

JFD Christmas choir set

The J. Frank Dobie High School Choir will present its annual Christmas concert on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. Admission to the Christmas show is free to the public. This show is a crowd pleaser so attend the show and celebrate the Christmas season with the Dobie choir.

Lariaettes host dance clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Winter Dance Clinic Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dobie High, with a parent show at 3 p.m. in the gym. The clinic is open to pre-K through 12th grade. This is a great opportunity to let a son or daughter spend a day dancing, playing games and doing crafts with the Lariaettes while parents do some Christmas shopping. Lunch will be provided. Preregistration is \$40, or \$50 at the door, cash or money order only. Participants will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaette Spring Show on April 28-30. For more information, contact Christy Gonzalez at chrstyznls@yahoo.com.

Craft fair at high school

The Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School will hold a craft/vendor fair on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person or one canned good. The school is located at 1348 Genoa Red Bluff Road. All proceeds will benefit the class of 2016. For additional information, call 713-740-5320 or email reee@pasadenaisd.org.

Bynum seeks blood cells

South Belt resident Milton "Pete" Bynum is seeking donations of white blood cells to help fight his fungal and bacterial infections. Interested parties should contact Program Coordinator Virgil Reddy at 713-794-1325 or vreddy@mdanderson.org.

PIP meeting canceled

The Houston Police Department's December Positive Interaction Program has been canceled due to the Christmas holidays. The PIP meetings will resume in January on the regularly scheduled date of the third Tuesday of the month, Jan. 19.

Sageglens to judge lights

The Sageglens Community Association will hold its annual Christmas light contest on Sunday, Dec. 13. Categories will include most colorful, best Christmas spirit, most elegant display, and honorable mention. Judging will begin at 6 p.m.

Brown Bag Book Sale

SeAM Thrift Store, 2006 Houston Blvd. (Hwy. 3) in South Houston, will hold a Brown Bag Book Sale from Monday, Dec. 14, through Saturday, Dec. 19. Five dollars buys a brown bag that can be filled with books. Hardback, paperback, textbook, coloring books, book tapes, records, cassettes, VHS tapes (no DVDs) will be available.

Lady Longhorns host bingo

The Dobie Lady Longhorns Booster Club will hold a bingo fundraiser on Friday, Jan. 22. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and 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, direct email to jfdgirlssoccer@gmail.com.

NARFE won't meet Dec. 15

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Gulf Freeway Chapter 941 will not meet in December. NARFE normally meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the El Franco Lee Senior Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. January's meeting will be held on Jan. 19. Visitors are welcome. For information, call Roy Lemelle at 713-734-1461.

Superstars' hoops tryouts

The Superstars' Amateur Athletic Union basketball program will host tryouts Thursday, Dec. 10, and Thursday, Dec. 17, at Fred Roberts Middle School, located at 13402 Conklin Lane. The tryout sessions, open to current third- through eighth-grade boys' and girls' players, will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed overnight from 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, to 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14. Expect delays. FM-528/NASA Road 1 entrance ramp will be closed. Motorists will need to continue on the frontage road through the bell curve at Bay Area Boulevard and use the El Dorado Boulevard entrance ramp.

At least one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed continuously from 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, to 5 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14. Expect delays.

Pasadena chamber honors PISD's Lewis

Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kirk Lewis was named 2015 Citizen of the Year at the 75th annual Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Gala Thursday, Dec. 3.

The citizen of the year award has been presented annually since 1967 to a community member who exhibits a level of dedication and contribution to the city of Pasadena above and beyond the call of duty. Lewis was nominated for this prestigious award by a citywide committee including Ben Meador, owner of Meador Staffing.

"During his tenure as superintendent, the school district has experienced steady improvements in academics, graduation rates and in the quality of the facilities," Meador said. "When I think of Kirk Lewis, I think of a God-fearing man that chases after Jesus in all areas of his life. He is a leader, community citizen; volunteer; wonderful son, husband, father and grandfather; kindred spirit; compassionate man and full of commitment."

The award was presented to him by PISD board president and 2014 Pasadena Citizen of the Year Mariselle Quijano.

"It was truly my pleasure and honor to present Dr. Lewis with this award. He is a wonderful man and business man," Quijano said. "He is loved and respected by everyone that comes in contact with him and has a faith stronger than many people I know, and that shines in his actions. I am proud to have him as a friend and even prouder to serve on the board of trustees alongside him. He is so deserving of the Pasadena Citizen of the Year Award and more for all he does for our community."

Presentations were also made by Pasadena Mayor Johnny Isbell, declaring Dec. 3 Dr. Kirk Lewis Citizen of the Year.

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Lewis named citizen of the year



Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis was named the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Citizen of the Year at the organization's 75th anniversary gala on Thursday, Dec. 3. Lewis recently announced he will retire as superintendent next month, after serving nine years in the position. Lewis is pictured above at the event with his wife, Robin.

Photo submitted

Man killed while walking on freeway

A South Belt man was killed while walking along the Gulf Freeway early Saturday, Dec. 5. Nicholas Martin Gomez, 29, was pronounced dead at the scene.

According to police, Gomez was walking in a southbound lane in the 11500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Alameda Genoa around 12:10 a.m. when he was struck by a maroon Chevrolet Tahoe.

The driver of the Tahoe showed no signs of impairment and was questioned and released with no charges.

Police said it was unclear why Gomez was walking on the freeway.

Witnesses said he made no attempt to avoid passing vehicles.

Leader holds 33rd annual Christmas program

By James Bolen

A chill is in the air, and the South Belt community is once again coming together to help those less fortunate by participating in the annual Leader Christmas program.

Now in its 33rd year, the program is aimed at helping families in the immediate area by collecting food and gifts.

Participating in the drive again this year is

Stacey Waugh, daughter of Sagemont Civic Club Vice President Sandy Robb. The volunteer has selflessly donated hours of her free time to support this year's program.

"I think it's great," Waugh said of the program. "It helps the less fortunate."

This sentiment is shared by her mother.

"We've always been fortunate to have a nice Christmas," Robb said. "And it makes you feel

good to help someone else have a nice Christmas who otherwise wouldn't."

Waugh, who was born with a rare birth defect known as cervical meningocele, has overcome many challenges of her own. At the time of Waugh's birth, doctors told her mother she would likely never be able to walk.

"We never took no for an answer," Robb said. Waugh, now 39, went on to attend Stuchbery, Thompson and Dobie, as well as take courses at

San Jacinto College and College of the Mainland.

She has held her current job for more than a decade. A day care employee by trade, Waugh enjoys helping children.

"She loves kids," Robb said. "That's her thing."

This year Waugh collected aluminum cans to recycle in order to raise funds for the Christmas

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Diaz visits Melillo Jingle Bell Jog



Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz (center) is shown above attending Melillo Middle School's second annual Jingle Bell Jog Saturday, Dec. 5. While contestants did not jog in pairs, the top two female finishers were by chance a mother and daughter, and the top two male finishers were a father and son. Fifth-grader Lauren Rodriguez (second from left) finished in first place and is shown above with her mother Sandra Rodriguez. Sixth-grader Kaden Fernandez finished in first place and is shown above with his father Kenny Fernandez, who is a member of the PISD board of trustees. See additional photos on Page 5A.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

HPD gives crime prevention tips

With the holiday season here, the Leader would like to share some crime prevention tips from the Houston Police Department. (For additional tips on ID and BMV theft, see Page 2A.)

Vehicle burglaries

A car break-in, known as a burglary of a motor vehicle (BMV), is the most preventable crime there is and one in which citizens can have a direct impact on reducing. To help decrease this type of crime, HPD offers the following tips:

- Never leave keys in the vehicle or leave the vehicle with the ignition running.

- Always lock all doors and set the vehicle's alarm system or use an anti-theft device to deter thieves.

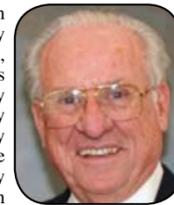
- Never leave windows rolled down or even partially rolled down.

- Never leave valuables inside the vehicle (purses, laptops, briefcases, cameras, cell phones, compact disks, etc.). These items are too tempting for a criminal to pass up. In most cases, criminals simply break a glass window and grab valuables in less than 10 seconds. Don't be an

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John "Jack" B. Niday Jr. dies at 85

Local businessman John B. "Jack" Niday Jr. died Monday, Dec. 7, at the age of 85. He was the owner of both Niday Funeral Home and Niday Public Storage. Niday was committed to the South Belt community and was instrumental in supporting the South Belt Security Alliance, which later evolved into the



Niday

current patrol contract with the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office. Niday also played a pivotal role in the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and was responsible for financing the construction of the chamber office and overseeing the work, serving as foreman. A native Houstonian, Niday lived in the Southeast portion of the city most of his life. Niday began his professional career as a ship pilot, before opening an ambulance service in 1959. He opened his first funeral home in 1961. See related obituary on Page 2A.

Boykins, Martin celebrate holidays



The two Houston City Council members responsible for representing the South Belt community held a joint Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 3. District D Council Member Dwight Boykins (left) and District E Council Member Dave Martin (second from left) are shown above at the event. Pictured with the council members are, left to right, Martin's chief of staff Lauren Laake and former Martin aide Allie Smart.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Jim Muecke: Lets all win this one for Bill

Lets all win this one for Bill. All of us have just finished about 2 years of concentrated effort by the current city administration trying to force HERO down our throats. It should have gone to the voters first but the Mayor knew it would not pass. After two trips to the supreme court it was finally put to the people to vote and it lost by 61%.

What a slap in the face for the mayor. Also, look how much money it cost the taxpayers to get this to a vote. This money did not come out of the mayors pocket.

Now we can continue with this same type administration should the people elect Mr. Turner - Parker Endorses/supports Turner. Look at all his negative ads. Don't forget Re-Build Houston. Has

this helped you, your street patched or rebuilt? We have the opportunity to elect Mr. Bill King a businessman and a leader. I had the opportunity to visit with him at a meet and greet and he answered all my concerns and then gave all of us an overview of what and how he plans on resolving the pot hole issue, the inefficiency of the city government and the most important is the city financial condition.

Did you notice how many CPA's are backing him, businessmen and now Mattress Max is supporting him also. He mentioned one other important issue, the control and managing the city employees, getting the most out of them.

Election day is Saturday Dec. 12, your day to vote if you did not vote early. Give yourself a nice early Christmas present, get the mayor you need that will work for you and your needs. Thanks

James E. Muecke

Sullivan files for re-election

Wearing a dark suit, bold red tie and a huge smile, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan signed his name on the wall at the Republican Party Headquarters on Wynwood Lane.

"Hey guys, don't let anybody else sign after me," Sullivan joked with the staff.

He knows he is the best fit for the role of Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector.

"I'm not a stodgy old tax man," Sullivan said as he bur-

ied his face in his Blackberry to tweet his filing. "Don't let the grey hair fool ya, I am a no nonsense guy, I run the office like a business, and I plan on continuing to find ways to better streamline the process of paying taxes, registering your automobile and registering to vote." He is committed to providing the best customer service experience possible.

"I am dedicated to this office, my staff and my con-

stituents. Every day we cultivate fresh ideas and put into practice new ways to improve the lives of our customers and their interaction with our office," said Sullivan.

For information visit Sullivan's campaign website: <http://mikesullivancampaign.com>.

If interested in supporting Sullivan or offering an endorsement, send an email to mike@mikesullivancampaign.com.

Leader Christmas program underway

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program. With the help of her neighbors and co-workers, Waugh was able to donate \$450 toward the drive.

To help promote the drive, Waugh designed and distrib-

uted fliers to local businesses. "This is our favorite time of the year," Robb said. "We love Christmas."

The drive is unique to the mother-daughter team in the fact that donated goods go di-

rectly to help local residents. "We want to help families in this area," Robb said. "This is our neighborhood."

For Waugh, it's all about spreading cheer. "I hope everybody has a wonderful Christmas," she said.

The Leader Christmas program is currently underway, and applications for assistance will be accepted through Monday, Dec. 14.

To qualify for the program, recipients must be South Belt area residents and possess one form of identification verifying their address. Need will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

First time applicants must apply in person at 11555 Beamer on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. Previous applicants may register online any day at www.southbeltleader.com.

Those wishing to donate items should visit the Leader office, located at 11555 Beamer. Desired items include toys for children of all ages, non-perishable food items, paper products and cash.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped.

SeAM Thrift Store welcomes donations

The SeAM Thrift Store has been a vital arm of Southeast Area Ministries since 1988. SeAM assists families in crisis who reside in the ZIP codes on either side of the Gulf Freeway from Gulf-gate on the north to Webster, Friendswood and Pearland on the south. The food pantry annually provides 16,200 families with 650,000 pounds of food.

Assistance for rent, utilities, medicine, job expenses, transportation, and school expenses is provided to 450 families.

The thrift store receives donations of a wide variety of used items and uses them in a variety of ways. Around \$15,000 worth are given

away each year to individuals and families who cannot even afford SeAM's prices. These include people in area programs for homeless people and for women in area shelters.

The largest amount of donations are sold at very low prices, providing families of limited resources very good clothing and household items at an affordable price. The profits from the thrift store are then used to support the pantry - \$40,000 last year.

SeAM welcomes donations of clothing, housewares, linens, household electronics, books, furniture, toys, office and school supplies. The thrift store welcomes all bargain hunters.

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Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Thursday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m. - Craft Time for Adults will include image transfer and holiday tile; 4:30 p.m. - Hour of Code - Scratch. To celebrate Hour of Code and Computer Science Education Week, a small workshop will be presented on the computer programming language, Scratch.

Friday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. - Movie Time for Adults. Feature presentation will be *How to Steel a Million*; 4:30 p.m. - Hour of Code - Adults.

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 these 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 for December at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingsport Road.

Santa Claus will be at the library on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime is at 10:30 a.m., with a storytime craft at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15. On Wednesday, Dec. 16, Toddler Storytime will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by Toddler Play Group at 11 a.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.

Cowgirls earn 2nd place at drill competition



The Sagemont Cowgirls competed in the 2015 BAFI Drill Competition on Nov. 14, at Santa Fe High School. The Cowgirls were over-achievers awarded with Best Pom Routine, Best Military Routine, Super Sweepstake Winners and overall second-place winners. Sagemont Cowgirls are, left to right, (front row) Zoe Espinoza, Angelina

Sanchez, Alyssa Jaramillo, Ryleigh Rodriguez, Chelsey Blanton, Nylah Banks, (back row) choreographer Angelique Gifford, Ariana Rivera, Madelyn Montes, Alannah Huddleston, Anaya Antoine, Ashlyne Medina, Katelyn Mendoza, Madisyn Saenz, Dayyani Arboloda, Emy Mora and choreographer Savanna McCormack. Photo submitted

Thanks to Lynn, Deotis & Flood Control



South Belt owes a special thank you to a group that helped get a real mess cleaned up recently. Lynn Medeiros contacted the Leader about a month ago about a bunch of trash that had been dumped by her home. Unfortunately, the first couple of groups contacted by the Leader did not come through with the clean up, but Deotis Gay, from Commissioner El Franco Lee's office contacted Curtis Lamplly of Harris County Flood Control and finally last week, the clean up took place. If residents witness such dumping, they are urged to take license numbers and report them to city or county officials, and the Leader.

Photos submitted by Lynn Medeiros



HPD crime prevention tips

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easy target by leaving valuable property inside vehicles.

- Do not wait until reaching a destination to place valuables in the trunk. Criminals look for victims placing their purses and/or other valuables in the trunk before going into gyms, malls or other locations. It is always best to remove all valuable items from the vehicle and leave them at home or place them in the trunk before heading to a destination.
- Park in well-lit and well-traveled areas and immediately report any suspicious person(s) wandering around vehicles to security or police.
- Do not place shopping bags in vehicles and then return to the store to continue shopping. If necessary, drive away and park in a different location, so that if someone is watching they will think you're leaving.
- Plan on making the

most expensive purchases last and go straight home (especially if jewelry or electronic items were purchased since these items can be easily re-sold if stolen). If being followed, contact police immediately.

ID theft

The Houston Police Department wants to remind citizens to protect their identities and financial information this holiday season.

The upcoming holiday season is a time of year when people are busy, tend to be distracted and are making more purchases than normal. The department offers the following tips to prevent identity theft:

- Do not carry social security card.
- Be aware of what personal information is put on social media.
- Make strong passwords that don't include personal information.
- Regularly change passwords every couple of months.

- Click with caution. Before buying from an unfamiliar website, check to see if it is a verified site or research other consumers' experiences.
- Check credit report annually for free and closely monitor bank accounts.
- Never give personal information over the phone, through mail or on the Internet unless the contact is initiated by one's own self.
- Never send money to receive money.

Lieutenant C. Lohse, an investigator with HPD's Financial Crimes Unit, talks about why this time of year is most popular for identity thieves on the HPD YouTube Channel at <https://youtu.be/7qY0dY-20fk4>.

This initiative is part of HPD's *Help Us, Help You* campaign aimed at sharing information and educating citizens on crime prevention and everyday tips related to public safety in the city.

County monthly tax sale a success

Sullivan recovers lost revenue for taxpayers

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Mike Sullivan is working to reclaim lost revenue for Harris County residents. Thousands of properties sit vacant throughout the county, creating unsafe conditions and lowering property values. Many property owners are delinquent, and for years have failed to meet their tax obligations.

With help from the county's delinquent tax attorneys,

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, the county makes drastic improvements to eyesore properties across Harris County.

"Delinquent property taxes unfairly burden the taxpayers of Harris County, and we need to recover every dollar possible," said Sullivan.

Each month the county holds a tax sale. The goal is to collect delinquent taxes and to put neglected properties

into the hands of new owners.

For the month of November 2015, a total of 301 properties were posted for sale. Sullivan successfully reclaimed \$2,305,695 for the citizens of Harris County. To date for 2015, the office has reclaimed \$28,451,432 from the monthly tax sale.

To learn more about the tax sale, visit the website at <http://www.hctax.net>. For questions, call 713-274-8000.

Corral the Grease: Help to reduce sewer problems

Want to help plumbers spend more time with their

families this holiday season? Don't pour cooking fats, oil or grease in kitchen sinks.

Many people make the common and costly mistake of pouring cooking fats, oils, and grease in the kitchen sinks, causing sanitary sewer clogs.

Fats, vegetable oils and grease, when poured into drains, cool down, solidify and clog the pipes.

Cooking grease can get as hard as concrete, causing sewage to back up and overflow into streets, yards, storm ditches, and yes, even homes.

The most practical way to reduce grease overflows in homes is to follow these easy steps:

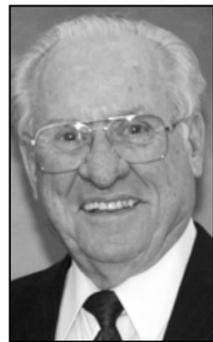
- Consider pouring grease into coffee cans, cups and other storage devices to collect cooking oil or grease.
- Use paper towels to soak up grease in pans after it cools, then dispose in the trash.
- Remember, garbage disposals are not effective for disposing of fats, oils and greases.
- Soapy hot water is not a solution to keeping kitchen

drains from getting clogged.

- Do not flush baby wipes or bathroom counter wipes down a toilet. The toilet is not a trash can. Some items that claim to be flushable are not.
- If it doesn't dissolve, don't flush it. It must be soluble.
- Do not flush diapers, paper towels, facial tissues, baby wipes, cotton balls, hair, gum, candy wrappers, dental floss, hygiene products, cleaning wipes, dead gold fish or Band-Aids.
- Cooler temperatures cause grease to harden quicker in the sanitary sewer lines. Remember, homeowners are responsible for maintaining their own sanitary sewer lines from their homes to the city line connection.
- If a blockage is causing problems in a home and it is discovered to be in a city line, a crew will come out and clear the line.
- For more information on how to reduce sewer line blockages, visit the Corral the Grease website at www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/utilities/corral_grease.html.

Deaths

John B. "Jack" Niday Jr.



John B. "Jack" Niday Jr., 85, of Friendswood, died Monday, Dec. 7, 2015. He was born on Sept. 1, 1930, at home on Capital Avenue in the East End of Houston.

Niday grew up following his father around as he went about his duties as superintendent of the Marine Division of Horton & Horton Towing Company. While in high school, he worked summers for Horton & Horton on the tugboats and graduated from Milby High School in 1949.

Upon graduation, his father wanted him to go to college, but he had set his sights on what he wanted. He went to work for Lutz Towing Co. as a deck hand on the tug Clyde-dale, later becoming chief engineer in June 1949 and making captain in September 1949. Niday then worked for Horton & Horton for the next seven years, obtaining his first Coast Guard pilot license for 150 gross tons. In 1956, he went to work on the harbor tugs for G & H Towing as captain of one of their seagoing tugs and obtained his master's license for seagoing vessels.

In 1959, Niday entered the Houston Pilot Association as the youngest deputy ever admitted and became a full pilot on June 9, 1960. While in the pilots, he was president of the Houston Pilots for seven years (the most years as president to this day) and served as president of the Texas Pilot Association for four years. He was offered the position of president of the American Pilot Association but declined because it required his moving to Washington, D.C.

On Sept. 1, 1984, he was awarded the Meritorious Public Service Award by the United States Coast Guard. He retired from the Pilots on March 28, 1985, so that his son could take his place.

In 1960, wanting something to do on his days off from piloting, Niday started an ambulance service serving the east end of Houston, Pasadena and South Houston. He opened his first funeral home in 1961, and that was followed by a funeral home in Pearland. He then purchased South Park Cemetery in Pearland, later building a funeral home on the property. At one time he owned seven funeral homes in the Houston area along with two other cemeteries.

Niday retired from the funeral business in February 1990. He built Niday Public Storage in 1992 and Niday Mini Storage in 1996. He developed Section 7 of Green Tee Terrace doing most of the preliminary dirt work himself.

Never being completely satisfied with having left the funeral business, he broke ground for the current Niday Funeral Home in February 2000, opening in October 2000. Being active in the com-

munity and while serving on the board of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Niday acted as general contractor and built the chamber building located on Scarsdale. The South Belt Chamber honored him as Person of the Year in 2003.

In December 2010, he purchased Fairmont Funeral Home in Pasadena, changing the name to Niday Fairmont Funeral Home.

Niday served on the board of various banks and is a member of Sagemont Church.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; son John B. Niday III; daughter Joy E. Niday; grandchildren William Cody Colson and wife Jennifer, John Colt Colson, Carynton Gillespie and husband Greg, John B. Niday IV and wife Sarah, and Noah Niday; 10 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Betty Baty and Dama McNeil.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Sagemont Church, 11300 S. Sam Houston Pkwy. E. in Houston. Interment will follow at South Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Capt. John B. "Jack" Niday Jr. Maritime Scholarship Fund at San Jacinto College Foundation, 4624 Fairmont Pkwy., St. 212, Pasadena, TX 77504.

Denetta Ann (Thomas) Holt



Denetta Ann (Thomas) Holt, 52, died on Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015. She was born March 11, 1963. She grew up in Memphis, Tenn.; central Arkansas (Little Rock, Bauxite, Avella); and in the South Belt area of Houston. While attending J. Frank Dobie High School, she was a delegate to Texas Girl's State in 1980, a member of both the A.F.J.R.O.T.C. and the N.J.R.O.T.C., attaining the position of executive officer at Dobie, with the rank of lieutenant, and graduated in 1981. While in Sagemont, she was a member of Sagemont Church.

She married her husband of more than 32 years, James Randall "Randy" Holt, in 1983, with the Rev. John Willis officiating. They have two sons, Brandon and James. Their children grew up in Huffman, Texas. Along with Little League, Holt served in the Huffman Independent School District. The last four years, she and Randy resided in Mexico Beach, Fla. Holt loved the ocean and laid-back atmosphere there.

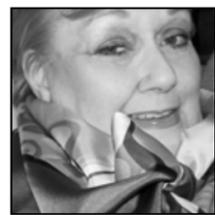
Along with working in the school, she worked in banking, in furniture sales, and assisted her husband in his profession as an insurance adjuster.

Holt is preceded in death by her elder brothers: Dean Thomas (1961-2009) and David Thomas (1962-2002); stepister Dee Kelson Diana (1951-2015); her dad, Joseph Albert Thomas (1934-1996); and other family members and close friend Jennie Shrum.

She is survived by her husband, Randy; their sons, Brandon and James; her mother, Betty Cheatham-Campbell; father and stepmother Claude and Mae (Hartley) Jones; brother Darrell W. Thomas; stepisters and their spouses, Anne (Kelson) and Dale Brown, Donna (Kelson) and Steve Brown, and Jan (Sah-gal); stepbrother and spouse Richard and Diane (Austin) Kelson; aunt Kay (Cheatham) Solis; aunt Nancy Jones Methvin; mother and father-in-law Kay (Hammond) and Roger Miller; sister and brother-in-law Kathy (Miller) and Richard Maxey; brothers and sister-in-law Mark Miller and wife; and Roger and Vonda Miller; sisters-in-law Karan Crandall Thomas and Sandra (Nelson) Cover; and nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; of note Joey Frazier of Memphis, Tenn. and Barbara and Mark Munday of Huffman.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, at 2 p.m. at Lake Houston Methodist Church, 23606 FM2100 in Huffman, Texas. In lieu of flowers, a plant that later can be planted outside, or a donation to a charity of choice in Holt's memory is appreciated.

Margaret Lorraine Lancon



Margaret "Maggie" Lorraine Lancon, 71, died on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, from complications after a stroke she suffered in August.

Lancon was a resident of Kirkwood South and Sage Glen for four decades. She was a real estate broker, practicing in the area for more than 40 years. She was born in Elgin, Texas, and graduated with honors one semester early from Milby High School, class of 1962. She was a member of the CoEd dance team, National Honor Society and Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Lancon attended Rice University briefly, and worked at Conoco Oil during construction of the Alaskan Pipeline. She also owned and operated an interior design company.

She was an avid cat lover and active in her church, First United Methodist Church in downtown Houston.

Lancon is preceded in death by her daughter, Liane (Lancon) Gillock.

Survivors include her husband, Elias Karvouniaris; daughter Rhonda Jaeger of Webster; granddaughters Raquel and AnnaMarie Jaeger and Emily Gillock; and sister Marilyn Rowe of Illinois.

A celebration of Lancon's life will be held Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Houston.

Donations can be made in Lancon's name to the First United Methodist Church, 1320 Main Street, Houston, TX 77002. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in c/o First Choice Ministries.

Identical triplets born at Southeast

The odds can range from one in 60,000 to one in 2 million. A woman defied those odds and delivered rare, identical female triplets earlier last week at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

The triplets, born Dec. 1 via cesarean section, each weighed between 3 and 3.5 pounds. Addison, Kinsley and Savannah are Stephanie and Brad Harris' first children.

"I'm relieved that they're here, they're healthy, and I can't wait to get them home," said Stephanie Harris. "The

delivery was great. I was awake the whole time and didn't feel anything except a little pressure."

"This is a circumstance where you have what is considered to be an extremely rare, high-risk pregnancy and there are a number of things that potentially can go wrong," says Thomas Rowe, M.D., OB-GYN and maternal fetal medicine specialist affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast.

"We have been watching Stephanie very closely from early pregnancy and, thanks be to God, all went very well.

She and her three little girls are all doing great."

The triplets are likely to spend the next four to six weeks in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Memorial Hermann Southeast while they gain weight and strength, routine care which almost always accompanies a birth of multiples according to Dr. Rowe.

"I can't wait to have them home so our family can be together," says Brad Harris. "We could not have asked for a better Christmas present this year. We are so blessed."

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Final phase of SJC Maritime Technology and Training Center construction underway

The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center is in its final phase of construction before its January 2016 debut. Construction has been ongoing since last fall. The facility will serve as the site for certificate and associate degree maritime training delivered through U.S. Coast Guard-required and approved course work.

Tellepsen Builders serves as the general contractor for the development of the Maritime Technology and Training Center. Texas IBI Group is the architect; Brooks & Sparks is the civil engineer; and Rizzo & Associates is the program manager.

For more information, visit sanjac.edu/maritime.

Right photo: The ground level of the Maritime Technology and Training Center allows for aquatic training for sea survival and life raft training.



The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center will open in January 2016 after more than a year of construction. It will house the college's credit and noncredit certificate and associate degree maritime training programs, as well as serve as a site for vessel specific training for local maritime companies.

Photos by Jeannie Peng-Armao

- Relocation of the three full-mission ships bridge simulators has been completed. (Setup time frame is approximately three weeks.)
- Continuation of running data and electrical
- Building and exterior cleanup
- Landscape, approximately 90 percent complete
- Davit to be moved in the near future
- Testing of the electrical and plumbing system
- HVAC installation complete
- All maritime staff and faculty will begin moving from the maritime training facility in Pasadena, Texas, to the new Maritime Technology and Training Center based in La Porte, Texas, in December.

The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center

The San Jacinto College Maritime Technology and Training Center, located at 3700 Old Highway 146 in La Porte, sits 14 feet above ground. The ground level showcases a training dock with lifeboats, davits, and fast rescue craft, and a separate industry dock for crew changes. This also allows for vessel specific training for local maritime companies and serves as an aquatic training facility for sea survival and life raft training, complete with men's and women's locker rooms.

There are 15 classrooms; engineering simulators to train maritime engineers for hydraulic, electric, pump control, motor control, heating and air conditioning, and refrigeration; and a multi-purpose space for industry conferences and corporate partner meetings.

Highlights of the new facility include the three ship bridge simulators, donated by the Houston Pilots in 2013. These room-sized replicas of ship control bridges are a part of a 3,748 square-foot simulation suite, complete with instructor stations, debrief classrooms, and development stations.

A full-mission engine room simulator is planned for the future and will interact and interconnect with the bridge simulators to allow vessel management exercises to accommodate deck and engineering officers and crew at the same time, in the same scenario.

Meador contest winners named



Meador Elementary recently celebrated College Week with various activities to support a college-going culture and promote college awareness. These students were winners in the College Mystery Speaker contest. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Yisabelle Berroa, Monique Winn, Haylisa Sanchez, (back row) Assistant Principal Tara Merida, Kassandra Romero Reyes and Principal Beverly Bolton.

Photo submitted

Frazier food drive a huge success



Frazier Elementary students and families gave generous donations of items for the school's food drive last month. They collected 551 pounds of food. All of the food went to families in need in the South Belt/Pasadena areas. Frazier Student Council worked hard every morning collecting the items around the school to deposit in the collection boxes. The Student Council is under the leadership of third-grade teachers Kristi Vela

and Chelsey DuPont. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Xander Whitehall, Yaretzi Martinez, Daniel Silva, Natalie Sosa, (middle row) Ayanna Morales, Jesus Perez, Olivia McMahan, Ace Adams, Matthew Manzano, Joel Rivera, (back row) Jarvis Solomon, Belle Perridon, Alton Parker, Mary Young, Mya Bell, Heidi Sanchez, Nick Soza, Emma Arizmendi and Angelica Jasso.

Photo submitted

UH-Clear Lake invites community to fall 2015 commencement

University of Houston-Clear Lake students will don their robes and walk the graduation stage at the fall 2015 commencement, Saturday, Dec. 19, in the George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas in Houston.

Commencement for School of Education and School of Science and Computer Engineering graduates will begin at noon and will feature a keynote address from R. Michael Squyres, president and CEO of Flow-Cal Inc.

For students graduating from the School of Business and the School of Human Sciences and Humanities, the ceremony begins at 5 p.m. and the keynote speaker will be Houston Chief of Police Charles McClelland Jr. Both speakers are UH-Clear Lake alumni.

The ceremony celebrates the accomplishments of summer and fall graduates.

Squyres graduated from UH-Clear Lake with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems in 1993 and now oversees Flow-Cal, the industry leader in measurement data management for natural gas and petroleum liquids. The company received the UH-Clear Lake Community Partnership Award earlier this year and, in 2013, sponsored a charter interview room in UHCL's Office of Career Services. Approximately 38 percent of Flow-Cal's workforce are also alumni of the university.

Squyres considers building Flow-Cal his greatest accomplishment, and the company has been recognized as one of Houston Business Journal's "Best Places to Work." Both Squyres and Flow-Cal have been the recipients of numerous professional awards and continue to contribute in many capacities to UH-Clear Lake and the community.

He and his wife, Betty, live in the Clear Lake area. They have two college-aged

children. McClelland has been Houston's chief of police since 2010, and he has served in the Houston Police Department for 37 years after joining as a patrol officer in 1977.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from UH-Downtown and a master's degree in sociology from UH-Clear Lake, and he was honored as a UHCL Distinguished Alumnus in 2005.

He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the FBI's National Executive Institute and has received numerous commendations. He supports community-based policing, and he is a proponent of using technology to reduce crime. In the Houston Police Department, McClelland manages a staff of 5,400 police officers and more than 1,600 civilian employees.

A native of Center, Texas, McClelland has two daughters.

Of the 1,201 fall 2015 graduates, 1,033 will participate in the graduation ceremony.

For summer 2015, 349 students were awarded degrees and 218 will participate. Of participating graduates, 623 will be awarded degrees during the noon ceremony and 628 in the 5 p.m. ceremony.

Participating students may invite an unlimited number of guests. Admission is free, though fees for parking around the convention center will vary.

Graduating students are also invited to Soaring Hawk Celebration, a social event 6-8 p.m. Dec. 18. The event will feature a photo booth, refreshments and the chance to celebrate with university alumni, faculty and leaders,

including UHCL President William A. Staples and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Carl A. Stockton.

Soaring Hawk Celebration is free, but tickets are required and may be picked up from the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services and Office of Student Life.

Soaring Hawk Celebration will be on the UH-Clear Lake campus at Bayou Building, Atrium II, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. in Houston.

For more information on Soaring Hawks Celebration, contact the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 281-283-2021 or alumni@uhcl.edu.

For information on Commencement, contact the Office of Academic Records at 281-283-2525 or visit www.uhcl.edu/commencement.

San Jac tops on Twitter

The Texas Social Media Research Institute (TSMRI) has named its Top Texas Higher Education Institutes on Twitter, and San Jacinto College comes in as the number one community college on Twitter.

To determine its top institutions on Twitter, TSMRI utilized data from the Texas Higher Education Data List of Higher Education Institutions, a Klout score of at least 45 (according to Twitalyzer), and the number of followers. To date, San Jacinto College has 4,623 Twitter followers and a Klout score of 66. Klout measures the overall online influence on a scale of 1 to 100 (with 100 being the most influential), analyzing multiple social networks based on engagement.

"The new generation of students have a say in how we communicate with them," said San Jacinto College Social Media Coordinator Jah-

mal Clemons. "They live in an instantaneous world with near-free rein to express, connect, and contextualize their experience. As effective marketers in higher education, our task is to harness the power of social media and use it for good."

Since January of this year, San Jacinto College has gained nearly 1,500 followers on Twitter. Engagement on the Twitter platform is around 2 percent, which is on par with industry standards of 1 to 3 percent. Twitter makes up the highest percentage of the college's network distribution at 35 percent.

"This ranking is the direct result of the hard work of our public relations team, in particular Jahmal Clemons, our social media coordinator," said Teri Crawford, vice chancellor for marketing, public relations, and government affairs. "All of our social media platforms are an

important source of not only information for our students and community, but for the college as well. By engaging with our students through social media, we are able to better understand their needs and respond accordingly."

Rounding out the top 10 Texas community colleges on Twitter are North Lake College, Lone Star College, Austin Community College, Tarrant County College District, Collin College, Dallas County Community College District, San Antonio College, South Texas College and Del Mar College.

The Texas Social Media Research Institute is located at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. The institute includes faculty, staff, and student social media researchers. To view the entire list of the top 10 Texas higher education institutions on Twitter, visit the TSMRI website.

Daily international air service returns to Hobby Airport

William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) opened a new international concourse on October 15, 2015, ushering in the return of daily international air service for the popular airport facility and its 12 million annual passengers.

Hundreds of guests in the new concourse celebrated the operational success of the building's first flight, when an early morning departure took off bound for Cancun, Mexico. By the end of 2015, Southwest Airlines will offer nonstop daily air service to nine different destinations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean from the new concourse.

The new facility, including a five-gate concourse, Federal Inspection Station, Southwest Airlines ticketing hall and expanded security checkpoint, is the result of a far-reaching partnership struck between the City of Houston and Southwest Airlines in 2012. The low-cost carrier agreed to cover expenses associated with the concourse while the Houston Airport System (HAS) would spearhead the drive to construct a number of enabling projects, including a new 3,000 space parking garage and roadway.

The inaugural flight from the freshly minted 280,000-square-foot complex caps yet another successful partnership between Southwest Airlines - which invested \$156 million in the new concourse, gate area and Federal Inspections Services (FIS) facility. The new, modern concourse boasts five gates - "swing gates" that can

accommodate both international and domestic travelers - an expansive ticketing area equipped with self-tagging kiosks to speed up the check-in process, abundant seating in the gate areas that feature seats with electric outlets for charging phones and personal devices, and modern customs facilities that include 14 Automated Passport Control and six Global Entry kiosks to streamline U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) screening and baggage processing for arriving international passengers.

Southwest Airlines will accommodate its international schedule by operating four of the gates, flying between Hobby Airport and the following destinations: Cancun, Mexico City, Puerto Vallarta and San Jose del Cabo/Los Cabos in Mexico, San Jose and Liberia in Costa Rica, Belize City, Belize, and Montego Bay, Jamaica. Daily nonstops to Liberia and Montego Bay began on Nov. 1. Southwest began service from Hobby Airport's Central Concourse, and with the new facility will be capable of serving up to 7,500 international passengers and 25 departing flights per day.

The arrival of international air service is projected to eventually increase the annual passenger total at Hobby Airport by more than one million people, prompting HAS to take several steps to ensure the increased demand is met. Approximately \$100 million was invested in enabling projects to complement the new concourse and prepare for the

increased passenger capacity. "Someone coming to Hobby Airport for the first time in five years might not recognize where they are," said Houston Aviation Director Mario C. Diaz. "This facility has been completely transformed, and is a testimony to all that can come from a successful public-private partnership. The relationship between Southwest Airlines and the City of Houston dates back to the earliest days of the company, and now it's poised to produce a great many benefits to our mutual customers in the 21st century."

One key component of the improvement program is a new 1 million square foot parking garage. The \$55 million facility will provide 3,000 additional spaces, bringing the total at Hobby Airport to more than 7,200 by early spring 2016 and addressing the growing demand for parking for years to come.

A bi-level roadway system - improvements that feature a widened upper ramp, additional space to drop off passengers, and clearly defined lanes on the lower level for picking up of arriving passengers - a newly constructed satellite utilities plant that supports the needs of the new concourse and places Hobby Airport in an excellent position to accommodate future growth, and visual enhancements such as modern signs as well as landscaping, fencing and lighting along Airport Boulevard, provide additional finishing touches and enhanced levels of customer service.

Even prior to the arrival of international air service, Hobby Airport was experiencing unprecedented growth in recent years.

Last year marked the fourth consecutive year that an all-time record was set in regards to passenger totals, with Southwest Airlines accounting for the overwhelming majority of that traffic. Over the past 10 years, Hobby Airport has seen a 44 percent increase in its total number of passengers, while the number of cities available via nonstop flights has increased by more than 50 percent, climbing to more than 50 total destinations. The addition of international air service from Southwest Airlines will take that tally well above the 60 city mark.

"Our roots run deepest in Houston, one of our original Southwest cities where our friendly people offer reli-

Bay Area Singles Dance Dec. 19

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be there. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers.

For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

Open Garden Day Dec. 21

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host Open Garden Day on Monday, Dec. 21, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

able service at low fares and helped make Southwest the airline that now flies more travelers in the U.S. every day than any other carrier," said Gary Kelly, chairman, president and CEO. "It's a fitting place to firmly plant our investment to connect Houstonians and millions of Southwest customers who will pass through this facility to what's important in their lives across a growing list of international service options."

PVF Roundtable donates \$25,000 toward pipefitting scholarships

Students in San Jacinto College's pipefitting program will benefit from

scholarships made possible by the Pipe, Valve, and Fitting (PVF) Roundtable organization.

This year, the directors of the PVF Roundtable allocated \$25,000 to the San Jacinto College Foundation to benefit the college's pipefitting program.

The PVF Roundtable is an organization of industry professionals involved in the pipe, valve, and fitting industry. The organization is committed to providing an open dialogue to exchange relevant information and creating awareness of current industry affairs that affect the entire PVF community. In addition, the PVF Roundtable provides funds to educational and training institutes to encourage the

growth of the PVF field.

San Jacinto College Foundation Executive Director, Ruth Keenan, and San Jacinto College North campus Dean of Business and Technology, Dr. Kerry Mix, had a chance to meet with the PVF Roundtable members to discuss industry and training needs. "PVF Roundtable vice president, Mr. Harold Armstrong, has been instrumental in pulling this together," said Keenan. "We are sincerely grateful for this donation, and we look forward to the future and deepening the relationship with this organization."

Armstrong added that due to the college's commitment to excellence in workforce training, the PVF Roundtable organization wanted to

provide more opportunities for future pipe, valve, and fitting professionals. "The PVF Roundtable selected San Jacinto College because of the reputation and success in training students," said Armstrong. "Consideration for the award included location near the industries we support along with programs that are well established. Our

goal is to impact students' lives through education." According to texaswages.com, the average median salary for pipefitters in the Gulf Coast region is \$51,325 annually.

For more information on the San Jacinto College pipefitting program, visit sanjac.edu/career/pipefitting-fabricator.

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Dr. Kirk Lewis named top Pasadena person

Continued from Page 1A Lewis Day in Pasadena; Beverly Ferguson representing Rep. Brian Babin's office; and Tammie Nielsen representing Commissioner Jack Moran's office.

During his tenure as superintendent, Lewis has been a strong proponent of preparing students to graduate ready for post-secondary education and career opportunities in a 21st century workforce.

"Dr. Lewis has been an instrumental part of our chamber, having served on the board of directors for 10 years," Pasadena Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Cristina Womack said. "I couldn't think of a more genuine, selfless leader to receive this honor."

On the verge of retirement in 2016, Lewis reflected on the community that has been so supportive of his career.

He has also been instrumental in shifting the culture of the community to embrace career and college readiness.

Evidence of the positive cultural shift is seen as conversations began in 2009 during the district's strategic planning process.

Conversations with community and business leaders revealed a statewide need for a skilled labor workforce. The concept became a reality when voters approved the newly opened Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School.

"When you walk together through life with people like those in this district, you develop a bond that is truly one of life's greatest blessings. The men and women of this community will be forever in my heart and in my prayers," Lewis said. "I'm grateful to the parents and community members who have been so supportive of our schools, our new initiatives and of my efforts. Because this community values education, the students will continue to benefit."

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BEST WISHES, DAVID AND ELLIE!
Greetings are sent to David Flickinger, South Belt-Ellington Leader president, and his wife, Ellie, who celebrate their fourth anniversary Dec. 10 from daughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca; grandchildren Kelvin, Noah and Isabella; parents Marie and David Flickinger; brother Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger; niece Kimberly Flickinger; niece Courtney and husband Chris Durham and daughter Abigail; and the staff at the Leader.

KENNEDY TURNS 8!
Kennedy Flowers will turn 8 years old on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Best wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent from brother Owen, sister Evie, parents Stephen and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers, grandparents Robert and Jannie Scarberry of South Belt, uncles Tyler, Austin, Joey and Benny, aunt Jenny, and cousins Brayden, Baylee, Jade and Livvy. Kennedy's mom is a Dobbie grad.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO JESSICA
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to Jessica Escobar on Dec. 16, a former staff member of the South Belt Leader.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 10 through Dec. 16.

Atkinson Elementary
Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Richard Whittaker Dec. 14.

Burnett Elementary
Cynthia Henderson is sent a birthday greeting Dec. 13.

Bush Elementary
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Latitia Maldonado Dec. 13. Sing a happy birthday song to Jennifer Marquez Dec. 16.

Frazier Elementary
Greetings for a special birthday are sent to Elena Contreras and Denise Diaz Dec. 13. Maria Vazquez celebrates a birthday Dec. 14. Marking a birthday Dec. 15 is Kristina Ponce.

Meador Elementary
Dec. 12 is the day for a cake for Filgia Norman. Enjoying a birthday Dec. 15 is Maria Mata.

Moore Elementary
Celebrating a birthday Dec. 10 is Sheryl Munn. On Dec. 15, a happy birthday wish is sent to Bobbie Bashinski.

Stuchbery Elementary
Enjoying a day of celebration Dec. 16 is Kevin Albert.

Melillo Middle School
Dec. 12 is the day for birthday greetings for Lupita Aleman-Perez and Whitney Jewell. A double celebration is scheduled Dec. 13 for Leah Brutsche and Elizabeth Hedge. Sheri Richardson is wished a happy birthday Dec. 15.

Roberts Middle School
Greetings for a special birthday are sent to LaShondra Evans Dec. 11. Hector Del Rios celebrates a birthday Dec. 12. Marking a birthday Dec. 13 is Teresa Klein.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Dec. 14 is the day for a party for Danielle Bezik. Dec. 15 is a day of celebration for Velia Gutierrez.

Thompson Intermediate
Nancy O'Connell enjoys a birthday Dec. 11. Chad Kearbey celebrates a birthday Dec. 15. The day for a cake for Jennifer Guerrero is Dec. 16.

Dobie High
Lizette Chapa and Carmela Swinnen celebrate a birthday Dec. 10. Sabrina Hinton and Michael Parker enjoy a birth-

day Dec. 11. Sharing a birthday Dec. 12 are Mariam Benavides Sanchez and Faryal Shaukat. A double birthday is celebrated by Philip Foster and Loan Peabody Dec. 13. Cheers for a happy birthday are sent to Willie Ansley and Matthew Park Dec. 15.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

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

Thursday, Dec. 10: Cindy Schulze, Regan Boudra, Traci Schulz, Carmela Swinnen, Rebecca Swartz, Henry Rubio, Betsy Urschel, Sherri Lindsey, Alexis Bursiaga, Yvette Johnson-Lightfoot and Jason Manriquez; Friday, Dec. 11: Corey Tuminson, Kara Toro, Robert Summers, Sandra Medina, Amanda Meili and Robert Royal; Saturday, Dec. 12: Carolyn Sternes-Ontiveros, Joe Lewis, David Rojas Sr., Pepper Lowe and Diane Lakits Black; Sunday, Dec. 13: Ryan Tucker, Dustin Cochran, Julie Krampitz, Christopher Aldredge and Mike Stacey; Monday, Dec. 14: Ricky Ramirez, Elizabeth Martinez, Pedro Gutierrez III, Kay Wood and Melissa Duncan; Tuesday, Dec. 15: Cheryl Park, Lindsay Jessup, Commis Michael, Ryan Rushing and Rita Tornaben; and Wednesday, Dec. 16: Kamisha Dennis, Tamara Spencer, Jamie Kasper, Tonya Farmer, Tonya Rollins, Betty Williams, John Pfister, Willie Mae Allbritton and Adam Garcia Sr.

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Olson gives statement on EPA RFS proposal

Rep. Pete Olson, R-Texas, recently issued the following statement in response to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issuing a long-awaited corn ethanol level related to the Renewable Fuel Standard:

"While I appreciate EPA's long-awaited decision to finally provide clarity on the RFS, this remains a fundamentally flawed mandate. This standard was written when America relied heavily on energy imports and has had a market-distorting impact on our food chain and energy markets. Rather than rely on the whims of EPA's administrator, Congress should develop a transportation fuel policy that reflects reality. Ethanol will be a part of the fuel supply for many

years to come. However, mandates that inch us closer and closer to fuels like E15 that consumers likely neither want nor understand, will do more harm than good. We should allow the free market to dictate the levels of ethanol in our fuel supply."

In 2005, Congress established the RFS effectively requiring refiners to blend increasing volumes of biofuels (e.g., corn ethanol) into the nation's gasoline supplies. In 2007, Congress expanded the RFS effectively requiring refiners to blend ever higher volumes of biofuels and advanced biofuels (e.g., cellulosic ethanol) into the nation's gasoline and diesel fuel supplies regardless of market conditions.

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Chamber celebrates Holiday season



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce kicked off the holiday season with an open house for chamber and community members. Some of those attending were, left to right, (front row) Chris Clark, chamber president; Laura Garner of Garner Vision; Sherry Trainer, chamber executive; Dr. James Doyle of Liberty Chiropractic; (back row) Alexis Lochner of the South Belt-Ellington Leader; Melinda McClure, Garner Vision assistant; and Cecelia Ganje of Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District.

Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
Frazier Elementary, the first open concept education-

al innovation for the Pasadena Independent School District, was in its sixth year.

Two members of the 1980 Dobie cross-country team qualified for the National Cross Country Championship meeting sponsored by Kinney Shoes, to be held in San Diego at Balboa Park. Seniors Gawain Guy and Greg Johnson qualified for the national meet by placing first and fifth, respectively, in the regional Kinney cross-country meet at Arlington.

25 years ago (1990)
Two Dobie graduates were killed and one seriously injured in a 10-car accident in Austin. Killed were 1989 Dobie graduates Thi Hien Tiet and Long Hoang Ta. Injured in the accident was former Dobie student Loc Bui. The victims were attending the University of Texas. One other person was killed and 11 more injured in the accident caused by wet, slick road conditions.

South Belt resident John Burke was killed in a plane accident in Detroit when two airplanes collided on the runway during dense fog. Burke was a 1978 Dobie High School graduate.

Dobie High School sophomore Deanna Kenisell won best model and third runner-up at the annual competition of the Miss San Jacinto Classic Pageant. She is the daughter of Bill and Debbie Kenisell.

Anna Maria Carrara, a kindergarten student at Stuchbery Elementary, won second runner-up in the San Jacinto Classic Cover Girl contest. She is the daughter of South Belt residents Angelo and Glenda Carrara.

20 years ago (1995)
Construction on the center lanes of the beltway (Sam Houston Tollway) began, and the entire section from the Gulf Freeway to U.S. 59 was expected to open in 15 months.

Speed limit signs boosting the speed limit to 70 miles per hour on the Gulf Freeway southbound from the beltway to Galveston were erected.

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon team won the district championship with nine Longhorns earning individual medals. Dobie students swept all categories - honors, scholastic and varsity - for overall best students. Dobie's 12-person team won first place in the super quiz.

Local constable deputies would be issuing citations throughout the Christmas season to juveniles violating the county's curfew. Those under the age of 17 who were out without a guardian between midnight and 6 a.m. any night of the week would be taken into custody.

Clear Lake attorney Rob Todd, 32, got more than 63 percent of the vote to beat the Rev. Andrew C. Burks Jr. for the District E seat on the Houston City Council.

15 years ago (2000)
Construction plans for the new J. Frank Dobie High School's \$57,000,000 complex were underway.

Brittany Garlington, 15, a freshman at J. Frank Dobie High, died in her sleep. She suffered from a congenital heart disease.

Mallory Stevens, 18-month-old daughter of James and Angie Stevens, died in a hot tub.

10 years ago (2005)
South Belt resident Emory Gadd was presented a plaque naming him the PISD 2005 Distinguished Citizen during a ceremony at the district's administration building.

Deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office rounded up truant students as well as several parents during a warrant sweep. A total of 15 juveniles and adults appeared in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's court to answer charges of truancy and contempt of court.

The 23rd annual Leader Christmas food and toy drive was underway to provide needy local residents with items to make the Christmas season better.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Robert Alexander Martinez, 20, son of former South Belt

resident Kelly Hunt, was killed in action while on foot patrol outside Fallujah, Iraq. Martinez was the nephew of longtime Southeast Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Robert Cino.

A Harris County grand jury indicted Jerry Michael Cook, 41, for manslaughter. The charges were in connection with the death of Ruth Young, 9, who was killed as the school bus Cook was driving ran over her on Hughes at Sageburrow.

5 years ago (2010)
Deputies Aaron Baldwin and Roland Rivera from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to an alarm at a computer repair store in the 12300 block of Scarsdale. When the deputies arrived, they discovered a male suspect still in the store, who then broke through the building's back door and fled on foot.

The deputies, joined by Deputy Jason Curry, gave chase through the surrounding neighborhood. The suspect, Gregory Shanks, was caught roughly 20 minutes later hiding at a residence on Poplarwood with bags of money from the store's safe. Shanks, 48, was subsequently arrested and charged with burglary of a business.

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon Team won first place overall and first place in Super Quiz at the district meet with a score of 48,196. On the seven multiple-choice objective tests, the team achieved the highest score not only in Texas, but in the nation. This was the first time since 2001 that any team outside California had achieved the highest score on a test. The team would move on to Regionals, to be held at Clear Brook High in January.

1 year ago (2014)
San Jacinto College Library Director Rich McKay began a project to preserve the South Belt-Ellington Leader archives.

The project, to be done jointly with the University of North Texas, is part of the Denton school's Portal to

Texas History Digital Newspaper Program. The archived issues are to be saved in digital form. The project is similar to a previous San Jac endeavor that attempted to archive the newspaper in a microfilm format.

The microfilm project, begun roughly eight years previously, successfully archived the first five years of the area newspaper, from 1976 to 1981.

The digitization project would pick up where the previous one left off, beginning with the years of 1981 and 1982.

Assuming everything went as planned, McKay intended to then follow up by digitizing the remaining years.

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Melillo holds 2nd annual Jingle Bell run



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Shown above are, left to right, Lauren Rodriguez (first place girl jogger), Diane Wheeler (principal), Esperanza Regalado (first place student costume), Constable Chris Diaz, Kaden Fernandez (first place boy jogger) and Chassitti Frost (first place adult costume).



Melillo sixth-grader Katelyn Mendoza (second from right) is shown above with her mother, America Mendoza (right), and aunts Valerie Mendoza (left) and Jacqueline Mendoza. Pictured to the right is Melillo Principal Diane Wheeler.

Photos by Marie Flickinger



Brook debate triumphant at Bay City, Austin

Recently, the Clear Brook debate team split up and dominated two separate cities in Texas; Bay City and Austin. Spending the night in both cities, the students who represented Clear Brook made a name for themselves outside of Houston.

At Bay City High School, the team saw many state qualifications and other successes.

At the University of Texas at Austin, a national level tournament, the team had multiple members advance to out-rounds against some of the best debaters in the nation. Despite being in two places, Clear Brook was able to still defend its title as the best of the best.

Team members Dhiren Wijesinghe and Gabriel Rivera were both able to earn state competition qualifications at Bay City High School's annual tournament in the Lincoln-Douglas division of debate.

In addition, Wijesinghe and Sheri Naqvi both tied for third place in LD,

while Rivera placed first overall.

In the UIL section of LD, Chaela Hurtado broke to quarterfinals, a major accomplishment being Bay City was Hurtado's first tournament ever.

Hurtado also broke in three other acting events, including impromptu, group improvisational acting, and duet improvisational acting.

In the public forum division at Bay City, the team of Stephen Tijerina and Andrew Ayala were able to advance to quarterfinals, earning themselves 2 state points. Additionally, the duo of Anish Chotai and Heena Popatia advanced to semifinals in PF, placing them at 6 total state points.

The novice team of Dmitri Giannakopoulos and Michael Villarreal broke to octofinals, picking up their first points of the season. In student congress, Kiara Soliz was able to advance to finals.

Brook also saw successes in speaking events. Ryan Williams, Hannah Alsobrook and Kiara Soliz each

advanced to out-rounds in LD. Rasti moved into triple-octofinals, while Subramanya made it to double octofinals. Both defeated members from all over the country. In addition, sophomore Auva Shariatmadari had a win-loss record of 3-2, an exceptional score for her first such tournament.

In the public forum division at UT, Matthew Garcia and Elizabeth Isabell broke to double-octofinals together. All five members who attended UT were able to represent the team with vigor. Additionally, Isabell and Garcia received speaking awards, placing fifth and 12th, respectively, out of a spread of more than 200 PF debaters at UT.

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Clear Brook High School Debate Team members pictured are, left to right, (front row) Gabe Rivera, Hannah Alsobrook, Chaela Hurtado, Heena Popatia, Vashti Singh, Fizza Dhanani, Alyssa Estrella, Kristina Priotto, Adarsh Suresh, (middle row) Michael Villarreal, Nic Carico, Bennett Davies, Syed Rahman, William Li, Ryan Williams, (back row) Steven Tijerina, Henry Huynh, Andrew Ayala, Dimitri Giannakopoulos, Arshaq Tantu and Kiara Soliz.

Photo submitted

SHHS seniors honored Junior Rotarians of the Month

At a luncheon ceremony, the Pasadena South Rotary Club recently honored South Houston High School seniors Gerardo Garcia and Kimberly Garza as Junior Rotarians of the Month.

Garcia is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and the school's marching band, where he is

the head drum major. He has received the Academic Excellence award for earning all A's each semester. After high school, Garza plans to earn a Master of Music degree and become a music instructor.

Garza is ranked in the top 10 of her class. She has also received the Academic Ex-

cellence award for earning all A's. Garza is a member of the National Hispanic Honor Society, National Honor Society, and orchestra. After she graduates from South Houston, she plans to attend the University of Houston to study business in hopes of one day becoming a CEO or treasurer.



Left to right are South Houston High School Assistant Principal Bradley Luster; Junior Rotarians of the Month Gerardo Garcia and Kimberly Garza; and Pasadena ISD Associate Superintendent Rhonda Farmer.

Photo submitted

Burnett receives Play 60 Grant

Burnett Elementary received a Play 60 Grant from the Houston Texans on Nov. 29, 2015. This grant will allow the school to add more afterschool clubs than

the previous school year. PLAY 60 is the National Football League's campaign to encourage children to be active for 60 minutes a day in order to help reverse

the trend of childhood obesity.

The PLAY 60 program is presented locally by Texas Children's Hospital.

The Houston Texans and

Texas Children's Hospital participate in several programs to help further the PLAY 60 message and to help kids across Houston get active and stay active.



Left to right are Jamey Rootes (president of the Houston Texans), Cynthia Henderson (Burnett principal), Jael Penn (grant writer) and John Nickens (executive vice president of Texas Children's Hospital).

Photo submitted

Bridge Club games set

The Clear Lake Bridge Club will give silver ACBL points through Sunday, Dec. 13. This is called STaC and is a set of games in which the players can earn silver points at the club rather than attend a tournament. This will apply to every game played at the club until Dec. 13.

The games are held daily at 10 a.m. weekdays. On Saturday and Sunday, games begin at 1 p.m. The club also sponsors a bridge lab class on Tuesday and Sunday at 2 p.m. A beginners game is on

Wednesday at 2 p.m. These games are open to all, and the teachers give assistance and direction to the players.

At the end of December, after Christmas, Dave Glandorf will hold a sign-up for his classes for the first four months of the New Year. A class schedule will be posted at the club after Dec. 25.

The club will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For more information, call the club at 281-480-1911. For class information, call Glandorf at 281-488-6318.

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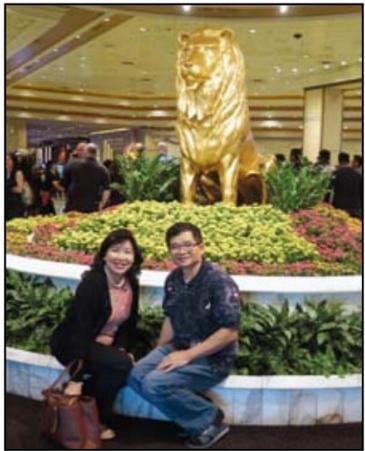
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Trans travel to Las Vegas with friends



In early November, Marie and Long Tran and three other couples went to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon. While there, they visited numerous hotels and saw many of the shows. They also took a trip to the Grand Canyon.



Clockwise from top left: Arriving in Las Vegas; in the MGM Grand Hotel; in the Venetian Hotel with a living statue; at Grand Canyon National Park (it was 20 degrees that day and the Trans were wearing five layers of sweaters and were still cold); inside the Bellagio Hotel garden; in the Palazzo Hotel; and in front of the Bellagio Hotel.

Photos submitted

New art installations greet passengers at Hobby Airport's new concourse

Travelers passing through the new international concourse at William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) will be greeted by seven large-scale contemporary art works that will introduce them to the city's vibrant arts and culture scene through presentation of diverse paintings, drawings, collages and sculptures.

Now Houston's newest gateway to Latin America – thanks to a partnership with Southwest Airlines that funded the construction of a new, five-gate international concourse – international travelers at Hobby Airport will be treated to works by Houston artists Libbie J. Masterson, Krista Birnbaum, Norman Lee and Shane Allbritton, along with Kia Neill, a former Houston artist who now lives in Denver. They are joined by San Antonio artists Chris Sauter and acclaimed artists Christian Eckart and Henrique Oliveira, each of whom have created individual pieces in the new concourse and in the main terminal entrance.

As part of the overall project, Southwest Airlines funded the art – the new pieces are valued at \$1.6 million – partnering with the Houston Arts Alliance (HAA). Southwest Airlines gifted the works to the City of Houston art collection.

"These vibrant and diverse pieces will enhance our visitors' experience at this new facility and introduce them to the dynamic culture of Houston," Houston Aviation Director Mario C. Diaz said. "They are part of the Houston Airport System's efforts to actively support the arts and provide passengers a compelling reason to stop and experience something unexpected and very special."

Through the "Percent for Art" ordinance, which mandates 1.75 percent of qualified Capital Improvement Project monies be set aside for the city's acquisition of new artworks, the Houston Airport System (HAS) funded the monumental artwork Cloud Room Field by Eckart and Time in Motion, a graphic/pictorial, historical timeline of Hobby Airport by RE:site.

"These works of art reflect the true dynamism of Houston – from commentary on our natural environment to displaying our tendency to have an eye toward the future," said Jonathon Glus, president & CEO of HAA. "Our artists truly reflect the city's great commitment to the global sphere, making it just that more meaningful that these contemporary artworks literally bridge Houston with all of Latin America."

The large-scale art installations are: Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee (RE:site), *Time in Motion*: Glass with optical film, LED, acrylic, stainless steel, artifacts.

Krista Birnbaum, *Roadside Attraction*: Inkjet print on aluminum panels; three sections.

Christian Eckart, *Cloud Room Field*: Dichroic glass with anodized aluminum armature and extrusions and stainless steel components.

Libbie J. Masterson, *Ethereal Sky*: Glass, Epoxy Resin, Mirror.

Kia Neill, *Language of Evolving Trails*: Digital collage of photography, drawing and painting; archival aluminum print.

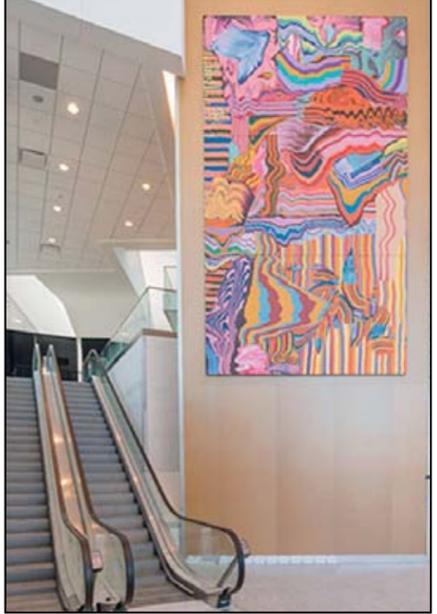
Henrique Oliveira, *Travessia*: Acrylic on linen.

Chris Sauter, *Airport Seating (Somewhere Between Here And There)*: Cement benches, LEDs.

HAS boasts one of the largest collections of public art in the state of Texas. Through a partnership with the City of Houston's Civic Art Program, the airport system has collected nearly 200 commissioned and donated works of art. Carefully placed throughout the airport's terminals, each artwork offers aesthetic and cultural value to the identity of Houston as a truly international city. Pieces include everything from sculptures to photographs and may be found both inside and outside the airport.



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More Clear Creek ISD students college and career ready

For the second consecutive year, the Clear Creek Independent School District has created and publicly released a community-based accountability report which

outlines progress measures beyond results of the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

The Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) was also released on Nov. 19, a report largely based on STAAR performance results and student demographics.

"The school district and all campuses earned the state's highest rating of Met Standard. We are pleased to see those ratings but we equally recognize there is more to a quality education than just standardized test scores," said Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. "We believe this community report card appropriately reflects where we stand in the areas most important to our parents, students, and taxpayers."

In the community-based accountability report, the district has seen an increase in the number of students

attending four year universities, earning workforce certifications, and participating in extracurricular activities. These are characteristics, according to a 2014 phone survey, the community found important in judging the quality of an education system.

In addition to student performance and participation, the report also outlines program evaluations conducted in the past year such as Advanced Academics/Gifted and Talented, Career and Technical Education, and Visual and Performing Arts. "These evaluations take a comprehensive look at programs to make sure they are leading to student achievement and, if not, what additional resources are needed or is it time to modify or abandon the program," said the superintendent. "These particular evaluations indicated the programs are viable opportunities to meet student needs."

The CCISD Community-Based Accountability Report also outlined areas for improvement. Such areas include increasing student participation in advanced academics and increasing the number of students who take the advanced placement exams from 67 percent to more than 70 percent. While the district has experienced an increase in the total number of volunteer hours, the community ranks parent involvement as the biggest challenge facing the school district, above growth and overcrowding and tied with school funding.

The 30-plus page report and accompanying interactive dashboard are the result of the district's involvement

in the Texas High Performance Consortium. In an open letter to the community, school board President Dr. Laura DuPont stated, "CCISD has been leading the way in advocating for and on behalf of communities across Texas to create their own local reporting system. I believe the level of detail and depth of this report will provide our stakeholders a solid and balanced look inside the school district."

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Science Fair judges needed on Jan. 11

Science-minded volunteers are greatly needed in the Clear Creek Independent School District. CCISD is looking for science fair judges.

Each year students from 26 elementary schools, 10 intermediate schools and seven high schools in CCISD work diligently to complete an independent research topic of their own choosing. They

compete at their individual school for the opportunity to advance to the CCISD District Science Fair on Jan. 11, 2016.

Projects from approximately 800 students are then evaluated by teams of judges to be selected as Grand Award winners or place winners.

To properly evaluate this huge number of projects and to provide effective feedback to students, approximately 200 judges are required. Professionals in the community are called upon to spend the afternoon of Jan. 11, 2016, examining the projects, interviewing the students (secondary division only) and collaborating with their fellow judges to determine the place winners in each category. "Many of our judges have participated for years, and consider this to be an opportunity to reach out and support the scientists of tomorrow," explained science coordinator Terri Berry.

To learn more about being a science fair judge, visit <http://ccisd.ss8.sharpschool.com>. To sign up to be a judge, complete the online judge's form.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Dobie OT loss to Pearland stings in District 22-6A basketball opener

District 22-6A varsity basketball play isn't off to a pleasing start for either the boys' or girls' teams at

Dobie High School. Just a week after trimming Clear Brook in a

triple overtime thriller, the Dobie varsity boys' team found out that overtime

can easily take away the holiday spirit. Pearland, which trailed

Dobie 34-17 at halftime, rallied to tie the game late in the fourth quarter and eventually came away with a 73-68 double overtime win Dec. 8 at Pearland High School.

Royce Hunter led Dobie with 23 points. Jeremy Williams had 12 points while Tyler Giron added 11.

Pearland's Kelen Williams led four Oiler scorers in double figures with 17 points.

Given the Longhorns' victory over Pearland at this time last season eventually helped pave the way to the playoffs for the Longhorns, the locals now find themselves needing to make up ground.

It won't get any easier as Dobie will host the defending 22-6A champion Manvel Mavericks Dec. 11, in a 7 p.m. game.

Dobie girls now 1-2
Back-to-back losses in league play have the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team playing catch-up as well.

Trailing Pearland 18-4 after a quarter of play Dec. 8, the Lady Longhorns steadily pulled their way back into the game but eventually fell 54-46 to the Lady Oilers.

Jade Giron had seven points for the Lady Longhorns, who are now 1-2 in

District 22-6A play.

On Dec. 4, the Lady Longhorns lost a 49-32 game to the Memorial Lady Mavericks.

Dobie returns to action Friday, Dec. 11, with a road game at Manvel.

Brook boys rally
Playing a final non-district contest before the onset of District 24-6A action, the Clear Brook varsity boys' team needed some late magic to get past visiting Galveston Ball.

The Tors led by two points entering the fourth quarter but watched as David Azore led the Wolverines back for a 60-51 win.

Azore, one of the Houston area's top junior players, led the way with 31 points in the victory.

Brook girls fall

It's been a tough string of games for the Clear Brook varsity girls' team, which started the season with five straight victories. After going 1-2 at the Peggy Whitely Classic

Dec. 3-5 (see Page 6B), the Lady Wolverines lost to The Woodlands, 56-46, Dec. 8, at The Woodlands.

Alyssa Williams paved the way for Clear Brook with 11 points, and Taylor Balque and Leanne Riman added 10 each in the non-district game.

Clear Brook will look to get off to a strong start in District 24-6A action, taking on the Brazoswood Lady Bucs Friday, Dec. 11. The game will tip off at 7 p.m.

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Dobie varsity boys' basketball head coach Kevin Cross will try to get his team back on the winning track when the Longhorns host Manvel Dec. 11, at Scott Talton Court. The Longhorns opened District 22-6A action with a double overtime loss to Pearland, 73-68, Dec. 8.

SBHLL to host January registration dates

Haven't had time to register for the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League spring 2016 season yet?

Fear not, there are additional in-person sign-up dates set for January 2016. The dates include Jan. 6 and Jan. 13, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Officials will also be on hand Jan. 9, from 9

a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., to handle the proceedings.

Youths ages 3 (must turn 3 by Jan. 1, 2016) through 16 may register for the season. Those signing up online may also take advantage of a payment plan if necessary.

The fee for 3- and 4-year-old players is \$125,

and the fee for those age 5 through 16 is \$175.

The league will also host its fifth season of Challenger League play for youths with physical or mental disabilities, and there is no registration charge to compete.

The registration fee includes a jersey, hat, pants, socks and a belt.

Families will also be required to submit three forms of proof of residency, such as driver's license, utility bill, insurance documents, school records, etc., to Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials prior to the start of the season at tryouts or one of the in-person sign-up sessions.

CB's Taylor keys 24-6A picks

Playoff participants such as league champion Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood and Clear Springs had plenty of players recognized among the elite, but that didn't stop Clear Brook's Brandon Taylor from earning rave reviews.

Taylor, a senior star for the Wolverines who scored a touchdown four different ways - rushing, passing, receiving and punt returning - this season, made the 24-6A first team in two different roles after his mind-blowing season. Used as both a du-

al-threat quarterback and as a receiver this season, Taylor led the way for a Clear Brook team that after starting the season at 0-5 actually had a chance to make the playoffs during the final week of the regular season.

Taylor had just two

touches on offense in a season-ending loss to Friendswood, but his season was nonetheless special. In all, Taylor rushed for 100 yards or more four times.

Elsewhere on the first team offense for the Wolverines, sophomore Jar-

rett Smith, son of former Wolverine running back J.J. Smith and grandson of former Clear Brook varsity football head coach James Smith, was one of the league's top running backs.

Senior fullback Stephen Rowe also made the first team along with offensive lineman Adrian Salazar.

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24-6A Football Honors Player of the Year

Jordan Myers, Dickinson, Sr.

Offensive Player of the Year

Tyler Page, Friendswood, Jr.

Defensive Player of the Year

Nik Daniels, Clear Creek, Sr.

Coach of the Year

Darrell Warden, Clear Creek

First Team Selections

QB - Chase Hildreth, Clear Creek, Sr.

RB - Jarrett Smith, Clear Brook, Soph.

RB - Da'Von Smith, Clear Creek, Sr.

RB - Priest Bluiitt, Clear Falls, Sr.

RB - Adrion Smith, Clear Springs, Sr.

FB - Stephen Rowe, Clear Brook, Sr.

FB - Kristian Lyons, Clear Springs, Sr.

WR - Landon Etzel, Clear Creek, Sr.

WR - Michael Gillaspia, C. Springs, Soph.

WR - Jacoby Fowler, Dickinson, Sr.

WR - Andy Wiesen, Clear Creek, Sr.

TE - Blake Carlisle, Dickinson, Sr.

OL - Kaylond North, Dickinson, Sr.

OL - Ignacio Cabrera, Clear Creek, Sr.

OL - Garritt Holleran, Clear Springs, Sr.

OL - Anietie Etuk, Dickinson, Sr.

OL - Conner Stanford, Friendswood, Jr.

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Util. - Brandon Taylor, Clear Brook, Sr.

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Dobie's Woods headed to Prairie View baseball



Dobie High School multi-sport athlete Kaelon Woods (seated center) will continue his education and baseball career at Prairie View A&M University after signing a letter of intent with the Panthers. Those with Woods at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Kendrick Woods (father), Candy Smith

(mother), (standing) Stephen Sutton (Dobie assistant baseball coach), Mike Van Essen (Dobie assistant principal) and Darius Hypolite (Dobie varsity football teammate). Woods was also a standout receiver for the Dobie varsity football team over the past two seasons.

JFD boys' soccer No. 8 in Region III



A preseason prediction anyone? The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team, defending champion of District 22-6A, is set for what it hopes is another deep playoff push after reaching overtime of the area round in 2015. The Longhorns, with Sabino Lozano (7) and Josue Villalita (11) leading the way up top, have been anointed with the No. 8 ranking among Region III programs, courtesy of the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches. Cinco Ranch of District 23-6A is No. 1, followed by Elsie, Aldine, Cypress Lakes, Sam Houston, Katy Tompkins, Deer Park, Dobie, Hous-

ton Davis and Alief Taylor. Interestingly enough, Dobie very well could face an area round playoff opponent among the trio of Elsie or Alief Taylor, or perhaps a regional quarterfinal matchup against defending 22-5A champion Deer Park looms. The Longhorns will host the Deer in a preseason scrimmage December 29, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Match time is 4 p.m. The predictions can wait for now, but it's almost certain Dobie will have to contend with one of these ranked teams come playoff time, if Dobie advances.

Bondy girls continue cross-country supremacy

The Bondy Intermediate level cross-country girls continued their domination with a pair of Pasadena ISD intermediate wins in the final reg-

ular season meet Dec. 3. The PISD District Championship Meet was held Dec. 9, after press time.

Marban wins 8s

Leslie Marban of South Houston won her third consecutive individual title in the eighth-grade girls' race as she completed the 2.5-mile course in a time of 13 minutes, 10 seconds.

From a team standpoint, Bondy took top honors by posting a meet low of 51, with Southmore second with 66.

Locally, Thompson was ninth (327 points), while Beverly Hills was 10th with 365 points.

From Beverly Hills, the team's best finisher was Zoe Hernandez, who was 35th at 16:06 in the event.

Hernandez edged teammate Michelle Aguilar, who was a pace behind, 36th at 16:08.

With a time of 18:33, the Lady Bears' Ashley Tsikis was 96th, and Jasmine Sifuentes placed 98th with a time of 19:00.

Beverly Hills' scoring was rounded out by Yaditza Tinoco, whose time of 19:11 placed her 100th.

Others competing for

Beverly Hills included Allie Parker (19:16.73), Vanessa Villarreal (19:20), Elizabeth Mendoza (19:22) and Taiya Mitchell (19:26).

Thompson had five official scorers at the meet, with Carrie Cubos 45th in a time of 16:24.

Miquela Guajardo was next for the Lady Lions as her time of 16:26.19 was 48th.

Seleste Martinez placed 54th with a time of 16:39, and Miranda Serrano placed 86th at 17:47.25.

The Lady Lions' final scorer was Kacy Huerta, who was 94th at 18:26.

Bondy 7s out in front
Bondy's Jolene Tangavelou finished at 13:59, winning top overall medalist accolades in the seventh-grade division.

Tangavelou also helped the Lady Patriots claim the team championship with a low of 33 points.

The Thompson Lady Lions placed eighth with 276 points. With 330 points, the Lady Bears of Beverly Hills placed ninth overall.

For Thompson, Karissa Hernandez's time of

16:18.60 was 45th, and Jasmin Benitez wasn't far behind, 49th at 16:20.50.

In 58th place was Thompson's Grace Castaneda at 16:49, and Desiree Miller placed 61st at 17:00.28.

Thompson's fifth and final official scorer was Abby Duron, who was 63rd at 17:02.

Isabella Delgado (17:43), Brisa Garza (17:44), McKenzie Rankins (18:16), Nallely Pena (18:26), Melanie Rios (18:58), Janelle Mooney (19:50) and Denise Rodriguez (20:41) also competed for the Lady Lions.

Beverly Hills was led by Jayla Hunt, who placed 15th overall at 15:06.

Daisy Gonzalez was 67th with her time of 17:05, and Yessenia Pena placed 77th with a clocking of 17:21.

Lizabeth Pineda's time of 17:22.06 was 78th, and Destiny Pichardo placed 93rd at 17:54.

Others running for Beverly Hills included Lesley Cruz (18:02), Marina Vasquez (19:00.01), Francisca Reyes (19:56) and Makayla Cross (20:53).

PISD boys' cross-country

Lions' Perez fourth to lead team

Jake Perez of Thompson was the fourth overall medalist, helping the Lions place second as a team in the Pasadena ISD seventh-grade cross-country meet.

The event, held Dec. 3 at Crenshaw Park, was the final regular season meet before the district championships, held Dec. 9, after press time.

San Jacinto's Anthony Perez was the seventh-grade champion at 12 minutes, 15 seconds as he led the Tigers to the team title with a low of 22 points.

Thompson's 67 points was good for second place, while Beverly Hills' 219 points were eighth as a team.

GAT 7s are second
Jake Perez's time of 12:37 placed him fourth, and teammate Justus Vela ran a solid race en route to 11th place at 12:53.

Mason Banhart's time of 13:01 was 15th overall, and Marcus Saenz came across the finish line 17th in a time of 13:28.

The Lions' final official scorer was Jose Martinez, whose time of 13:38 was 20th overall.

Others competing for the Lions in the event included Jared Tate (13:41), Zach Wallace (13:46), Logan Marcano (13:50), A.J. Garcia (13:51), Josh Hernandez (13:52), Robert Montano (13:57), Isaac Espinosa (14:09), David Gomez (14:30), Julio Silva (14:41) and Kyle McDonald (15:34).

As for Beverly Hills in the seventh-grade division, the Bears were paced by Adrian Baragan's time of 12:59, which placed him 13th.

Devin Johnson also scored for the Bears as he was 24th at 13:45. Taizhon McKinney's time of 14:03

was 34th, and Javier Deleon's time of 15:08 was 71st. The Bears' final official scorer was Noe Botello (15:25), who was 77th.

John Carlos Carpio (15:26) and David Gonzalez (15:28) also took part in the event for the Bears.

Southmore 8s win
Southmore was the eighth-grade team champion with a low of 62 points, and San Jacinto's 73 points was second.

Thompson placed eighth with 217 points, and the Beverly Hills Battalion Bears placed 10th with 309 points.

From the South Belt area, the Lions' top finisher wound up being Daniel Garza, who was 34th at 13:21.

At 13:23, the Lions' Bryce Shea was 37th, and Christian Temores was 42nd in a time of 13:27.

Jaylen Gonzalez was the 50th overall finisher at

13:43, and Noah Gonzales placed 53rd at 13:46.

Other runners for the Lions included Eloy Sanchez (14:09), Gia Le (14:20), Enoc Curriel (14:41), Devan Cypert (14:53), Nicholas Zamarripa (14:55), Ernesto Morales (15:29), Jason Tao (15:29) and Jacob Efrid (16:10).

Kobe Ruiz was the Bears' best runner at the meet as he was 42nd in a time of 13:24, and Noe Preza's time of 13:32 was 43rd.

Yair Garcia was 52nd at 13:45, and Joseph Lopez placed 59th in a time of 13:52. Rogelio Camarillo's time of 15:22 was 110th.

Eddie Benavides (15:30), Carlos Nevarez (15:34), Anthony Salinas (15:51), Fernando Sifuentes (15:52), James Torres (16:28) and Jose Reyes (16:43).

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 10-12

Brook JV boys host CCISD tournament, TBA
Brook freshman A boys at Clear Springs tourney, TBA

Friday, Dec. 11

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

Monday, Dec. 14

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

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Brook varsity girls host Friendswood, 7:00
Brook JV girls host Friendswood, 5:30
Brook freshman A girls host Friendswood, 4:00

Friday, Dec. 18

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

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Dobie varsity boys host South Houston, 7:00
Dobie JV boys host South Houston, 5:30
Dobie sophomore boys host South Houston, 5:30
Dobie freshman A boys host South Houston, 4:00
Dobie freshman B boys host South Houston, 4:00

Monday, Dec. 28 through Wednesday, Dec. 30

Brook varsity boys at Brazosport Classic, TBA
Brook varsity girls at Brazosport Classic, TBA
Dobie varsity boys at Conroe ISD tournament, TBA
Dobie varsity girls at Barbers Hill Classic, TBA
Dobie JV boys at Pasadena ISD tournament, TBA
Dobie fresh. boys at Pasadena ISD tournament, TBA

Texas 25 continues reign over Pennsylvania, winning 14-0

The task proved to be a bit tougher this season, but the Bay Area Football League's Texas 25 squad still reigned supreme over the state of Pennsylvania.

Traveling a couple of days each way, the Texas 25, a group of coaches and team supporters all

returned happy after the locals claimed a 14-0 victory.

The game was the second in a series involving senior division players from BAFL and those from the Wyoming Valley Junior Football Conference in Hanover, Pennsylv-

ania. A season ago, in the debut game between the two programs, Texas 25 completely dominated en route to a 51-0 win.

"We fumbled twice inside the 5-yard line, or else the final outcome might have been a little differ-

ent," Texas 25 head coach Denny Wranich Jr. said. "I really think if we had played a cleaner game, we could have scored 30."

The trip took place over the Thanksgiving break, with the game played the day after Thanksgiving. The travel was not easy

on the road, and there was simply no time for sight seeing. Still, it was memorable.

The Texas 25 wound up in Wilsbury, Pennsylvania, in the Township of Hanover. And the locals caught a bit of a weather break. The low temperature

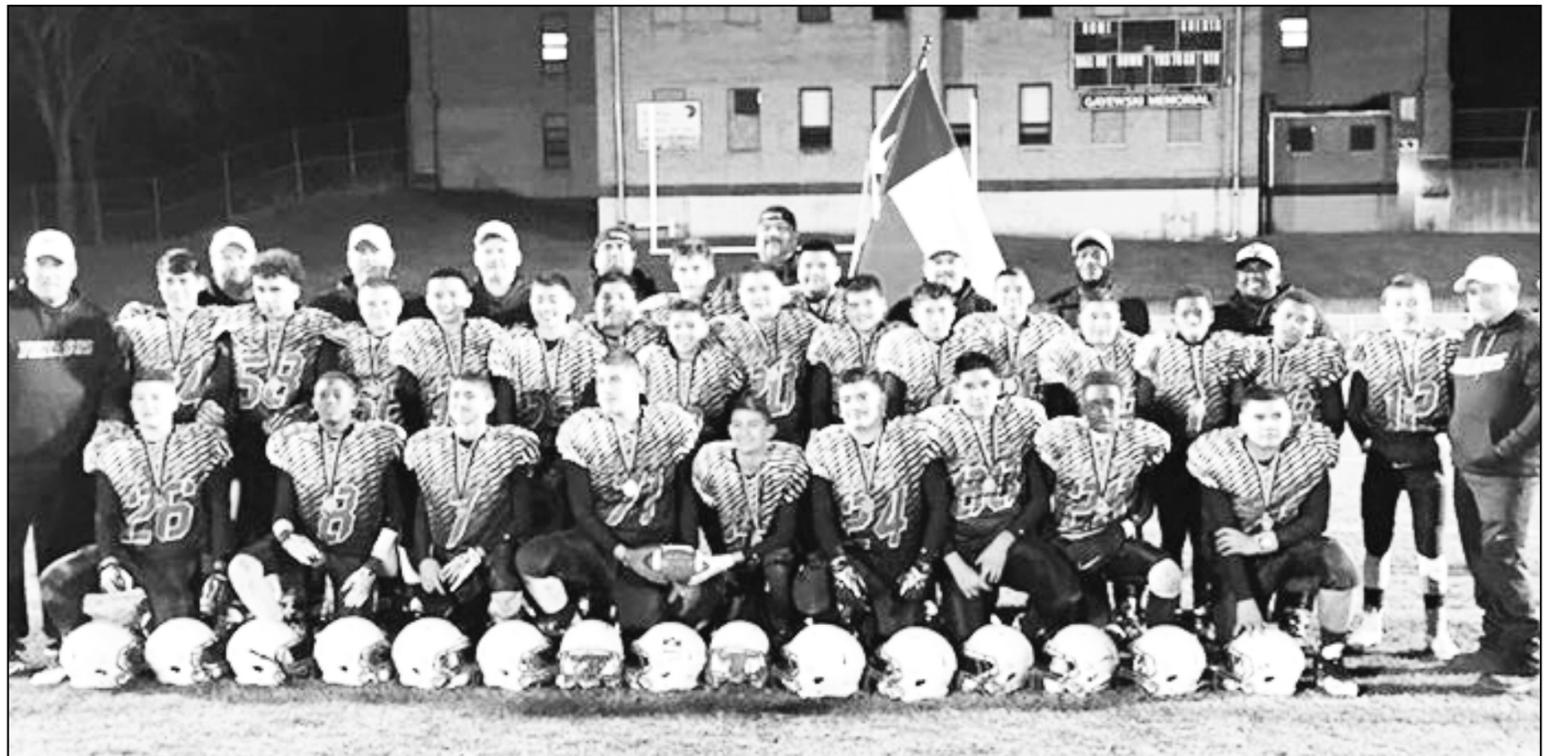
hovered in the low 30s but there was no rain to contend with.

"The big thing is that this is probably a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a lot of these guys," Wranich said.

"To be able to go on the road and enjoy fellow-

ship and camaraderie with players from another state is what it's about.

"Pennsylvania's kids get to see how we play the game here in Texas, and vice versa," Wranich said there may be discussions about playing other nationwide programs.



The Texas 25, a Bay Area Football League-based all-star team, defeated a youth football team from Pennsylvania, 14-0, to take a 2-0 series lead after cruising to a dominating win in 2014. Members of the 2015 Texas 25 team include, left to right, (first row) Matthew Balderas, Shawn Jones, Jacob Perez, Jude Gonzalez, Junior Villafuerte, Abraham Aguilar, Matthew Sanchez, Rushad Ball, John Gallardo, (middle row) head coach Denny Wranich, Jr., Michael Hernandez, Alex Gordon, Andrew (Bubridge), Gerardo Salines, Alex Lerma, Elias Caballe-

ro, Jonathan Gonzalez, Elizar Figueroa, Xavier Guerra, Jacob Duran, Christian Medina, Jayden Balderas, Kai Johnson, Kenny Pappion, Jake Sock, coach Chris Medina (back row) coach Mike Bubrig, coach Randy Pena, coach Stacy Guerra, coach Rene Martinez, Mark Pownall, coach Walter Maldonado, Damian Ruiz, coach Ismale Villafuerte, coach Harold Johnson and coach Tony Smith.

22-6A First Team Selections

Boys' Singles

Line 1 – Allen Zhang (Dawson)

Line 2 – Pieter Cabato (Dawson)

Line 3 – Patrick Larroza (Dawson)

Line 4 – David Ho (Dobie)

Line 5 – Zi He (Alvin)

Line 6 – Tommy Nguyen (Dobie)

Boys' Doubles

Line 1 – Pieter Cabato/Allen Zhang (Dawson)

Line 2 – Mikael Floyd/Patrick Larroza (Dawson)

Line 3 – Brandon Chung/Justin Gee (Dobie)

Girls' Singles

Line 1 – Kyler Powe (Dawson)

Line 2 – Tabitha Tran (Dawson)

Line 3 – Rachael Hatchett (Dawson)

Line 4 – Brittani Rankin (Pearland)

Line 5 – Hellen Le (Dobie)

Line 6 – Ashley Deveza (Dobie)

Girls' Doubles

Line 1 – Lada Heng/Hai Ho (Dobie)

Line 2 – Ashley Deveza/Karen Neira (Dobie)

Line 3 – Hellen Le/Leilani Vargas (Dobie)

Mixed Doubles

Line 1 – Kyler Powe/Kaleb Barnes (Dawson)

Dobie netters land District 22-6A honors

Yes, the Dobie varsity tennis team fell short of its goal of reaching the Region III team tennis tournament this season, but the group nonetheless came through with a great season.

For the third straight season, the Longhorns came away with second place in the District 22-6A ranks. Four singles players and four more Pearlland claimed the 2013 title, with Dawson taking each of the last two.

The Longhorns also won a round over Beaumont West Brook in the

21/22-6A Area Championships before losing to Deer Park in the semifinals. In the end, the Longhorns were fourth at the Area Championships.

For their efforts, many of the team's players were recognized by the league's coaches.

Two singles players and four more doubles teams earned first-team status with the 22-6A ranks, and there were still more players who landed berths on the second team.

On that second team, there were seven Dobie singles players and another four doubles teams nominated, led by senior and one of the team captains, Luis Ca-

breja, who is a three-year letterman.

Dobie put together a 14-6 overall record during the regular season before

closing out the playoff portion of the schedule with a 1-1 mark. Deer Park and Dawson advanced to regionals.



David Ho of Dobie slashes a backhand return during the Longhorns' victory over Pearlland in District 22-6A play. He played a key role as he helped Dobie finish second in the standings en route to No. 4 boys' singles first-team status.



Leilani Vargas (left) and Hellen Le had plenty of exciting moments on the girls' doubles court this season, grabbing the attention of District 22-6A coaches on their way to first-team honors in girls' No. 3 doubles. Vargas also stood out in girls' singles, where she was named a member of the second-team in No. 3 line play.

Second Team (Dobie)

Boys' Singles

Line 1 – Luis Cabreja

Line 2 – Ricky Perez

Line 3 – Albert Luu

Boys' Doubles

Line 1 – Luis Cabreja/Ricky Perez

Girls' Singles

Line 1 – Hai Ho (Dobie)

Line 2 – Leilani Vargas (Dobie)

Line 3 – Lada Heng (Dobie)

Line 4 – Karen Neira (Dobie)

Girls' Doubles

Line 1 – Lada Heng/Hai Ho

Line 2 – Ashley Deveza/Karen Neira

Line 3 – Hellen Le/Leilani Vargas

Mixed Doubles

Line 1 – Tina Ha/Tommy Nguyen

Honorable Mention

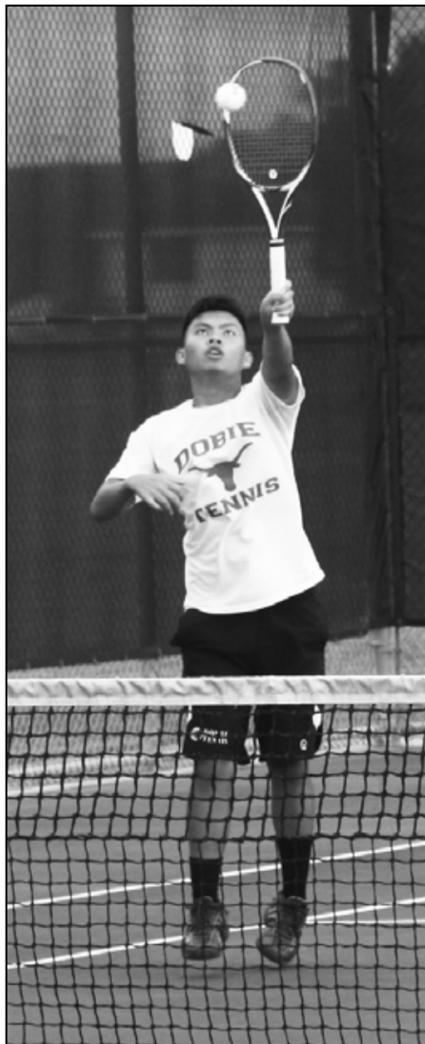
Boys' singles – Justin Gee

Boys' doubles – David Ho/Albert Luu

Coaches Elite Honor Roll – Ann Truong



With plenty of experience on the girls' doubles court together, Dobie's Karen Neira (serving) and Ashley Deveza were hard to handle during league play this season. In the end, they got their just due as they were first-team honorees in the No. 2 line.



Photos by John Bechtle



At left, Tommy Nguyen logged plenty of action this season for the Dobie varsity tennis team. He played so well that he was a first-team selection in boys' No. 6 singles. He also teamed with Tina Ha in mixed doubles, where the duo scored second-team honors.

Above, Lada Heng (left) and Hai Ho were as instrumental to the success of Dobie's team as anyone, landing first-team status from the league's coaches in the girls' No. 1 doubles slot. In singles, both players were second-team picks.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

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.

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.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network – American Business Women's Association-South meets monthly on the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$20 and includes networking with business women and the guest speaker. Women of all ages and occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.

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

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 for a list of all services.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, at the 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.

The Hobby Center for Performing Arts - Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) presents *A Christmas Story The Musical* Dec. 8 - 20 at Sarofim Hall, 800 Bagby St., 77002. Prepare for a red-blooded all-American Christmas in the holiday show heralded by the Associated Press as "a charming triumph infused with utter joy." In this clever musical adaptation of the 1983 film comedy, follow the childhood dreams and schemes of little Ralphie, whose heart is set on getting one thing for Christmas – the official Red Ryder, carbine action, two-hundred shot range model air rifle. Tickets are \$30 - \$125 online. For performance times or more information, visit www.tuts.com or call 713-558-TUTS.

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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

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., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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

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Scleroderma Support Group Meeting - Do you have scleroderma or know someone with scleroderma - a rare illness caused by overproduction of collagen. Join a support group meeting monthly on the second Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m., at Pasadena Bayshore Hospital, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. Bring a friend. Contact Jacob Davila, group leader, at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org. 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7:30 p.m.

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AI-Anon Deer Park - Mondays 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

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.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only.

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.

Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families, meets the second Monday of each month at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd. in Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - meets Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycle bins. For information, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 7:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance 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.

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday of every month, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Road.

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 Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033. 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

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.

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 nalex@texascitizensbank.com.

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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 Rd. Visitors welcome. For information, call Roy at 713-734-1461.

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-

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Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For more information call 281-526-6840.

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.

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.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for information, call 281-286-2525.

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

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Survivors of Suicide Support Group - The Southeast Houston group meets twice each month. The group offers support and coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adult individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. For information on registration or to obtain a physical address for a location, call 713-533-4500 or visit www.crisishotline.org.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Confidential domestic violence support group for women, 7 p.m., 210 S. Walnut off NASA Pkwy. between I-45 South and Highway 3. Call 281-338-7600 or visit www.bayareaturningpoint.com for information. 24-hour crisis hotline is 281-286-2525.

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AI-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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Dobie qualifying swimmers attend TISCAs

Eight swimmers from Dobie High School and another from South Houston High School made their way to Corpus Christi for the Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association's annual qualifiers meet.

Two different Lady Longhorn relay teams came up with best-of-season performances

during the competition, and the others came away proud of their effort after competing against many of the state's best. The Dobie girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Vanessa Gonzalez, Summer Naser, Rebecca Shaffer and Madison Caballero posted one of those season best times.

In addition, the Lady Longhorns' 400-yard

freestyle relay team of Lisa Luna, Francesca Arellano, Naser and Shaffer also came up with the foursome's top time of the season.

Dobie senior Tin Nguyen, a four-year letterman, advanced to the finals in the 100-yard fly and eventually placed 14th.

He was also 24th in the 100-yard backstroke to complete his weekend.

Samuel Parker of Dobie competed in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle sprints.

South Houston High School's Alejandro Cruz accompanied the Dobie athletes at the prestigious meet and eventually placed 25th in both the 200-yard individual medley competition as well as the 100-yard flystroke.



Above, varsity swimmers from Dobie High School were joined by another from South Houston High School as they competed at the annual Texas Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association's annual qualifiers' meet in Corpus Christi. The Dobie girls' 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams managed to post their best times of the 2015-2016 season at the event. Those in Corpus Christi for the big meet included, left to right, (front row) Madison Caballero, Summer Naser, Vanessa Gonzalez, Lisa Luna, Francesca Arellano, Rebecca Shaffer, (back row) Tin Nguyen, Samuel Parker and South Houston's Alejandro Cruz.

Hoopsters play at tourneys

Winning a little hardware at a nondistrict tournament this time of year might look good in the trophy case, but it's really about much more than that.

Having success in these multi-team events more so acts as a building block for the future.

With that in mind, the varsity boys' and girls' teams at Clear Brook as well as Dobie's varsity boys' team have plenty of reasons for hope with district action here to stay.

The Clear Brook varsity boys' team played four games at the Dec. 3-5 Krueger/Carlisle Classic at Clear Springs High School. With the exception of a 22-point loss to a very good Elkins team, the Wolverines played very well.

Overall, Clear Brook went 2-2 in the event, moving to 8-4 overall before taking on Galveston Ball Dec. 8.

In the Krueger/Carlisle opener, the Wolverines crushed Galena Park 95-25 after building a 49-16 half-time edge. David Azore, one of the area's leading scorers, pumped in 25 points to lead the Wolverines. Juwan Lyons added 17 to go with 11 from Onix Little.

Following a 78-56 loss to Elkins in a winner's bracket game, the Wolverines dropped a 67-64 game to 24-6A rival Clear Springs.

In the team's final game of the event, the Wolverines slipped past Clear Falls 65-63 in overtime after the Knights had tied the game with a 3-pointer near the end of regulation.

Brook girls go 1-2

Clear Brook went 1-2 in the tough Peggy Whitely Invitational at Clear Springs High School Dec. 3-5 but

nonetheless is playing well at 7-3 overall entering 24-6A action Dec. 11 at Brazoswood.

The Lady Wolverines handed Brazosport a 68-47 setback in a tournament opener but then ran into North Shore, losing 77-31.

North Shore, by the way, went on to hand defending Class 6A state champion Cy-Woods a 69-44 loss to win the tournament crown.

In Clear Brook's final tournament game that featured two 24-6A foes, Clear Creek came away with a 58-48 win.

Dobie boys win three Jeremy Williams scored in double figures in each of

Dobie's three victories at the Katy ISD Nike Invitational.

Trey Kelly had 15 points for Dobie despite a 53-46 loss to Cinco Ranch. Dobie also dropped a hard-fought 63-62 game to Klein Collins despite 18 points from Giron and 17 more from Royce Hunter.

The Longhorns, 9-5 entering District 22-6A action Dec. 8, got 25 points from Hunter and 15 from Williams in a 73-65 win over Kempner.

Dobie hammered Waltrip 62-30 as Williams led the way with 14 points. The Horns then downed Cy-Creek by six points.

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Brook defenders among 24-6A AD football picks

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While Taylor was Clear Brook's biggest stand-out in two phases of the games, the Wolverines also landed a trio of first-

teamers on defense.

Junior defensive tackle Cameron Townsend, made the first team. Also, three-year letterman Tywon Mackey landed a first-

team berth as an outside linebacker.

In the 24-6A defensive secondary, the Wolverines' Malik Sonnier, a senior, was chosen.

First Team Defensive Picks

Defensive Tackles

- Cameron Townsend, Clear Brook, Jr.
- Brandon Dutton, Clear Springs, Sr.
- Tristan Anderson, Dickinson, Sr.

Defensive Ends

- Ty Shelby, Friendswood, Sr.
- Kenneth Odina, Clear Falls, Sr.
- Tyrese Wydermeyer, Dickinson, Jr.

Inside Linebackers

- Jake Chatman, Clear Springs, Jr.
- Rod' John Dorsey, Dickinson, Sr.
- Evan Gardner, Friendswood, Sr.
- Ed Goffney, Clear Creek, Sr.

Outside Linebackers

- Delchaun Rushing, Clear Springs, Sr.
- Bryan Greely, Dickinson, Sr.
- D'Aundre Holmes-Wilfork, Friendswood, Sr.
- Tywon Mackey, Clear Brook, Sr.

Cornerbacks

- Colby Burton, Clear Creek, Sr.
- John Littles, Dickinson, Sr.
- Nick DeHoyos, Friendswood, Sr.
- Malik Sonnier, Clear Brook, Sr.

Safeties

- Loftin Kicks, Clear Creek, Sr.
- Wayland Hurst, Dickinson, Sr.
- Gavin Roland, Clear Springs, Jr.

Kick Returner

- Brandon Taylor, Clear Brook, Sr.

Punter

- Erick Baughman, Clear Creek, Sr.

Kicker

- Cody Williamson, Friendswood, Jr.

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