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Dual credit parents meet

A dual credit parent meeting will be held at Dobie High School on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Note this is a schedule change from the original Feb. 7 meeting date. Any student interested in participating in dual credit through San Jacinto College for the 2019-2020 school year should attend. For more information, call Jennifer Johnson or Lili Solis at 713-740-0370.

E-recycling scheduled

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The event takes place monthly on the second Saturday. For information, visit www.houston.solidwaste.org or call 3-1-1.

Heavy trash pickup set

City of Houston residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, Feb. 8 (second Friday of the month).

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Feb. 14 (second Thursday of the month). February is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste.

Chamber gala planned

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its 35th annual gala Friday, Feb. 8, at Golfcrest Country Club. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a dinner. State Sen. Larry Taylor will be guest speaker at the event. Incoming chamber officers will be sworn in at the function. Sponsorships for the event are available. For additional information, contact the chamber at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

I-45 closures scheduled

There will be a total closure of the northbound frontage road of the Gulf Freeway from NASA Road 1 to FM 518 through 5 a.m. June 30. Northbound traffic on the frontage road will take the I-45 northbound entrance ramp at FM-518 and take the NASA Road 1 exit.

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

Beltway 8 closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8/Beamer will be closed until Feb. 21.

One northbound and one southbound lane of SH 3/Old Galveston Road at Beltway 8 East will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through March 4. The southbound U-turn lane will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Feb. 11.

One northbound and one southbound lane of SH 3/Old Galveston Road at Beltway 8 South will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Feb. 11. The southbound U-turn lane will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Feb. 21.

Northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through March 4.

Alternate lane closures of eastbound and westbound at Beltway 8 East at Genoa Red Bluff will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until March 4.

Eastbound and westbound alternate lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 4.

Eastbound and westbound alternate lanes at Beltway 8 and Preston will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. through March 4.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Fairmont Parkway will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 4. The southbound U-turn lane at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 6.

One inside lane of the westbound frontage road at Hughes/Sabo will be closed until Feb. 25.

The closures are part of ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 to four lanes each direction.

Football, cheer to register

The South Belt Alliance will hold open registration for football, cheer and mascots from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Sagemont BBQ, 12132 Sabo Road. Registration is open to youths, ages 4-13. Registration fees are \$200 for football, \$500 for cheer and \$300 for mascots.

Information is available on sibling and early bird discounts. Original birth certificate or state-issued identification is required. For more information, call 346-229-7707. Information is also available on Instagram and Facebook.

Billions in aid coming to eligible residents

Billions of dollars in federal aid are expected to soon reach eligible residents in the area who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

The assistance will be available to both city residents and those in the county. Combined, the two entities will receive an unprecedented \$2.3 billion in aid from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Both city and county will require residents to first take a brief survey to assess their need and

eligibility.

Help is potentially available to all affected residents, even if they have already received assistance from FEMA or their insurance companies. While priority will be given to low- and moderate-income homeowners, aid is available to homeowners of all income levels.

City of Houston

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, Houston City Council approved a measure to hire a team of housing

repair contractors – the last hurdle necessary to receive \$1.2 billion in assistance.

Funds are to be dispersed in five areas: reimbursement for completed repairs; homeowner-managed rehabilitation; city-managed rehabilitation and reconstruction; buyouts; and interim mortgage assistance.

Surveys may be completed in any of the three following ways:

- Online at <https://recovery.houstontx.gov>

• By phone at 832-393-0550 (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

• Or in person at any of the new centers (Southeast, 11550 Fuqua St., third floor; Northeast, 9551 N. Wayside; Northwest, 13101 Northwest Freeway (Highway 290), Suite 101; Southwest, 6464 Savoy Drive, Suite 110).

Mobile outreach teams are also available to serve home-bound residents and others.

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20+ pounds of meth seized



Deputies from the Special Operations Division of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office recently seized a massive amount of methamphetamine following an undercover operation. Deputies confiscated 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of the contraband after a traffic stop around 11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the 600 block of Edgebrook. The drugs have a street value of approximately \$600,000. Photo submitted

Filing underway for school elections

Filing is currently underway to run for multiple school board positions and will continue through 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

To be filled are seats on the boards of Pasadena Independent School District, Clear Creek Independent School District and San Jacinto College.

Pasadena ISD

Open positions in Pasadena ISD include the Position 5 seat currently held by Kenny Fernandez; the Position 6 seat currently held by Marshall Kendrick; and the Position 7 seat currently held by Vickie Morgan.

All three current board members are seeking re-election. Fernandez is being challenged by Jose A. Cazares. At press time, no one had filed to challenge either Kendrick or Morgan.

Terms are four years.

Applications can be delivered in person to the Accountability and Compliance Department of the PISD Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook Lane, Pasadena, TX 77502, or by mail to the same address.

For additional information, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/school_board/election_information.

Clear Creek ISD

Up for grabs in the Clear Creek ISD election are the District 1 seat held by Dr. Laura DuPont and At-Large Position B seat held by Ann Hammond. Both current board members are seeking re-election. At press time, no one had filed to challenge them. Terms are for two years.

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Beverly Hills home angers neighbors

New construction on a house on Olentangy at Monteleon in the Beverly Hills subdivision continues to concern neighbors, who suspect the residence may be used to sublet, which would violate the community's single family residency deed restrictions and lower surrounding home values.

The 800-square-foot residence in question appears to have been completely remodeled to possibly divide the home into separate living quarters.

Each of the units is accessible by newly installed doors on either the front or back

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Resident complains of tree dumping

One Sagemeadow resident has reported having large loads of tree debris dumped in front of her house on multiple occasions in recent weeks.

The woman said the first incident took place the morning of Saturday, Jan. 26. Surveillance footage from her neighbor's security camera shows a pickup truck pull in front of her house on Sageming, as a passenger gets out and helps pull the branches from the truck bed, while the driver accelerates, dumping the debris in the street.

Just a few days later on Friday, Feb. 1, surveillance footage shows the same individuals dropping off more trimmed trees in front of the residence.

Then on Monday, Feb. 4, a third load of tree debris was dumped in front of the resident's mother's house on Sageburrow. While there was no surveillance footage of this incident, a neighbor

who saw the dumping reportedly described the same suspects. Another load of tree waste had been dumped in front of the home over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Despite the two homes being located just three blocks apart, her mother's home is located inside the City of Houston, while the Sagemeadow resident's home is in the county.

For the city resident, proper disposal was much easier, as the tree debris was merely placed curbside for heavy trash pickup. The county resident, however, said she was required to cut down and bundle the tree branches before they could be picked up. Some branches were so large she had to pay to have them picked up.

The incidents have been reported to the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, and two deputies have been assigned to investigate the matter.

Fields named Distinguished Citizen

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees recently honored Jess Fields Sr., president and owner of Rosewood Funeral Home, as its 2018 Distinguished Citizen of the Year during a special ceremony on Jan. 31.

Held in the Braden-Orozco Professional Development Complex, the event drew a large crowd of local dignitaries, educators, business partners, along with Fields' family and friends.

The prestigious distinction is awarded annually to a local resident or business representative who has demonstrated a strong commitment to serving communities within the school district.

"Jess understands the value of education and the impact that teachers have on students," said Board President Mariselle Quijano. "He under-

stands that investing in the classroom is what it takes to mold tomorrow's leaders."

One of the recurring themes of the event was the story of how Fields, who grew up in Humble, made Pasadena his second home and quickly became a community leader after opening Rosewood Pasadena in 2002.

Less than a year after the Pasadena location opened, Fields was named to the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Board and was elected chairman. He has also served the community as a member of the Texas Funeral Commission Board, director of the Texas Citizens Bank Advisory Board, director of the Texas Chiropractic College Advisory Board and member of the

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Multiple area priests make accused list

Multiple priests affiliated with local Catholic churches were included on a list of accused predators released last week by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

"This list is being presented to the faithful of the Church in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as part of an effort to bring about the restoration of trust," a statement on the group's website reads. "The list contains the names of priests about whom the Archdiocese has received credible allegations of sexual abuse of a minor which occurred within the geographic boundaries of the Archdiocese. The allegations encompass the years 1950 through the end of 2018, almost a 70-year time span. Many of the allegations made were received years after the reported abuse occurred. In several instances, the allegations were made after the priest had died. Some of the allegations have been the subject of civil litigation and several have previously been

reported in the media."

The Archdiocese notes that credible allegations do not necessarily equate to criminal guilt.

"The Archdiocese has determined that a credible allegation is one where there is reason to believe the allegation is true, after review of reasonably available, relevant information in consultation with the review board," the Archdiocese website states. "A determination by the review board and Cardinal (Daniel) DiNardo that an allegation against a member of the clergy is credible is a pastoral judgment and is not the equivalent of a finding of guilt by a jury or judge in a court of law. A determination of credibility for purposes of the list relates to the allegation, but it does not establish that the allegation is substantiated or proven."

Of the 42 priests on the list, one has ties to the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist,

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City resumes recycling schedule

The City of Houston's residential recycling returned to its regular collection day on Monday, Feb. 4.

Residents should place their green recycling cart at the curb along with their black garbage cart on their routine service day, ensuring that they are at least 3 feet apart.

In recent weeks, the city's Solid Waste Department has had to make schedule modifications to deal with personnel and equipment challenges, associated with recycling and heavy trash pickups.

To address the collection challenges, City Council has purchased 58 new trucks. Vehicle

deliveries are to be staggered throughout the year, beginning this month.

Further, the Solid Waste Department has contracted out the collection of 10 daily recycling routes for the next year, as well as temporarily renting five additional trucks that can substitute for existing trucks down for maintenance.

Solid waste collections schedules can be found at http://mycity.houstontx.gov/mycityapps/mycity_serviceinfo_query.html.

For more recycling information, visit <http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/recycling.html>.

Call 3-1-1, the City of Houston's Customer Service Helpline, if more information is needed.

Clear Creek ISD launches podcast

The Clear Creek Independent School District recently launched a new podcast called Car Rider Line that provides an innovative outlet of two-way communication with the school community.

The bi-weekly podcast will dive deep into a wide range of educational news, district initiatives, achievements and resources with district

leaders, area experts and other special guests. Episodes will also be recorded live on the Clear Creek ISD Facebook page so listeners can join in on the conversation for that week before the episode is published.

"We are always looking for cutting-edge ways

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City to unveil Southeast Mobility Plan

The City of Houston Planning Department will present its draft recommendations for the Southeast Houston Mobility Plan at a public hearing Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Charlton Community Center, located at 8200 Park Place Blvd, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Southeast Mobility Plan is the city's multi-modal study (including vehicular, transit, pedestrian, bicycle and freight) in the area bounded by Interstate 610 to the north, State Highway 288 to the west, Sam Houston Toll Road to the south, and Interstate 45 and Galveston Road to the east.

The plan, completed over a 12-month period in 2018, will be used to guide the City of Hous-

ton's short-, mid- and long-term multi-modal mobility planning efforts. Further, the plan will identify implementation projects that will improve mobility and access in the Southeast Houston Sub-Area.

The public hearing will allow residents to provide feedback and recommendations to improve travel to work, school and other destinations.

The city has established an online interactive map to educate residents on the planning efforts. It can be viewed at <http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/transportation/CMP/Southeast-Mobility-Plan/index.html>. Residents are encouraged to visit the website regularly, as it is updated frequently.

Pasadena ISD honors Fields



Jess Fields Sr. (second from left, back row) was recognized as the Pasadena Independent School District's 2018 Distinguished Citizen of the Year at a ceremony held Jan. 31. President and owner of Rosewood Funeral Home, Fields is a member of the PISD Education Foundation Advisory Board and is one of the founding donors of the McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball tournament. Shown above attending the event with Fields are board members, left to right, (front row) Nelda Sullivan, Mariselle Quijano, (back row) Kenny Fernandez, Marshall Kendrick, Vickie Morgan and Dr. Dee Ann Powell, superintendent. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Elected officials share their words

Deaths

Muecke proves fake news problem exists

Several weeks ago I submitted an article to the Houston Chronicle viewpoints. It was not printed so I then rewrote paragraph 1 and 3 leaving paragraph 2 as written and re submitted. Still was not printed. On January 23 I again submitted my letter and again rewrote paragraph 1 and 3 leaving paragraph 2 in place as it was the heart of my presentation. On January 28 my article was printed but heavily edited and the second paragraph left out. You may agree or disagree with President Trump, that is fine and okay, but when he mentions FAKE NEWS he is really telling it like it is. Here is an example, plain and clear. No article should ever be edited. That is why I like Marie Flickinger, she prints exactly what is furnished. If you really love and support America it is time for all of you to wake up and see/realize just what the news media is doing.

Jim Muecke

The article Muecke submitted

Viewpoints in Wednesdays Chronicle, all 4 comments state we do not need or want a wall on our southern border. I wonder how many of these 4 have visited the open ranch lands where most come across. They mainly talk about McAllen, Laredo, Pharr. People crossing are not going to these large cities, they are heading north as fast as they can, like Houston where they can blend in. The ranchers have built ladders across the fences so they will not tear up the fence.

This country, as outlined by President Trump, is facing many major issues, within and outside our borders. Human lives are at stake and this has to be resolved NOW. Another large caravan is now heading north. Why aren't these people doing for their country what the early American settlers did here for the United States of America. They stepped up and corrected what was wrong and designed and built this great government that has now existed for well over 200 years. Go home and correct your own problems, don't bring them here.

The cost is the big issue. What is the one time cost of the wall compared to the cost of securing the border for years to come. Don't forget the MS-13 gangs and drugs. Bet it runs much more than the cost of the wall. These costs will just continue and grow, while the fence is a one time cost.

What the Houston Chronicle printed

Regarding "Trump, Pelosi and the wall" (Letters, Wednesday): All four comments say we do not need or want a wall on our southern border. I wonder how many of the four writers have visited the open ranch lands where many people entering the country illegally come across. The writers mainly talk about McAllen, Laredo and Pharr. But people crossing are not going to these cities, they are heading north as fast as they can to places such as Houston where they can blend in.

This country, as outlined by President Donald Trump, is facing many major issues within and outside the borders. Human lives are at stake, and this issue must be solved now.

Belew states it's all about priorities

Maybe one problem with our school finance system in Texas is how we talk about it. We express tax increases in terms of pennies on the tax rate; the reality is these are real dollars out of the pockets of hard-working Texans.

We talk about taxes for school funding in terms of local contributions and the state's share. The reality is we're talking about the very same taxpayers, who are putting more and more money into public education, only to see academic scores remain flat.

And we talk about school finance in terms of support for our kids; tax increases and bond elections are sold to voters as much-needed help for schoolchildren. Again, the reality is something different. Not all spending benefits students, and our duty isn't to simply "support," it's to ensure that Texas children can read, write and do the math to succeed in life. Pouring tax money into a broken system

helps no one.

When the Legislature meets in January, we can expect the calls for more funding for public education to increase. Some are already complaining that property tax relief could get in the way of needed school finance reform.

But both can be done; it's simply a matter of getting our priorities right.

First, we spend too much on things that have little impact on children's ability to read and do math. One example is in administrative salaries.

School superintendents are some of the highest paid public employees in the state; the top earner leads Cypress-Fairbanks ISD and was paid \$406,484 for the 2017-2018 school year. In all, Texas has nearly 100 superintendents earning the equivalent of \$250,000 or more, and about 800 who are paid \$100,000 or more. About 350 earn more than the Texas governor (who earns \$150,000). Meanwhile, highly effective teachers—who actually teach generations of children to read—earn an average of \$59,660.

But you won't find a single chart, graph or table that links large paychecks for the bureaucrats to educational improvements. In Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, for example, 45 percent, or 33,400 students, read below grade level.

Statewide, according to the Texas Education Agency, nearly 1,200 campuses received a D or F score in the TEA's new A-F Accountability System. That equates to more than 606,000 students trapped in traditional poorly performing schools, in districts that could certainly find better uses for their money than high salaries, bonuses and perks for their superintendents.

Yet spending on these and similar items continues to grow—faster than student populations are growing. From 1993 to 2015, Texas' student population grew by 48 percent while the number of teachers grew by 56 percent. And the number of nonteaching staff positions increased by 66 percent.

Our research suggests that if Texas had limited the growth of its nonteaching staff to the same level of growth as its student population over this period, then \$2.2 billion could have been saved each year. And much of that money could have been redirected into the classroom.

There are even more egregious examples of spending that has no effect on student achievement; there are water parks and stadiums that cost tens of millions of dollars.

The point is that our priorities are out of whack. Want proof? Ask a teacher. One new study says that the average teacher is spending nearly \$500 of her own money on classroom materials each year.

What should our priorities be?

First, as Gov. Greg Abbott contends, we should reward and retain our best teachers. Research shows that a good teacher is the best kind of education reform. Merit-based pay increases can make a real difference. In Dallas, the district's merit-based salary system is credited with turning around the beleaguered urban district (despite all of its challenges, Dallas scored a solid B in the A-F system last August). Furthermore, Dallas ISD teachers support the merit pay program.

Without increasing taxes, school districts can afford a meaningful teacher merit pay program. To do this, school districts need to stop giving wasteful across-the-board pay raises that reward their ineffective teachers, do not incentivize improvement, and discourage high-performing teachers from staying in the classroom.

In Fort Worth ISD, Superintendent Kent Scribner and the School Board are doing many things right for kids. For example, they have set clear goals for student achievement (they aim to have 100 percent of third-graders reading on grade level by 2025), and the number of "improvement required" campuses went from 14 to 11 this year. Great job!

Fixing our education finance system is going to create a lot of tough choices. But the decision to stop wasting critical resources on the bureaucracy and to put more money into the classrooms where it can actually help kids shouldn't be a tough choice at all.

Kara Belew
Texas Public Policy Foundation's Senior
Education Policy Advisor

District E News

By Council Member Dave Martin

Yesterday, I chaired the Special Called Budget and Fiscal Affairs committee meeting on the implementation of Proposition B. My main objectives for the meeting were to keep focus on the immediate implementation of Proposition B, while maintaining City of Houston services, and avoiding City of Houston layoffs. I was very happy with the participation and ideas brought to the table by my City Council colleagues. Roughly 20 suggestions were made to immediately implement Proposition B ranging from implementing various fees (I'm not a fan of increasing fees for residents) using City of Houston reserve funds to fund Proposition B and layoffs within various City of Houston departments. You may watch the meeting in its entirety at <https://houstontx.swagit.com/play/01312019-1110>.

One thing that needs to be taken into consideration is the cost of Proposition B is not a one-time expense to the City of Houston. It is a recurring cost that will continue to impact the City each new fiscal year. This, of course, is a major complication as we head in to the City's budget season. Council discussed many one-time options to implement Proposition B but it was much more difficult to identify expense reductions and recurring funding sources in the existing City budget.

At yesterday's meeting, City of Houston Controller Chris Brown announced that heading in to the 2020 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2019, the City of Houston will need to account for an estimated \$260 million budget shortfall due to an existing projected deficit of \$160 million and \$100 million to implement Proposition B.

Another recommendation made at yesterday's committee meeting was immediate implementation of all findings that were compiled in the 2017 PFM Long Range Financial Planning Report which would account for nearly \$300 million in annual savings. The PFM report can be viewed at <http://www.houstontx.gov/finance/COH-Ten-Year-Plan-Report.pdf>. Implementation of these recommendations would also cause drastic changes in the City of Houston's management and operations of departments including the Houston Fire Department, City of Houston Solid Waste Department and Emergency Medical Services. All suggestions made by City Council Members will be compiled in to a memo for Mayor Turner to use as the guide to implement Proposition B.

Again, it is my goal to implement Proposition B as quickly as possible, without impacting City services and avoiding layoffs to City employees, which we all know is an arduous task.

Texas House, Senate file identical legislation to reform tax system

Speaker of the House Dennis Bonnen joined Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Rep. Dustin Burrows and Sen. Paul Bettencourt at a news conference on Jan. 31, to announce that the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate have filed identical legislation to reform the state's property tax system.

Burrows, chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, is the author of House Bill 2. Bettencourt, chair of the Senate Committee on Property Tax, will carry identical legislation in the Senate.

"The House and Senate have taken the first step to accomplish meaningful property tax reform by filing legislation that will increase transparency in the property tax system, empower property owners to take a more active role in rate setting, and slow the growth of property tax rates," said Bonnen. "I am honored to be here in support of Chairman Burrows and Chairman Bettencourt today, and I commend them for working in unison to file identical legislation. This collaboration is a testament of the House and Senate's unity behind this issue, and we look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate to deliver upon our goal of accomplishing property tax reform this session."

"This bill provides greater fairness and transparency to the Texas taxpayer, Burrows added. "Texans deserve the right to vote before their property taxes are raised excessively. They deserve the right to know who is raising them excessively." "The average homeowner in Houston has endured a 37 percent increase on their property tax bill in just four years to nearly \$5,000 in total and annual property values on

an average Dallas home have climbed to over 33 percent to \$5,000, too," said Bettencourt. "As appraised values go up, tax rates must come down."

In the initial weeks of the 86th legislative session, Bonnen, Abbott and Patrick have made it expressly clear that all three share the priorities of accomplishing meaningful property tax and school finance reform this session. By filing HB 2, Burrows and Bettencourt have taken the first step in successfully bringing those priorities to fruition.

"We are going to solve school finance reform and property tax reform this session," Patrick added, "I first came to Austin as a civilian witness to lower property taxes in 2003. It has been a long fight, but it is a fight worth having for the people. People desperately need property tax reform, our businesses need property tax reform, and we have set out on this day a major piece of legislation to set the tone on this major issue."

Specifically, this legislation would:

- Provide much needed transparency by addressing the manner in which property tax rates are set and publicly notified to property owners. It improves upon public tax notices by requiring local governments to provide property owners with a plain language comparison to the rate they are proposing, so that taxpayers can more easily see the difference in what they paid last year versus the present year.
- Create a searchable statewide database that gives taxpayers the information they need to hold local officials accountable. Property owners would be able to see how each jurisdiction's proposed tax rates directly affects their individual tax bill, along with detailed information about who has proposed raising their property tax bills and where and when they can make their voices heard in the rate-setting process. This information would be provided ahead of time, empowering taxpayers to involve themselves in the rate-setting process and preventing local governments from setting rates without alerting the public.

• Lower the rollback rate to 2.5 percent from the current 8 percent for all taxing units with more than \$15 million in combined property and sales tax revenue. If taxing units propose a rate that exceeds the rollback rate, an automatic ratification election would take place in November.

• Create the Property Tax Advisory Board in the Office of the Comptroller. This advisory board will be able to make recommendations to the comptroller that improve effectiveness and efficiency in the property tax system, making it easier for Texas citizens to take a more active role.

• Make reforms that will increase efficiency and transparency between property owners and the Appraisal Review Board. Two key provisions of this legislation include expanding opportunities for property owners to protest or appeal their appraisal value through after-hours protests and requiring notices from appraisal districts to be issued electronically.

"I have said that the state bird of Texas is no longer just the mockingbird it's the construction crane," quipped Bettencourt. "These increases impact homeowners and business owners across the state and the time to pass meaningful property tax reform for all Texans is right now."

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Judy Ann Honohan



Judy Ann McDaniel (Bradley) (Hyder) Honohan, 71, of Kirkwood South, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019.

Her courageous battle ended in the presence of family and close friends in the comfort of her home.

Judy was born Aug. 19, 1947 in Houston to Bobbie Joe and Ida Mae Smith McDaniel. She was their second child and only daughter. Judy grew up in Houston, attending HISD schools and graduating from Jesse H. Jones High School in 1966.

Judy began a career in banking until she decided to stay home to care for her children while they were young. It was during this time that she worked for Mary Kay as a beauty consultant.

When her mother came to live with her and her three children, Judy began a career at City Hall in Pasadena. She retired from the City of Pasadena where she worked in various departments including water, sanitation, tax, purchasing, warehouse and permit.

Beautiful, loving, energetic and hilarious, Judy enjoyed living life and entertaining her family and friends through singing, dancing, and laughter. Her contagious laugh was recognized by all who knew her, and she never met a stranger. She was her children's and grandchildren's number one fan, and there was never a moment when everyone in the stands at games didn't

know exactly who her kids and grandkids were. Judy was mom to her children's friends, and she loved them dearly.

When her children were grown, Judy joined her city friends on a bowling team, where she met her beloved "Brutie," Bruce William Honohan, in the spring of 1996. Judy and Bruce were married Sept. 3, 1999, and enjoyed 19 years of marriage and nearly 23 years of love.

Judy was a strong and determined woman all her life. She remained that same fighter all the way through her nearly four-month lung cancer journey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her youngest granddaughter Kollyns Grace Hyder.

Judy is survived by her husband; son Spurlin Lee Bradley IV and wife Denise Hopkins Bradley, daughter Tammy Michele Hyder Green and husband E. Michael Green Jr., son Marc Earl Hyder and wife Kristen Van Etten Hyder; and grandchildren Justin B. (her Juddy) Hyder, Hunter N. Bradley, Chase C. Bradley, Montana G. L. and Canyon T. R. Hyder Silva, Kason R. and Kamden B. Hyder.

She is also survived by stepgrandson Justin T. Green; brothers Bobby J. McDaniel Jr. and his wife Pamela Graham McDaniel (Waller) and Darin M. McDaniel; aunt Linda Smith Everett; nephew Darin M. McDaniel Jr.; brother-in-law Larry Hoag; five stepchildren and their respective families; numerous cousins; and countless friends.

The funeral service was held Saturday, Feb. 2, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Rudolf Marent

Rudolf Marent, age 84, died peacefully Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, with his family by his side. He was a resident of the Edgebrook area. He was born July 4, 1934.



He emigrated from Basel, Switzerland, in the early 1950s. He became a naturalized citizen and proudly served his adoptive country in the U.S. Air Force after also serving in the Swiss militia. He was an accomplished marksman and gunsmith while serving in the military.

After discharge, he met and married Mary Louise Rodriguez. The couple had three beautiful children and settled in Houston, where Rudolf was employed as a mechanical engineer technician at the Johnson Space Center, formerly NASA, until his retirement 30 years later. Rudolf was an avid opera aficionado and loved to dance.

He is survived by his wife; and his children Paul, Christina and Martina Marent.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Niday Funeral Home, with the recitation of the rosary.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. A Rite of Committal will follow at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery.

Leader obituary policy

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

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Feb. 7, 12:15 – 7:45 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only. Thursday, Feb. 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors. Monday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime and playtime. Wednesday, Feb. 13. Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic PowerPoint.

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580. Bracewell hours this week are: Thursday, noon – 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 1 – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Saturday, Feb. 9, 12:30 p.m. Stories from the Trail. Anthony Bruno, leader of the rodeo's Northeast Trail Ride, talks about life on the trail, shows some tools of the ride and encourages participants to try the rope-a-dummy. Bruno will also discuss the ride of the American pioneer George Washington Bush into Oregon County in the 1840s in honor of African American History Month. Monday, Feb. 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Geek, Play, Love. Meet at the library to play some modern games including Munchkin, Settlers of Catan and Dominion. For this session, Settlers of Catan is the game available. For those not knowing how to play, instructors will be available. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Great Decisions: Refugees and Global Migration. This session will focus on the effectiveness of international laws, policies and organizations and related issues that have evolved to assist and protect refugees and migrants. Great Decisions (www.greatdecisions.org) meets every three weeks to learn about a different world affairs topic. For each topic there is an article and a video. Drop by the library to read the article ahead of time and meet for the video and discussion.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed: Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies 0 to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

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

Wednesday, 2 – 3 p.m.: Basic computer classes (Vietnamese). Learn mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more at this weekly class in Vietnamese. Registration is requested.

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

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's the new year and a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. Practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up for one. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-927-7870. Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 – 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Ellis proposes bold, new plan

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis proposed a bold, new plan to address the region's ever-widening wealth gap, income inequality and other economic disparities on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Commissioners Court.

Citing the urgent need for inclusive economic growth policies that will strengthen both the local economy and local communities, Ellis initiated the discussion to create a Department of Economic Opportunity and Equity, which would implement economic policies and initiatives focused on fair and equitable county contracting, workforce development, community business programs, community-based economic tax incentives and workers' rights.

"The county needs to be thinking strategically and holistically about our long-term plan for economic growth while also directly addressing our region's growing economic inequality, which disproportionately impacts women and communities of color. This Department would be responsible for making sure that economic policies are in place that include every community, every family and every person in our economic growth and prosperity," Ellis said.

Guided by the principles of equity, fairness and inclusion, the proposed Department of Economic Opportunity and Equity would be responsible for creating a long-term Har-

ris County economic development plan; overseeing tax incentive programs; administering community business development programs; facilitating access to capital, loans and grants; protecting workers' rights and developing the region's workforce through job training and creation. By consolidating these responsibilities under one department, the county would be better positioned to coordinate county functions and utilize resources to increase people's access to opportunity in all communities and support economic development that is financially, socially and environmentally sustainable.

"In many of our communities there are more obstacles than opportunities to meaningfully participate in our local economy. Lower-income communities don't have the access to good jobs or workforce training. Hardworking people can't earn enough to support their family's basic needs, much less save for the future or a rainy day. Minority and women business owners operate at the margins and struggle to compete on a fair playing field," Ellis said, explaining the economic challenges that many Harris County residents face. "This department will help address these disparities and remove barriers to opportunity so that everyone has a fair chance to succeed in our economy and earn a livable wage."

Costa, Olson combat human trafficking with H.R. 90

On Jan. 30, Congressmen Jim Costa and Pete Olson, co-chairs of the bipartisan Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus, introduced House Resolution 90 encouraging stronger efforts in the fight to end human trafficking and advocating in support of victims and survivors.

"Human trafficking is both a worldwide atrocity and a very local evil, occurring right in our own backyards," Costa, who also

co-founded the Victims' Rights Caucus in 2006, said. "We must coordinate our national, state, and local efforts to end this heinous crime plaguing humanity. As co-chairs of the Victims' Rights Caucus, Congressman Olson and I will continue leading bipartisan efforts in Congress to eradicate all forms of human trafficking and modern slavery, once and for all."

"I'm proud to work with

my co-chair, Rep. Costa, to shine a light on the horrors the innocent victims of human trafficking endure," Olson said. "January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, an important opportunity to raise awareness, protect our children and support the victims of these heinous crimes. Human trafficking is a vicious form of modern day slavery that touches communities all

Leader checks out social media

By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of the Southbelt This & That Facebook group shared an image of the Sagemont Cowboys. On the image, it states that returning player registration will be held Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and new player registration will be held March 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration will be held at El Franco Lee Park.

There has been a post shared to several community Facebook groups regarding a hit-and-run accident that occurred on Wednesday, Jan. 30, around 9:50 p.m. at the intersection of El Dorado Boulevard and Beamer Road in Friendswood. Anyone with information regarding the accident is encouraged to call the Harris County Sheriff's

office. Video footage and photos of coyotes have been uploaded to the Ashley Pointe subdivision Facebook group. Community members are encouraged to keep their small pets inside.

A member of the Pets of Southbelt Facebook page posted photos of coyotes and a bobcat that were spotted in the area off Dixie Farm Road and Westfield.

Another member of the same Facebook group is searching for her missing dog, Rocket. He is a male, blue pitbull puppy with a white strip on its head and white on its chest. If the dog is found, contact the owner via Facebook. Pictures of the dog have been shared to several community Facebook groups.

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Clear Brook debate claims fourth place

Clear Brook High School debaters returned from Lamar High School where they competed Jan. 25 - 26 and claimed fourth place overall in the sweepstakes competition with only a team of seven in attendance.

The Public Forum Debate team of Adarsh Suresh and Benjamin Eappen contributed to the feat by besting more than 75 other teams in eight rounds of debate, placing third overall.

Fellow teammate and Lincoln-Douglas competitor Ashleigh Swanson walked away with her head held high by placing third overall as well. Swanson's LD teammates Bennett Davies and Sarvesh Subramanian rose to the ranks of quarterfinals before falling out of the competition.

These wins by Swanson and Davies bring them within striking distance of the state tournament; the others are already qualified at this time, with at least two qualifications to their credit.



Shown, smiling with trophies in hand, are Clear Brook debaters Adarsh Suresh (left) and Benjamin Eappen. Photo submitted

SJC announces calendar briefs

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar briefs.

Spring 2019 registration open
Registration for spring 2019 classes is open for current and incoming San Jacinto College students with payment due upon registration. For more information, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.

College Community Day-no classes held

The San Jacinto College will not hold classes and administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, Feb. 7, due to its faculty and staff in-service College Community Day. Classes and normal business hours will resume on Friday, Feb. 8.

San Jac softball tournament

The San Jacinto College softball team will host its annual spring tournament on Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9, at the South campus softball field. Game times vary. All home games are free and open to the public. For more information on the San Jac softball tournament, visit sanjacsports.com.

Baseball games

The San Jacinto College baseball team will host the following teams, noting game days and times:

- Grayson Community College, Friday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m.

- McLennan Community College, Saturday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

- Monroe College, Friday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 17, noon.

- Alvin Community College, Saturday, Feb. 23, 3 p.m.

- Wharton County Junior College, Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m.

All home games are played at John Ray Harrison Field in Andy Pettitte Park at the San Jacinto College North campus.

All home games are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, visit sanjacsports.com.

San Jac baseball Legends Tournament

The San Jacinto College baseball team will host its annual Legends Tournament game on Saturday, Feb. 9, at noon, against Odessa College.

Former San Jac baseball honorees include Anthony Banda, Randy Brown, Donnie Elliott, David Evans, Greg Runser and DJ Wilson. All home games are free and open to the public. For additional information, visit sanjacsports.com.

"Be The Match" speaker presentation

The San Jacinto College South campus will host a "Be The Match" National Marrow Donor Program presentation featuring Brian Allison from Be The Match, and Dr. Susan Rossmann from the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Building 7, room S7.152. The event is free and open to the public.

Foundation scholarship application for fall opens

The San Jacinto College Foundation's fall 2019 general scholarship application opens on Friday, Feb. 15. For more information or to apply for scholarships, visit sjcd.academicworks.com.

Spring 2019 Installment Payment Plan due

San Jacinto College students using an Installment Payment Plan for the spring 2019 semester have a payment due on Monday, Feb. 18.

Students may contact a campus business office or login to sanjac.edu for more information.

Summer 2019 registration open

Registration for classes beginning Monday, May 13, and Monday, June 3, is now open to all current and incoming students. For more information, visit sanjac.edu.

Community Education Center events

The San Jacinto College Central campus Community Education Center is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena in Building 1, room C-1.108.

The San Jacinto College North campus Community Education Center is located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Building 2, room N-2.112.

The Community Education Centers will host the following February workshops that are free and open to the public. To register, call 281-478-2786 or email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.

San Jac Central campus Community Fitness, Feb. 8, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Savvy Shopping #2 with Harris County Health System, Feb. 13, from noon to 1 p.m.

Heart Health with Clear Lake Specialties, Feb. 19, from noon to 1 p.m.

Savvy Shopping #3 with Harris County Health System, Feb. 20, from noon to 1 p.m.

Community Fitness, Feb. 21, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Savvy Shopping #4 with Harris County Health System, Feb. 27, from noon to 1 p.m.

Lariaettes crown winners



The Lariaettes hosted the annual Royal Ball on Friday, Jan. 25, in Pasadena at the Silver Sycamore. The Lariaette Royal Court winners are, left to right, Queen Giselle Guerra, senior; Princess Brianna Gomez, junior; and Duchess Melanie Rios, sophomore. Photo submitted

Will-A-Thon helps eligible Houstonians

Houston Volunteer Lawyers, in partnership with the Houston Bar Association Elder Law Committee and the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods, announced the 2019 Will-A-Thon.

Volunteer attorneys will prepare the following documents for eligible low-income Houstonians: will, medical power of attorney, advance directive to physicians, also known as a living will, HIPAA release, statutory power of attorney, declaration of guardianship, appointment for disposition of remains, and transfer on death deed, if needed.

Low-income seniors age 60 and older, persons with disabilities, military veterans of any age, along with their spouses, are eligible for this

free service.

The Will-A-Thon consists of two will clinics, scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, and Wednesday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tidwell Community Center, 9720 Spaulding St., Houston. Clients must be able to attend both days at their scheduled appointment time.

Persons interested must be prescreened and schedule an appointment by phone at 713-228-0735, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., which began on Monday, Feb. 4. The application deadline is Friday, March 22, but space is limited.

Many Americans may not realize that they need estate planning. For many families, there is an understanding of who will inherit the property,

but this understanding may not necessarily agree with the law on who inherits property after a person passes without a will.

"We often hear from clients, 'This is how mom wanted it - for sister to live in the house.' Since everyone understood this wish, there is no will. This can create complicated situations later," said Veronica Jacobs, legal director. "For example, after Hurricane Harvey, there were households that were denied assistance because they did not have legal proof that they were the legal owner of the home, which they inherited from their parent."

"While we may be able to solve the problem, it may cause delays for the person to receive assistance," adds Jacobs. "The Will-A-Thon is a

great opportunity for low-income Houstonians to prepare their wills and a transfer on death deed, which will protect their family home, and ultimately preserve the neighborhood."

Estate planning also includes establishing the person's wishes on their medical care and designating the person(s) who will have the legal authority to make medical and financial decisions on behalf of an individual in the event of a later incapacity.

"Estate planning is a gift to you and to your family, providing peace and clarity on what happens next," said Jacobs.

Attorneys and notaries who wish to volunteer should contact Houston Volunteer Lawyers at 713-228-0735.

Clear Creek ISD names 6 campuses 2019 Texas Schools of Character

The Clear Creek Independent School District announced that Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character, named six elementary schools as 2019 Texas Schools of Character.

The program recognized Bauerschlag Elementary, McWhirter Elementary, Ross Elementary, Stewart Elementary, Weber Elementary and Whitcomb Elementary as campuses that have demonstrated the use of character development to drive a positive impact on academics, student behavior and school climate. They now join the

growing list of schools within Clear Creek ISD who have earned this distinction.

"The teachers and students have dedicated each day to becoming leaders of character, so we are extremely honored to be recognized as a State School of Character," said Dr. Britani Moses, Stewart Elementary principal. "Our six core values within CCISD of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship help drive what we do within our school and translate through this accolade."

The Schools of Character

application process is an opportunity for schools and districts to receive thoughtful feedback for growth and excellence in the area of character development through Character.org's 11 Principles of Character framework. It is also a method of recognizing exemplary schools and districts in the nation.

"We are pleased to announce the 2019 State Schools and Districts of Character today," said Doug Karr, Character.org's president and CEO. "These schools' representatives, including educators, parents and students,

are working together to create stronger communities focused on character. We are honored to validate their efforts and continue coaching them along their journeys."

These six schools will now be considered for Character.org's highest distinction, National Schools of Character.

The 2019 National Schools of Character will be announced in May 2019. Character.org will honor these schools and districts at the 2019 National Forum to be held Oct. 24-27, 2019, in Washington.

UHCL, UTMB co-host conference spotlighting innovations in STEM

University of Houston-Clear Lake and University of Texas Medical Branch will co-host the annual Greater Houston Area STEM Conference to be held March 2, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

More than 200 educators from more than 20 school districts in the Houston-Galveston and surrounding areas will attend this one-day event. The conference, titled "New Horizons and Innovations in STEM," will feature concurrent presentations, state-of-the-art lab tours, and

STEM-related exhibitors.

Michelle Peters, professor of research and applied statistics and Brenda Weiser, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, both from UH-Clear Lake's College of Education, will be co-chairing the 2019 STEM conference.

"STEM education is the key to our future," Peters said. "The challenge is that few truly understand what STEM should look like in the classroom. Educators have a good grasp on the key components - science, technology, engineering and mathe-

matics - but struggle with the challenge of integrating."

"We'll have presentations that demonstrate how to accomplish this integration which teachers will be able to use in their classrooms," Weiser said. "Not only will local educators present but some of our own UHCL engineering, computer science and digital arts faculty are presenting as well. We anticipate having over 20 exhibitors focusing on the importance of STEM and some faculty will have exhibits on projects they're currently researching. This is a practi-

tioner-based conference designed for educators."

Among exhibitors attending are Artist Boat, the Houston Zoo, Fischer Scientific, Accelerated Learning, NOAA, Accelerated Learning/STEM Scope, Space Art Program, Geophysical Society of Houston and the Galveston Bay Foundation.

Teachers who attend will receive seven hours of continuing professional education credits.

For more information or to register visit: www.uhcl.edu/education/centers-initiatives/stem-conference/.

Stuchbery releases honor, merit rolls

Stuchbery Elementary has released its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks.

Honor Roll

Third grade
Marahi Aguilar, Nicholas Aguilera, Jason Chen, Jazbel Garcia and Camila Lopez.
Aurelia Ochwilva, Devin Smith, Brianna Soto and Ca Tran.

Fourth grade

Tyler Albert, Stephanie Marquez, Nathaniel Padilla and Anne Tran.

Merit Roll

Third grade
Mia Hernandez, Olivia Joiner, Ashley Ly, Troy McBride, Emily Nazario, Heidi Padron, Enijah Ploucha and Shai Silva.

Fourth grade

Ashley Martinez, Kailyn Quiroz and Jazzyal Randall.

South Belt Elementary names February VIPs



South Belt Elementary has named its VIPs for the month of February. The students pictured were chosen by their teachers based on their ability to display the character trait of the month: respect. Shown are, left to right, (first row) Jacob Stallings, Zion Peterson, Jordan Melchor, Camila Corpus, Londyn Moses, Quan Nguyen, (second row) Kinsley Freeman, Aaron Martinez, Korvin Ton, Bryce Bond, Paris Valencia, Alan Nguyen, Warren Nedd, (third

row) Saleen Alvarado, Iris Durette, Peyton Dowell, Jaden Jimenez, Emilio De La Garza, Ruby Dent, (fourth row) Hayden Walker, Jaxon Mohammed, David Melchor, Abbie Sanchez, Kinora Ploucha, Makayla Salazar, (fifth row) Camila Otero, Evan Mora, Jabari Venison, Matthew Perez, Kendrick Ramos, Kareli Garza and Aven Hilario. Not pictured was Christopher Forero. Photo by Lakitha Green

Miles ranks number four in Texas

Taylor Miles, Dobie senior and FFA president won top honor at Ft. Worth Stock Show. Miles was awarded number four in Texas which earned her a top 10 jacket in the Texas Junior Livestock Association for 2018.

She showed her Red Brangus heifer "Bella" in 2017 in which she was number 11 and barely missed the top 10 due to Hurricane Harvey. She was determined to accomplish her goal and finished 2018 better than she expected with number four.

Miles has earned many banners, buckles, awards and ribbons in her showing career. She will finish the show season out at San Antonio and Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo before graduating and pursuing a career in agriculture.



Boykins calls on city leaders to step up

The following statement was released by Council Member Dwight Boykins on Jan. 31:

"On Nov. 6, 2018, Houstonians voted on Proposition B, with an overwhelming 60 to 40 percent majority voting in favor of pay parity for public safety employees. On that day, the voters of Houston made their voices heard.

"Yet despite the irrefutable results tallied on election day, Houston's deadline to begin the implementation of pay parity has come and gone.

"As members of the Houston City Council, our charge is to seek meaningful and effective solutions to the problems that confront us as city leaders. With respect to Proposition B, that means finding ways to provide pay parity without wreaking havoc on the city's budget or compromising public safety and reducing the workforce of municipal employees.

"Last October, Houston's City Controller placed the estimated cost to city government of Proposition B's passage at approximately \$85 million annually. Since then, Houston's mayor has publicly warned of massive layoffs to public safety and municipal workers as being the only way forward to meet the city's obligation. I have categorically rejected this idea.

"Last December, I proposed the enactment of a garbage fee bringing Houston in line with other large and medium-size cities (Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Pearland, Bellaire, Sugarland) in Texas. My research has shown that a monthly fee of between \$25.00 to \$40.00 could generate an estimated \$107 to \$172 million each year.

"The revenue would be placed in a lockbox and allow Solid Waste Management to retrieve garbage twice a week

and provide heavy trash pick-up service twice a month. Due to fixed income limitations and other hardships, seniors would either pay a discounted rate or qualify for an exemption, and disabled veterans would be exempted from paying all together.

"Over the last several years, Solid Waste Management's annual budget has averaged around \$84 million. The garbage fee would allow the city to use this money instead to supplement the cost of Proposition B while eliminating the need for painful layoffs that would hurt families and leave our citizens less safe and less secure.

"Leadership is not defined by taking actions that are politically favorable or likely to lead to one's re-election. Leadership is defined by making the difficult decisions that reflect the best interests of the people you've been elected to represent. Under the city's revenue cap which was adopted by the voters in 2004, I strongly believe the adoption of a garbage fee represents our most viable way forward to meet the mandate of ensuring pay parity between our police and firefighters.

Through my service to District D on Houston City Council, I've been blessed to represent the very community where I was born and raised. I understand the hardship that any additional fee may cause to a household struggling to make ends meet. But when weighing a \$40 fee versus the impact of laying off up to 400 police officers, 400 firefighters and hundreds of city workers, the choice for me was clear.

"I've always considered myself to be a public servant, not a politician. And as such ... I know in my heart ... that the time has come for city leaders to step up and lead."

UHCL sets calendar

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has set its calendar of events.

Friday Morning talks: rethinking flood control
UHCL's Friday Morning Continuing Education winter series continues Feb. 15 with two lectures.

At 9 a.m., John Branch, vice president of the Clear Lake City Water Authority Board, will discuss how local governments can rethink their approach to floodwater detention with multiple benefits. Branch is at the forefront of the green space project in Clear Lake.

At 11 a.m., learn about the cultures, history and natural phenomena of Norway, Land of the Midnight Sun, with Manuela Holst, biologist and neuroscientist.

The Friday Morning lecture series highlights unique topics in art, culture, social issues and more led by field experts. Register online at www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-ce.

Apollo Chamber Players adds theremin to the mix
The Apollo Chamber players will introduce a unique sound experience to their audience at UHCL's Bayou Theater stage, on Friday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. The Houston-based ensemble is featuring world-renowned German theremin musician Carolina Eyck to share the arresting music of Czech composer Bohuslav Martinu, as well as Eyck's new works composed for theremin and string quartet in a show titled "Theremin Fantasies."

Invented by and named for

Russian scientist Leon Theremin in the 1920s, the theremin is an electronic instrument which produces eerie sounds when the thereminist's hands are placed near antenna-like oscillators that control frequency and amplitude. It can be heard in the sci-fi movie classic "The Day the Earth Stood Still" and in the theme music of the long-running British TV drama "Midsomer Murders."

To reserve tickets and to learn more about other upcoming events, visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/events-ticket.

School psychology specialist program receives national recognition
UHCL's graduate-level school psychology specialist program has once again received approval from the National Association of School Psychologists with national recognition. NASP has continuously approved UHCL's program since 1988 – the first program to have received NASP approval in the state of Texas.

Graduates of this program are equipped for careers as Licensed Specialists in School Psychology. Other potential career paths may include behavior specialists, diagnosticians, special education counselors or administrators within special education departments. U.S. News & World Report recently named the school psychologist position as the No. 2 best job in social services.

For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics/degrees/school-psychology-specialist.

Listeners can join in

technical education, discussed the registration steps and different opportunities for intermediate and high school to make sure students get started on the right foot and continue success through their educational careers.

Future episodes will be released every other week throughout the rest of the school year and are scheduled to cover topics ranging from school boundary changes and vaping, to parenting resources and graduation highlights.

Listeners can join the live recording every other week at www.facebook.com/clearcreekisd and subscribe to the podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Play, Stitcher or Spotify.

30 years ago (1989)
South Belt area residents' attempts to retain the identity of the area as a whole gained momentum with the introduction of a state Senate bill by Sen. Gene Green. House Bill 69, a bill memorializing Beltway 8 as Sam Houston Parkway with an amendment for South Belt, received its first reading in Austin.

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team rallied in the final eight minutes for a 39-35 victory over South Hous-

ton to capture its first district victory.

25 years ago (1994)
Joe Roach, Houston's first new District E councilman in 30 years, wanted to establish a branch office in the district.

Three more businesses, Re/Max South Belt real estate office building, Sonic and a five-bay self-serve car wash and detail shop, were planned for Scarsdale.

20 years ago (1999)
Harris County flood control officials unveiled their \$4.5 million plan to reroute Mud Gully so the waterway, which flowed into Clear Creek, would bypass the Brio and Dixie Oil Processing Superfund sites.

A thousand more students were taking classes at San Jacinto College than in the previous year, a 5.8 percent increase in enrollment.

15 years ago (2004)
Voters approved Clear Creek Independent School District's \$264 million bond package by a 64 percent to 36 percent margin.

Because of the growing student population at San Jacinto College South campus, plans for a new parking lot were announced. It would provide students with about 660 additional parking spaces.

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team won the regional competition at the Clear

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

LILY TURNS TWO!
Special happy birthday wishes are sent to **Lilian (Lily) Margaret Scarberry** who celebrates her second birthday Tuesday, Feb. 12, from dad **Austin**, mom **Tiffany** and big sister **Jade Scarberry**; grandparents **Jannie and Robert Scarberry**, former longtime South Belt residents; aunts **Jenny Hayes and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**; uncles **Stephen Flowers, Joey Hayes and Tyler Scarberry**; and cousins **Brayden and Baylee Espinosa, Olivia Moreno, and Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers.**

CHRIS ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Chris Clark marks a birthday Sunday, Feb. 10. Happy birthday greetings are sent to **Chris** from wife **Mary** and "babies" **Zelda and Maude**. Special birthday wishes are sent from the *Leader* staff as well as a big "thank-you" for all he does for the community.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 7 through Feb. 13.

Burnett Elementary
On Feb. 7, **Keonne McClain** enjoys a birthday. Send a happy birthday greeting Feb. 13 to **Carla Reyes.**

Genoa Elementary
Light the birthday candles Feb. 11 for **Elva Moreno**. The day for a party for **Alma Nava** is Feb. 12.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria**

Gonzalez Feb. 8. **Sandra Richey** is sent birthday greetings on Feb. 10. Light the birthday candles Feb. 12 for **Erika Rodarte**. Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Yolanda Arebalo** Feb. 13.

South Belt Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to **Andrea Taylor** Feb. 7. Marking a birthday Feb. 12 is **Melissa Cerda.**

Stuchbery Elementary
Lisa Leos marks a birthday Feb. 10. **Jean Deleon** celebrates a birthday Feb. 12.

Melillo Middle School
The day for some birthday fun for **Dawn Tomlinson** is Feb. 9. Marking a birthday on Feb. 12 is **Alma Paredes.**

Roberts Middle School
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 7 is **Carey Thibodeaux**. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 10 is **Lonnie Tanner**. Sing a happy birthday song Feb. 11 to **Elsa Chiacchio**. Marking a special birthday Feb. 13 is **Esmeralda Rodriguez.**

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send birthday wishes Feb. 8 to **Maria Umanzor**. Send a happy birthday card Feb. 10 to **Tina Garza**. Feb. 11 is the day to wish **Ronnie Thomas** a happy birthday. Sing a happy birthday song with **Yesenia Ramirez** Feb. 12.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a party for **Bill Kirchman** is Feb. 10.

Dobie High
Derek Beckham and **Erin Richardson** share a birthday on Feb. 8. Celebrating a birthday Feb. 9 are **Marissa Alexander** and **Richard Ortega**. Special birthday wishes are sent Feb. 10 to **Deborah Cortez**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Steven Long** Feb. 12. **Maria Parras** and **Holly Peel** enjoy a wonderful birthday Feb. 13.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday:
Thursday, Feb. 7: **Paula Barnett** and **Lori McBride**; Friday, Feb. 8: **Kim Scott** and **Mark Stanley**; Saturday, Feb. 9: **Erica Rodriguez, Amanda Bergeron, Tracy Matthieu, Anita Nickelson** and **Tammy Schweigert**; Sunday, Feb. 10: **Kathy Ramirez, Morgan Wingo, Angie Baucum, Jesse Chavez, Efrain Padua, Christina Parasco** and **Mike Huffman**; Monday, Feb. 11: **Cesar Ramirez, Ron Martinez** and **Jennifer Zanders**; Tuesday, Feb. 12: **Greg Banhart, C.J. Jareo III, Chris Smith, Melinda Poplawski, Cynthia Tavera, Clyde Jones, Lisa Jones, Jacqueline Preston, Alex Lerma** and **Robert Barbosa**; and Wednesday, Feb. 13: **Celeste Beaty, Trisha Waguespack, Cristi Skerrett** and **Randy Harms.**

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Gonzalez joins Garcia as 2019 SOTU guest

Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia was proud to announce Devani Gonzalez of Galena Park, was her guest for the 2019 State of the Union address on Feb. 5.

Gonzalez is a substitute teacher who came to the United States when she was 7 years old. Before graduating from San Jacinto Community College with an associate of applied science degree in criminal justice in 2017, she was presented the 2017 Outstanding Criminal Justice Student Award.

After graduation, Gonzalez was a recruit with a community volunteer fire department. She is currently working toward an associate of applied science degree in paralegal at San Jacinto Community College. She aspires to become a law enforcement officer but is unable to because of her lack of status.

Gonzalez enthusiastically accepted her invitation to attend the State of the Union as Garcia's guest.

"It is a huge privilege to be invited to the State of the Union," said Gonzalez. "It is important to be there as a woman, a student and an immigrant. As a DACA recip-

ient, our community's voice must be heard especially now when the national rhetoric is skewed against us. As we continue our fight for a more just immigration system that will allow my peers to achieve our goals, I want to remind people that our parents are the original dreamers. My dream is to become a police officer and protect my community that has given so much to me."

Garcia welcomed the opportunity to elevate Gonzalez's story and remind the community what is at stake with immigration law negotiations.

"Devani's parents must be proud to have such an accomplished and hardworking daughter," said Garcia. "When the conversation in Washington seems focused on billions of dollars for a border wall, we must remember that the people so often put in the center of the negotiating table have hopes, dreams, fears, and goals just like every other American. We must honor their commitment to our country by giving them a roadmap to citizenship once and for all. I don't know what the president will say in his speech, but I know that Devani will inspire others just as she has inspired me."

South Belt celebrates 100th day of school



First-graders at South Belt Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school. Students were allowed to dress as though they were 100 years old or display T-shirts that showed 100 items. Shown above dressed for the occasion are, left to right, Xavier Jimenez, Aubrey Arredondo, Rylee Hayes, Paris Valencia, Elijah Barron and Carlos Soto. Shown below making hand signs of steer horns, the school's mascot, are, left to right, Dora Campos, Hannah Walker, Aubrey Hernandez, London Leal, Andrew Strong, AJ Rodriguez, Viviana Salazar and Matthew Martinez. Photos by Anh Ton



Remember When

40 years ago (1979)
Jodie Fiore of Beverly Hills Intermediate School represented the Pasadena Independent School District at the annual Chronicle Spelling Bee. She had been to the finals of the competition the previous four years.

Many South Belt area residents questioned the leash laws and wanted contact information of authorities to discuss the problem of dogs running loose.

35 years ago (1984)
The supervisor of health services for Pasadena Independent School District reported 1,531 flu-like cases in the district in the previous week.

Texas State Teachers' Association considered the *South Belt Leader* for the Texas School Bell Award for increasing public understanding of school achievement, problems and programs.

30 years ago (1989)
South Belt area residents' attempts to retain the identity of the area as a whole gained momentum with the introduction of a state Senate bill by Sen. Gene Green. House Bill 69, a bill memorializing Beltway 8 as Sam Houston Parkway with an amendment for South Belt, received its first reading in Austin.

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team rallied in the final eight minutes for a 39-35 victory over South Hous-

ton to capture its first district victory.

25 years ago (1994)
Joe Roach, Houston's first new District E councilman in 30 years, wanted to establish a branch office in the district.

Three more businesses, Re/Max South Belt real estate office building, Sonic and a five-bay self-serve car wash and detail shop, were planned for Scarsdale.

20 years ago (1999)
Harris County flood control officials unveiled their \$4.5 million plan to reroute Mud Gully so the waterway, which flowed into Clear Creek, would bypass the Brio and Dixie Oil Processing Superfund sites.

A thousand more students were taking classes at San Jacinto College than in the previous year, a 5.8 percent increase in enrollment.

15 years ago (2004)
Voters approved Clear Creek Independent School District's \$264 million bond package by a 64 percent to 36 percent margin.

Because of the growing student population at San Jacinto College South campus, plans for a new parking lot were announced. It would provide students with about 660 additional parking spaces.

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team won the regional competition at the Clear

Lake High School Ninth-Grade Center.

Beverly Hills Intermediate School student Brandon Nguyen won the school's spelling bee and the district competition, earning the right to represent the Pasadena Independent School District at the Houston Chronicle spelling bee.

10 years ago (2009)
Sagemont Church constructed a massive cross on its property near Beltway 8. In the works since 2007, the completed structure stood 170 feet tall with a span of 60 feet at the horizontal beam and weighed 90 tons and took three days to erect.

Dr. Dixie Melillo was honored when the Pasadena Independent School District middle school that bore her name was officially dedicated. Melillo founded the nonprofit organization, The Rose. Melillo Middle School opened at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year to serve fifth- and sixth-grade students from the Burnett Elementary, Frazier Elementary, Stuchbery Elementary and Thompson Intermediate attendance zones.

Construction of the building was funded by a bond issue approved by district voters in 2004.

Former longtime Dobie swimming coach Dennis Shippey was found safe after missing for three days. Shippey, 63, had been last seen walking his dog, Lucky, at Strawberry Park in Pasadena. He was suffering from Alzheimer's disease and had reportedly been without his medication. At the request of Shippey's family and the Pasadena Police Department, Texas EquuSearch joined the search for the missing man. Both Shippey and his dog were found in a field in Rossharon by two hunters. Shippey was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

5 years ago (2014)
A South Belt resident was found dead in the parking lot of a strip center in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. Juan Martinez, 59, was pronounced dead at the scene. His death was determined to be the result of cardiovascular problems. Martinez was reportedly walking from his home in the 11600 block of Chickwood to a dialysis center on Scarsdale for treatment at the time of his collapse.

Two people, including an eighth-grade Beverly Hills student, were killed and three others were hospitalized following an automobile accident on State Highway 288 near Airport Boulevard. Donna Davis, 15, and Joe Ledet, 35, were both pronounced dead at the scene. Davis' mother (Ledet's fiancée) and Ledet's 3-year-old daughter were also injured in the crash. Joshua Deshawn Gilbert, 24, was charged with two felony counts of intoxication manslaughter and one felony count of intoxicated assault in connection to the accident.

Nearly 300 youths from Sagemont Church volunteered their time to make renovations to Thompson Intermediate. Improvements included painting and adding a sprinkler system to the school's football field.

1 year ago (2018)
Jarrett Scales-LcGare of the Riverstone Ranch subdivision was fatally shot on Friday, Feb. 2, outside the Clear Creek Landing apartments, located at Beamer at Hall Road. Scales-LcGare was reportedly sitting inside his car in the parking lot at the time of the shooting. Investigators believe robbery was the motive. No immediate arrests were made.

A South Belt woman was killed in an automobile accident Thursday, Feb. 1, in the 8000 block of Beltway 8 near Telephone Road. Chelcie Victoria Cloud, 25, of the Highland Meadow subdivision was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Cloud was rear-ended as she sat parked at the toll booth. No charges were immediately filed.

Education elections set

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To apply for a position on the ballot, pick up a Candidate Application and Information Packet at the Clear Creek ISD Education Support Center, located at 2425 E. Main Street, League City, TX 77573. Requests for this packet may also be emailed to early voting clerk Jena Brown at jenabrown@ccisd.net.

The district will accept applications on regular business days through Feb. 15 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For additional information, contact Brown at 281-284-0181 or jenabrown@ccisd.net.

San Jacinto College
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Both current board members are seeking re-election. At press time, no one had filed to challenge them.

Those who wish to run for election to the San Jacinto Community College District must meet all of the following requirements:

- Must have lived continuously in one of the independent school districts comprising the San Jacinto Community College District six months prior to the last date on which the candidate could file to be listed on the ballot;
- Must have lived continuously in Texas for 12 months preceding the filing deadline;
- Must be a qualified voter;
- Must be 18 years of age or older;
- Must not be a convicted felon;
- Must be aware of the nepotism law;
- Must serve without compensation; and
- Must not have been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court.

Filing may be done in person at the San Jacinto College District Administration Building, located at 4624 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 200, in Pasadena.

The hours for filing are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Dobie Theatre performs "The Addams Family"



J. Frank Dobie High School Theatre department performed "The Addams Family" last weekend. The show was a big hit and the cast gave an excellent performance. Shown above are the cast members, left to right, Shayna Motel, Riley Gilbert, Dylan Leonard, Fernando Ortega, Caitlyn Woitena, Elyssa Armenta, Nick Keel, Stephanie Horton and Andrew Garcia. Shown below in the middle of a scene are, left to right, Keel, Garcia and Horton.



The show was frightfully fun with great music that accompanied the performance. Shown above acting out a scene in the production are, left to right (front row) Xavier Gutierrez, (back row) Kemi Alade, Cayla Pena, Aracely Garcia and Abraham Pizano. Photos submitted

Beth Williams celebrates 85th birthday



Beth Williams (front center), a longtime South Belt resident, recently celebrated her 85th birthday with her family. The Williams' family founded the Central Ace Hardware on Beamer Road. Shown with Beth are her children, left to right, Ron Williams, Sandra Williams, John Williams and Mike Williams. Photo submitted

Meador Elementary celebrates 100 days of school



Meador Elementary students and staff celebrated their 100th day of school on Feb. 4 with a 100th day parade and other fun activities. Students and staff were also encouraged to wear their best 100th day shirts. Shown above left are kindergartners, left to right, Arleth Garica, Kayden Hernandez, Victor Rachal, Imri Navarro and Cindy Nguyen. Shown above right are kindergartners, left to right,



Sophia Chayeb, Phillip Picarro, Azariah Calidonio and Joseph Moreno. Shown below are, left to right, (front row) Aiden Romero, fourth-grader; Osvaldo Perez, first-grader; Andrew Hill, third-grader; Dominic Johnson, first-grader; Monserrat Zavala, first-grader; (back row) Julie Jasso, teacher; and Jadan Salazar, third-grader. Photos by Tara Merida

AARP February meeting set

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes the community to meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway. The group meets in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings and enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Each month, there is entertainment or a speaker.

On Friday, Feb. 15, James Tittle, a League City lawyer, will be the guest. His presentation is "Estate Planning - Wills and Trusts, Guardianship, Medical Powers of Attorney, Directives to Physicians, and the Rights of the Aging" at 10:30 a.m., after the business meeting.

The AARP organizes day trips for chapter members to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be Monday, March 25. The group will tour Peeka Ranch to see alpacas, followed by a tour of the Stone Giddings Mansion in Brenham. Lunch will be at the Cannery Kitchen.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. One must be a member of national AARP to join a local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For information, contact Beth Scully at 281-217-2409 or bethscully57@gmail.com.

Wise speaks to GOP women

Justice Ken Wise will speak at the Tri-County Republican Women meeting Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive. Guests will network at 10:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 11 a.m.

There will also be a free lunch at noon. Wise was appointed to the 14th Court of Appeals by Gov. Rick Perry in October 2013.

Prior to his appointment, Wise served as the judge of the 334th Judicial District Court in Harris County and judge of the 152nd Judicial District Court in Harris County.

The cost to attend the meeting is \$15 and guests must RSVP by noon on Friday, Feb. 8.

Bay Area Singles holds dance

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held on Feb. 16 from 7 to 10 p.m., at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, 5204 Highway 3, Dickinson.

All Alvin singles are invited to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring party snacks to share. The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.



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HPD investigates fatality

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred at 7900 Rockhill about 1:15 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2.

According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences website, the victim has been identified as Jesus Jimenez.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sergeant D. Rodriguez and officer M. Nicotra reported, "The driver of a Saturn Vue was traveling westbound at a high rate of speed on Rockhill and ran the stop sign at the intersection of Ruthby. The driver lost control of the vehicle and struck an unoccupied white Dodge Ram pickup truck parked on the south curb of Rockhill. The Saturn then veered to the right and struck a small boulevard lining the driveway of a residence, causing the vehicle to roll several times before striking a parked gray Volvo XC90 and the residence at 7959 Rockhill. The driver of the Saturn died at the scene. No one inside the residence was injured."

No other persons or vehicles were involved in the crash.

Billions in assistance available

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After reviewing responses to the surveys, the city plans to send out applications, prioritizing low-income, elderly and disabled families.

Repairs and checks could come as early as late February, officials said.

For additional information or to schedule a mobile outreach team, visit recovery.houstontx.gov or call the Harvey recovery hotline at 832-393-0550, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Housing Resource Centers hours of operation are Mondays - Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays - Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Harris County

Harris County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Jan. 29, approved plans to ensure residents living outside the city limits will receive their share of \$1.1 billion of federal aid.

Funds will go toward home repair, reconstruction, buyouts and reimbursements for homeowners who made repairs at their own expense. Funds will additionally go toward rental property construction and repair and toward building affordable housing options in the county.

Assistance in the county is expected to begin in mid-March, officials said.

To apply for help, visit the Harris County Project Recovery website at www.harrisrecovery.org. For more information, call 832-927-4961 or email RebuildHarris@csd.hctx.net.

PARC invites all to meeting

Community members are cordially invited to Pearland Area Republican Club's meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14. The club will have Kelly Moody, board president of the Forever Parks Foundation of Pearland as the special guest speaker. Moody will discuss how the community can help establish new premier parks, facilities and programs in Pearland.

The meeting will be held at the Pearland Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Community members can meet Pearland and Brazoria County elected officials.

CCART schedules February meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

The program will be provided by John Branch who will be speaking about the Exploration Green Project. The event will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering and coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

At the close of the meeting the annual Valentine fried chicken/potluck luncheon will be held. Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. CCART will provide the chicken. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50.

HCMG shares upcoming events

The Harris County Master Gardeners has announced its upcoming events for February which includes the lecture series "The Secret Life of Soil," by Sherri Harrah of Plants for All Seasons, that will take place on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Fruit Tree Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until sellout at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. All these events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 713-274-0950 or visit hcmga.tamu.edu.

CLAPA sets sorority recruitment event

The Clear Lake Area Panhellenic Association will host a sorority recruitment information event on Sunday, Feb. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bay Oaks Country Club, 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd. This event is opened to high school senior girls, parents and local alumnae living in the greater Clear Lake area who are interested in sorority recruitment.

All interested participants will obtain information about the benefits of joining a sorority, the recruitment process, recruitment tips and how to submit a packet to request a recommendation through organization. The deadline for packet submission for all 2019-2020 recruitment is May 1. For questions regarding the event, contact Tish Wright, sorority recruitment chairman at tishwright5@gmail.com.

For more information on CLAPA and to download a recruitment booklet, visit the website at www.clearlakepanhel.org. Follow the association on Instagram at @clearlakepanhel.

Pasadena ISD honors Fields

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Pasadena ISD Education Foundation Advisory Board.

Another focus of the event was how Fields became one of the founding donors of the McDonald's Texas Invitational. In addition to being one of the largest high school basketball tournaments in the state, the Invitational is a fundraiser that has brought more than \$2.2 million dollars to Pasadena ISD classrooms through the education foundation.

"Jess could have stopped after the initial donation and said, 'I've done my part,'" said Quijano. "However, instead, he consistently renews his investment into the Pasadena ISD community by ensuring that Rosewood regularly sponsors the tournament."

The event concluded with

the revealing of a commemorative plaque that will be put on permanent display outside the Pasadena ISD Administration Building.

"I am overwhelmed and truly honored by this award," said Fields. "I have heard a lot tonight about how I adopted Pasadena, but I feel that Pasadena has adopted me and welcomed my family and I with open arms."

2008. He also served at Christ the King in Houston, St. Mary Cathedral Basilica in Galveston, St. Mary of the Miraculous in Texas City and St. Theresa in Houston.

St. Frances Cabrini

- Allen Ray Doga died in 1999. He also served at Prince of Peace in Houston, Sacred Heart in Galveston, St. Edward in Spring and St. Pius V in Pasadena.
- Dennis L. Peterson died in 2007. He also served at All Saints, Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, St. Benedict the Abbott, St. Jerome, St. John Neumann, St. Michael and St. Theresa - all in Houston.
- Robert C. Ramon resigned from priesthood in 2002. He also served at Shrine of the True Cross in Dickinson, St. John of the Cross in New Caney and Prince of Peace, Resurrection and St. Charles Borromeo - all in Houston.
- John T. Keller was removed from the ministry just this year, as the allegations against him are currently still under investigation. He has also served at Christ the Good Shepherd in Spring, Prince of Peace in Houston and St. Justin Martyr in Houston.

DiNardo is hopeful that by releasing the list, the Catholic church can begin to heal.

"Today the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston joins with the other Catholic dioceses of Texas to publish the names of priests credibly accused of sexual abuse or misconduct with minors since 1950," DiNardo said. "The Bishops of Texas have decided to release the names of these priests at this time because it is right and just and to offer healing and hope to those who have suffered. On behalf of all who have failed in this regard, I offer my sincerest apology. Our church has been lacerated by this wound, and we must take action to heal it."

Accused priest names listed

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St. Luke's

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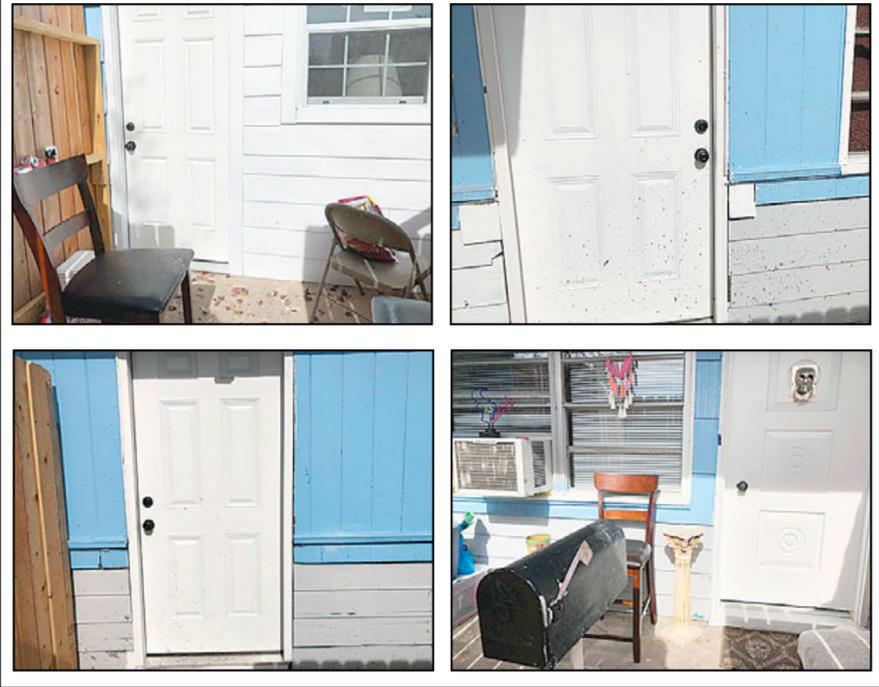
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Home with multiple entrances causes concern



The house shown above, which is the front of the house, has caused neighbors some concern. Shown below are the four separate front doors on the front of the house which is located in a single family residence in the Beverly Hills subdivision. All four doors are behind the fence shown above. City of Houston plans called for the front of the house to have windows and one door. The City said the permit is still open.



Beverly Hills neighbors express concern

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While the units appear to be independent of each other, the city inspector says all of the rooms connect to one another.

City officials have been aware of the project for several weeks and have made multiple visits to inspect the property.

Permits have been issued for the construction, but it is unclear if they were issued in error or if the contractor has abided by the regulations.

While the subdivision's deed restrictions limit the home's use to a single-family dwelling, city officials said families may still legally rent out rooms to individuals.

Occupants of the house have given contradicting stories to the *Leader* and city inspectors about their living arrangements.

At press time, the issue was to be forwarded to the city's Legal Department for further review.

See future editions of the *Leader* for more information.

Hughes reunites with firefighters



Reid Hughes (third from right), 6, recently reunited with the Houston Fire Department Station 70 D Shift crew that came to his rescue after he was struck by a vehicle on Hughes Road on Jan. 11. A first-grader at Frazier Elementary, Hughes suffered a broken leg in the accident. The firefighters brought Hughes on board the station's fire engine to spray his fire hose. The firefighters also signed the youth's cast and drew a rendition of the station's former mascot dog Beamer. Hughes and his family said they intend to stay in touch with the firefighters in the future. Station 70 crew members shown above are, left to right, engineer David Selmon, firefighter Leroy Rosales, engineer Jose Murdock, Capt. Robert Ramirez, engineer Robert Mead, firefighter Al Aguirre, firefighter Ernest West, Monique (Reid's mom) and Ethan Hughes (Reid's brother).

HPL holds Winter Living Room Series

The Living Room Series at the Houston Public Library celebrates family, diversity, and what makes Houston home for the most diverse population in the United States. Meet neighbors over coffee, tea and food from all over the world, and share favorite stories, traditions and games.

The community is invited to enjoy and experience the diversity of Houston this winter at The Living Room at the library. These events are free to the public. For details call 832-393-1313 or visit www.houstonlibrary.org.

Upcoming Events

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at the Living Room, Thursday, Feb. 7, 1 - 4 p.m.

Alief-Henington Regional Library, South Kirkwood, 832-393-1820. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Experience an exciting lion dance by the Vietnamese Civic Center, Tai Chi from the USA Tai Chi Academy, Meditation demonstration by Chung Tai Zen Center of Houston, as well as calligraphy, arts and crafts that embrace the culture of East Asia. Celebrate with neighbors over delicious food by De Viet Kitchen.

Celebrate African American History Month at The Living Room, Saturday, Feb. 9, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. HPL Express Morris Frank, 10103 Fondren. Call 832-393-2410 for information. Meet local youth author and motivational speaker Bailey C. Moore and celebrate African American History Month at The Living Room, Thursday, Feb. 7, 1 - 4 p.m.

Moody Neighborhood Library, 9525 Irvington. HPL in partnership with Avenue CDC invites everyone to enjoy games, food, music, readings, meaningful community conversations and more. Call 832-393-1950 for information.

Atkinson offers scholarships

The Atkinson PTO is offering two \$500 scholarships to any Dobie High graduating senior who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available through the college coordinator's office at Dobie High School. The application must be received by March 9 at noon in order to be considered.

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Dobie players sign letters

Numerous Dobie High School football players were set to sign national letters of intent Wednesday, Feb. 6, after press time. Head coach Kevin Bernately previously confirmed to the *Leader* that at least five seniors were ready to decide on their collegiate homes beginning in 2019-2020. The *Leader* will have signing photos of those players who will have signed in the Feb. 14 issue. Also see Dobie softball player Alana Ortega's signing on Page 2B.



Schmitz Years Reunion Dobie boys' soccer 1983-84 to 1988-89 Won 22-5A titles in '85 and '87 Won bidistrict title in '85

Jon Schmitz became Dobie's first boys' soccer coach in 1983-84 and led the team for six seasons. All members of those teams, their families and friends are invited to attend a reunion Saturday, Feb. 9. The festivities will include the group watching the current Dobie boys' soccer team take on Sam Rayburn at noon, at Pasadena's Veterans Stadium before the group will meet at Spanky's Pizza on Spencer Highway at 3 p.m. for a reunion. For more information, direct email to Schmitz at jschmitz25@gmail.com.

**Dobie varsity boys (5-0-0)
vs. Rayburn (1-3-1)
Saturday, Feb. 9, noon
Veterans Stadium**
At left, Dobie goal-scoring leader Bryan Nava (11) and his teammates are in the thick of the chase for the District 22-6A varsity boys' soccer lead at 5-0-0 after downing Atascocita 3-1 Feb. 5. Next up is a battle with Sam Rayburn. See more soccer on Page 6B. Photo by John Bechtle

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Lady Longhorns go 11-5, make playoffs

Senior Night went wonderfully for Destiny Estes, Briasia Garza and Tonya Montgomery and their teammates as the Dobie varsity girls' basketball

team readied for the post-season Feb. 5 with a 42-27 win over Memorial to close out the regular season. With 20 wins overall and an 11-5 district record, it's almost unfair to see Humble and Dobie positioning for the third and fourth seeds.

But that happens when Atascocita goes 16-0 and Summer Creek, a Region III finalist last season, loses only twice to the Lady Eagles in 22-6A play. Dobie will now face Humble in a third-place seeding game Friday, Feb.

**No. 3 Seed Play-In
Dobie vs. Humble
Friday, Feb. 8
Summer Creek High School, 6:30 p.m.**

8, at Summer Creek. Game time is 6:30 p.m. The winner will get North Shore in the bidistrict playoff round Feb. 11-12, while the loser and No. 4 seed will go against undefeated Beaumont United. Dobie closed out the season strong, hammering South Houston 66-35 Feb. 1 and then finishing with the win over Memorial. At the same time, Atascocita crushed Humble 50-27 to force the third-place tie with the Lady Longhorns. Give first-year Dobie head coach Jasmine Hartman and her players credit.

Yes, the Lady Longhorns previously claimed consecutive district crowns, but Hartman welcomed back just the three seniors, with Estes, Garza and Montgomery also playing large roles. But fast forward to this season, where both Atascocita and Summer

Creek were coming off long playoff runs a season ago. The Lady Longhorns didn't beat them this season, but certainly played very well. Now it's on to a third-place game, where the season starts anew. Dobie has thus far split with Humble. Continued on Page 6B

JFD softball opener here

Coming off an area round playoff appearance that very easily could have extended farther, the Dobie varsity softball program is ready to begin the 2019 season with exceptionally high hopes. Louisiana State University and U.S. Junior Women's National Team player Taylor Pleasants is back for her final season, and key pitchers Alana Ortega and Miquela Guajardo also return.

The Lady Longhorns will certainly miss the talents of 2018 District 22-6A Most Valuable Player Yvonne Whaley, now at Texas Tech University. But Dobie's 2018 graduation losses were light, relatively speaking, with as many as 10 regular contributors from a season

ago back on the field for 2019. Dobie will have to deal with defending Class 6A champion Atascocita in the rebuilt 22-6A ranks, and Memorial is always looking to take down the locals, but head coach Robin Rackley has plenty of experienced players on her side. Dobie will host a multi-team round robin scrimmage Saturday, Feb. 9, at El Franco Lee Park. Admission is \$5. Hamburger combo plates will also be available, as will a full concession stand. Both varsity and junior varsity games begin at 8 a.m. Dobie then opens the regular season at the Pasadena ISD complex Monday, Feb. 11, against Clear Brook before heading to the Bryan/College Station tournament Feb. 14-16.

**Dobie Lady Horns
host Clear Brook
Monday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.
Pasadena ISD Complex**
See Feb. 9 scrimmage details on Page 3B

Prep baseballers get started

Scrimmage action is underway as high school baseball teams from across the state, including Clear Brook and Dobie, prepare for the 2019 season. Clear Brook, looking to bounce back from a down season in 2018, will begin its regular season Monday, Feb. 18, at home against Fort Bend Bush before playing Feb. 21-23 at the David Anzaldua Memori-

al Invitational at La Porte, Baytown Sterling and Deer Park high schools. Dobie, which advanced to the postseason in 2018 before a loss to Kingwood, will make the trip to Laredo Feb. 21-23 for the Border Olympics tournament to begin its regular season. Dobie and Clear Brook will first scrimmage one another Friday, Feb. 15, at Dobie, beginning at 3

p.m., before going head-to-head in the regular season Monday, March 4, at Dobie, at 4 p.m.

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Thompson basketball roars, claims Pasadena ISD supremacy



Thompson's eighth-grade Light boys' basketball team put together an unbeaten season, including bouncing Miller in the Pasadena ISD tournament championship game. Over the course of this season and last, this group went a combined 22-0. Mem-

bers of the team are, left to right, Abram Salas, Marcus Millender, Beano Williams, Kaleb Campos, Kyle Wallace, Noah Gaytan, Elijah Howard, Jackson McCall, Daniel Delgado, Jose Medina and head coach Bob Boyes.



Thompson's eighth-grade Dark team finished off a terrific 2019 campaign, defeating Beverly Hills 43-42 in the Pasadena ISD tournament championship game. Overall, the Lions went 10-1, losing only to Beverly Hills during the regular season. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Ethan Bishop, Derrick

Doss, Isiah Correa, Gabriel Wright, Kevant Charles, (back row) coach Mike McDonald, Luis Nieves, Jalen Benson, K.J. Moore, Diandre Cooper, Caleb Mitchell, Andrew Cabrales, K'Darious Holden and head coach Bob Boyes.



Trojans' Stevens chooses NOSU football

South Houston varsity football quarterback and senior Torrence Stevens (7), who guided the Trojans to the playoffs during his sophomore and junior seasons as the starter, will continue his education and playing career at Northwestern Oklahoma State University after signing a letter of intent with the

Rangers. Northwestern Oklahoma State is located in Alva, Okla., and the Rangers are in the NCAA Division II ranks. Stevens had a storied career at South Houston, making the all-district squad three times and being named the league's Offensive Player of the Year in 2017.



South Houston's Butler headed to Kilgore College

National signing day was huge for South Houston High School varsity football standout Ian Butler (4), who will now continue his education and playing career at Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas. Butler was a three-year starter for the Trojans and helped the team to the postseason in both his sophomore and junior sea-

sons. Although South Houston missed the playoffs this season, Butler was an all-district performer for the team. He is currently a member of the Trojans' varsity basketball team, which has qualified for the playoffs and is currently tied for second place in the District 22-6A standings. Photos by David Flickinger

WNBA's Lynx add Christmas-Kelly



The Minnesota Lynx of the WNBA have solidified their rotation for the 2019 season, adding Dobie graduate Karima Christmas-Kelly (7) as a free agent signee. Set to enter her ninth season, Christmas-Kelly has been a key component to playoff runs at several other stops, including a 2012 WNBA championship with the Indiana Fever. Set to enter the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame in April, Christmas-Kelly led Dobie to its only state tournament appearance before a solid career at Duke University. She's bouncing back from a 2018 knee surgery but is now ready to go in Minnesota.

Dobie softball's Ortega picks Southwestern Assemblies of God



Dobie varsity softball pitcher Alana Ortega (seated center) will continue her education and playing career at Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas, after signing a letter of intent with the Lions. SAGU, a private Christian University, competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics as part of the Sooner Athletic Conference. Those with Ortega at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Rudy Ortega Jr. (father), Gisell Ortega (mother), (standing) Chris Swinnen (Dobie varsity softball assistant head coach), Robin Rackley (Dobie varsity softball head coach), Carmela Swinnen (Dobie junior varsity softball head coach), Amber Gignac (Southern Assemblies of God University softball assistant coach), Carlos Morgan (Ortega's select softball coach) and Kyla Holas (Ortega's pitching coach). Alana, a pitcher at Dobie, will lead the Lady Longhorns into action Feb. 11.

Sports Calendar

TENNIS

Friday, Feb. 8

Dobie varsity at Ron Wesbrooks invit., TBA

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16

Dobie varsity at Spring Fling tourn., TBA

SOFTBALL

Saturday, Feb. 9

Dobie varsity hosts round robin, El Franco Lee, TBA

Monday, Feb. 11

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Brook, PISD, 6:30

Dobie JV hosts Clear Brook, PISD, 5:00

Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 14-16

Dobie varsity at Bryan/College Station tourn., TBA

Saturday, Feb. 16

San Jacinto College at Angelina (2), 2:00

Tuesday, Feb. 19

Dobie varsity hosts Summer Creek, PISD, 6:00

Dobie JV hosts Summer Creek, PISD, 4:30

SOCCER

Friday, Feb. 8

Dobie varsity girls vs. Rayburn, Vet., 5:30

Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 7:30

Brook varsity girls host Dickinson, 7:30

Dobie JV girls vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary, 7:30

Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:30

Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:30

Saturday, Feb. 9

Dobie varsity boys vs. Rayburn, Vet., noon

Dobie JV boys vs. Rayburn, Auxiliary, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Dobie varsity girls vs. S. Houston, Vet., 7:30

Brook varsity boys at Alvin, 7:30

Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:30

Brook JV boys at Alvin, 5:30

Brook JV girls host Alvin, 5:30

Dobie JV girls vs. S. Houston, Auxiliary, 5:30

BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 8

Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00

Dobie varsity boys at Summer Creek, 7:00

Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:00

Brook JV boys host Clear Creek, 5:30

Dobie JV boys at Summer Creek, 5:30

Dobie sophomore boys at Summer Creek, 5:30

Brook sophomore boys host Clear Creek, 5:30

Dobie freshman A boys at Summer Creek, 4:00

Brook freshman A boys host Clear Creek, 4:00

Dobie freshman B boys at Summer Creek, 4:00

Brook freshman B boys host Clear Creek, 4:00

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Brook varsity boys at Clear Falls, 7:00

Brook JV boys at Clear Falls, 5:30

Dobie sophomore boys at Memorial, 5:30

Brook sophomore boys at Clear Falls, 5:30

Brook freshman A boys at Clear Falls, 4:00

Brook freshman B boys at Clear Falls, 4:00

TRACK AND FIELD

Friday, Feb. 8

Dobie varsity girls at Kethan Relays, Deer Park, TBA

Dobie varsity boys at Kethan Relays, Deer Park, TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Thompson boys/girls at PISD meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Beverly Hills boys/girls at PISD meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Friday, Feb. 15

Dobie varsity girls at Brown Relays, Auxiliary, TBA

Dobie varsity boys at Brown Relays, Auxiliary, TBA

BASEBALL

Friday, Feb. 8

Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling scrimmage, 4:00

Brook varsity at Pasadena Memorial scrimmage, 4:00

Monday, Feb. 11

Dobie varsity at Clear Lake scrimmage, 5:00

Brook varsity hosts Santa Fe scrimmage, 4:00

Brook JV hosts Pasadena Memorial scrimmage, 6:00

Monday, Feb. 16

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Brook scrimmage, 3:00

Brook JV at Sante Fa scrimmage, 6:00

San Jacinto baseball pounds Murray State

Dane Acker and Bryant Salgado combined to allow just four hits over eight innings as San Jacinto College defeated Murray State 14-3 in junior college baseball action Feb. 2 at the Coastal Bend Invitational in Beeville, Texas.

The Gators, now winners of four of five games to start the season, strung together six runs in the second inning and seven runs in the eighth inning to close out the easy win.

Hunter Townsend, Chase Ferem and Chase Wilkerson went deep in the game for the Gators, who are now set to host the Tournament of Champions Feb. 7-8 at San Jacinto College North.

Townsend went 3 for 5 at the plate, scoring two runs and driving in four runs.

Braden Winget had his second straight solid weekend, banging out three hits and scoring a pair of runs. Ferem also drove in three runs.

On the mound, Acker went the first five frames, allowing three hits and no runs while fanning seven.

Salgado came into the game in the sixth inning in relief and struck out seven over three innings.

San Jac held a 3-0 lead over Coastal Bend in another game at the event, but incoming fog forced the game to halt after three frames.

Area sports news, notes

Rising Stars Track Club practicing, etc.

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's longstanding youth track and field organization, is set to begin practices and registration at Dobie High School. Returning team members are encouraged to join workouts now through February, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the JFD track.

The team will also practice each Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon until the season begins. Team officials will also accept registration each Saturday in conjunction with the practices. For more information, call head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248.

Sagemont Cowgirls seek participants

The Sagemont Cowgirls, the official cheer and drill squads for the Sagemont Cowboys, are seeking girls to take part in the program this season. Girls ages 4 to 13 are eligible to join the program, and no previous experience is required. For additional information, call drill team director Jemyre Felton at 832-309-7133.

Dobie track to Deer Park, intermediates start

The Dobie boys' and girls' track and field teams will begin the 2019 season at the Jim Kethan Relays at Deer Park High School Saturday, Feb. 9. The Pasadena ISD intermediate track season will begin Tuesday, Feb. 12 as the Thompson boys' and girls' teams are in action beginning at 5 p.m., at Auxiliary Stadium.

Dobie softball scrimmages at El Franco Lee Park Feb. 9

Varsity Field 1

8 a.m. – Friendswood vs. Clear Falls

9:30 a.m. – Clear Springs vs. Spring Woods

11 a.m. – Clear Springs vs. Dobie

12:30 p.m. – Lamar vs. Dobie

2 p.m. – Pearland vs. Friendswood

3:30 p.m. – Dobie vs. Cypress Lakes

Varsity Field 2

8 a.m. – Pearland vs. Lamar

9:30 a.m. – Friendswood vs. Clear Falls

11 a.m. – Cypress Lakes vs. Clear Falls

12:30 p.m. – Friendswood vs. Spring Woods

2 p.m. – Clear Falls vs. Spring Woods

3:30 p.m. – Clear Springs vs. Lamar

Junior Varsity Field 3

8 a.m. – Clear Springs vs. Spring Woods

9:30 a.m. – Clear Springs vs. Lamar

11 a.m. – Pearland vs. Clear Falls

12:30 p.m. – Dobie vs. Spring Woods

2 p.m. – Spring Woods vs. Lamar

3:30 p.m. – Clear Springs vs. Cypress Lakes

Junior Varsity Field 4

8 a.m. – Pearland vs. Dobie

9:30 a.m. – Friendswood vs. Clear Falls

11 a.m. – Cypress Lakes vs. Friendswood

12:30 p.m. – Lamar vs. Cypress Lakes

2 p.m. – Friendswood vs. Pearland

3:30 p.m. – Dobie vs. Clear Falls

Dobie High School

Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 8	at Baytown Sterling scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Clear Lake scrimmage	4 p.m.
Feb. 15	Clear Brook scrimmage	3 p.m.
Feb. 16	Team Hit-A-Thon	10 a.m.
Feb. 21-23	at Border Olympics (Laredo)	TBA
Feb. 28-		
March 2	at Pasadena ISD tourn.	TBA
March 4	Clear Brook	4:00
March 7-9	at Crosby tourn.	TBA
March 14	*Summer Creek	2:00
March 19	*at Summer Creek	7:00
March 22	*Pasadena (Maguire)	7:00
March 23	*Pasadena	1:00
March 26	*Humble	6:00
March 29	*at Humble	7:00
March 30	*at Kingwood	4:00
April 2	*Kingwood	4:00
April 5	*Atascocita	6:00
April 6	*at Atascocita	4 p.m.
April 9	*Rayburn (Maguire)	7:00
April 12	*Rayburn (Maguire)	4:00
April 16	*South Houston	4:00
April 18	*at South Houston	4:00
April 23	*at Memorial	4:00
April 26	*Memorial	4:00

* District 22-6A games

Brook High School

Varsity Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 8	at Pas. Memorial scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 11	Santa Fe scrimmage	4 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Dobie scrimmage	4 p.m.
Feb. 16	Team Hit-A-Thon	10 a.m.
Feb. 18	Fort Bend Bush	6 p.m.
Feb. 21-23	at La Porte tourn.	TBA
Feb. 25	at Pasadena Memorial	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	*Pasadena (PISD)	6:00
Feb. 28-		
March 2	Clear Creek ISD tourn.	TBA
March 4	at Dobie	4:00
March 12	*at Clear Creek	1:00
March 18	*Clear Creek	1:00
March 19	*Clear Falls	6:00
March 22	*at Clear Falls	6:00
March 26	*Clear Springs	6:00
March 29	*at Clear Springs	6:00
April 2	Barbers Hill	6:00
April 5	at Barbers Hill	6:00
April 9	*Dickinson	6:00
April 12	*at Dickinson	6:00
April 16	*Alvin	6:00
April 18	*at Alvin	6:00
April 23	*Clear Lake	6:00
April 26	*at Clear Lake	6:00

* District 24-6A games

Lajaunie memorial tennis coming April 26-28

The 2019 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena April 26-28.

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

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

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated as a valedictorian in 1984. Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded

entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

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

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

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

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

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 26.

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

Opening night special activities this year include HTTC hosting a complimentary cardio tennis clinic for adults, and a children's clinic full of fun tennis

games for ages 12 and under. There will also be plenty of giveaway prizes.

Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website as of March 25. In May, the 2019 Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is \$35 for singles and \$22.50 per player for doubles.

Players may also register at www.setteo.com. Registration deadline is April 14.

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 27, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at www.DLTSF.com includes pictures from the 2018 tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarship details and more.

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

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

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7 a.m.
AA Meeting – "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
 10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-661-4200.

8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/

addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.
 11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) – For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

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

Scleroderma Support Group – Do you know someone with scleroderma? Join a support group on the second

Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Humble. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila 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., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park – Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details.

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AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for more information.

Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Susan Hooper at 832-723-7671.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For additional information, call 713-686-6300.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance to practice ball-room dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details information on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

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

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

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JFD soccer to round out first half

2019 has been a vintage year so far for the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams, each of which are off to terrific starts in District 22-6A action.

Head coach Justo Manrique's boys' team used a 3-1 win on the road at Atascocita Feb. 5 to keep pace in 22-6A, moving to 5-0-0 with the win.

Earlier in the evening, the Dobie girls, which lost 5-0 to Atascocita in last season's bidistrict play-offs, this time played the Lady Eagles to a 1-1 tie at Veterans Stadium as junior Victoria Chu scored her team-leading sixth goal off an assist from Emily Solis.

At 3-1-1 now, the Lady Longhorns quickly rebounded from a 6-0 loss at Kingwood Feb. 1.

And now, coach Bryan McDonald's team is firmly in the push for second place in the league with plenty of soccer left to be played.

Kingwood, with 28 consecutive district championships to its name, looks to again be positioning itself for a strong run,

but the Lady Longhorns, now 7-4-1 overall this season, have played tremendous soccer to this point with Chu leading the scoring attack.

Taiya Mitchell, the premiere defensive player in the district, has also been able to successfully push forward to the tune of four goals.

And McDonald has seen goalkeepers Bryanna Rodriguez and MaKenzie Rankins handle the net duties well.

Now with "home" game set against Rayburn, South Houston and Memorial to close out the first half of district play, the Lady Longhorns are in a solid position.

Next up is the Lady Longhorns taking on Rayburn Friday, Feb. 8, at Veterans Stadium, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Dobie boys, with four straight league titles to their credit, appear to be making 22-6A a two-horse race with Memorial.

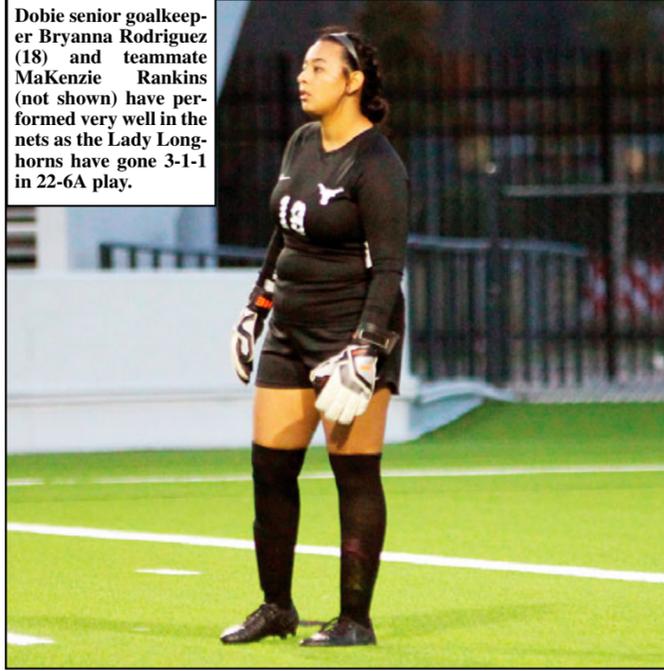
Manrique has been saying for a good while now that Memorial is poised with as much talent as anyone in the district.

Thus far, the Mavericks have made Manrique look smart with a 6-0-0 start for 18 points to their credit.

In fact, the Mavericks are undefeated for the season at 13-0-1, and senior Shukri Frias is far and away the team's leading scorer with 14 goals to his credit.

But the Dobie bunch isn't taking a back seat to anyone just yet. The Longhorns are 10-1-2 for the season, and 5-0-0 in the district for 15 points. Kingwood, which lost to Dobie 4-1 Feb. 1, is in third place but has two

Dobie senior goalkeeper Bryanna Rodriguez (18) and teammate MaKenzie Rankins (not shown) have performed very well in the nets as the Lady Longhorns have gone 3-1-1 in 22-6A play.



22-6A Boys' Soccer Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Memorial	6	0	0	18
Dobie	5	0	0	15
Kingwood	4	2	0	12
Humble	3	3	0	9
Atascocita	2	3	0	6
Pasadena	1	3	1	4
Rayburn	1	3	1	4
S. Houston	0	4	1	1
S. Creek	0	4	1	1

San Jacinto College Softball Invitational Feb. 8-9

Scrap Yard Sports, 29607 Robinson Road, Conroe

Friday, Feb. 8
Copper Field No. 1

10 a.m. – Japan vs. Galveston
12:15 p.m. – Japan vs. Blinn
2:30 p.m. – Japan vs. Temple

Saturday, Feb. 9
Copper Field No. 1

10 a.m. – Japan vs. San Jacinto
12:15 p.m. – Japan vs. MCC

Friday, Feb. 8
Copper Field No. 2

10 a.m. – MCC vs. Blinn
12:15 p.m. – Galveston vs. Ranger
2:30 p.m. – San Jacinto vs. Ranger

Saturday, Feb. 9
Copper Field No. 2

10 a.m. – Temple vs. Galveston
12:15 p.m. – Temple vs. Blinn
2:30 p.m. – Galveston vs. MCC

Friday, Feb. 8
Iron Field No. 1

10 a.m. – San Jacinto vs. Temple
12:15 p.m. – San Jacinto vs. MCC
2:30 p.m. – San Jacinto vs. Ranger

Saturday, Feb. 9
Iron Field No. 1

10 a.m. – Blinn vs. Ranger
12:15 p.m. – Blinn vs. San Jacinto

San Jac softball standing at 6-2

While pin-point pitching is still an area of focus moving forward, San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz is thrilled with her team's 6-2 start to the season.

A pair of wins over Baton Rouge and another over Southern Union State at the LSU-Eunice Lady Bengal Classic Feb. 1-3 gave the locals a second straight 3-1 weekend.

After beating Division II No. 3 ranked LSU-Eunice 11-9 in extra frames a week earlier at the Galveston tournament, San Jacinto mustered just two hits in a 10-2 loss this time around.

But with three more wins, San Jac is off to a

6-2 overall start with the San Jacinto College Invitational coming Feb. 8-9, at the Scrap Yard facility in Conroe.

"I really think with the exception of that game against Eunice, we have hit the ball well and scored a ton of runs (53 runs over eight games)," Saenz said. "Judging from the fall, I thought we had a good mix of returning players and some newcomers we brought in who could really help us."

"So far, we have come up with a lot of big hits (including six home runs) and scored pretty consistently."

In a 16-5 opening win over Baton Rouge in the

LSU-Eunice tournament opener, San Jacinto took advantage of seven Baton Rouge errors but also came up with the big hit time and time again.

Sam Martinez homered, doubled, scored three runs and drove in five. Ashley Ramber also socked a home run and doubled while knocking in four runs, and Morgan Childs added a double and scored four times.

Outhit 10-2 in a 10-2 loss to Eunice, San Jacinto came back to beat Southern Union State 6-5 as Madelyn Tannery got the pitching win with a save from Denisse Gracia.

In that win, Ramber and Childs hit doubles to lead

the offensive attack.

Going against Baton Rouge in the finale for both teams, San Jacinto plated three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the lead for good en route to an 11-9 victory.

Dominique Garcia homered and drove in three runs, and Ashley Tran also had two hits and drove in a pair.

Hitting .311 as a team, SJC has seen Lillie Grotenhuis get off to a .467 start, and Garcia has hit .444. Martinez, hitting .333, has a team-high nine runs batted in, and Ramber has three doubles to go with five runs batted in and a .368 average.

The pitching? Not so much. The team's most experienced pitcher, Michelle Kristoff of Dobie, is 2-0 but has an earned run average above 9.00.

As a group, San Jac pitchers have issued 43 walks in 45 innings of work, leading to the opposition scoring 47 earned runs.

"Aside from Michelle, we have a really young group," Saenz pointed out. "They want to do well, and they are nervous. That, and this is not an excuse, but the strike zone is different from the fall to the spring."

"We're working this week on zeroing in on the strike zone and making quality pitches within that zone."

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JFD boys to close
The District 22-6A playoff teams are set, with Summer Creek (14-0) having claimed the league title with a win Feb. 7.

South Houston (10-4), Humble (10-4) and Atascocita (10-5) are still pushing to see where the seedings shake out in another week.

As for Dobie, the Longhorns will close their season Feb. 12, at Summer Creek.

At 4-11 after a 56-53 loss to Memorial Feb. 5, the Longhorns will be trying to close strong against the league champions.

Against Memorial, the Longhorns got a team-high 17 points from Marquice Scott, who will re-

Cowboys' FB to register returns

The Sagmont Cowboys of the Bay Area Football League will register returning players Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at El Franco Lee Park.

The team will then accept registration for first-year newcomers Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., also at El Franco Lee Park.

turn next season as the group's leading scorer. Scott made good on three of six tries from 3-point distance in the loss.

In a 47-39 loss to South Houston Feb. 1, De'Aubri- on Taulton had 17 points on seven of 14 field goal attempts.

CB boys need wins
At 4-6 following a 68-57 loss to Clear Lake Feb.

5, the Clear Brook boys' squad needs a pair of wins to ensure its fourth-place seed and a playoff berth.

With a perfect 10-0 run going, Dickinson is on the way to the 24-6A title, and Clear Creek and Clear Lake are both 8-2 and also heading to the postseason.

All that remains is setting the final playoff seed, with the Wolverines at

4-6 and trying to hold off Clear Springs, which at 4-7 has just one remaining game.

Both Clear Brook and Clear Springs will face 1-9 Clear Falls in their final game, but Clear Brook also has a key home game Feb. 8 against Clear Creek.

If the Chargers and Wolverines finish in a tie, the Chargers' five-point win over the Wolverines earlier this season very well could be the difference-maker as to which team advances. Brook's win over Springs came by four points in the first round of play.



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