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Chamber holds gala Feb. 18

There's still time to buy tickets to the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual gala, set to take place Friday, Feb. 18, at the Palms Banquet and Event Center, located at 15301 Gulf Freeway near FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road. Now in its 36th year, the event is titled *Friday Night Fever* and will have a disco theme. The last two chamber banquets have been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Both a citizen of the year and a chamber member of the year will be announced at the event. All new chamber board members will also be officially sworn in at the function. Individual tickets are \$75. Group packages are also available. To purchase tickets, visit southbeltchamber.com/annual-gala. For additional information, call 281-481-5516 or email info@southbeltchamber.com.

South Belt blood drive set

South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer at Astoria Boulevard, is participating with M.D. Anderson Hospital for a community blood drive Sunday, Feb. 20. The hospital will have their donation coach on site at the church from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, call the church office at 281-922-5520. Walk-ups are also welcome.

Sagemeadow meets Feb. 17

Sagemeadow monthly HOA meeting will be held Feb. 17, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer and Hughes, beginning at 7 p.m. Residents are urged to attend. General inquiries can be e-mailed to info@sagemeadow.org, mailed to info@sagemeadow.org or call/text 832-377-0847. For additional information, visit sagemeadow.org.

SMF holds annual meeting

In accordance with its bylaws, the Sagemont Maintenance Fund (formerly known as Sagemont Maintenance Committee) will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at The Gardens, located 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. The meeting will be held to discuss SMF business and to elect two new directors.

COVID cases decrease

The number of local COVID-19 cases has decreased for the second consecutive week, as the number of active cases being reported continued to drop across the county.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 15, there were 12,259 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866) — up 277 from the previous week. Of those, 1,263 remain active, down 428 from the previous week. To date, 115 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up seven from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), there were 8,984 confirmed cases, up 196 from the previous week. Of those, 1,081 remain active, down 407 from the previous week. To date, there have been 72 deaths in the ZIP code, up two from the previous week.

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there were 8,477 confirmed cases, up 185 from the previous week. Of those, 904 remain active, down 383 from the previous week. To date, 85 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

According to Harris County officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there have been 858,905 total confirmed cases. Of those, 774,473 have recovered from the disease, while 77,304 cases remain active. A total of 7,089 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two outside northbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from West Medical Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday, May 5.

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, May 22.

The northbound entrance ramp from Bay Area Boulevard to the Gulf Freeway will be closed until further notice.

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

The northbound entrance ramps from both FM 519/Main Street and FM 1765/Texas Avenue in La Marque will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the next available northbound entrance ramp.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Kirkwood to meet Feb. 24

The Kirkwood Civic Club's January meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes. Meetings are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchion at 281-989-9990.

County judge candidates debate in public forum

Incumbent Lina Hidalgo invited but absent from event

By James Bolen

A candidate forum held Thursday, Feb. 10, for contestants seeking the position of county judge was sparsely attended, not only by potential voters but also candidates.

Just under a third of the candidates running for the seat currently held by Lina Hidalgo attended the forum, organized by a group of local homeowner associations led by the Sagemont Civic Club, with only five of 14 candidates taking part. Hidalgo declined to participate, as did fellow

Democrats Maria Garcia, Ahmad Hassan and Kevin Howard. Republicans absent from the event included Robert Dorris, Oscar Gonzales, Randy Kubosh, Vidal Martinez, Alex Mealer and George Zoes.

Organizers said multiple candidates responded positively, then either canceled late or just didn't show up to the event, which was attended by less than a dozen people.

The remaining five candidates taking part in the forum were Democrats Erica Davis and Georgia

Provost and Republicans H.Q. Bolanos, Martina Dixon and Warren Howell.

Despite the panel being bipartisan, the candidates had far more in common than differences, with all participants being squarely targeted on incumbent Hidalgo.

"I am running because Harris County residents deserve better," said Davis, a longtime staff member of the Precinct 1 constable's office. "We cannot afford another four years of ineffective and ineffi-

cient leadership right here in Harris County."

A similar position was taken by Howell. "We have a decision to make here in Harris County," said Howell, one of two candidates on stage, along with Provost, who donned a cowboy hat. "Are we going to keep doing the same thing and expecting the same result?"

All candidates were in unison that the biggest hurdle facing the county is crime and the current

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County judge candidates debate



A group of local homeowner associations led by Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour (ground level) hosted a forum at The Gardens Thursday, Feb. 10, for candidates seeking the county judge position currently held by Lina Hidalgo. The incumbent, as well as eight other candidates, was absent from the sparsely attended event. Candidates shown above taking part in the forum are, left to right, H.Q. Bolanos, Erica Davis, Martina Dixon, Warren Howell and Georgia Provost. Photo by John McCrutchion

Dobie announces 2022 Hall of Honor

Induction ceremony scheduled for Feb. 25

Dobie High School will host its 10th annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony, Feb. 25, to recognize five individuals, including four graduates and a faculty member, for their lifetime achievements.

The 2022 honorees include the following:

- Larry Neumann (Class of 1970), former Dobie and Nederland High School coach.
- David Jackson (Class of 1981), longtime employee at NASA.
- Alysia Raycraft (Class of 1986), filmmaker and former costume designer for seasons 5-9 of "The Office."
- John Evans (Class of 1986), award-winning Texas musician and artist.
- David Chollett (former faculty member/coach).

The Dobie High School Hall of Honor recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions in the community and serve as role models to students. This recognition is the highest honor bestowed to Longhorn alumni or former faculty members.

Larry Neumann (Class of 1970)

As a Dobie Longhorn, Larry Neumann was a football standout and member of FFA, earning a football scholarship to attend Kilgore College and a Pasadena Rodeo scholarship. He returned to Dobie High School in 1974 to begin his coaching career, where he remained for seven years before coaching the Nederland High Bulldogs.

Neumann's coaching career was 186-93-1.

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Apartment complex catches fire

An apartment unit caught fire around 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in the 10100 block of Windmill Lakes Boulevard.

According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters arrived on scene within seven minutes to find a laundry room fully engulfed in flames inside on the first floor of an apartment complex.

Crews contained the fire to the room with no extension into the apartment units.

Once the fire was extinguished, HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. At press time, the cause of the blaze remained under investigation.

Damage was estimated at \$90,000.

Firefighters were able to save approximately \$7.9 million in property.

No injuries were reported.

Firefighters from stations 52, 23, 26, 70, 36, 61, 93 and 24 responded to this incident.

Fuqua Family Dollar burglarized

The Family Dollar in the 10900 block of Fuqua at Sabo was burglarized around 4 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

According to police, officers responded to find the store had been forcibly entered through the rear door, and the crooks had entered the business through the alleyway.

As they approached the store, officers noticed three suspects were still inside the building. A fourth suspect was observed by police as the getaway driver.

As police made their presence known, the three suspects fled the building on foot.

Officers were able to apprehend one of the three fleeing suspects, as well as the getaway driver.



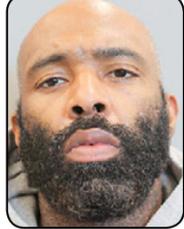
Damion East

The fleeing suspect, Damion East, 30, was arrested and charged with felony burglary of a building and a misdemeanor charge of evading on foot.

The getaway driver, Kentrell Washington, 38, was also charged with felony burglary of a building, as police found tools in his vehicle used in the break-in.

Despite an exhaustive manhunt for the remaining two suspects, including helicopter and K9 units, they remained at large at press time.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to call the HPD Theft and Burglary Division at 713-308-0900 or Crimestoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).



Kentrell Washington

Early primary voting underway

Early voting for the March 1 primary elections began Monday, Feb. 14, and will continue through Friday, Feb. 25.

In addition to the highly publicized race for governor, South Belt voters will also help decide who will fill multiple other positions, including Senate District 11; Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner; county judge; and Precinct 2, Place 2 justice of the peace.

Vying to fill the Senate District 11 seat being

vacated by Sen. Larry Taylor are longtime South Belt resident Bob Mitchell; Robin Armstrong; Bianca Gracia; and Mays Middleton — all Republicans. No Democrats filed to run for the position.

Democrats competing for the position of Precinct 2 commissioner are incumbent Adrian Garcia, George Risner and Gary Harison. Republicans vying for the seat include former

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Man fatally shot inside apartment

Police deem complex "hot spot" following multiple shootings

An apartment complex near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway police are calling a "hot spot" was the site of two shootings in a 48-hour time period this past week — one of which was fatal.

A man was fatally shot inside his apartment Sunday, Feb. 6, in the 1200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the victim, 21, was pending family notification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to police, patrol officers responded to a shooting call at the above address, and witnesses reported an unknown suspect forced his way inside the apartment and shot the victim multiple times after a physical altercation. The suspect then fled on foot.

Houston Fire Department paramedics responded and pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

Just two days later on Tuesday, Feb. 8, a man was critically injured after being shot in the face in broad daylight.

Investigators believe the two incidents may be related. Shootings have become commonplace at The Redford Apartments in recent months, with at least five shootings already taking place just this year prior to these — two of which were fatal.

Anyone with information on these cases is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Past incidents

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, victims, Marilyn Lee

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Nehls accuses Capitol police of spying

U.S. Rep. Troy Nehls, whose House District 22 encompasses much of the South Belt community, made national headlines this past week after the lawmaker accused U.S. Capitol police of violating his constitutional rights.



Troy Nehls

Nehls claims a Capitol police officer entered his empty office without permission last November and took photos of confidential materials.

According to Nehls, the document he allegedly photographed detailed a pro-law enforcement bill that would have ensured body armor quality for law enforcement officers.

"The photo was passed up to USCP intelligence analysts and a report was filed citing 'suspicious writings,'" Nehls said in a statement. "That following Monday, three plain-clothed

USCP agents returned to the office, where they questioned a staff member about the contents of the questionably-obtained photo."

The local congressman said the incident violated his Fourth Amendment rights.

"This goes much deeper than an unethical entry into my office by Capitol police," said Nehls. "This is a violation of members' right to speech and debate, as well as a Fourth Amendment violation. Could you imagine leaving your front door open and police officers enter your private home, take pictures of the inside, and then open an investigation based on those pictures?"

Nehls further said multiple discussions he had with USCP Chief Tom Manger led him to believe his office was under investigation and surveillance by U.S. Capitol police.

"After communicating with Chief Manger, it became clear that my office was under investigation and surveillance by USCP," Nehls said in a statement. "We were the 'threat.' If Capitol police had spent this much time investigating Jan. 6

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Scarsdale bridge finally opens



After multiple delays the Scarsdale bridge recently reopened to traffic after being closed approximately four months so channel improvements could be made underneath the crossing. Funded in part by a bond proposal approved by county voters in 2018, the project involves widening the area ditch and adding concrete lining from Sagerock to nearly Dixie Farm Road. The next phase of construction will require a similar closure of the bridge at Astoria Boulevard near Memorial Herman Southeast Hospital. See future editions of the Leader for additional information. Photo by James Bolen

Dobie announces Hall of Honor

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with 20 playoff games and the 2001 state semifinals. He led his team to the playoffs 20 out of the 24 seasons he coached. After 24 years at Nederland High, he retired as Southeast Texas' longest-tenured head coach. Neumann was recognized for making a positive im-



Larry Neumann

acted in the Nederland community and for his outstanding coaching career during the Southeast Coaches Association's 2018 Hall of Honor.

David Jackson (Class of 1981)

David Jackson graduated from the University of Houston with honors in mechanical engineering in 1986. He worked for NASA for 34 years, starting after the Challenger accident with the Safety and Mission Assurance team. He was instru-



David Jackson

mental in the Hubble Space Telescope Repair Mission-1. He spent a year's detail at NASA Headquarters in DC, where he served as technical assistant to the NASA International Space Station (ISS) program director. As the Extravehicular Vehicle Activity (EVA) project manager, Jackson enjoyed developing all the ISS EVA hardware needed to build and support the Space Station. He completed his career with NASA as the ISS Vehicle Office International Partner

logistics and maintenance lead.

This assignment allowed him to negotiate international agreements with all the ISS international partners, including establishing relationships and traveling regularly to Moscow, Torino and Tokyo. He has received numerous awards from NASA, including the Silver Achievement Medal, the Director's Commendation Award, and the Exceptional Achievement Medal. Jackson is also active in many charities. He was president of Trinity Foster Care Group, chairman and major contributor to the Trinity Foster Care Gala.

He also served as the organization's Christmas Toy Drive director for approximately 15 years. He has been a member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for 24 years. Beyond his charitable contributions, he is also a photographer and avid supporter of musicians and the arts. His future goals include ways to better support education, journalism and climate change.

Alysia Raycraft (Class of 1986)

Alysia Raycraft is an artist and educator who now resides in Austin. After graduating from Dobie High School in 1986, she attended the University of Texas at Austin, and obtained a bachelor's degree in fine arts. She then moved to New York to study textile surface design at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Raycraft started her career in fashion, theater costume design, earning her master's in fine arts from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts as well as an Artist in Residency at the



Alysia Raycraft

New York City Ballet. She later decided to focus on her film-making career while teaching in between projects at fine arts at museums,

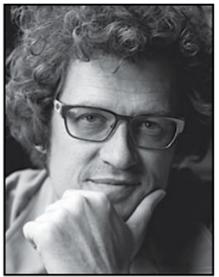
charter schools and public schools.

Toward the end of her film and television career, Raycraft became focused on arts integration in primary and secondary education. She will be graduating with her master's in science in April 2022.

Raycraft was notably the makeup and wardrobe supervisor for Blue Man Group, New York and maintained the puppets for *The Lion King* - New York Broadway production. She was also the costume designer for seasons 5-9 of the NBC Series "The Office."

John Evans (Class of 1986)

A star quarterback and letterman in track and basketball, Evans went on to become a four-year letterwinner on the Lamar University football team, graduating as the top passing



John Evans

quarterback in the school's history. He set the LU single-season passing mark by throwing for 2,901 yards in 1989 and the career passing mark with 6,347 yards.

As a senior, Evans posted the school's top three single-game total offense outputs with 421 yards against the University of Texas El Paso, 405 yards against Angelo State University and 396 yards against McNeese State University. Evans was one of two division I-AA quarterbacks selected to play against the division I-A all-stars in the Martin Luther King Classic, following the 1989 season.

He was inducted into the Cardinal Hall of Honor in 2001.

After the shutdown of Lamar football in 1989, Evans pursued his interest in music. His decorated career has earned him many awards and accolades, including six-time Best Male Vocalist, four-time Best Songwriter and two-time

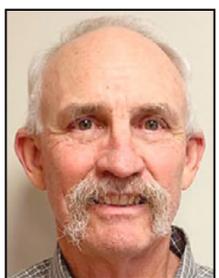
Musician of the Year in the Houston Press. He has a successful career as a music producer, camp counselor and mentor to up and coming young artists. His music has been featured in movies and TV, including Country Strong and on the series finale of the television show Friday Night Lights.

One of John's greatest thrills was appearing with his good friend, Hayes Carll, on the Tonight Show, performing an original song. Another experience that was "a real hoot" was when HGTV's Junk Gypsies re-decorated his living room. His seventh album was a tribute to his daughter, Abigail, who passed away in 2013, at the age of 20, from a rare and debilitating congenital skin disease. Her story was the subject of the indie film "Butterfly Girl." Today, Evans continues to play music, often performing for charity.

His most recent endeavor was Honkytonk for Hope, an organization that assists local community members facing life changes due to catastrophic medical issues, offering financial assistance to families in need.

David Chollet (faculty/coach)

David Chollet has been making a positive impact on students since 1981. He taught U.S. history and U.S. government while coaching in several capacities as the head cross-country coach (nine years); assistant and



David Chollet

then head track and field coach (29 years); assistant football coach (26 years), and assistant baseball coach (eight years).

Under his leadership, one student qualified for the state championship in the 800 meters. Beyond his coaching career, he was held in the highest regard by students and staff for his stellar work ethic and caring spirit.

"He commanded and expected our best effort in the classroom and in athletic competitions. It was so easy to give your best effort for a teacher and coach that was clearly giving us his best effort every day," said Carey Sink (Class of 1990), one of his former students.

The induction ceremony will take place in the school auditorium, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Brook swimmers excel



Clear Brook swimmer Hannah Goddard turned in the school's top finish at regionals, clocking in at 57 seconds in the 100 fly.



Freshman Abigail Lowman of Clear Brook showed what a bright future she has in the pool, taking eighth place at regionals in the 100 free.

Deaths

Mary Beth Fitzmorris



Mary Beth Fitzmorris, 81, passed away Feb. 12, 2022, with her friends and family by her side. Mary Beth was a devoted wife, mother, sister, nana, friend and more. She was an active member in her community and a friend to everyone she met.

She was born August 29, 1940, in Syracuse, N.Y., to Charles and Mildred Sellwood. In 1973, she moved to Florida with her two children, Robert Wilkie and Debbie Hughes, and met the love of her life Tom Fitzmorris. Shortly after they got married, they moved to Texas City and eventually made their roots in the South Belt community and had a son, Daniel Fitzmorris. They were a true love story and were happily married for more than 38 years before Tom's passing in 2011.

Mary Beth is survived by her children, Debbie, Robert and Daniel and wife Jessica; grandchildren Ella and Thomas Fitzmorris; brother Richard Sellwood; and cousin Maureen Olsen. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and her sister-in-law Joan Fitzmorris.

Mary Beth worked many jobs in her life, but nothing meant as much to her as becoming a registered nurse at the age of 47. She worked as a psychiatric nurse and auditor before finally retiring. Mary Beth was described as a fun-loving, caring individual who loved almost everybody. She said the best years of her life, besides being a mother and nana, were when she and Tom were connected to Sagemont Cowboys and the "50-Yard Line Club" at Dobie.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 17, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Feb. 18, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, Houston 77089.

Larry Brown



Larry Brown, 67, passed away peacefully Feb. 2, 2022, and now is with his Jesus.

Larry was born to William and Jolene Brown March 8, 1954 in Abilene, Texas. The family moved multiple times, ending up in Sagemont where Larry attended Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobie High School. Larry and Sharon met in 11th grade English class at Dobie.

Larry was married to his wife Sharon just two weeks short of their 49th anniversary, and had two sons: Kevin and wife, Leslie and Derek Brown; and grandchildren Avril, Dashi and Luke Brown.

After high school graduation, Larry began his career at Target as a department manager and then became a master electrician and worked as a project manager for more than 40 years, retiring in 2017 after he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

He loved sharing Jesus as much as he could through children's Sunday school and in everyday life situations with people, and also through

singing in Sagemont Choir and the Men of Praise, a singing group he began in the early 2000s.

Larry will be missed by family and friends but he is now with his main love, Jesus. In lieu of flowers, they ask that one donate to Sagemont NVision - a building fund for their new youth building.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 12, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road.

Thomas Edwin Hungate



Thomas Edwin Hungate, 86, passed away peacefully on Feb. 9, 2022, at home with his wife and family by his side. He was born May 1, 1935, in Berwyn, Ill., to Lloyd D. Hungate and Betty L. (Benes) Hungate.

Thomas graduated from Gage Park High School in Chicago and, following graduation, he attended college studying drafting. He went on to pursue a career as a drafting engineer. He married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Jean McQueary, Jan. 8, 1955, and they celebrated 67 years of marriage this year. Thomas was a doting husband, a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and a faithful friend. Through the years he was involved in many hobbies and activities. He was a good bowler, played softball and enjoyed bow hunting for deer in the snow of Minnesota and Michigan.

He loved coaching many of his kids' sports teams and revealed in attending his kids' and grandkids' performances, concerts, sporting events and recitals.

He and his wife also enjoyed supporting local Dobie High School girls' athletics through the years. He loved trains and enjoyed working on a train engine restoration project in Herman Park. He was a Boy Scout leader, an active member of the Hungate Historical Society and was formerly a mason, but then became a Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas Moore Parish. He was a lifelong Ham radio operator and assisted the community during emergency responder scenarios.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Dahlia (Hungate) Ross; grandson Jeremy Towery; and granddaughter Jessica Mae Shirley.

He is survived by his wife; two sons Thomas (Angela) Hungate and Chris Hungate; six daughters Dawn (David) Eagan, Pamela (Marvin) Towery-Belt, Cheryl (James) Best, Lori (Bill) Carey, Nannette (Steve) Boehme, Teresa (Gary) Withrow; grandchildren Jennifer Kennedy Eagan, Sarah (Chris) Eagan Baecke, Jeffrey Eagan, Jerod (Carole) Towery, Leahanne (Michael) Alexander, Teresa N. Towery, Jacob Best, Rachel (fiancé Gabe Rivera) Carey, William Carey, Brianna (Dallas) Jacobson, Bailey Hungate, Mark (Brittany) Brown, Kristina (Chevosky Arnsworth) Carpenter, Matthew Withrow, Caleb Withrow, Liam Hungate, Olivia Hungate and Maxfield Hungate; great-grandchildren, Steven Loyde, Kiera Maldonado, Adrian Arregoyte, Chzre Arnsworth, Chevosky Arnsworth, Tyler Withrow, Emmeline Alexander, Finnegan Alexander, and Baby-to-be Baecke; and extended family, friends and neighbors.

A drop-in service of remembrance and celebration will be held Sunday, Feb. 20, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (eulogy at 2 p.m.) at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer Road. Those who wish to remember Thomas in a special way may make gifts in his memory to one of the two groups below:

Dobie High School softball (under "what is the purpose of this donation" enter: "For Dobie Softball in Memory of Thomas E. Hungate") at <https://pasadenaisd.revttrak.net/high-schools/dobie-high-school/DHS-Campus-Office/#/v/DHS-Donations-779>.

Alzheimer's Association of Texas at www.alz.org/texas.

Winnie Windsor



Winnie Windsor, 84, was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-great-grandmother and closest of friends to everyone she met. She was born in Bronx, N.Y. and the daughter of Charles and Nora Fox. She spent her early years in Baltimore, Md., marrying the love of her life, Earl Windsor in 1956. She then started a large family before moving to Houston in 1969. She was a 50+ year resident in the Beverly Hills neighborhood.

Winnie was a true "Wonder Woman" who was raising a large family, working full time as a bookkeeper, involved in numerous church ministries, home caregiver to many relatives and friends and neighborhood angel for all in need. "Mom," as she was known to many more than just her own children, was a devoted Christian woman putting Christ first in her life and practicing true charity to all she met. Family was the center of her life, lovingly supporting her children and adopted relatives and friends, but her happiness was spending time with her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She loved family trips camping out, holiday gatherings and any event where family and friends came together.

She is survived by her sons Doug, Bucky, Bobby, Earl and David Windsor; and daughters Dee Confer and Becky Richburg. She had 19 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband and parents.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17, at South Park Funeral Home, 1310 N. Main Street, Pearland, TX 77581. Rosary service is from 6 to 6:30 p.m. followed by eulogies (live stream at www.southparkfunerals.com/obituaries).

Funeral service will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, February 18, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., Houston, TX 77034. A final viewing will take place from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at the church. The gravesite burial will follow at 11:30 a.m. at South Park Cemetery, 1310 N. Main St., Pearland, TX 77581.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to the Leader style.

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors (weather permitting) storytime for all ages. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

Additional resources

The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

Parker Williams Library

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Friday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. AARP Tax Aid. AARP volunteers will be assisting with tax questions and filling out returns in the Library Community Room. Bring a driver's license, Social Security Card and any relevant tax information for everyone included on the tax return.

Friday, Feb. 18, 11 a.m. Story of Life. Highlights those of diverse communities and shares their stories and walks of life. This program can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Friday, Feb. 18, 1 p.m. Genealogy. Come to Parker Williams Classroom 3 to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to all adults.

Saturday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. Virtual Citizenship Workshop. BPSOS Houston provides free assistance on citizenship and immigration. To register, one must text their name to 281-826-9870.

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Candidates debate at forum

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leadership's stance on combating it.

"Safety has to be at the top of the budget," Dixon said, noting that her cousin in had been murdered in his own driveway by a violent offender out on bond. "When I talk about safety, first and foremost, is law enforcement. We need to refund our constables and give them additional resources, because they have to have the resources they need in order to keep us safe."

A volunteer in Harris County, Provost said if mental health issues were addressed in the county, the crime rate would drastically go down, reducing crime-prevention costs. Also a retired Houston ISD educator and Texas Southern University professor, Provost suggested recruiting much-needed deputies from the five colleges in the Houston area.

Bolanos recommended recruiting military veterans to work as deputies. If elected, Bolanos said bail reform would be his No. 1 priority,

noting that 157 murders have been committed in Harris County by offenders out on bond.

Bolanos added that the current number of deputies in Harris County is the same as it was a decade ago.

Provost emphasized the need for all municipalities within the county to work together. "We have more than 100 different law enforcement agencies in Harris County, a lot of people don't know that" said Provost, one of three candidates on stage with a background in appeals, along with Bolanos and Dixon. "We also have 34 mayors, not just the one you see on TV. We also have 19 superintendents."

Dixon further stressed the need for working together, noting that Harris County doesn't currently work in tangent with Crimestoppers, like the City of Houston does.

Howell accused the current Commissioners Court of being corrupt.

"The corruption is ridiculous right now at Com-

missioners Court," Howell said, as he pulled a map into view. "This is your new redistricting. This is the most corrupt evidence I've ever seen. All they care about is getting re-elected. I do not care about getting re-elected. A matter of fact, after four years, you can find me in Llano, Texas."

Bolanos assured attendees he could not be corrupt because his campaign is not accepting any donations.

"I will be impartial," said Bolanos.

Davis further stressed the need for being impartial. "The issues we are facing are bipartisan issues," said Davis. "Therefore, it is time for leadership to bring people together. And that is what I've been doing for the last decade, bringing people together."

Early voting began Monday, Feb. 14, and will continue through Friday, Feb. 25. Primary Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1. (See related story on Page 1.)

For additional information on the 2022 election, visit harrisvotes.org.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of People of Sagemont Facebook page is alerting community members to be on the lookout for a lady at the parking lot of Food Town at Scarsdale Boulevard and Beamer Road, asking for food and or money. The member stated that he was hassled by her outside of the Thai restaurant, and that if one doesn't give her anything, she gets upset. The member also mentioned that for someone supposedly homeless, she seems clean, dressed and bathed. Other members also commented

and stated that they have seen her at the parking lot of Macy's at Alameda Mall.

A member of Nextdoor app posted that a house on Sagevale Lane was broken into Wednesday, Feb. 9. The member describes a suspect as a female with blue hair. The member states that people were seen walking the streets trying to find homes to break into. The member also suggests that the community should come together and protect and watch over neighbors' homes and if one sees anything suspicious to call the police.

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Lady Horns off to a great start as senior night is Feb. 18

At right, the Dobie Lady Longhorns' varsity girls' soccer team went 3-1-1 in District 22-6A play heading into a Feb. 15 game against South Houston after press time. The booster club will help the team recognize 2021-2022 Senior Night as the Lady Longhorns open the second half of 22-6A play Feb. 18 against Channelview at Veterans Stadium, with the ceremony at 8 p.m. and the match at 8:30 p.m. Shown are seniors Ashlyn Ross, Jacqueline Saucedo, Kori Pounds, Naydelin Almaguer, Isabela Pruneda and Kyaana Hernandez. Not pictured are Melanie Velazquez and Majesti Yates.

Submitted photo



Morris receives funds from Horace Mann



Horace Mann Insurance provided funds to the Morris Trailblazer newspaper club for the purchase of cameras, art materials and other supplies used for the Trailblazer Times. School officials appreciate and thank Horace Mann for supporting their Trailblazers. Shown above, left to right are Robin Cate, Maggie Rodriguez, Martha Japalucci, Brandon Pena, Jake Williamson (Horace Mann consultant), Allison Lewallen (principal) and Jeff Nelson (Horace Mann agent).

Photo submitted

Senator Larry Taylor to receive SJC Legacy Award

San Jacinto College will honor Sen. Larry Taylor with its 2022 Legacy Award at the college's 60th Anniversary Gala presented by LyondellBasell and the Sinor Family.

The gala will take place Friday, May 20, at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, & Tech-

nology on the San Jacinto College Central Campus. Tickets are now on sale online at sanjac.edu/gala.

"We are honoring Sen. Taylor as this year's Legacy Award recipient because of his unwavering commitment to education in Texas," said Teri Crawford, San Jacinto College Foundation execu-

tive director and vice chancellor for external relations.

Crawford continued to say, "Sen. Taylor has been a friend to San Jacinto College and a champion for our students and employees for many years. This is just a small token of our appreciation for his nearly 20 years of service to our region and

to the state of Texas." Taylor will also deliver the keynote address at the gala.

Before his election to the Texas Senate in 2012, he served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives. Currently, Taylor serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Education and as a member of three other Senate committees: Higher Education; Water and Rural Affairs; and the budget-writing Finance Committee where he serves as chair of Article III for education and higher education funding.

He also serves as a member of the Legislative Budget Board, a permanent joint committee responsible for developing budget and policy recommendations for legislative appropriations.

During the 86th Legislative session in 2019, Taylor sponsored House bill 3, a comprehensive overhaul of the school finance system, and authored Senate Bill 11, an omnibus school safety bill. He was also a member of the state budget conference committee, a select group of 10 legislators chosen to make budget decisions before the bill is voted on by the entire Legislature.

Taylor represents Senate District 11, which is comprised of portions of Brazoria, Galveston, and Harris counties.

A native Texan raised in Friendswood and a Baylor University graduate, Taylor and his wife, Kerri, have three adult children and four young grandchildren.

Taylor formerly owned Truman Taylor Insurance Agency, which merged with Galveston Insurance Asso-

ciates after Hurricane Harvey.

Funds raised at the gala will benefit the student success endowment in support of Promise @ San Jac scholarships. The Promise scholarship offers money to cover tuition and books for high school seniors who reside in the college's taxing district.

The scholarship will cover up to three years of tuition and books, so that students can focus on completing their certificate or associate degree without worrying about how to pay for classes.

Students are required to enroll at San Jacinto College the fall semester after their graduation, and must take at least 12 credit hours each semester.

In addition to Lyondell-Basell and the Sinor Family as presenting sponsors, additional sponsors include: Game Changer sponsor, Brenda and Rusty Hellyer; Inspiration Maker sponsors, Steve Cowart, Kevin and Teri Crawford; Mission Sponsors, Page, INEOS, BASF, East Harris County Manufacturers Association, H-E-B, and Mays Middleton for Texas Senate; Valet sponsor, AMOCO Federal Credit Union and Activation sponsors, IBI Group and Memorial Hermann Hospital (Southeast and Pearland). IVison is underwriting event printing.

Additional sponsorships are available. Visit the gala website at <https://www.sanjac.edu/foundation/ways-give/gala-2022> for sponsorship details or call Teri Crawford at 281-998-6152.

Gala guests can expect to enjoy a delicious gourmet meal, engagement opportunities with San Jacinto College students and scholarship recipients and a silent auction.

Fletcher awarded at TMAC



Linda Fletcher, PISD director of fine arts, was honored Feb. 9 at the Texas Music Administrators Conference as the 2022 Texas Music Administrator of the Year. Fletcher is in her 47th year with PISD and her 17th year as director of fine arts. Most of her 30 years in the classroom were spent in the South Belt area - Stuchbery Elementary, Moore Elementary and Thompson Intermediate - where she instilled a love of music in thousands of South Belt area students. Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell and other PISD administrators were in attendance to watch Fletcher receive this distinguished award.

Melillo selects students of the month

Melillo Middle School staff members announced its students of the month for January. They are honored to celebrate each of these students' hard work with their teachers and peers at school.



Shown above is Camille Hutchison (fifth-grader) who is a role model for others to follow and who extends a willingness to help. She is polite, kind and respectful to everyone. Hutchison's favorite memory is enjoying the Cherydella limo ride and going to iT'Z pizza. Her favorite subject is social studies because she learns about different cultures and places. She exemplifies Melillo's guidelines for success.



Shown above is Ashhar Faizan (fifth-grader), a remarkable student at Melillo Middle School. He is attentive in his efforts toward hard work and learning. Faizan is always willing to help his peers. His favorite memory at Melillo is when he was a part of a team at Superbowl in PE and won second best. Faizan enjoys playing soccer and video games.



Shown above is Benson Ton, (sixth-grader) who is an exceptional student. Ton has one younger sibling who looks up to him for guidance. His favorite memory has been playing team games during PE. Ton enjoys traveling and his favorite vacation spot is hanging out with family in a beach house. He is a role model for others to follow, showing his willingness to help.



Shown above is Hana Nguyen (sixth-grader) who displays leadership qualities and serves as a role model for her peers. She demonstrates exemplary character through her compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, and loyalty. Nguyen is an excellent student and shows a strong academic understanding in all subject areas. She is very interested and involved in classroom discussions and has insightful comments. She has the desire to do things well, to the absolute best of her ability. Nguyen is careful and efficient in her efforts toward her schoolwork and learning.

Thompson celebrates Lunar New Year



Students from Thompson Intermediate celebrated the Lunar New Year in special attire. Shown above, left to right, are Vivian Hang, Gia Nguyen, Emily Tran, Jennifer Nguyen, Paige Duong, Jordan De Robles, Kevin Do and Tam Le.

Photo by MaryBeth Nicol

Smith selects Sam Houston State

Lutheran South Academy track and field star Ayana Smith (center) will continue her education and athletic career at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville after signing a letter of intent with the Bearcats. With her at the signing were Smith's parents, Michael Smith (left) and Cynthia Mallard (right). Already a state champion, Ayana is aiming for a return to the TAPPS state meet this spring.



Early voting begins

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Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman, former Pasadena Mayor John Manlove, Richard Vega, Daniel Jason and Jerry Mouton.

Democrats competing for the position of Harris County judge include incumbent Linda Hidalgo, Erica Davis, Maria Garcia, Ahmad Hassan and Kevin Howard. Republicans seeking the position include H.Q. Bolanos, Martina Dixon, Robert Dorris, Oscar Gonzales, Warren Howell, Randy Kubosh, Vidal Martinez, Alex Mealer and George Zoes.

Two candidates are seeking the position of Precinct 2, Place 2 justice of the peace,

including Dolores Lozano and Blaiie McClure - both Democrats. No Republicans filed to run for the seat.

Republican voters will also decide on a list of six propositions.

Nearly early voting locations include the Harris County annex at 10851 Scarsdale and Beamer and the El Franco Lee Community Center at 9500 Hall Road.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on Sunday, Feb. 20, when voting hours are 1 to 6 p.m.

To see a complete list of polling locations or a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

SHSU names Dean's List, President's H.R.

Sam Houston State University listed their students who have made the Dean's List and President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2021 semester. Dean's List requirements include a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours. The President's Honor Roll requires students to achieve a perfect 4.0 grade point average in all work attempted while

enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours.

Dean's List

Payton Barkman, Skyler Blanco, Andrew Branson, Alexis Elizondo, Alyssa Fitzgerald, Chastity Flores, Brandi Ford, Briana Keim, Marissa Maxwell, Haley Pena and Katelyn Zuniga.

President's Honor Roll

Payton Barkman, Skyler Blanco, Chastity Flores and Marissa Maxwell.

Pachyderm Club meeting set Feb. 17

Galveston Pachyderm Club is hosting a meeting Thursday, Feb. 17, at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Blake Apfel, candidate for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 who will share some words at noon. This meeting will take place at Coastal Grill, 1827 Strand St. All guests are welcome to attend. If one has any questions, one may contact Fran Card at pelicanway88@att.net.

CLAPA event set for Feb. 20

Clear Lake Area Panhellenic Association will be hosting their 2022 Sorority Recruitment Information event Sunday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd. This event is for all interested high school senior women, parents and local Panhellenic alumnae. For questions, email Karen Moon (recruitment chairman) at mymoonhome@yahoo.com. One may also sign up for their CLAPA Sorority Recruitment email list at www.clearlakepanhel.org/recruitment.

Coiner chooses Incarnate Word



Lutheran South Academy baseball player Garrett Coiner (center), flanked by parents Amy Coiner (left) and Thomas Coiner (right) will join the University of Incarnate Word program after inking a letter of intent with the Cardinals of the NCAA Division I Southland Conference. This spring, Garrett will look to help the Pioneers to a fourth straight state championship.

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Thompson dance team receives awards



The Thompson Intermediate dance team competed at MA Dance Saturday, Jan. 29. They received awards as follows: 1st place – Small Team Hip Hop, 2nd place – Small Team Pom and 3rd place – Small Team Lyrical. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Alyssa Benavides, Kayla Garcia Cortez, Daphney Deleon, Leyla Limon, Mya Cantu, (middle row) JaLynn Alix, Mariah Davis, Ava Macias, Angie Munoz, Evelyn Hernandez, (back row) Emilie Martinez, Jazmin Pineda, Cullen Ponder and Ayla Mitchell. Photo by Katina Morris

South Belt announces VIP students



South Belt Elementary announced their VIPs for the month of February. The pictured students were chosen by their teachers, based on their ability to display the character trait of the month Generosity. Shown above, left to right, are (first row) Carter St. Romain, Caitlyn Huynh, Kailee Wilson, Charlotte Bullin, Kaylin Ramos, Josiah Babalola, Chesney Rouse, Ava Granados, Noah Garzon, (second row) Charlotte Huynh, Sophia Sepulveda, Brady Capers, River Hensley, Hailey Gutierrez, Dan Ngo, Alina Posadas, Romaisa Mian, (third row) Felix Gonzalez, Gabriel Gonzales, Holly Truong, Rhylee Lumpkin, Dominic Mendoza, Ezekiel Infante, Alaina Perez, (fourth row) Ava Castro, Brian Tram, Jourdan Jenkins, Natalia Flores, Chelsea Huynh, Isarael Gonzalez, (fifth row) Suraiya Lumpkin, Sofia Charles, Cincere Givens-Fontenot, Sa'Rhia Flanagan, Brianna Cardenas, Andrew Strong and Avaiian Aguilar. Not pictured are Camree Walker and Coby Walker.

South Belt celebrates Lunar New Year



South Belt Elementary celebrated Lunar New Year, Year of the Tiger Feb. 1. Teachers and students wore various traditional clothing and welcomed the New Year with craft activities. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Kenneth Hernandez, Rhett Sullivan, Anh Ton, (back row) Yoo Yang Kum (in tradition Korean Hanbok), Chelsea Huynh, Venice Tran, Bentley Phando, Abriella Nguyen, Anna Nguyen and Lam Hoang.

Man fatally shot inside apartment near Edgebrook

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Lambert, 70, and Marcus Ray Hawkins, 51, were inside their apartment around 4:50 a.m. when three black male suspects knocked on the door.

When one of the victims asked who was at the door, at least one of the suspects fired multiple shots through the door.

Lambert and Hawkins were inside the apartment and were each struck one time. Paramedics transported them to hospitals for treatment.

No immediate arrests were made.

Just three days later Saturday, Jan. 8, victims, James Sipes, 41, and Kelvin Menefee, 57, were sitting inside an apartment around 2:35 a.m. when an unknown suspect(s) fired multiple shots into the unit for unknown reasons.

Sipes had suffered a minor gunshot wound to the head, while Menefee suffered a gunshot wound to the foot. Paramedics transported both men to the hospital.

On Friday, Jan. 28, a man Lee Mayfield was found shot to death inside his apartment.

According to Houston police, officers responded to a report of a person down at the above address, and upon their arrival, they found signs of forced entry into an apartment.

Once inside the apartment unit, police found the victim

dead from multiple gunshot wounds. His body appeared to be in the early stages of decomposition.

Last year in late September, three victims – two males and one female – were all shot in the same night at the complex. All were trans-

ported to the hospital in stable condition.

The Cabo San Lucas Apartments, located on the opposite side of the Gulf Freeway at Edgebrook has also become a hot spot for shootings, with at least six taking place in late 2021, in-

cluding two fatal shootings in two days in October.

Anyone with information on any of these cases is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Nehls accuses Capitol police of spying

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as they did investigating my private legislative materials, Jan. 6 would not have happened."

Menger denies such a claim.

"The United States Capitol Police is sworn to protect Members of Congress," Menger said in a statement.

"If a member's office is left open and unsecured, without anyone inside the office, USCP officers are directed to document that and secure the office to ensure nobody can wander in and steal or do anything else nefarious. The weekend before Thanksgiving, one of our vigilant officers spotted the congressman's door was wide open. That Monday, USCP personnel

personally followed up with the congressman's staff and determined no investigation or further action of any kind was needed. No case investigation was ever initiated or conducted into the representative or his staff."

Nehls responded, calling the statement a "bold-faced lie."

"Chief Menger's statement is a mischaracterization of the events, omits key details, and fails to respond to the most troubling actions of his Department," said Nehls in a statement.

Nehls claims he has been targeted by U.S. Capitol police because he has been critical of the department's handling of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol.

"Capitol Police leader-

ship have put a target on my back, but my work in exposing the security failures on Jan. 6, the death of Ms. Babbitt and the sham investigation into the events of Jan. 6 will not be deterred," Nehls said in a statement.

A former Fort Bend County sheriff, Nehls made international media during the Jan. 6 insurrection when he was captured on video fighting off attackers as they attempted to breach the Capitol.

Remember When

45 years ago (1977)
County Commissioner Tom Bass appeared before a joint meeting of the Sagemont and Kirkwood South civic clubs.

Sam Jamison and Al Williams were given plaques of appreciation by the members of the Sagemont utility district board. Both men officially retired from the board after many years of service.

40 years ago (1982)
J. Frank Dobie High School's Hustlin' Horns captured their first district basketball championship.

Pasadena school trustees accepted the low bid of \$452,184 for athletic facilities construction at Pasadena and South Houston high schools and Jackson Intermediate, and they raised the tuition and teacher salaries for the district's evening school.

Work began on a 328-unit apartment complex on Beamer between Kingspoint Baptist Church and Kirkshire Street. The complex became Beamer Place Apartments.

35 years ago (1987)
Harris County MUD 13 sold \$600,000 in junior lien revenue notes, a sale which made possible the purchase of a six-acre site which was used for park and recreational purposes.

Concerned parents of Navy Junior ROTC cadets appealed an administrative decision, made by the Pasadena board of trustees, to dissolve the NJROTC programs at Dobie and Rayburn high schools.

30 years ago (1992)
As a result of a closed-door meeting of PISD trustees, Superintendent Dr. Larry Vaughn's contract would not be extended when it ran out two years hence.

Clear Brook senior Donald Wayne Hughes, 17, was arrested after he allegedly stabbed a 15-year-old sophomore on campus. Friction between the two began at a Randall's store where the two worked together.

Pat Smith, 44, a PISD contract employee, was indicted by a Harris County grand jury and charged with theft of district property and services totaling more than \$2,000. Smith allegedly sold copper

wiring and diverted the funds to his personal bank account and used district employees to paint his personal residence.

Houston police and customs agents seized approximately \$35 million in cocaine from a residence on Tiltree. Seized were 21 boxes of cocaine weighing a total of 741 pounds and 15 additional boxes which contained 15 pounds of marijuana.

25 years ago (1997)
Houston City Councilman Joe Roach addressed the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at its monthly luncheon.

Former Dobie Lariaette Col. Amy Wilson became the youngest member of the 17-person Houston Rockets power dance team.

A national recruiting agency was selected to locate presidents for San Jacinto College's north and south campuses. Both were being replaced due to retirement.

20 years ago (2002)
A benefit was held for South Belt resident Okie Griffin who was hospitalized following an incident at KC's Bar and Grill that left her paralyzed.

Workers began clearing land for the 240-unit Trammel Crow apartment complex located on Sabo Road.

Constable Gary L. Freeman's office announced that Timothy B. Dixon had been arrested and sentenced to 10 years confinement. Dixon had opened a checking account in Louisiana and then had gone on a spending spree from the South Belt area to the Galleria and 1960 area writing checks for jewelry, furs and laptop computers for a total of \$26,000.

15 years ago (2007)
Talks regarding park usage fees for local sports groups were renewed with City Councilmember Addie Wiseman, who joined opponents of the proposal. The topic dominated a local Capital Improvement Project

meeting with several coaches, players and parents in attendance.

The Dobie Academic Decathlon Team placed first in Sweepstakes and second in the regional contest to qualify for the state competition.

A juvenile was arrested for deadly conduct after shooting into the back windshield of an occupied truck on Canarywood Street in Highland Meadow.

Rep. Nick Lampson held his first open-house meeting at his district office in Stafford.

10 years ago (2012)
After five years as San Jacinto College South campus president, Dr. Maureen Murphy left the position to return to her roots and become president of Brookdale Community College in Monmouth County, N.J. During her tenure, the SJC South campus saw an enrollment growth of nearly 28 percent, from 8,742 students in fall 2007 to

11,129 students in fall 2011.

METRO opened its High-Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lane on the Gulf Freeway, allowing drivers without passengers to use the HOV system by paying a toll. Prices ranged from \$1 to \$4.50, based on the time of day and level of congestion. Inbound lanes were to be available to solo drivers Monday through Friday, between 5 and 11 a.m., except for the 7-8 a.m. hour when the lanes would remain open only to drivers with passengers.

5 years ago (2017)
The Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees called for a \$487 million bond election to take place Saturday, May 6. The measure will allow the district to build new schools or permanently increase the capacity of existing schools due to overcrowding; rebuild or renovate schools between 40 and 50 years old; repair or replace elementary playgrounds; purchase new

school buses; and expand the district's science magnet program for intermediate students to a second location.

A bat, later determined to be rabid, was discovered in the Weber Elementary gymnasium Tuesday, Feb. 14. The animal was spotted by a fifth-grade female student during physical education class. The student reportedly touched the bat but was not bitten. Once aware of the incident, Weber coaches quickly cleared the area and notified animal control, which did a sweep of the entire campus. Animal control officials believe the bat entered through the exterior gym door. On Wednesday, Feb. 15, test results from the Harris County Public Health (HCPH) department determined the bat was infected with the rabies virus. The student was examined by both county and independent physicians and determined to be free from infection. The student continued to be monitored for

several weeks. Following the incident, county experts visited the school to educate the students about the possible dangers of bats and the rabies virus.

1 year ago (2021)
A cyclist was killed in a crash Sunday, Feb. 7, in the 8900 block of Easthaven Boulevard near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. According to police, the driver of a gold Chrysler Town and Country minivan was traveling south on Easthaven at Clearwood Drive around 2:45 p.m. when he struck the victim, Alfredo Rodriguez, who was on a bicycle traveling in an unknown direction. Rodriguez was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was pronounced dead the following day, Monday, Feb. 8. The driver of the Chrysler remained at the scene and was questioned and released, pending further investigation. No charges were immediately filed.

Over The Back Fence by Kenna

JADE CELEBRATES 14TH BIRTHDAY
Special happy birthday wishes are sent to Jade Elizabeth Scarberry who turns 14 years old Friday, Feb. 18. Hugs and kisses are sent to her from dad Austin, wife Tiffany and little sister Lily Scarberry; mom Nicole Scarberry; grandparents Jennie and Robert Scarberry; former longtime South Belt residents; aunts Jenny Hayes and Stacey Flowers; uncles Stephen Flowers, Joey Hayes and Tyler Scarberry; and cousins Brayden and Baylee Espinosa, Olivia Moreno and Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers. Jade's parents are both Dobie High School graduates.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 17 through Feb. 23.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Norma Flores Feb. 21.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Blow out the birthday candles on a double-layer cake Feb. 23 for Joseph Fee and Quan Nguyen.

Bush Elementary
Remember to wish Aide Buenrostro a

happy birthday Feb. 18.

Dobie High
The day for a party for Reema Shaukat is Feb. 18. Birthday cake and ice cream are on tap for Denny Farrar Feb. 20. Join in the birthday fun Feb. 22 with Lori Sims.

Fred Roberts Middle School
The day of celebration for Jose Martinez is Feb. 21. Break out the birthday balloons and party favors Feb. 23 for Tincy Varghese and Jessica McDaniel.

Genoa Elementary
The day for a party for Summer Bradley is Feb. 18. Celebrating a special day Feb. 22 is Maria Montelongo.

Melillo Middle School
The day for cake and ice cream for Olivia Mah is Feb. 20. Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song Feb. 21 to Wanda Soto.

Moore Elementary
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Girls' hoops Dobie wins bidistrict, taking out Atascocita

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team is moving on to the area playoff round for the second time in four seasons, setting up a battle with District 23-6A runner-up Shadow Creek Feb. 17 at Clear Springs High School. Holding Atascocita to 12 second-half points, 22-6A champion Dobie got past Atascocita by a 40-27 count Feb. 14 at the Barbers Hill ISD Athletic Complex.

Keke Robinson had nine points to go with eight from Jacque Giron as Dobie, now a winner of 10 consecutive games, moved to 18-11 overall. Atascocita saw its season

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Peyton Smith (33) and Dobie have advanced to the Region III area girls' basketball playoff round. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

JFD track opens 2022 at Browns

Izzy Padilla won gold in the 1,600 run and Natalie Onozie matched her with a win in the long jump to lead the Lady Longhorns' track and field team to a third-place overall finish at the Brown Relays Feb. 11 at Auxiliary Stadium.

The long-standing Pasadena ISD meet featured four girls' teams from PISD, La Porte, Deer Park, Elkins, Channelview, Galveston Ball and Clear Lake. La Porte tallied 184 points in a strong performance for the team championship while Deer Park had 167 for second place ahead of Dobie, which scored 112 points.

The same 10 boys' programs convened on the boys' side and also

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At right, Dobie's Natalie Onozie captured gold in the long jump as she helped pace the Lady Longhorns to third place in the team standings at the Brown Relays Feb. 11 at Auxiliary Stadium. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Camryn Fowler (14) has played a vital role in Dobie's 22-6A championship run, and now the Longhorns are preparing for a bidistrict game Feb. 21-22 likely against Kingwood. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Kemo Millender (5) led Clear Brook into action against Clear Falls Feb. 15 after press time, with the Wolverines aiming to hold on second place. Photo by Andy Tolbert

Champ Longhorns, Brook playoff-ready

A win away, albeit after press time, from the program's first undefeated district championship since the 1981-82 campaign, the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team has delivered a memorable season.

And the locals are far from satisfied. The bidistrict boys' playoffs will begin Feb. 21-22 with Dobie likely to face Kingwood or C.E. King. With a 20-plus win season and the 22-6A crown in hand, the Longhorns aim to keep the good times rolling.

In District 24-6A, the Clear Brook Wolverines have watched the state-ranked Dickinson Gators claim the title and the top playoff seed.

The Wolverines, winners of first-round playoff games in each of the last two seasons, went into

their 24-6A finale against Clear Falls Feb. 15 after press time needing a win to lock up the No. 2 playoff seed in District 24-6A. A Falls win would give the Knights a season series sweep and send the Wolverines to third place.

Paul praises his group

Any coach will deliver praise to the players first and foremost. There's no doubt that senior Deven Lendsey has stepped up big in 2021-2022 and should garner league Most Valuable Player votes.

The big picture shows the Longhorns have thrived in two seasons since head coach Franklin Paul arrived on the scene prior to 2020-2021.

A 10-2 league run and a second-place finish ended in a 58-56 bidistrict playoff loss to Beaumont West Brook, and the Longhorns have done nothing but use that as a building block.

With a chance at 22 regular-season wins and the crown in hand, it's clear that Paul's vision of what the program could be at Dobie has developed nicely.

"It's very rewarding,"

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the 100 back, and he also claimed silver for second place in the 100 free.

Hensley, for his part, earned his crown in the 500 free and grabbed a third-place bronze in the 200 free.

Each of the Pioneers' three relay groups brought home medals during the event, including a pair of silvers and a bronze.

Ferguson and Hensley teamed with Tristan Haver and Elliott Miles for the silver in the 200 medley relay, and it was Ferguson, Luke LeBlanc, Hunter

Nolen and Miles for silver in the 400 free relay.

The Pioneers took the bronze in the 200 free relay behind the efforts of Haver, Hensley, LeBlanc and Nolen.

Miles contributed individually with fourth in the 200 IM and fifth in the 100 breast, while LeBlanc finished sixth in the 100 back and 10th in the 50 free.

Haver took seventh in the 100 free and ninth statewide in the 50 free.

LSA's Lauren Ferguson earned two individual bronze medals – the 200 and 500 frees – to guide the girls' squad to a seventh-place finish.

The girls' 400 free relay of Rylee Dean, Ferguson, Catie Hergenrader and Audrey Pfeiffer took sixth, with Pfeiffer, Haileigh Pham, Erin Donnelly and Dean seventh in the 200 free relay.



Dobie left-hander Bryce Sanchez enters his senior season aiming to contribute to the Longhorns' varsity baseball success this season. The Longhorns open the 2022 season Feb. 21 against the Galveston Ball Tors at Dobie High School, beginning at 2 p.m. Photo by Gloria Wallace

Dobie, CB baseball to begin 2022

Both optimism and opportunity abounds as the Clear Brook and Dobie baseball programs prepare to open the 2022 regular season Feb. 21 with home games.

The Wolverines, coming off winning the District 24-6A title a year ago, will lean on several key veterans early as 2022 opens against Pasadena Memorial and continues Feb. 24-26 at the David Anzaldúa Memorial Classic in La Porte.

Dobie, which saw quite a few seniors graduate after a third-place run in

2021, will tinker with the lineup both in the field and at the plate as head coach Miguel Torres and his staff aim to identify those who give the Longhorns their best chance for success on the field.

The Longhorns will come back all-district outfielder Ryan Saxton, who may not start on opening day due to injury. The rest of the way, Torres is looking for proof in the pro-

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Opening Day Feb. 21
Dobie hosts Galveston Ball
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Dobie freshman Stacie Harris made an impressive high school debut at the Brown Relays Feb. 11, anchoring the Lady Longhorns' 4x100 relay win and taking second in the long jump.

JFD track excels at Browns

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 included Alief Taylor, with Clear Lake rolling to 197 points and the team crown. Dobie's 71 points were fourth-best.

Padilla, a key contributor to the Lady Longhorns' 22-6A cross-country title in the fall, finished the 1,600 distance at 5 minutes, 35.60 seconds for the win and 10 team points.

Onozie, the 22-6A Most Valuable Player on the volleyball court in the fall, opened her senior track season with the long jump win at 17 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Teammate Stacie Harris, making an impressive varsity debut as a freshman, was second for a silver medal at 16-10.

Dobie went top-three in each of the five relays, headlined by a win in the 4x100 as Donyea Porter, Denim Boone, Mia Sanchez and Harris combined for a time of 50.32 and 20 team points.

The same four ladies joined in the 4x2 for second place in a time of 1:47.64 but well off the pace of event winner Elkins. In the 4x4, the 4x8 and the distance medley relay, the Lady Longhorns were third.

Sanchez and Harris teamed with Dataysia Cisneros and Sophia Perez for 4:19.60 in the 4x4, while the 4x8 squad posted a time of 10:49.50 with Victoria Ramirez, Kyla Lobo, Karen Martinez and Isela Munoz

in the mix. Padilla joined Martinez, Munoz and Ramirez for third at 14:06.87 in the DMR.

At 12.76, Boone scored a bronze in the 100, with teammate Victoria Arnsworth earning a point for sixth. Cisneros added a point for sixth (1:09.94) in the 400.

While Padilla won the 1,600, teammate Ramirez was fourth for four points in a time of 5:47.80.

The fourth-place Dobie boys went without a gold medal but opened their season with a steady performance.

Trajan Davis (11.51) and Brandon Miranda (11.60) won silver and bronze, respectively, in the 100.

Emmanuel Drain won bronze both individually and as part of a relay, going

41.84 for third in the 300 hurdles and teaming with Travis Webb, Ariel Amaya Cortez and Trevon Johnson for third in the 4x4 at 3:41.90. Drain was also in at 17.94 for fourth in the 100 hurdles.

Dobie's best medal finish came in the 4x2 as Ethan Nguyen, Terrand Booker, Davis and Johnson produced a time of 1:34.30 for second place.

In the 4x1, Miranda, Nguyen, Booker and Davis captured fourth place in a time of 44.38.

Charles Richard triple jumped his way to a bronze medal for third place at 40-8, and he was fourth in the long jump at a distance of 20-4 1/2.

Dakarey Ramsey's top throw of 41-3 1/4 to open his season was sixth in the shot.

SBYSC registering

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now extending early registration for the spring 2022 season as practices begin later this month. League games will begin in March.

Those registering in the 8-under (uniform included) and 9-under (uniform additional cost) divisions will pay \$85 per player, while those in the 11-older (ages 10-18) divisions will pay \$95 each, with an additional cost for uniform.

Families may register by

credit card or debit card only at www.southbeltsoccer.org. Regular registration is complete, so a late registration fee of \$10 will be assessed from this point forward.

The league will host two weekday practices for the most part, and families will be responsible for providing shin guards, cleats and a ball.

Games for most age groups will take place on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The league is seeking volunteer coaches, assistant coaches, etc.



Kyla Lobo contributed to the Lady Longhorns' third-place finish in the distance medley relay at the season-opening Brown Relays. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Dobie boys' soccer heads up 22-6A; Lady Horns second with three wins

Overcoming a first-round loss to Deer Park, seven-time running 22-6A champion Dobie is set to lead the varsity boys' standings heading into the second half of play.

Finishing the first half with wins over Rayburn and South Houston, the 4-1-1 Longhorns will play at Channelview Feb. 18 as the backstretch opens.

The Dobie girls' squad is looking up at leader Deer Park in the 22-6A

standings, but went against South Houston Feb. 15 after press time with a 3-1-1 mark.

The Lady Longhorns wound up with a 2-2 tie against Rayburn Feb. 11 at Veterans Stadium.

As for the Dobie boys, the locals finished off the first half of league play in strong fashion. With six games remaining, the Longhorns had a league-best 13 points, one point ahead of second-place

Deer Park.

In a Feb. 14 win over South Houston at Veterans Stadium, Victor Hernandez had two goals and two assists as the Longhorns scored a 4-1 win. Ronaldo Guzman had a pair of goals and an assist.

In the Feb. 11 win over Rayburn, Guzman tallied twice and Alex Escobar and Jordi Garcia also found the net. Emerson Saravia, Garcia and Kevin Guzman notched assists.



Victor Hernandez of Dobie had a combined two goals and two assists as the Longhorns completed the first half of league play with a 4-0 win over Sam Rayburn and 4-1 over South Houston. With 13 points, the locals lead the District 22-6A ranks by the slimmest of margins. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



With a 3-1-1 start to league play heading into a Feb. 15 game against South Houston, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team, including Karen Martinez (9), held on to second place in the District 22-6A standings behind Deer Park. The locals host Channelview Feb. 18 at Veterans Stadium. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

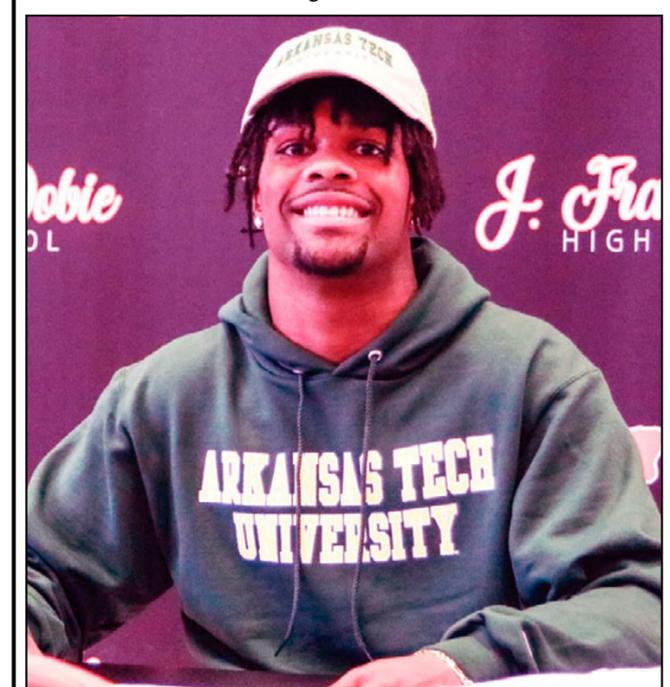
Furlow honor to JFD's Moreno



Dobie's Manuel Moreno Jr. (second from left) was chosen as the recipient of the 2022 Furlow Coaches Award, recognizing a coach who has exhibited great qualities for their kids and their program on and off the court. The award is in honor of former longtime Clements High School tennis coach John Furlow, who guided the Rangers' program for 37 years prior to his death following a heart attack in January 2020. Like Furlow, Moreno has four decades of service in youth tennis. They knew and respected one another a great deal. Clearly, Moreno is proud to own an honor that has Furlow's name front and center. "I count this as the biggest honor of my career in terms of honors given the name on the award," Moreno said. "John Furlow was so genuine in his love of the game and his support of all of the young people playing tennis. It means so much to receive this award. It's truly special and something I will always cherish and appreciate. Any award I receive is a reflection of the quality student-athletes I've had the privilege to coach these 40 years." Dobie senior team captains helping Moreno celebrate his honor included, from left, Brian Nguyen, Megan Rodriguez and Lael Martinez.

District 22-6A football champions sign letters of intent Photos by Gloria Wallace

Arkansas St. for JFD's Davis



Dobie's Trajan Davis, the leading rusher in the District 22-6A varsity football ranks as a senior, has signed with Arkansas Tech, an NCAA Division II program in Russellville, Ark., competing in the Great American Conference. The Wonder Boys were 4-7 overall in 2021 under the guidance of head coach Kyle Shipp, whose program inked 38 players Nov. 2 as part of National Signing Day.

Osizugbo signs with West Texas



Longhorns' defensive lineman Favour Osizugbo (left) joined the West Texas A&M University football program in Canyon, Texas, as he inked a letter of intent with the Buffs as part of National Signing Day. The Buffs are in the NCAA Division II ranks in the Lone Star Conference, were 7-4 overall in 2021. Osizugbo was a 22-6A honorable mention selection following his senior campaign.

It's Grambling St. for Gary



Richard Gary, a standout offensive lineman with the Longhorns' varsity program for three seasons, joined Grambling State University Feb. 2 during National Signing Day. The Tigers are an NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision program competing in the Southwestern Athletic Conference and are head coached by longtime NFL coach Hue Jackson. Gary was a two-time first team all-district pick with Dobie.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:30 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9:30 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.

11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
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AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

11:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.

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AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
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NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

8 p.m.
AA - Meeting. See Friday's Notice.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.

7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.

Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/> meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

6 p.m.
Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - Meets at Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Singles Club - meets at the VFW Lodge Post 6378, 5204 Hwy. 3, in Dickinson.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20
8 a.m./10:15 a.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. Call 281-479-7285.

2 p.m.
Grief Support Group - Meets Sunday, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.

5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

7 p.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.

8 p.m.
AA - Meeting. See Friday's Notice.

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Dobie girls versus Shadow Creek

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Dobie made just 10 of 19 free throws but used its defense and rebounding to come out on top.

Dobie head coach Jasmine Hartman said, "(Atascocita) has a great program over there. This one means a lot for our program."

"Having eight seniors, it's telling them they leave their story better than they

found it. It's great in that the last two years we have come up a little short in this round, so tonight is a great win."

Dobie will next face a Shadow Creek program that improved to 28-4 overall after ousting Clear Creek 52-30 in the same bidistrict round.

Dobie, looking to get to the regional quarterfinals for the first time under the guidance of Hartman, will take on Shadow Creek Feb. 17 at Clear Springs High School, beginning at 6 p.m.

In the regular season, Shadow Creek went 11-1 to tie Pearland for the top spot in the District 23-6A standings.

Clear Brook Feb. 14. The Lady Wolverine led the way through four frames before Dobie, a 2021 Region III playoff quarterfinalist, starting stringing hits together.

Dobie next begins play in the Bryan Invitational against College Park.

Lady Longhorns crush Brook 11-2

Returning District 22-6A Most Valuable Player Marisa Perla fanned 12 over a complete-game effort and Clarissa Ramirez led a 14-hit attack with a solo homer as the Dobie varsity softball team opened the 2022 season with an 11-2 win over host

Boys' hoops JFD basketballers, Brook roll to finish

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Paul said of his program's growth to this point. "It's about buying in and believing, which they have done."

"A guy like Deven Lendsey comes in and provides leadership to really what is a young group. Our guys do what it takes to be successful as a team. For me personally, it shows that a system I believe in can provide success over the long haul, but it's always about players and their

willingness to put in the work."

At Clear Brook, the Wolverines have lost twice in the second half of league play and will look to get back on track from this point forward.

Clear Brook is also hoping that having played one of the state's toughest schedules will pay off come playoff time.

As of now, Clear Brook would face Pearland for a second straight season.

Dobie baseball starts Feb. 21

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duction as far as the everyday lineup.

Senior left-hander Bryce Sanchez is expected to play a key role on the mound as he returns from injury, and the arms of guys like Christian Padua and Santos Sanchez should mix in prominently.

At catcher, Christian Medina has looked solid early on, and fellow backstop Manny Contreras will

also have his opportunities.

The infield figures to include Daniel Delgado, Gavin Carrillo, Omar Serena, Antonio Hernandez and Juan Estrada, along with others.

In the outfield, Saxton will start when he is cleared to go, and Devin Molina, Diego Torres and Juelz Martinez, a freshman, will also get their opportunities.

After opening the sea-

son Feb. 21 against Ball, the Longhorns will play in the Stingaree Invitational in Texas City.

The Pasadena ISD Invitational is set for March 3-5 at various locations including Dobie.

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LSA boys' aquatics wins state

At right, the Lutheran South Academy boys' aquatics program went down to the wire and performed best when it mattered most, winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II state swimming championship Feb. 11 in San Antonio. With a silver medal in the 400 freestyle relay, the Pioneers were able to claim the eighth state championship in program history. Members of the team are, left to right, Tristan Haver, coach Jarod Hillegeist, Hunter Nolen, Elliott Miles, Chase Ferguson, David Hensley and Luke LeBlanc. Ferguson also won gold in the 100 back while Hensley scored a gold in the 500 free. The LSA girls' team finished seventh at state as freshman Lauren Ferguson won bronze medals in the 200 and 500 free events. See related story on Page 5.



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