250 per plate which includes the engraving of name, rank and branch of service. Contributions will not only honor a veteran but also help a veteran student achieve his or her dream. A name plate can be purchased online at [www.sanjac.edu](http://www.sanjac.edu).

**Dr. Fang Clinic will be closing his medical practice effective March 1, 2016**

Please make appointments for this final month as space is limited. At the beginning of March 1, patients will automatically be transferred to Dr. Rafiq. If patients wish to obtain medical records to be sent to a different primary care, you may request a medical record release form by calling 281-464-6666.

You can reach Dr. Rafiq's office at:  
**Southeast Medical Group Request for Dr. Rafiq**  
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## Remember When

**40 years ago (1976)**  
The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes Drill team won a sweepstakes trophy for the second year in a row at the Annual Blue and Gold Drill Team Contest.

County Commissioner Tom Bass, State Rep. Bill Caraway and Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso attended the Bicentennial program at Frazier Elementary sponsored by the Frazier Parent-Teachers Association.

**35 years ago (1981)**  
William E. "Buster" Gilbreth took over the head

coaching job at Dobie. Andy M. Griffin and Sagemont resident Bill V. Newcomb took similar positions at Pasadena and South Houston high schools, respectively.

Sagemont Jaycees and Alameda Mall sponsored a country-western dance at the mall to benefit the family of Rochelle Townley, a student at Frazier Elementary who had been struck with herpes encephalitis.

**30 years ago (1986)**  
A bridge connecting the Sagejlen and Green Tee subdivisions was under construction by Harris County Flood Control.

PISD Board of Trustees President Dr. B.J. Gamer was selected by the board to seek placement on the Texas Association of School Boards Board of Trustees.

**25 years ago (1991)**  
Dobie decathlon won regional match scoring 4,000 points ahead of its nearest competitor, Deer Park.

Former Dobie football player and 1986 graduate Sedric White died after being shot several times following an argument in the 5900 block of Southwind which is off Cullen and Bellfort.

**20 years ago (1996)**  
Approximately 80 percent of the South Belt area had to change their numbers to the newly created 281 area code following a 2-1 vote of the Public Utilities Commission.

John Wayne Sammons of Sagejlen, 43, died of an ap-

parent heart attack after collapsing on the Harris County jogging trail adjacent to Scarsdale Boulevard.

**15 years ago (2001)**  
Sixty-five residents attended a meeting to discuss securing a Weber school replacement.

The Dobie cheerleading squad took sixth place in the UCA national finals in Orlando.

South Belt Dolphin Youth football league reported approximately \$15,000 worth of equipment stolen.

Roseanne Salas, 26, Darrell Bishop, 19, and James Santos, 26, were identified as the three suspects arrested by Houston Police for robbing 17 insurance agencies.

**10 years ago (2006)**  
A \$1.3 million software program was causing chaos inside PISD. Administrators and counselors were experiencing great difficulty in retrieving necessary reports regarding attendance, discipline, tardies and student whereabouts at a particular time.

Clear Brook High School student Samantha Underwood raised the grand champion steer at the 24th annual livestock show. Underwood's steer was sold for \$7,500. The total amount earned by Brook students was more than \$83,000.

**5 years ago (2011)**  
The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce

held a banquet to celebrate its 27th anniversary. Houston Mayor Annise Parker was the guest of honor at the annual event. A former small business owner, Parker stressed the importance of local chambers of commerce, as well as Houston's role in international business.

Pariyaman Vaduganathan, M.D., was elected chief of the medical staff by his physician peers at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. A board-certified cardiologist, Vaduganathan would act as a liaison between the medical staff and hospital employees and administrative staff during his two-year term.

The South Belt community was struck by a hard freeze with temperatures dipping into the mid-20s. While the area was spared the snow that was predicted, icy conditions led to the closure of many local schools, businesses and nonemergency government entities. While road closures and traffic accidents were widespread across the Greater Houston area, local problems were limited.

**1 year ago (2015)**  
A former South Houston High School student and his parents filed a \$1 million civil rights lawsuit against the Pasadena Independent School District, alleging that an on-campus police officer used excessive force the previous May, causing bodily injury and psy-

chological damage. In the suit, Cesar Suquet alleged that Michael Y'Barbo, an on-campus PISD police officer, repeatedly struck him with a metal baton following a dispute over a confiscated cell phone. The case was settled later in November for \$60,000.

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# UH-Clear Lake adds psychology doctorate

University of Houston-Clear Lake received approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to add a third doctoral program to its educational offerings.

The new program, a Doctor of Psychology in Health Service Psychology (combined clinical psychology and school psychology), is one of only four such programs nationwide and is the first doctoral program in the university's School of Human

Sciences and Humanities. The program will accept students for the fall 2016 semester, with an application deadline of March 1.

"The new doctoral program is a strategic initiative to better serve the educational needs of our community," UH-Clear Lake Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Carl A. Stockton said. "I congratulate the faculty for all their hard work."

UHCL School of Human

Science and Humanities Dean Rick Short said the new program is part of the university's ongoing mission.

"The School of Human Sciences and Humanities looks forward to taking the next step in strengthening our academic program offerings by adding this doctoral degree," he said. "But, not only does this new degree add to the school, it also emphasizes our community-minded mission statement by educating professionals who can

strengthen health services in the greater Houston area." Professor of Clinical Psychology Mary Short called the new program a "beautiful fit" with the needs of the community, the aspirations of students and the goals of the university.

UHCL's existing graduate degree programs in psychology are already successful, and adding a doctoral degree is a natural extension.

"We have a great reputation in the community, our students are sought after when they graduate and they're sought after for internships," she said.

A Doctor of Psychology offers a stronger focus on clinical practice and experience than many other professional psychology doctoral programs, which may focus more on psychological science than practice.

Traditionally, school psychology and clinical psychology have had separate identities in American professional psychology. School psychology primarily dealt with the practice of psychology in the school setting, while clinical psychology emphasized general practice in other settings. As mental health services take a more holistic approach to treatment, programs such as UHCL's will better equip professionals for using evidence-based evaluation and treatment in schools, communities, agencies and hospitals to support healthcare and behavioral health.

"Kids, even some adults, come to an educational institution and have mental health issues. More and more, school psychologists have to deal with those mental health issues within the classroom, within the school. As a pediatric psychologist myself, so much of what my kids struggle with is not just mental health issues, but how those issues affect their school work," Short said. "How do we get these children the best education and also meet

their health and mental health needs? This blend will be very marketable to schools and other agencies."

Initially, applicants to the program will be required to already have a master's or specialist degree and should be able to show research evidence or potential, such as through publication, thesis work or previous research projects.

The doctoral degree is the latest addition to UHCL's psychology offerings, which include master's degrees in family therapy, school psychology, clinical psychology, behavior analysis and industrial/organizational psychology, among others, and bachelor's degrees in social work and general psychology.

"We're changing the face of UHCL, and not only with downward expansion and the four-year initiative. We're expanding up," Short said.

Prospective Doctor of Psychology students are encouraged to email Mary Short at shortmb@uhcl.edu.

For more information about the School of Human Sciences and Humanities, visit <http://hsh.uhcl.edu/> or call the advising office at 281-283-3333.

# Frazier Robotics holds tournament



Three teams came out on top at the Frazier Elementary Robotics practice tournament held on Saturday, Jan. 30. Coming in first place were the Super Bots. Members of the Super Bots are Kaylie Bui, Grace Arriola, Dimas Gonzalez and Tiffany Flores. The Tank Bots came in second place. Members of the Tank Bots are Gabriel Preciado, Nicholas Grochoske, Ayanna Morales, Nathan Lind and Emiliano de la Torre.

Coming in third place were the Destroyers. Members of the Destroyers are Briana Vela, Nathan Lind and Emiliano de la Torre. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Dimas Gonzalez, Tiffany Flores, Karley Goeman, Briana Vela, Nicholas Grochoske, (back row) Grace Arriola, Kaylie Bui, Gabriel Preciado, Ayanna Morales, Nathan Lind and Emiliano de la Torre.

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# Dobie Rocketry Team #1



Dobie's Air Force JROTC Rocketry Team placed first place overall at Waller High School's rocketry meet held recently. They placed first in streamer duration, second in spot landing, and third in small engine duration. The team placed high enough in all six categories to win the overall first-place trophy. A total of 14 schools competed. Pictured are, left to right, cadets Jesus Macedo, Thomas Hawkins (team captain), Zachery Carter and Rafael Coreas.

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# Mike Sullivan breaks new records at Tax Sale

After successfully moving the Harris County Tax Sale to the Bayou City Event Center, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan announced record-breaking collections for the month of February.

"Earlier this week, we kicked off the very first Tax Sale at our new venue, and the numbers are in! We collected \$3,093,764, an increase of \$532,079 compared to the February 2015 Tax Sale," said Sullivan.

Previously, all Tax Sales were required to be held on the steps of a county courthouse. Thanks to new legis-

lation with the support from Harris County Commissioners Court, the Tax Sale moved to a new location that offers better parking, technology and a climate controlled environment. This creates a more pleasant experience for all involved.

"Changing to an improved venue was just the first step," said Sullivan. "We will be announcing additional enhancements soon, such as online bidding. These new improvements are going to lead to more reclaimed tax dollars. Imagine how much we will be able to reclaim in revenue after it is perfect-

ed. We are improving how we collect taxes, and Harris County is already seeing the benefits."

The Tax Assessor-Collector's Office collaborates with Harris County departments and constables, taxing jurisdictions and collection attorneys to organize and host the monthly tax sale. The goal is to collect delinquent taxes and put neglected properties into the hands of new owners.

The Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's office Property Tax Division maintains more than 1.6 million tax accounts and

collects property taxes for 71 taxing entities including Harris County. The Tax Assessor-Collector's office collects more than \$6 billion in property taxes.

# Bay Area Singles Dance Feb. 20

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

# Vendors sought for shopping event

Claim a spot by Tuesday, Feb. 16, for a vendor space at Community Craft 'n' Clean, a shopping event sponsored by the University of Houston-Clear Lake History Club.

Each vendor spot costs \$20, and sellers are encouraged to offer merchandise, crafts or gently used resale items. Craft 'n' Clean will run from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, in Parking Lot J. Payments, waivers and forms are due by Feb. 16. Vendor spots do not include tables, other supplies or electricity, but vendors may bring a small generator. Funds from the sale of vendor spaces will support the UHCL History Club.

For more information, call the UHCL Student Life Office at 281-283-2560.

# Bridge club has openings

It is not too late to contact Dave Glandorf of Clear Lake Bridge Club about getting into one of his classes. He has two beginner classes and two advanced classes scheduled for the next three months. Glandorf can be reached at [drlandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drlandorf@sbcglobal.net) or by calling 281-488-6318.

Regular games are scheduled for every day of the week at the club at 16614 Sealark in Houston, in the heart of Clear Lake City. There will be a Sunday team event on Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. For more information on the team games, contact Chuck Ensor at [cwensor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cwensor@sbcglobal.net).

# UHCL hosts Spring Open House Feb. 27

Spring Open House welcomes prospective transfer and graduate students to the University of Houston-Clear Lake on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the university's Student Services and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Attendees can apply without the application fee, meet faculty and staff, and tour the campus, which sits on a 524-acre nature preserve. The event will also feature an MBA mixer, and some programs will offer on-the-spot admissions decisions.

For prospective international students, the application fee will be discounted.

Knowledgeable staff will also be available to assist with completing 2016-2017 FAFSA applications for financial aid.

For more information or to register, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/openhouse>.

To arrange for a large group or an accommodation for a disability, contact the Office of Admission - Special Events team at 281-283-2515 or [OpenHouseRSVP@uhcl.edu](mailto:OpenHouseRSVP@uhcl.edu) at least one week prior to the event.

# CCISD Bond projects near completion, smaller projects up for board approval

With 50 percent of the 2013 Bond projects completed including Phase One of the McWhirter Elementary Rebuild and the near completion of the CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium, the Clear Creek Independent School

District Facilities Department is set to present seven more projects for the board of trustees to approve during their regularly scheduled meeting in February.

The proposed priority maintenance and repair projects include one high school,

four intermediate schools, two elementary schools and Veterans Memorial Stadium. The stadium is considered a priority maintenance project that will provide an additional ticket booth/storage room

building, replace the athletic field lighting, and add structural reinforcement to the visitor side bleachers. Once approved, the work at Veterans Memorial Stadium would be complete in the summer of 2016.

Projects at Brookside Intermediate, League City Intermediate and Space Center Intermediate schools involve replacing major components of the air conditioning/heating system and the fire alarm system as well as the intercom. Other proposed improvements include the stage area and athletic facilities in order to improve student safety. Once approved, the work at all three campuses should be completed the summer of 2016.

The renovation of the existing library and computer labs is proposed at Victory Lakes Intermediate School as well as the audio/visual lab. The \$2 million dollar project, when approved by the board of trustees, would be completed this summer.

Proposed projects at League City Elementary and Ross Elementary schools would also be completed during the summer of 2016. The proposed bond projects include the repair of the building foundation and building exteriors, the replacement of major components of the AC/heating system and the improvement of the electrical system.

# Autism info featured at UHCL fair

Gain a better understanding of autism and the community resources available for those with autism or caregivers of someone with autism at a presentation and resource fair at University of Houston-Clear Lake Feb. 13.

The Autism Speakers Series presentation will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 13, in the Bayou Building, Garden Room, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

During the presentation, *Keep Calm and Count Sheep: Stress-Free Bedtime Routines*, student speaker Courtney Laudont will instruct attendees on creating, and maintaining consistency with bedtime routines, handling disruptive behaviors at bedtime and increasing appropriate bedtime behaviors. Parents and caretakers of children with autism will benefit from this event.

Admission is free and includes a complimentary lunch. Free parking is available in Student Lot D. The informative lecture series is sponsored by Hegwood & Associates, P.C., JSC Federal Credit Union, Jersey Mike's Subs, Endeavor Behavioral, InKids, Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union and Susie Bean Gives.

The Autism Resource Fair will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the university's Bayou Building, Atrium II. During the fair, several providers in the community will offer information about their services and issues related to autistic students, their families and other interested attendees.

Providers include the various clinics at UHCL's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, Behavior TLC and the Gulf Coast Center.

Admission is also free for the fair, which is hosted by the Applied Behavior Analysis Student Organization.

For more information, call 281-283-3452 or email [autismcenter@uhcl.edu](mailto:autismcenter@uhcl.edu).

# Frazier Science Fair winners



The 2016 Frazier Elementary Science Fair winners pictured are, left to right, (front row) Cyril Silas, fifth place; Nathan Lind, sixth place; (back row) Jazzlyn Moya, first place; Kaylie Bui, second place; Andrew Pavalonis, third place; and Madelene Tran, fourth place. These students will represent Frazier at the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair in March.

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# District students, parents tackle hunger at Houston Food Bank

Nearly 400 Pasadena Independent School District ACE Afterschool students and parents spent Super Bowl weekend tackling hunger while volunteering at the Houston Food Bank.

Volunteers sorted through boxes, packaged food, and

filled backpacks, providing 36,000 meals for 6,000 students and their families in the Houston area, including families in the district.

"It's a huge help to all the families to have a district like Pasadena ISD lend a helping hand," said Jim Day, Hous-

ton Food Bank Apple Corps leader. "Through the help of these students and parents we have enough food to provide to families for a day."

The effort was part of a service learning project organized by the Pasadena ISD ACE Afterschool program. ACE Afterschool strives to

provide students with an enriching educational experience through interactive, recreational and community service activities outside of school hours. Organizers hope students who volunteered at the Houston Food Bank have learned the value of community service and

teamwork. "It was wonderful to see the energy of the kids working alongside their parents," said Steven Villano, ACE project director. "They got to see firsthand what it takes to give 'free' food away and the hard work professionals in the social service agency ex-

perience on a daily basis. The [Houston] Food Bank was so grateful for everyone's hard work, they asked if we could bring 400 more volunteers next time."

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Dobie High School students rolled up their sleeves and participated in the Pasadena ISD ACE Afterschool community service day at the Houston Food Bank during Super Bowl weekend. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Erin Alix, Patricia Henderson, Maria Medina, Luz Cardenas, Victoria Mendoza,

Narcie Reyes, (back row) ACE site coordinator Letishar Manning, Cesar Salazar, David Medina, Michael Lee-Salazar, Isaac Mestizo, John Torres, Connie Hernandez and Patrick Davis. Not pictured are Breanna Merrell and Richard Gold.

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## 1995 Dobie grad Johnathan Carter named skipper of 270-ft. cutter Legare

Coast Guard Cmdr. Jonathan Carter, a 1995 Dobie graduate, has been named commanding officer of the USCGC Legare, one of 13 vessels in the Coast Guard's "Famous Class" of 270-foot, medium-endurance cutters.

The Legare, based in Portsmouth, Va., has a complement of 14 officers and 86 crew.

A change of command ceremony has been set for July 12 in Portsmouth.

Carter, a 16-year Coast Guard veteran, has served the past two years as a liaison officer for the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

The Legare will be Carter's third ship command. In 2006-07, he commanded the USCGC Aquidneck, a 110-foot vessel, in the Arabian Sea during the Persian Gulf conflict. Upon his return from the war zone, he commanded the USCGC Pea Island, a 110-footer then based in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Carter earned his Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Sam Houston State University in 1999 and was accepted into

the Coast Guard's officer candidate school. He was commissioned in 2000.

In 2013, Carter received his Master of Arts degree in

National Security and Strategic Policy from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

From 2008 to 2010, Car-

ter served as watch officer in the President's Emergency Operations Center at the White House. He was the first Coast Guardsman ever named to that position.

His previous postings include liaison officer at the Homeland Security Operations Center in Washington, D.C., and liaison officer at the Joint Force Headquarters for the National Capital Region at Fort McNair in Washington.

The Legare is one of six 270-foot cutters stationed out of Portsmouth. The ship patrols the offshore waters from Maine to Florida, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean.

Carter, his wife Amy, and their three children make their home in Stafford, Va.



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## Longhorns, Wolverines handle hoops biz; races still tight

The Dobie and Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball teams have done their part to reach the Class 6A playoffs - at least for now. Both teams claimed huge district wins Feb. 9, keeping pace with the res-

spective playoff leaders in districts 22-6A and 24-6A. The Longhorns staved off a huge upset bid at Alvin, using a 27-17 fourth-quarter run to hold off the Yellowjackets 70-67. Travores Gilbert led the

Longhorns with 21 points as the Longhorns broke a two-game losing streak to get back on track in District 22-6A. Now at 8-6, the Longhorns are tied with Manvel for fourth place in the standings. With wins over Sam Rayburn at home

and at Memorial to close out the regular season, the Longhorns now can assure themselves of no worse than a play-in game for a playoff spot. It all starts Feb. 12 as Dobie hosts the Texans in Scott Talton Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

Clear Brook has also bettered its standing in the District 24-6A ranks, thanks to its win over Clear Falls in addition to a couple of upsets elsewhere in the league. David Azore, one of the area's hottest scorers at present, had 21 points

as the Wolverines topped Clear Falls 70-61 Feb. 9, improving to 7-5 in district action with two games left. In all, four Wolverines scored in double figures for the winners. Meanwhile, Clear Creek was dumped by

Clear Springs in a 70-47 stunner, and Clear Lake lost, 59-58, to last-place Brazoswood. With two games remaining, the Wolverines need wins over Brazoswood and Friendswood to make the playoffs. The Wolverines can still tie Clear Creek (9-3)

but more likely will battle Clear Springs for either the third or fourth playoff seed. With its loss to Brazoswood, Clear Lake, now 6-6, needs to finish with wins over Friendswood

and Clear Creek to have any chance of advancing to the postseason. For more on either the District 22-6A or the District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball playoff races, see details on Page 3B.

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**Dobie to meet Memorial Feb. 12 - top spot in play**

First place in the District 22-6A varsity boys' soccer race will be on the line as the Dobie Longhorns take on the Memorial Mavericks Friday, Feb. 12, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Match time is 6 p.m. The Longhorns and Mavericks have been waged in a three-team race along with Manvel for the lead in the standings, and this match to end the first half of league play will send one of the two to the top. Dobie currently stands at 6-0-1 in the 22-6A race after defeating Sam Rayburn Feb. 9, by a 4-2 count. Above, the Longhorns' Sabino Lozano (23) battles Rayburn's Emanuel Gurrusqueta (5) for possession of the ball near midfield Feb. 9. Lozano scored a goal 35 seconds into the game to get the Longhorns off and running. Memorial and Manvel, both 5-0-1 played one another Feb. 10, after press time, in Pasadena. As for Dobie, the Longhorns have won five straight games. At right is Dobie's Jose Reyes (5).

Photo by John Bechtle

### PGSA complex is host site SJC softball to play two of nation's best

The nation's No. 1 ranked team will join perhaps the nation's top-performing team to headline the San Jacinto College Invitational Softball Tournament Feb. 13-14. The eight-team tournament will actually be played at the Pasadena Girls Softball Association complex as there will be eight teams in play. Host San Jacinto, 7-4 to this point in the season, will take on No. 1 ranked Temple as well as unbeaten Tyler, both Feb. 13.

### Softball extravaganza at El Franco Lee Park

The Dobie varsity softball program will host a final day of scrimmage action prior to the start of the regular season. The final series of scrimmages will play out Saturday, Feb. 13, as the Lady Longhorns welcome Class 5A preseason state ranked Santa Fe in addition to Waller, Friendswood, Lutheran South Academy and Clear Springs.

Dobie will begin the action at 9 a.m. against the Lady Indians of Santa Fe. All of the action will be held at El Franco Lee Park.

Longtime Dobie softball fans will have the chance to see former Lady Longhorn star Christa Williams as she leads her Friendswood High School varsity team in action at the scrimmage.

The Lady Longhorns certainly have big plans for the 2016 season. With Michelle Kristoff and Alyssa Corpus pitching and University of Houston-Victoria commit Marissa Longoria leading the way along with starting outfielders Jenna Medina, Yvonne Whaley and Allison Bravo, head coach Robin Rackley has plenty of competitive experience back in the mix after a third-place finish in 2015.

After playing Pearland in the season and district opener Feb. 16, Dobie will head to the Brenham/College Station Invitational Feb. 18-20.

A Feb. 23 district contest at home against Manvel comes before Dobie hits the tournament circuit again, this time at the Feb. 25-27 Haynie/Pearland Invitational.

The Dobie softball booster club will sell chopped beef sandwich baskets during the event for \$8 each.

### Lady Longhorns to open at Pearland

Once again the Dobie varsity softball team is amid perhaps the state's most challenging districts for 2016, and all of the fun starts on opening night. The Lady Longhorns begin the regular season Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Pearland. The 6:30 p.m. game doubles as the District 22-6A opener.

According to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's Feb. 1 preseason poll, Pearland occupies the No. 5 state ranking entering the season.

Alvin, also a member of the District 22-6A ranks, is tied for No. 10 in that same state poll. The Katy Tigers, defeated Pearland in the 2015 opener and went on to finish third in the district standings before a playoff loss to Baytown Sterling.

Dobie defeated Pearland in the 2015 opener and went on to finish third in the district standings before a playoff loss to Baytown Sterling.

**Varsity girls softball openers**

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## Local news, notes

### High School track to begin

The high school track and field season is set to get started, with the Dobie varsity boys' team attending to Jim Kethan Relays Friday, Feb. 12, at Deer Park High School.

Meanwhile, Clear Brook will host the Wolverine Winter Relays Feb. 12, at the new Clear Creek ISD Challenger Stadium, home of the 2016 Region III championship meet.

At the Wolverine Winter Relays, the field events will start at 3 p.m., with the running events then coming at 5 p.m.

The following week, the Dobie varsity girls' team will get started.

The Lady Longhorns will be at the Pasadena ISD's Brown Relays, Friday, Feb. 19, at Auxiliary Stadium.

### Brook's Taylor wins 55m dash

Brandon Taylor continued his impressive indoor season, winning the 55-meter dash at the McNeese State University Indoor Opener Jan. 30, in Lake Charles.

The Clear Brook High School senior, who has signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Miami beginning this summer, won a bronze medal in the 100-meter dash at the 2015 University Interscholastic League's State Track and Field Championships.

He will begin competing for the Clear Brook varsity boys' track and field team later this month.

### SJC hoop hosts youth night

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will host local recreation leagues and school programs at Youth Night on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 4 p.m., during the Ravens' game against Lamar State College-Port Arthur. The game is at Anders Gymnasium on the Central campus.

Local youth basketball players are encouraged to attend the game free of charge. The first 100 basketball fans to arrive, ages 18 and younger, will receive a free miniature basketball.

"We're asking all local youth basketball groups to come out and watch us play," said SJC head coach Scott R. Gernander. "This will give them an opportunity to see a higher level of basketball and to meet some of the guys for autographs after the game. It's fun for us but, hopefully, even more fun for them."

The San Jacinto College Central campus is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

### Rising Stars Track Club

The South Belt Track Club is preparing for the upcoming spring/summer season by hosting continuing registration and workout sessions at Dobie High School.

Team officials will be at Dobie Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, signing up both returning and first-year athletes for competition in the Amateur Athletic Union program.

The registration fee includes a team uniform as well as meet dues up to the national meet, which is to be held in Houston this summer.

SBTC will continue weeknight workouts at Dobie each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 4 to 6 p.m. All Saturday workouts are from 10 a.m. to noon.

For additional information about the longtime area track program or to access online registration options, visit [sports.bluesombrero.com/risingstars](http://sports.bluesombrero.com/risingstars) track. Qualifying members from the team will have the chance to compete at nationals in Houston this summer.

### Keep Kids In School golf

The 7th annual Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament will drive its total goal to \$1 million to benefit Communities In Schools-Bay Area's program to keep kids on the path to success through graduation and beyond. The program impacts 15,000 students in Clear Creek and Dickinson school districts with funds raised at the tournament.

The all-inclusive shamble tournament will be held April 18 at Bay Oaks Country Club. Communities In Schools-Bay Area works in 14 schools identifying at-risk students.

Campus coordinators work with students referred by teachers, parents or other students. In addition to this one-on-one help, school-wide events promote paths to success.

To help continue this program, underwriting and sponsorships in the Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament are still available. These sponsorships will aid in reaching the \$1-million goal.

For more information on the tournament and donation opportunities, call Hillary Gramm at 281-486-6698 or direct email to her at [hillaryg@cisba.org](mailto:hillaryg@cisba.org).

### SJC women's hoops/Play4Kay

The San Jacinto College women's basketball team will show its support for breast cancer awareness and research by wearing pink and accepting donations during the Play4Kay home game against Blinn College on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m., in Nichols Gymnasium on the North campus.

Visitors to the game are encouraged to show their support for the effort by also wearing pink. The first 100 fans at the game will receive a free pink rally towel.

The team will stage a free throw "shoot-a-thon," and accept donations at the game. All proceeds will go to the Kay Yow Foundation for cancer research.

In her 34-year tenure at North Carolina State University, the late Kay Yow became the first coach to win two Olympic gold medals.

She also guided her teams to 20 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournaments, and was inducted into 11 halls of fame.

Yow founded the Kay Yow cancer fund before passing away in 2009 after a 22-year battle with breast cancer.

Donations to the Kay Yow cancer fund can be made online at [play4kay.org](http://play4kay.org). For information about the San Jacinto College women's basketball program, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

### Brook boys' soccer downs CL

The Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer team is hanging tough in District 24-6A, having scored a big 3-0 win over Clear Lake Feb. 5, at Clear Brook.

Adrian Garcia was the standout for the Wolverines, netting two goals. Cobi Morano also scored for the winners. Goalkeeper Aidan Cupples earned the victory as the Wolverines moved to 2-1.

Clear Brook went up against Clear Springs Feb. 10, after press time, at Clear Brook.

# SJC pitchers throw masterpieces

The San Jacinto College baseball team got off to an impressive 4-0 start, punctuated by a no-hitter pitched by Montana Parsons, and a rare perfect game hurled by Colton Schmidt at the season-opening College of Southern Nevada Coyote Border Battle tournament, played in Henderson, Nevada, Jan. 29-31.

"This team has such depth and talent, which was on full display at the tournament," said San Jacinto College head baseball coach Tom Arrington.

"Every player performed extremely well, and Montana and Colton were especially dominant. A no-hitter is an amazing accomplishment, but throwing a perfect game is one of the most difficult and rarest achievements at any level of baseball."

In the non-conference tournament, San Jac outscored the four teams they faced 48-12. Game 3 of the tournament was billed as a "prime time" matchup. San Jac, ranked 10th in the nation by the National

Junior Collegiate Athletics Association, faced eighth-ranked Southern Nevada, and won the game 11-5. But the highlights of the tournament were Parsons' no-hitter, and Schmidt's perfect game.

The left-handed Schmidt, a graduate of La Porte High School, was so focused that he was unaware he pitched a perfect game until the game was over and teammates mobbed him on the mound.

"Once it soaked in, it was a really great feeling," Schmidt said. "I pitched a no-hitter in high school, which was great, but pitching that perfect game in Nevada was really special." San Jac defeated Salt Lake Community College 11-0 in Schmidt's gem. The game was called due to the 10-run rule in the sixth inning.

Schmidt twirled a complete game, facing 18 hitters with 12 strikeouts, no walks, and no runners reaching base. Only two hitters even made contact

— one tapped a routine infield groundout, and one hit a routine fly which was caught in the outfield.

Schmidt relies on finesse, painting the corners with a fastball that tops out at around 89 miles per hour. His most effective pitch is a deceptive slider that keeps hitters off-balance.

After graduating from San Jacinto College, he plans to transfer to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to continue his education and playing career.

Parsons, on the other hand, used a different approach to achieve his no-hitter. "I throw heat," he commented.

"I just fire it in there, challenge guys to see if they can hit it." Parsons' fastball can touch around 95 mph on the radar gun. He mixes in an occasional curveball to keep batters guessing.

San Jac beat Southern Idaho College 10-0 in Parsons' no-hitter.

He pitched a complete game, which was called

due to 10-run run rule after five innings. Parsons struck out seven of the 18 batters he faced.

One batter walked, and one was hit by a pitch, so only two hitters reached base.

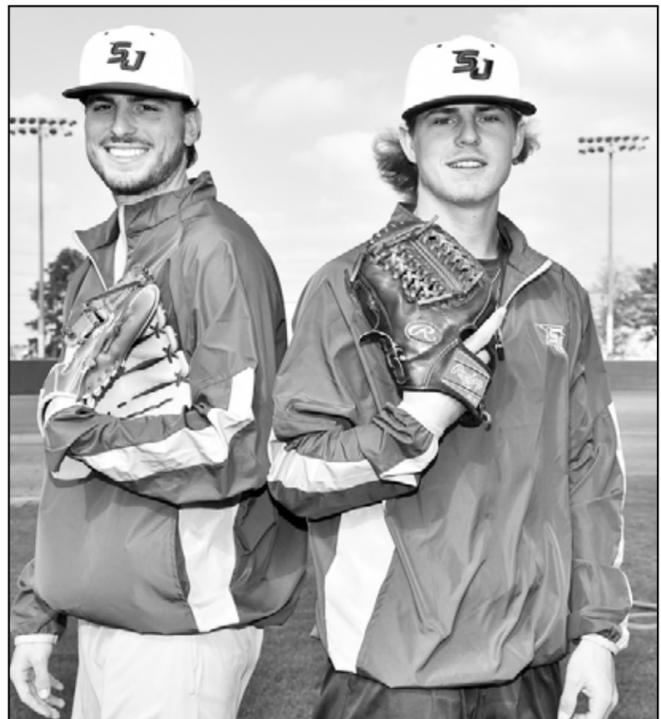
After graduating from San Jacinto College, Schmidt, a College Park High School graduate, plans to transfer to Baylor University.

Both pitchers have since pushed their records to 2-0 on the hill, while San Jacinto College is off to a 7-0 start.

At the San Jacinto College Tournament of Champions Feb. 5-6, Parsons got the win as the locals defeated St. Petersburg 9-0. Parsons went five frames, allowing one hit and striking out six.

Against Howard, Schmidt was the winning pitcher as he allowed five hits and an earned run over five innings, fanning five along the way.

For more about SJC baseball or any of the college's athletic programs, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).



San Jacinto College sophomore pitchers Montana Parsons, left, and Colton Schmidt dominated at the season-opening tournament in Henderson, Nevada. Parsons hurled a no-hitter in a 10-0 win over Southern Idaho. Schmidt pitched a perfect game, highlighted by 12 strikeouts in an 11-0 win over Salt Lake Community College. Photo by Rob Vanya

# San Jac softball set to host No. 1 Temple, others Feb. 13-14

**Continued from Page 1B** Junior College Athletic Association Division I preseason poll.

While Temple has gone 6-4 through the first two weeks of the season, Region XIV's Tyler is off to a 9-0 start. Tyler, which figures to battle San Jacinto, Blinn, Alvin and others for the eventual Region XIV crown, entered the season unranked within the NJCAA but opened the season with a 4-1 win over San Jacinto and has kept rolling.

The Apaches' Abby Walker dazzled Tyler fans at the season-opening Galveston College Invitational, throwing a no-hitter in a 7-0 win over host Galveston. She fanned 12.

Walker also earned the win against San Jacinto in that season opener. "It was a tight game, and we blinked first," San Jacinto College head coach Kelly Saenz said.

"We are a little young, and it was our first game. We couldn't get the hits in that one."

As for San Jacinto the rest of the way, its 7-4 record to this point perfectly indicates its performance.

Sophomore star Gabby Gonzalez has helped pave the way for an offense that is hitting just over .310 as a team.

Katlin Kerl, Dani Damian, Taylor Office and Missy Hernandez have also chipped in on the offensive side.

At the Wallace State Invitational in Atmore, Ala., Feb. 5-6, San Jacinto beat Southern Union State 8-0

as Niki Gonzalez allowed just one hit while fanning 11 in the circle.

Hernandez drove in four runs, and Office homered.

In a 5-3 victory over Wallace State, Damian socked a home run and Gabby Gonzalez doubled and knocked in a pair of runs.

Three pitchers — Carol Raabe, Sarah Holden and Niki Gonzalez — combined to defeat Gulf Coast State 3-2, and San Jacinto also bested Lake Land 2-1 behind another good pitching effort from Niki Gonzalez.

However, there was the matter of a 10-2 loss to Chattanooga State. Another defeat, 10-1, was handed out by Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Saenz said her team's success or failure in terms of wins and losses has been simple to understand

at this point. When the offense clicks, the defense makes the routine play, and the pitchers avoid walks, the wins come.

When the errors and walks on the San Jacinto College side of things begin to add up, the results have not been nearly as good.

"We just had too many walks issued and errors against Chattanooga State, and the same thing was the case against Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"There was a home run allowed and two errors, and then another home run allowed. You just can't win games doing that."

In the practice sessions leading up to this San Jacinto Invitational, Saenz said she would have her players focusing quite a bit of attention on the fundamentals on defense.

"Don't try to throw the ball before you catch it.

Just those types of things. If we can tighten up some of the things we are doing out there, I really feel like we can have a lot of success."

The jury is still out as to how well the 2016 season will go for San Jacinto.

The competition in Region XIV will be uber tough as always. Blinn has excelled for years, and now Tyler has had some early-season success.

"We are 7-4 but have played some really good teams," Saenz said.

"That's going to continue this weekend. We scheduled it that way for a reason, to make sure we are prepared for the regional season. I think we have done some good things and have shown that we can score some

runs when we get out early and get the bats going.

"There are some other things that we are working on, but we'll get there. This is another great chance to play five games against some really good competition."

## Atkinson Eagles honor Big Shootout winners



Atkinson Elementary was skillfully represented at the Pasadena ISD's annual districtwide Big Shootout competition Feb. 8, at Phillips Field House. Those students who were honored as the Eagles' winners were, left to right, Christian Co-

varrubias (fourth-grade boys' winner), Matison Mitchell (fourth-grade girls' winner), Jadelynn Alvarez (third-grade girls' winner) and Leo Alvarez (third-grade boys' winner).

## Brown Relays to Auxiliary Feb. 19

The Brown Relays, Pasadena ISD's long-standing varsity boys' and girls' track and field meet, will play out Friday, Feb. 19, at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

The five host schools from Pasadena ISD will be involved along with several other top programs from the area. 2015 participants included Alief Taylor, Baytown Lee, Goose Creek Memorial, Channelview, Clear Brook,

Clear Lake, Deer Park, Dickinson, Elkins, La Porte and Summer Creek, and many of those programs are expected back for 2016.

The Clear Brook varsity boys' team, led by star sprinter Brandon Taylor and others, is among those headed to Pasadena.

The schedule for Feb. 19 shows the field events beginning at 2:30 p.m. The running events will get going at 6 p.m.

The boys' athletes will compete for a chance to win the Steve Bledsoe Memorial Award, which goes to the highest-scoring individual at the meet.

The top-scoring girls' athlete will be handed the Joan Propp High Point Award.

Pasadena ISD is also set to host the District 22-6A Championships April 12 (field events) and April 14 (running events), also at Auxiliary Stadium.

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Track and Field

All meets at Auxiliary Stadium, Pasadena, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 – 7th/8th Grade Girls' Meet  
Thursday, Feb. 25 – 7th/8th Grade Boys' Meet

Wednesday, March 2 – 7th/8th Grade Girls' Meet  
Thursday, March 3 – 7th/8th Grade Boys' Meet

Wednesday, March 9 – 7th/8th Grade Girls' Meet  
Thursday, March 10 – 7th/8th Grade Boys' Meet

### District Championship Schedule

Tuesday, March 22 – 7th/8th Grade Girls' Meet  
Wednesday, March 23 – 7th/8th Grade Boys' Meet  
Thursday, March 24 – Rain-out date, if needed

## Coaches don sneakers for cancer research



The San Jacinto College and Coastal Bend College men's basketball coaches may be opponents on the court, but they teamed up Jan. 30, for Coaches versus Cancer Suits and Sneakers Week. Both teams' coaching staff took to the court wearing sneakers with their suits while coaching the game, raising cancer awareness. San Jac won the game by an 81-70 count. Coaches versus Cancer is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches that empowers basketball coaches, their teams, and local communities to make a difference in the fight against cancer. Shown above is, left to right, Patrick Padelford, Coastal Bend assistant basketball coach; Carliss Robinson, Coastal Bend head basketball coach; Scott R. Gernander, San Jacinto College head basketball coach; and Albert Talley, Jr., San Jacinto College assistant basketball coach.

## Varsity boys Wolverines' hoops hold tight in 24-6A

Much like the action in District 22-6A, the District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball race appears to be headed for a tight finish.

In the eight-team district, it appears that Clear Creek, Dickinson, Clear Brook, Clear Springs and Clear Lake are the five teams battling for just four playoff spots.

With a win Feb. 9, Dickinson has reached the postseason and is a game in front of Creek at 10-2 in the standings.

The two teams are set to play each other Feb. 12 for the top spot in the standings. Creek, looking to ensure a playoff berth with one more win, will be trying to bounce back from a 70-47 loss to Clear Springs Feb. 9.

That leaves Brook and Springs pushing for the final two spots, along with Clear Lake, which suffered a debilitating 59-58 loss to 2-10 Bra-

zoswood Feb. 9.

Of the three, Clear Brook appears to have the easiest path down the back stretch, with games remaining at home against Brazoswood and at Friendswood (4-8).

Clear Lake, meanwhile, hosts Friendswood before closing out the regular season at Clear Creek Springs, then, is at Clear Falls before ending its regular season at home against Dickinson.

Simply put, wins over Brazoswood and Friendswood will send the Wolverines to the postseason.

On Feb. 9, the Wolverines took care of their own business, defeating Clear Falls 70-61 as David Azore continued his recent run of 20-plus point games with 21 to lead the Wolverines.

Three other Clear Brook players were in double figures.

**District 22/24-6A play**  
**Feb. 12 hoops action**  
*Dobie boys host Rayburn*  
*Brook boys host Brazoswood*  
**Feb. 16 hoops action**  
*Dobie boys at Memorial*  
*Brook boys at Friendswood*

**District 22-6A Standings**  
**Varsity Boys' Basketball**  
 (As of Feb. 10)

Teams	W	L
Dawson	14	1
South Houston	13	1
Pearland	9	6
Dobie	8	6
Manvel	8	6
Alvin	5	9
Pasadena	3	11
Memorial	2	12
Rayburn	1	13

**District 24-6A Standings**  
**Varsity Boys' Basketball**  
 (As of Feb. 10)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	10	2
Clear Creek	9	3
Clear Brook	7	5
Clear Springs	7	5
Clear Lake	6	6
Clear Falls	3	9
Friendswood	4	8
Brazoswood	2	10

# Dobie grad Martinez to fight at Toyota Feb. 19

Leomana Martinez is about to take part in the biggest mixed martial arts fight of his life, and all of his friends and supporters from Dobie High School will have a chance to see him in action.

The 19-year-old Martinez, a 2014 Dobie High School graduate, is set to take on Casey Jones Friday, Feb. 19, in a bantamweight (135-pound weight category) battle at the Toyota Center.

The headline of the night features Ken Shamrock in his third tussle against MMA legend Royce Gracie. Martinez will fight earlier in the evening as part of the undercard, and he can't wait.

"This is the biggest fight of my life, and I am looking forward to getting in there and coming out with the victory," he said.

"I've been blessed with four victories in my career to this point, and this is by far the biggest one. From here, they are all big."

Martinez said he began training in karate at the age of 4, and obtained his black belt by the age of 7. He also enjoyed baseball, and was a member of the Longhorns' 2014 varsity baseball team that went

13-1 en route to the District 22-6A title. He tore his anterior cruciate ligament prior to the season and didn't get to see much action, but he was still a part of all of the fun.

In fact, Martinez said the adrenaline rush he gets from stepping into the cage for an MMA fight is only rivaled by the seconds and minutes leading up to a baseball game against 22-6A rival Pearland.

Martinez actually began MMA fighting at the age of 17. His recovery from the torn ACL required a year layoff, but he's been back at it ever since.

Currently an amateur in the Legacy Fighting Championship organization, Martinez scored a first round win Dec. 15, 2015, over Royala Smith at 56 seconds of first round in Houston's Arena Theater.

For the third consecutive time, Martinez used an arm bar submission on his opponent, each coming in the first round. None of his four fights have moved to the second round.

"I feel like I'm a good stand up fighter, but at the same time I have had three straight wins by submission," Martinez said.

"Really, I do whatever it takes. If there is an opening, you've got to be able to take advantage of it."

And that's just what he plans to do against Jones on Feb. 19. Since his win in December, Martinez has been able to get back to his training and, roughly 10 days away from taking on Jones, was ready to go.

"I feel like the hard part is the strict diet, the training and the mental preparation for the fights," Martinez said. "Stepping

into the cage is usually the easy part.

"But it is a huge adrenaline rush. I usually don't remember anything during the fights. I'm always asking someone for a video of the fights so I can go back and look at them.

"MMA fighting is the best thing you can experience when you do what I do. If you win, all of the glory goes to you, and if you lose, the responsibility is on you. That's the way I like it to be."

Martinez is not the first

MMA fighter who attended Dobie High School. Caleb Cummins, who also played varsity baseball, has also fought in the Legacy Fighting Championship organization.

And while he is just 19 years old and essentially only getting started in a sport that, albeit rewarding, can be brutal in nature, Martinez knows what he wants.

"I want this to be my career," Martinez said. "We all know what it

takes and what is involved. It can be a roller coaster ride, but it's all worth it when you get your arm raised in victory."

And Martinez certainly hopes to have his arm raised again come Feb. 19 against Jones in the Toyota Center.

He's on the undercard, and the stands may not be as full when he fights as they will be when Shamrock and Gracie go at it, but it won't be any less special for Martinez.

"I'm really excited," Martinez said. "Having the chance to fight the MMA brand in the Toyota Center is somewhat of a dream come true.

"I want to eventually reach the UFC and make a name for myself as a pro. I'm still an amateur right now, but this is a big chance to take another step.

"I'm prepared and ready to go, and now it's all about going out and getting it done."



Leomana Martinez, a 2014 Dobie High School graduate, will enter the mixed martial arts cage Feb. 19 at Toyota Center.



With a first-round arm bar submission victory at 56 seconds of the first round, Leomana Martinez (left) defeated Royala Smith last December at Houston's Arena Theater.

## District 22-6A boys' hoops race destined to go the distance, maybe more

How close can the playoff race be for the third- and fourth-place spots in the District 22-6A varsity boys' basketball standings?

Just ask anybody associated with the Dobie, Manvel or Pearland programs right now.

While Dawson and South Houston are tied for the District 22-6A lead at 13-1 and are headed for a league championship showdown Feb. 12 at South Houston, there is other business to be concluded.

Just when that happens is very much up for debate.

Three teams - Dobie, Manvel and Pearland - are in the hunt for the final two playoff seeds. Only two will advance.

Pasadena ISD Director of Athletics Rodney Chant told the *Leader* that in the event of a two-way tie for the fourth and final playoff slot, those two teams would engage in a play-in game.

Here's the basic rundown for each team.

**Manvel's case**

The Mavericks at one time were cruising at the top of the standings along with Dawson and South Houston.

But five losses in six District 22-6A games has changed all of that. Regardless of what is going on at Manvel - and there is talk out there - the Mavericks (8-6 in District 22-6A play) need to win out across their final two games in order to advance.

Manvel will take on Memorial at home before traveling to Pearland for that Feb. 16 finale.

**Dobie's case**

The team's six-game winning streak is done, supplanted by a two-game losing streak. But the Longhorns are still very much in the mix for a playoff berth at 8-6 with two games to go after a big road win.

Averting an upset bid at Alvin Feb. 9, the Longhorns gained a 70-67 victory over the Yellowjackets.

If the Longhorns can finish with wins over Sam Rayburn (Feb. 12) and Memorial (Feb. 16), they can really apply the pressure to Pearland and Manvel.

Dobie and Manvel went 1-1 against one another this season, as did Pearland and Dobie. Pearland defeated Manvel in their only head-to-head battle to date.

Just as has been the case for two seasons now, the race for the final two playoff spots is a long one.



South Houston, led by varsity boys' basketball head coach Patrick McCoy (right), has earned itself a chance to take on Dawson Feb. 16 for the District 22-6A championship. Meanwhile, Dobie head coach Kevin Cross (left) and his brother, varsity assistant coach Steven Cross (seated behind) are looking to get the Longhorns to the postseason. Even with a pair of wins over Rayburn and Memorial, the Longhorns aren't guaranteed a berth in the Class 6A bidistrict playoff round.

**Pearland's case**

After defeating Memorial Feb. 9, Pearland is sitting at 9-6 with just one more league game on its schedule. The trick? That game is against Manvel Feb. 16 - the supposed final day of the regular season.

Obviously, the Oilers can earn their playoff invitation outright with a win over the Mavericks. A loss to the Mavs, and the Oilers could possibly miss out on a playoff berth for the sec-

ond straight year.

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Alvin is one of the four playoff teams from District 22-6A along with Dawson, Manvel and Pearland.

In District 24-6A, the Lady Wolverines ended their season with a 56-36 loss to Clear Falls. In 24-6A, Clear Springs, Clear Falls, Clear Lake and Friendswood are headed to the playoffs.

Brook finished the season at 3-11.

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**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For information, call 281-910-1971.

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**Genealogy Group** – The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at erotrot@usa.net.

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6 p.m.  
**Scrabble Club #511** – Meets Mondays at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua, 6 p.m. Come and improve crossword game playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for information.

**New Directions Singles** – Group for ages 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

6:30 p.m.  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** – meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org).

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**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** – Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Biel at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

7:30 p.m.  
**The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society** – Meets the third week of the month at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Parkway, Seabrook. Guests welcome. Presenters explore a variety of subjects such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, rock, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to various collecting sites throughout Texas and surrounding states. All interested persons welcome to attend. Door prizes. Free parking. For information, visit [www.clgms.org](http://www.clgms.org).

7:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – New AA meeting, Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery Program, open meeting meets every Monday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Building, 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For more information, call Russell Garcia at 832-483-6715.

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**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** – Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565.

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**Rotary Club of Pearland** – Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nalix@texasclizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texasclizensbank.com).

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2 p.m.  
**The National Active and Retired Federal Employees** – NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

6:30 p.m.  
**Breast Cancer Support Group** – Meets the third Tuesday of every

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**Pearland Area Republican's Club** – meets the third Tuesday of the month (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For information, call Gary at 281-993-8335.

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**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous** – Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For information, call the club at 281-480-1911.

11:30 a.m.  
**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** – meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m., Bravos Mexican Restaurant, 10906 Fuqua. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

4 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** – Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for a list of all services.

6 p.m.  
**Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** – A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building) on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

**Al-Anon (English Speaking)** – Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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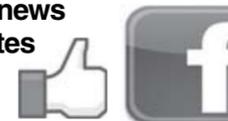
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## UTEP lands Dobie OLB Simpson



Dobie High School varsity football standout Dedrick Simpson (third from left) is headed to the University of Texas-El Paso to continue his education and playing career after inking a letter of intent with the Miners on National Signing Day – Feb. 3, at Dobie. Those with Simpson at the signing included, left to right, Mike Van Essen (Dobie assistant principal), Kameshia Simmons (mother) and

Mike Norman (Dobie varsity football head coach). Simpson, an outside linebacker, was a three-year starter for the Longhorns. Simpson was one of 24 players signed by the Miners for the 2016 season. The Miners, 5-7 a season ago, open 2016 at home against New Mexico State before heading to Austin to face the Texas Longhorns Sept. 10.

## Brook soccer's Flores to play at Texas Lutheran

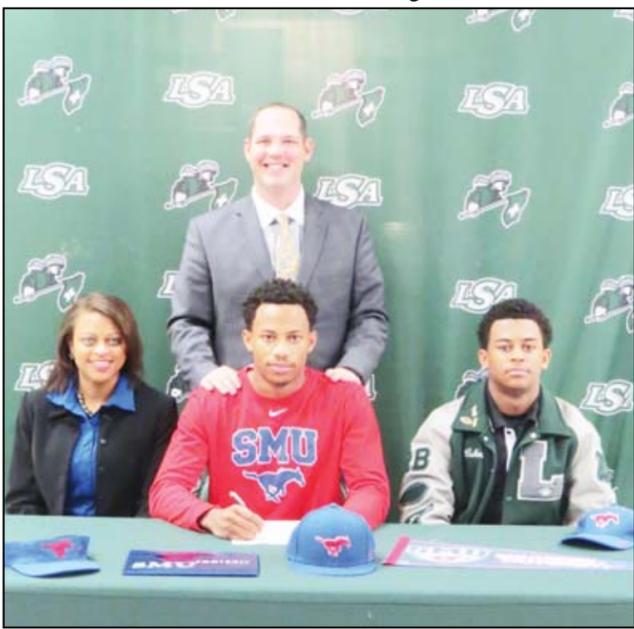


Clear Brook High School varsity girls' soccer player Gabriela Flores (seated third from right) will continue her education and playing career at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin after earning an academic scholarship to attend the institution. Flores, a National Honor Society member, is also a four-year varsity letterwinner for the Lady Wolverines. She is set to graduate Magna Cum Laude in the top 15 percent of her class. Those with her at the signing included, left to right, (seated)

ed) Abe Garcia (grandfather), Maria Garcia (grandmother), Monica Flores (mother), Julien Flores (brother), Joe Flores (father), Gina Flores (grandmother), (standing) Clear Brook varsity girls' soccer head coach Jill Scott, Alex Quiroga (cousin), Alberto Quiroga (uncle), Christian Flores (brother), Sharon Lopez (Clear Brook High School associate principal) and Jose Flores Sr. (grandfather).

## Pioneers' Shelmire to SMU football

At right, Lutheran South Academy football star Joshua Shelmire is headed to Southern Methodist University in Dallas to continue his education and playing career. As a member of the Pioneer football team, Shelmire was a two-time all-state and all-district wide receiver and set numerous school records. He accumulated more than 2,500 yards receiving, 28 touchdowns and 130 receptions. Shelmire is also a leader in the classroom, having twice been named as an academic all-state athlete. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Linda Neely-Shelmire (mother), Christian Shelmire (brother), (standing) Lutheran South Academy head football coach Bryan Robbins.



## Longhorns' swimmers close out terrific season

Building confidence after respective third- and fourth-place finishes at the District 22-6A championships, regional-qualifying members from Dobie stepped it up again at the regional meet.

Competing at the Pearland Natatorium in both the 22-6A and regional championships, the Longhorn swimmers obviously found their surrounding quite comfortable.

At the 22-6As, the Dobie girls were third overall, setting a school record in the 200-yard freestyle relay along the way.

In that event, Vanessa Gonzalez, Summer Naser, Rebecca Shaffer and Madison Caballero combined for the JFD record.

Also, Caballero, Gonzalez, Naser and Francesca Arellano joined forces in the 200-yard medley relay, where they were fourth overall.

Arellano, Naser, Shaffer and Lisa Luna were in on the action as the Lady Longhorns were also fourth in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Gonzalez stood out in the 200-yard freestyle event as an individual, placing fifth. She was also fifth in the district in the 100-yard freestyle relay.

In the 100-yard flystroke, Caballero raced her way to fifth-place.

Arellano competed in the 100-yard backstroke event at the district championships, where she was seventh.

In the 200-yard individual medley event, Luna placed eighth for the Lady Longhorns.

As for the boys, who were fourth as a team at the 22-6As, Tin Nguyen was the champion of the 100-yard flystroke event.

In the 200-yard medley relay, Nguyen was joined by Josh Woernley, Samuel Parker and Ahmad Abusaif for fourth place. The same four athletes also landed Dobie a fourth-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Woernley was fifth in the 200-yard freestyle, and James Castaneda, Matthew Willhoite, Daniel Shaffer and Victor Nguyen combined for fifth in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Parker placed seventh in the 100-yard freestyle, and Tin Nguyen was sixth in the 100-yard backstroke.

At regionals, the girls' 200-freestyle relay placed 13th overall, as did Nguyen in the 100-yard flystroke event.



The Dobie girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team of, from left, Vanessa Gonzalez, Summer Naser, Rebecca Shaffer and Madison Caballero qualified for the regional finals and finished 13th overall in the event, lowering their school record time that was set at the District 22-6A championships. At district, the Lady Longhorns' relay team was third, helping the overall team take third place. Dobie's boys were fourth at district.

## Defending champs take over lead

The District 22-6A varsity boys' soccer race simply has to be the most competitive in the Region III alignment.

One game shy of the end of the first half of things, defending league champion Dobie is waging a three-team battle with Manvel and Memorial at the top of the standings.

The other five programs? Each are merely looking skyward at the leaders.

Dobie took over the top spot in the standings for at least a day, handing Rayburn a 4-2 defeat Feb. 9, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Sabino Lozano started the scoring for Dobie

just 35 seconds into the match, and the Longhorns went on to win their fifth straight.

Since playing Manvel to a 1-1 tie through regulation and losing a valuable point in a shootout, the Longhorns have reeled off the five wins for 15 points.

Memorial tangled with Manvel Feb. 10, after press time, with Manvel looking to retake the top spot from Dobie.

Dobie closes out the first half of league play against Memorial Feb. 12, in a 6 p.m. match.

The locals then begin the second half of District 22-6A action Monday, Feb. 15, against Pearland. Match time at Veterans

Stadium is 7 p.m. Dobie the first match between the defeated Pearland 3-2 in two teams.

### District 22-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Soccer (Through Feb. 9 play)

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	6	0	1	19
Manvel	5	0	1	17
Memorial	5	0	1	16
Pasadena	2	3	2	9
Rayburn	3	4	0	9
Pearland	1	3	3	8
Dawson	2	5	1	7
South Houston	1	5	1	5
Alvin	1	6	1	1

## Lady Longhorns sit fifth in 22-6A girls' soccer

One way or another, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team is determined to stay in the mix for a playoff spot in the District 22-6A ranks as the second half of the season comes around.

With one game remaining against Memorial to close out the first half of league action, the Lady Longhorns are sitting in fifth place, just one point out of fourth place.

Alvin and Manvel have played exceptionally well this season, as has Pearland, which defeated Dobie 3-0 in the first round of play.

Presented with a big chance Feb. 5, against Alvin, Dobie landed a key point. The Lady Longhorns' Leslie Garcia scored a goal, a header off a corner kick, to forge a 1-1 tie with the Yellow-

jackets. The goal came with 2 minutes, 30 seconds to play.

Although Dobie lost the shootout, picking up a point in the standings could loom big for Dobie.

Against Sam Rayburn Feb. 8, Dobie cruised to a 3-0 win.

At 3-3-1, Dobie needs to likely land a victory over one of the teams in front of them in order to reach the postseason. But head coach Bryan McDonald said his team understands its goal moving ahead and will keep battling.

"Our goal was to earn points from either Alvin or Dawson," McDonald said. "Getting points from one of those teams in front of you can definitely pay off down the road."

"It definitely goes to

show that when we are healthy, we can give Pearland, Dawson and Alvin a run. We lost to Dawson 1-0 on a late goal. We had several 1-on-1s and a few decent counter attacks but just couldn't tap one in."

Obviously, Dobie hopes the hard work leads to catching a few more breaks in the second half of the season. Perhaps a playoff berth will come.

**Dobie (6-0-1) vs. Memorial (5-0-1)**  
Friday, Feb. 12  
Veterans, 6 p.m.

At right, things got a bit physical as the Dobie Longhorns and Sam Rayburn Texans tangled in a 22-6A varsity boys' soccer match Feb. 9, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Dobie's Mateo Gutierrez (14) avoided much of the danger, but Rayburn's Omar Perales (center) was sent airborne on the play, soaring over teammate and goalkeeper Brandon Camero. Leading 2-1 at halftime, first-place Dobie went on to win the game 4-2 and has now won six straight matches. Rayburn is currently one of five programs chasing the fourth and final playoff seed in the 22-6A ranks.

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