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Dobie parent meeting set

Dobie High School will hold a parent night Thursday, Jan. 12, in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. for incoming freshmen for the 2017-2018 school year. School officials say they cannot express enough the importance of this meeting, as they will share important course registration information with parents and students before they register for classes for the upcoming school year. There will be an update on the new freshmen campus at Monroe and Fuqua.

This orientation will offer parents an opportunity to meet the administrators and counselors who will work with their students at the new Dobie freshman campus. The session will provide important information for parents to ensure everyone is involved in their child's course selection for the upcoming year. There will be tables set up for families to purchase T-shirts and other items as well as receive information from the many organizations at Dobie. All upcoming freshmen and parents should attend.

Cook-off date announced

The 21st annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off will be held Thursday, April 27, through Saturday, April 29, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information.

Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets Monday, Jan. 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

PIP meets Jan. 17

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Dori Wind from the Harris County Attorney's office. PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1777.

Melillo holds garage sale

Melillo Middle School will hold a community garage sale Saturday, Jan. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon in the school gym. Items for sale will include clothing, sports/fitness, toys/games, household, electronics, furniture, books, outdoor and more. Proceeds will go toward a performance opportunity in New York City for a group of vocal students led by Melillo Choir Director Bridget Bellach. Cash only. To donate items, contact Bellach at bbellach@uarts.edu to arrange a drop-off or pickup.

Kirkwood South to meet

The Kirkwood South Committee will hold a board meeting Friday, Jan. 27, at Judge Jo Ann Delgado's courtroom, located at 10851 Scarsdale, Suite 500, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

HPD chief visits Kirkwood

New Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo will visit the Kirkwood Civic Club meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. HPD's Stephen Daniel will give a presentation on how to survive an active shooter incident. All other civic clubs are welcome to attend the function.

SJC drive rescheduled

The San Jacinto College Cosmetology Department's Spring School Supply Drive, originally scheduled to take place Jan. 7 at the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, 10510 Scarsdale, has been rescheduled to Saturday, Jan. 21, due to inclement weather. The event will provide vouchers for free professional haircuts with a style to those who donate \$25 or more worth of school supplies. This year's event will focus on providing supplies to underprivileged students at Stuchbery Elementary. The drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information, contact Jeanette Wright at 281-922-3406 or jeanette.wright@sjcd.edu.

Free self-defense offered

The American Society of Karate will offer free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, on Fridays from Jan. 20 to May 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of fifth-degree black-belt instructor Michael Alonzo, the class is not only geared toward the aspiring martial artist. The self-defense portion will be structured so that someone participating for only one class will have a simple yet effective strategy against potential attackers.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Feb. 4. Alternate exit and entrance ramps will be closed.

Almeda Macy's stays; Pasadena goes

By James Bolen

The Macy's Almeda Mall location was spared closure this past week when the retail giant announced the sites of 68 stores it plans to close this year in an effort to cut costs amid lower sales.

The Pasadena Town Square Macy's location wasn't as fortunate, however, as it was named one of three locations in the Greater Houston area to be shut down. The remaining two are the Greenspoint Mall and West Oaks Mall locations.

All three stores are scheduled to permanently close this spring.

"We are closing locations that are unproduc-

tive or are no longer robust shopping destinations due to changes in the local retail shopping landscape," Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren said in a statement.

The announcement came fresh on the heels of a 2.1 percent decline in sales during November and December compared to the same period in 2015. Individual store sales figures were not made available.

The 68 store closures are part of a larger group of around 100 stores to be closed, company officials said. The closures were originally announced last August, but specific stores were not identified at that time.

The downsizing measure is expected to elimi-

nate more than 10,000 jobs - 3,900 directly related to the closures and an additional 6,200 due to company restructuring.

Opened in 1962, the 209,000-square-foot Pasadena Town Square Macy's will account for 78 of those losses. The Greenspoint Mall and West Oaks Mall locations will account for 70 and 135 job losses, respectively.

In all, the measure is expected to save the company approximately \$550 million annually.

Originally opened as Foley's in 1966, the Almeda Mall Macy's branch has long served as the shopping center's primary anchor store. It celebrated its 50th anniversary this past year.

Almeda Mall General Manager Terry Felton

is pleased with the announcement.

"We are delighted the Macy's list has been published, and as we expected, the Almeda Macy's is not part of the nationwide store closings," Felton said. "Macy's has always shown confidence in Southeast Houston and the Almeda Mall trade area, as evidenced by their total remodel of the store after Hurricane Ike. The mall ownership has made similar commitments with the recent renovation of the mall common areas. We recognize the retail environment is constantly changing, but with our loyal customer base from the South Belt area, we fully expect to meet the shopping needs of Southeast Houston for years to come."

Roses, icicles paint pretty picture



The South Belt community experienced a hard freeze Saturday, Jan. 7, with several residents reporting icy conditions to the *Leader*. According to the National Weather Service, temperatures dropped to a low of 26 degrees at Hobby Airport. The above photo was taken near the intersection of Scarsdale and Sageglen. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Jabbar named distinguished citizen

By Reesha Brown, Pasadena ISD

At age 19, Iraj Jabbar left his native city of Bam, Iran with only \$1,300 to his name to start a new life in America and pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a dentist.

"In the beginning, it was scary," Jabbar said.

It's been 37 years since he moved to the United States. In that time, Jabbar, DDS, has established himself as a dentist and community servant as owner of several ABC Dental locations and sponsor of various Pasadena ISD Education Foundation fundraisers.

On Jan. 17, the Pasadena ISD community will gather to celebrate Jabbar's accomplishments when he is honored as Pasadena ISD's 2016 Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

Life in Iran



Dr. Iraj Jabbar

Born to a businessman and stay-at-home mother, his family was comprised of 13 members who lived in a small city with a population of only 70,000.

When he was growing up, his family did not have a lot of money.

Unable to afford dental treatment, at age 8, Jabbar suffered from a severe toothache. This was a pivotal time in his life, as his pain fueled his passion for the dental profession.

"I was constantly taking over-the-counter pain medication and it didn't help much," Jabbar said. "I went from place to place and no one could do anything for me."

Despite the hardships his family faced financially, Jabbar's late father and staunch supporter, used the resources they had to help others in need.

"When it came to money, we didn't have much, but my father always taught us that we have to give back," Jabbar said.

His father taught him two essential values to live by: always give back to the community and

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Deputies to enforce trespassing laws

Local deputies have begun enforcing trespassing laws at area apartment complexes in the unincorporated parts of Harris County to all of those who either do not reside at the facilities or who are not verified visitors, according to Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez.

Affected apartment complexes include Highland Meadow Village, Cimarron Landing Apart-

ments and Park Center Apartments.

The move comes in response to multiple recent burglaries that have taken place at the complexes. Sanchez said the facilities have also become common places for social gatherings and loitering.

All violators will be subject to arrest, Sanchez said.

Leader remembers highlights of 2016

The year in review is continued from the last issue. Stories up to Sept. 8 can be found in the Jan. 5 edition of the *Leader*.

Sept. 15

Easthaven Church celebrated its 75th anniversary. Begun as a mission of First Baptist Church of South Houston, then-Easthaven Baptist Church had its first gathering on Easter 1941 in the home of Herman Head, who would later also donate property on Edgebrook to house the new church. Pastors over the years include Fred Sanderlin; R.H. McCroskey; J.P. Graham; W.C. Koonce; Buford E. Cain; Michael Collins; Dr. Bruce Prescott; and current Pastor Kevin J. Rizer.

Sept. 22

Houston firefighters responded to a fire at Frazier Elementary on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The blaze, which took place outside the campus near the

school's playground, reportedly stemmed from a faulty electrical transformer that snapped at its base, causing it to collapse and catch fire. No one was injured.

San Jacinto College was named as one of 10 finalists for the prestigious 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's preeminent recognition of high achievement and performance in America's community colleges. San Jacinto will now enter the final stage of the competition for \$1 million, which will be awarded in March 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Sept. 29

After multiple setbacks, the Beamer Road extension to Bay Area Boulevard finally opened to through traffic. A joint project between Harris County and the Texas Department of Transportation, the \$10.3 million endeavor extended Beamer

roughly one mile. In addition to installing a new four-lane road, complete with curbs and gutters, crews also installed a new detention pond south of El Dorado to help with storm water drainage.

Oct. 6

A man was found fatally shot in a vehicle parked in the parking lot of a townhouse complex at 12220 Beamer near Hughes Road the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 28. Houston police responded to the incident to find Herbert Davis shot multiple times. His vehicle was reportedly still running. Davis, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene. No immediate arrests were made.

Oct. 13

A South Belt man was killed in a motorcycle accident Saturday, Oct. 8, in the 9400 block of Blackhawk between Fuqua and Almeda Genoa. Derek Hartwell, 40, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to investigators, Hartwell was

traveling south on Blackhawk on a silver Harley Davidson when he struck a blue Dodge Durango SUV at the intersection of Wolcott Park Lane. The driver of the SUV had reportedly failed to yield the right of way after leaving a stop sign, police said. The driver of the SUV exhibited no signs of intoxication. She was questioned and released.

Oct. 20

Joyce Abbey was named Clear Creek Independent School District's 2016 Citizen of the Year. A graduate from Clear Creek High School, Abbey is a well-known advocate for the advancement of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programming in public education.

Oct. 27

A South Belt man died Wednesday, Oct. 26, when the experimental plane he was piloting

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Sewage leak sparks concern

Following resident complaints of overflowing sewage in the Sagemont subdivision following recent rains, City of Houston officials have pledged to take action to combat the issue.

"This is an ongoing problem," said Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour. "The residents on Sagedowne should not be subject to raw sewage in their streets when we get more than 2 inches of rain."

Residents reported seeing soiled toilet paper and feces outside of area manholes and drainage ports, and at least one resident complained of raw sewage overflowing into his bathtub.

The majority of the complaints stemmed from the area near the intersection of Sagedowne and Sageglen and were reported during the first few days of the new year.

According to Barbour, however, the problem dates back decades.

"It's been going on for at least 20 years," Barbour said. "It's been going on so long, a lot of residents have become apathetic."

Barbour further said the problem is more noticeable now that recent drainage repairs have decreased street flooding in the area.

"Since the streets don't flood as much, you see it more now," Barbour said.

Shortly after being contacted by Barbour, city crews responded by sanitizing and deodorizing the affected areas.

Subsequent city work included cleaning the sewer lines for possible blockage and installing devices in the manholes to limit the amount of rain they can intake.

Once cleared, workers probed the lines with video cameras to further examine for any problems or defects.

City officials said they will now review the video footage before moving forward with any necessary repair work.

"Typically it takes about a week to process the video footage and review the video to determine if there is a failure in the sewer," said Mark L. Loethen, deputy director for the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department. "If there is a failure, we will determine the repair and schedule the repair work. If no defects are found, our staff will be looking at the sewers in the area to determine a potential cause for the problems."

In an effort to keep all utility lines clean, Public Works officials urged Barbour to remind area residents of the city's Corral the Grease campaign, aimed at encouraging citizens to not dispose of grease through residential plumbing lines.

"Used cooking grease dumped down kitchen drains solidifies and accumulates inside the pipes, eventually restricting free flow of raw sewage on its way to the wastewater treatment plant," the city's website states. "This overloads the collections system, causing sewage to overflow into streets, yards and storm ditches, eventually polluting the bayous and Galveston Bay."

Residents instead are encouraged to collect grease in containers, such as used cans and glass jars, and dispose of the hardened grease with their regular trash or recycle debris.

Rains cause sewage leak



Multiple Sagemont residents, primarily on Sagedowne near Sageglen, recently complained of raw sewage overflowing in and around their homes following heavy rains. Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour said the issue dates back more than 20 years. She is currently working with city officials to fix the problem. Shown above is a storm drain at the aforementioned intersection clogged with sewage debris. Photo submitted

In My Opinion

Fire victims thank local communities

I'll be the first to admit that I'm not the most organized mom. I find it so funny when I surprise myself for being responsible. Every once in a while I am blindsided by a task I was supposed to complete and for a moment I panic... only to be pleasantly surprised by the responsible version of me who with proactive foresight took the necessary action. Almost 10 years ago, we were in the midst of our search for our first home. As we drove through potential neighborhoods, I remember being thankful for the change in weather and a sudden cold front since the AC didn't work in our car at the time. As we came across the Sagemont community, I recall being immediately encircled by the calm and serene suburb that captivated our hearts. We knew we were home.

As my husband and I sift through the charred memories and we clean the debris from our driveway, fellow neighbors randomly stop and offer their words of comfort. A Good Samaritan even left his fresh dry cleaned clothes for my husband. There is comfort in knowing that God always looks out for my family and our best interests. So while I would like to take credit for the times I've been responsible, I know that He directs our paths and is always watching over us.

The Martinez family would like to take a moment to thank the angels that He has placed in our path during this difficult time... Marie from the *South Belt Ellington Leader*, the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, the South Belt community, and YOU. Without you, Christmas would have not been possible for our 5-year-old son this year. We are forever in debt to your kindness.

Alejandra Martinez

Jose Ferrer writes on Hughes project

For "In My Opinion". Thanks so much for the great service you have been providing our community for many years. As a 43 years' resident in our community, I am very happy and grateful for the good job that is in progress with the Hughes re-construction. I have been traveling thru there several times every day and know how great it is to get the new road. No complaining is in order. I do not think they are behind schedule.

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

The Sagemont Civic Club had their first meeting of the new year Monday, Jan. 9. A movement called "Make South Belt Great Again" was discussed to promote the maintenance, beautification and welfare of the neighborhood. For more information on the meeting and the city ordinances that will be issued, visit the *Sagemont Civic Club* Facebook page.

The Sagemont Civic Club is scheduled to host a joint meeting with neighborhood civic clubs of the South Belt area and elected officials in March.

To become active and show representation and in-

put from all neighborhoods, contact Kay Barbour at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at 281-481-5516.

A Hispanic male with a gas can has been seen panhandling on the intersection of Hughes and Beltway 8 by the Kroger gas station. Other members have also seen him at the corner of Dixie Farm and I-45. For more information, a member of the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page has uploaded video footage and photographs of this man on the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page.

A member of the *South Belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page caught

Somebody simply made a big mistake in estimating the time needed to do the job, that is all. The pipes replacement has been the biggest problem and time consuming. I see it every day.

Be happy and congratulate all involved in the re-construction, especially the workers deep in the mud who are doing a wonderful job. Thanks,

Jose G Ferrer

Sam Weeke writes on parking vehicles

This is in response to Mr. Muecke's letter printed 12/22

To anyone complaining about parking tickets for blocking the sidewalk. Or those concerned with safety and clear access for emergency vehicles on the street, or those worried about items stolen from their parked car, the solution is easy... park in your garage.

Sam Weeke

Participants for D.C. trip being sought

What better way to celebrate our history than to visit our capitol, Washington, DC, during this Spring.

Reflect on the moving WW II Memorial, Capitol Hill, Embassy Row, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the unbelievable Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Smithsonian, the recently unveiled Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and so much more.

History is in the air, the experience is like no other. Hale Travel Group caters to seniors and we are traveling by luxurious motorcoach w/restroom on board to this great city. The time is perfect, spring, cherry blossoms, friendly faces and wonderful fellowship. We will enjoy two guided tours, including one at night when lights enhance the richness of the city. George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Garden is a must to visit and admission is included in this great trip. 14 meals, 6 breakfasts and 6 dinners, all of this and more for only \$825. We are taking deposits of \$75 for double occupancy to secure your seat. Final payment is Feb. 27.

Celebrate your country, it's your heritage and call for details and reservations. Come and join us for a historical adventure. Call Laura Hale 281-326-400 or Marilyn Roberts 713-947-2388 for more information.

Marilyn Roberts

Clear Creek ISD presents free Masterworks series choral concert

The Clear Creek Independent School District's Visual and Performing Arts Department announced another year of the Choral Masterworks Series. Students and staff at various CCISD schools will collaborate and present a very special evening.

The second annual performance of the Choral Masterworks concert will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive. The concert is free and open to the public.

"The Masterworks Series performance is one of our favorite events of the year," explained CCISD Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts Shara Appanaitis. "It is a truly collaborative learning experience for our students,

and they benefit so much from working with professionals in the music community."

The top choir students from Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake and Clear Springs high schools will join forces with the Clear Falls High School Orchestra to perform Vivaldi's Gloria.

Conducted by Dr. Paul Busselberg, the performance promises to be a concert that hits all the right notes. Busselberg holds a doctorate in music from Rice University. He has performed in the Houston area with ensembles such as the Houston Ballet Orchestra, Bach Society Choir, Mercury Baroque Ensemble, Ars Lyrica, Musiqia and Col Canto. Nationally, he has performed with the Santa Fe Opera, Flo-

rentine Opera, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Southwestern Michigan Symphony Orchestra, Rockford (Ill.) Bach Chamber Choir and Orchestra and the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. He is currently head of voice and choirs at San Jacinto College in Pasadena, Texas.

The Choral Masterworks concert will feature soloists Jade Blakey (Clear Lake High School assistant choir director), Stephanie Cramer (Clear Brook High School assistant choir director), Jill Fetty (Clear Falls High School choir director), Kym Reeves (Clear Springs High School assistant choir director), and Sean Stultz (Clear Creek High School assistant choir director).

Elected officials share their words

Council Member Dwight Boykins' End of the Year briefing

Welcome to the 2016 End of the Year edition of the Boykins briefing.

Throughout this newsletter, you will be able to see some of our major accomplishments from 2016 and how far we have come with some of our signature programs. We have worked closely with Mayor Turner on balancing the budget, a historic pension reform for the City of Houston and creating the Board of Directors for the Sunnyside

TIRZ #26. Also in 2016, we continued to repair homes (206) through my senior minor home repair fund, mowed over 100 weeded lots, and focused on improving the infrastructure throughout District D.

My continued service to the people of District D has been the greatest honor. I want to thank you for allowing me to continue to lead by example for this District. I have enjoyed working with all constituents within the

district - from Third Ward, Museum District, Sunnyside, Southpark, South Belt Ellington and all neighborhoods in between - to hear your concerns and share in your joys. We accomplished many things in 2016 and our future will be even brighter as we continue to move District D forward in 2017.

I hope everyone had a happy holiday and I wish you all a prosperous and Happy New Year!

Council Member Dave Martin's District E Newsletter

Another year has come and gone and as we welcome 2017, we look forward to the many exciting things taking place in Houston. As the Legislative Session begins we will be actively watching and participating in what takes place at the state level regarding pension reform; we are gearing up to host the most exciting game of the year, Super Bowl LI, taking place next month; and of course, will continue to pursue much needed infrastructure and flooding improvements to the council district.

The new year also brings

change in the District E office. My chief of staff, Lauren Laake, is leaving the office to move closer to family in the Dallas area. She has been with me since first being sworn into office and although we are sad to see her go, we wish nothing but the best for her and her family. Jessica Beemer will be assuming the role of Chief of Staff as of Jan. 4. Many of you know Jessica Beemer in our office already. Jessica has been working as the North Sector Manager since coming on board in 2014 and is intimately familiar with proj-

ects in the Kingwood area, and is hitting the ground running getting up to speed with the many projects and events happening in the southeast and Clear Lake areas of the district. I look forward to continuing to work with Jessica, introducing her to those who have not yet met her and having her lead the District E team.

I wish each of you a very Happy New Year and know 2017 has great things in store for the city and the council district. As always, please contact my office if we can assist you in any way. Thank you!

HCAD mails homestead confirmation

The Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) has mailed a confirmation postcard to all homeowners currently on file with a homestead exemption.

Homeowners should have received a postcard in their

mailbox verifying they have a homestead exemption on their property.

This is an annual mailing by HCAD to homeowners confirming their homeowner exemption is in place. An exemption excludes all or part

of a property from taxation, so homeowners with an exemption are eligible for the tax break that exemption provides.

Homeowners do not need to do anything if the type of homestead exemption listed on the postcard is correct. HCAD will automatically renew their homestead exemption unless the property owner informs HCAD differently.

Exemptions include Residence Homestead, Over-65, Disabled Person Exemptions and Disabled Veteran Exemptions. If the card is returned, HCAD will cancel the homestead exemption and send the owner a letter asking them to reapply if they believe they are still entitled to the exemption.

"We want to make it easy as possible for homeowners to get the exemptions they are entitled to," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser.

"If all the information on the card is correct, the homeowner does not have to do anything. However, if one of the homeowners has had a 65th birthday or become disabled, they may be eligible for one additional tax exemption, and if that's the case, they should contact our office.

Similarly, if they have sold the home or established a different primary residence, they need to contact us so we can cancel the exemption."

A change in ownership also includes the death of an owner or the transfer of ownership through divorce proceedings.

If either event has occurred during the year, the survivor or new owner should contact the appraisal district. Not reporting changes could mean substantial tax penalty liabilities later on.

Homeowners who have recently turned 65 or have qualified for disability under Social Security should also contact the appraisal district and apply for the additional exemption available to over-65 or totally disabled individuals.

LBE seeks kids books

The community is asked to donate new or gently used books for children ages 3 through 12 for students for Laura Bush Elementary. Books may be dropped off on before Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Chamber, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. or Laura Bush Elementary at 9100 Blackhawk Blvd.

The school is also seeking volunteers for a bingo book event to be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19.

The goal of the event is to get as many books as possible into the hands of students.

For more information, call the Chamber at 281-481-5516 for information.

Local library events set

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

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m. Movie Time for Adults. Feature presentation is *Bottle Shock*, rated PG-13.

Friday, Jan. 13, 4 p.m. Teen DIY & Movie. While viewing the movie *The Bourne Ultimatum*, rated PG-13, learn to make a RFID wallet and other spy devices.

Saturday, Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m. Rainwater Harvesting. Teresa See, Harris County master gardener, presents information about rainwater harvesting, showing how to make a rain barrel.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 5 p.m. Name That Book Read Aloud. Continuing with the Pasadena ISD Name That Book List, the book *Nightmares*, by Jason Segel, will be read.

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2:30 p.m. Internet security computer class.

Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on these programs, phone the library at 281-484-2036.

All Harris County public libraries are closed Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:

Thursday, Jan. 12, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Homework Help

Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, Jan. 14, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. English Learning

Saturday, Jan. 14, 12:30 p.m. Lego Playtime

Saturday, Jan. 14, 12:30 p.m. Citizenship Class

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 4 p.m. Homework Help

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, Jan. 18, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; and 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

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

Deaths

Loy Wayne Higgins



Former longtime South Belt resident, Loy Wayne Higgins, 79, of Pearland, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, in Alvin. He was preceded in death by his parents, Loy Raymond and Ruth Pitts Higgins; son Darren Lee Higgins; and brother Jerry Dale Higgins.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Palumbo Higgins; children Steve Higgins and wife Sheila, Cindy Iszard and husband Jon; grandchildren Zachary Iszard, Ashley and husband Darrin Snuggs, Ethan Iszard and Christopher Higgins; two great-grandchildren Skyler and Hadlie Snuggs; sister Patsy Tripure, brother Kenneth Higgins and wife Linda, brother Gayland Higgins and wife Kathy, sister Kathy Mills and husband Brad; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Loy lived a life of hard work and service to anyone that would need it. He was an Ironworker from Local #84 where he helped build and shape Houston's skyline of buildings and retired after 32 years.

In his younger years he played basketball with his church league, softball with a local men's league and bowled in a league for several years.

He wore many hats as a father, softball coach, little league coach for each son, Sagemont Little League board member and president for several years, and also a little league umpire.

Loy had a love for nature and the outdoors where he loved to hunt and fish.

He always had a vegetable garden in the spring and fall and tended the numerous fruit trees in his yard.

One of his favorite pastimes was to watch and feed the variety of birds that came to the yard.

His hobbies included creating stained glass, refinishing antique furniture and hunting for antique fishing lures. He loved to work jigsaw puzzles and watch any kind of sporting event.

Most importantly, Loy loved his family and took great pride in all of them. He was not only a wonderful husband, father and grandfather; but, also, a great friend. He will be sorely missed by all of them.

Loy loved to tell stories. The family urges friends to share a story or picture of him with them by sending emails to Cindy at grdnldy@sbcglobal.net or Steve at swayne618@yahoo.com.

The family received friends Sunday, Jan. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Southpark Funeral Home, 1310 North Main St., Pearland.

The funeral service was Monday at Friendswood United Methodist Church at 2351 and FM518.

Annie Jane Coronado



Former South Belt resident Annie Jane Coronado, 73, of Houston, died Jan. 10, 2017, after a two year battle with cancer. She was born in Sinton, Texas, on Sept. 4, 1943. She graduated from Milby High School.

She was married to Desi Coronado on July 29, 1967. Annie had a career at Southwestern Bell for 40 years. She had a passion for her faith, family, and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband; mother Genevieve Falcon; children Steve (Amy) Coronado of Boerne, Jason (Stephanie) Coronado of Humble and Dan (Jenny)

Coronado of League City; grandchildren Angela, Allison, Justin, Ryan, Mark, Drew and Luke Coronado; brother Leroy (Vickie) Candelaria and sister Yolanda Falcon; beloved nieces, nephews, and brothers- and sisters-in-law.

Annie was preceded in death by her father Leonard Candelaria and her brother Leonard Candelaria.

Family and friends were always welcomed and were served baked goodies in a warm and relaxing place. Annie loved the holidays, decorating and spreading cheer. Watching others brought a smile to her face. She would always put other people first even when she was not feeling well herself. Annie enjoyed watching her grandchildren play sports, taking them shopping, or just playing together. A memorial service will honor Annie at the Co-Cathedral Sacred Heart Catholic Church in downtown Houston, Friday Jan. 13, 2017, at 2 p.m.

Jerry Lynn Warnock



Jerry Lynn Warnock, 80, of Houston, died Jan. 2, 2017, following a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

The funeral service was held Jan. 9 at St. Luke's the Evangelist Catholic Church with a rosary recited by the Knights of Columbus, followed by Mass.

Family friend, Father Eli Lopez, of St. Cecilia Catholic Church officiated. Visitation was held prior to the Rosary. Burial followed at Forest Park East cemetery. Funeral arrangements were handled by Niday Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife Alice Warnock; daughter Lynnette Sinders; son Arthur Warnock and partner Hector Montoya; daughter Patsy Wilson and husband Todd; daughter Francesca Cash and husband Tom; as well as honorary family members Bridget Summerlin, Pete Ramirez and Irene Woods; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and multiple other family members.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Maxine; mother-in-law Antonia Lemus; sister Jean Josephina; and son Antonio "Tony" Warnock.

He was born in Independence, Kan., Dec. 29, 1936. Jerry was married to Alice "Alice" Lemus Aug. 29, 1961. They were married 55 years.

Jerry led an adventurous life that began at a young age in the carnival circuit followed by a career as a blackjack dealer at the Sands Casino and Hotel in Las Vegas. He served in the United States Air Force, then settled in Houston and became a welding inspector before retiring as a computer specialist in 1997.

He had a passion for cooking, enjoyed shooting pool, reading, computer games and fixing things around the house using everyday items (Jerry-rigged).

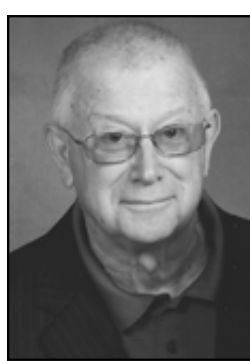
He was a longtime resident of the South Belt community, living in Sagemont and Highland Meadow for most of his adult life. He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus Council # 9201 through St. Luke's the Evangelist Catholic Church since 1989.

Jerry went on to earn his 4th degree ranking with the Knights of Columbus Pearland Council #2084 in 1991 and eventually became a lector as well. One of his many accomplishments was building a giant barbecue pit capable of cooking more than 70 briskets at one time for the Knights of Columbus in the early 2000's. This pit remains in use today by his fellow knight brothers for many community activities.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to St. Luke's the Evangelist Catholic Church: Building Fund. The family wishes to thank the case manager/nurse, Peggy Thomas, as well as many friends and neighbors that came to assist in Jerry's care during the last several months, especially Jan and Charles McDonald, Vicki

Cavazos, Catherine and Roy Waltz, Mario De Los Santos, Jean and Dennis Dusek, Rosario Wilson and the late Larry Wilson, Argelia Pinon, Dominic and Dottie Cantalamessa and the entire community at St. Luke's the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Larry Charles Wilson



Larry Charles Wilson was born Nov. 18, 1942, in Lawrence, Kansas to parents, Helen Frances Ellis Wilson Bossler and Charles Herbert Wilson. He battled Myelodysplastic syndrome for many years and was diagnosed with Leukemia. He died peacefully at Cornerstone Hospital on Jan. 4, 2017.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-father, John R. Bossler and brother, Martin Wilson. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Rosario Wilson; children Maricela Rocio Lopez and husband Richard and Clara Isabel Fontenot and husband Wesley; grandchildren Madeleine Aurora Esperanza Lopez, Lola Penelope Scarlett Lopez, Ender James Fontenot and Mina Susan Fontenot; brother, Jack Bossler and wife Marge; cousins, Pam Mack and Carolyn Wilson.

Larry attended Marquette School in Tulsa and graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1961. He received his B.A. from the University of Oklahoma in 1965. He served his country as a United States Air Force Sergeant from 1965 to 1969. Then from 1969-1970 he served as an assistant field director at Lackland Air Force Base. He married Rosario Rodriguez in 1970 and they began a life in Houston. He continued his education at the University of Houston and earned his M.A. in history in 1974.

He taught at Clear Lake High School, Beverly Hills Intermediate and San Jac College, spanning nearly four decades as an educator - from 1973 to 2010. He published a book in 1997 titled *American Film and the Feminine Ideal: 1895 - 1930*.

Larry had a great love for reading and easily instilled that joy in his children and grandchildren by example. It was nearly impossible to see Larry and not see a book somewhere nearby.

He also was passionate about theater and was involved in productions in high school and while stationed at Kincheloe Air Force Base in Michigan.

Larry was a science fiction fan and thoroughly enjoyed seeing new movies with his children and grandchildren. He had a wonderful appreciation for art and supported his Rosario's art career in every way he could. He was very proud to learn that she was honored as a featured artist for the Galveston Art Gallery before he passed away. A true life-learner, Larry took online courses continuously after retirement and critiqued them upon completion.

Friends knew an outspoken, highly intelligent, confident and caring man with a sarcastic wit and a penchant for conversation. Family knew all of those things and a man that would always put others ahead of the crowd when they needed assistance. Whether it was to seek advice, monetary support, transportation, etc. He was a dedicated and loving family man and he will be greatly missed.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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.

Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance set

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance is Jan., 21, at 7 to 10 p.m. at VFW Lodge at 5204 Highway 3, Dickinson, Post # 6378. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for non-members. For more info call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

Business Review

Peña's Donuts is back



Peña's sons Ryan and RJ with mom and dad, Debbie and Ray have opened Peña's Donuts & Diner on Pearland Parkway. The Peña family first went into the donut business in the area in 1980 with Shipley's on Fuqua. Their new location also has a diner.

Raymond and Debbie Peña started in the doughnut business as teenagers when they worked for Ray's mother, Josephine Peña, at her local doughnut shop where Ray was frying doughnuts and Debbie was a cashier. Josephine Peña was the first woman franchisee for Shipley Donuts in 1980.

During those years, Raymond knew he wanted to own his own restaurant one day. "I love serving the community. My wife Debbie Dawson Peña and I both graduated from Dobie High School."

Ray was a Houston fire fighter for 20 years and spent most of his career at station 70 on Beamer Road. Ray and Debbie opened their first Donut shop in 1996 Donut Heaven in the southeast area of Houston.

He then sold the donut shop in 2002. After opening

and selling several locations, the Peña's opened their newest location on Shadow Creek Parkway in Pearland in 2010. Ray and Debbie enjoy having a business in Pearland because this is where they raised their two sons, Ryan and R.J., and have been a part of the community for more than 30 years.

Ray's siblings are very supportive. Josie Peña the oldest sibling to Ray is still actively involved in the business at the Shadow Creek location.

Ryan, who has joined in the operations of the business with the opening of the Shadow Creek location also lives in Pearland and is excited about the prospects of growing the business in Pearland and the greater Houston area.

The unique combination of doughnuts and grilled breakfast and lunch items has made Peña's a customer fa-

vorite for more than 14 years.

The newest concept is Peña's Donuts & Diner located on Pearland Parkway. Ryan, Raymond and Debbie's oldest son will be GM and continue the Peña's legacy in this industry. Ryan has created an exciting menu of familiar foods pushed to a new level with daring preparations and imaginative ingredients. The menu includes chicken and waffles, eggs benedict, brisket street tacos and much more. Also being served are mimosas, micheladas, beer-mosas and 8th Wonder Brewery beer.

Diners will find the same combination of classic recipes

Lifelong goals accomplished, friendships celebrated at San Jac's commencement

When Anthony Ross decided to attend college following six years of service in the U.S. Army, he chose San Jacinto College and accomplished the one goal he "always wanted to achieve" at the fall 2016 San Jacinto College commencement at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

"Getting my degree is something I've always wanted because it's not easy; it means a lot of late nights and studying," said Ross, who earned his associate degree in business alongside 116 fellow veterans who also earned their associate degrees and certificates. "I came to San Jacinto College because of its reputation among the veteran community, smaller classes, and everyone is always willing to help you."

Gina Luna, CEO of Luna Strategies, served as commencement speaker and left some parting words of advice to the approximate 900 students who participated in the commencement ceremony.

"Our city is growing and becoming a more powerful force on the international stage," said Luna. "The returns to you and your community will be remarkable. Always do your best work, and understand the context of your assignments. Your ability to work well with others is paramount. You're always setting the example for those around you. Never compromise your principles and values, and keep taking risks."

For LaRyan Lewis, Iesha Horn and Katerra Knight, time at San Jacinto College not only resulted in their associate degrees in paralegal but also lasting friendships. The three friends are members of the paralegal honor society and plan to transfer to four-year universities. Horn is already employed at Stratost Legal.

"I actually chose San Jacinto College because I heard very good things about the college," said Lewis. "When I found out that they had a paralegal program that was awesome. This was my return back to school after a long time, and San Jacinto College was the best fit for me."

Dr. Rachel Garcia, physical sciences department chair, led the procession as the 2016 Minnie Stevens Piper nominee.

At this semester's commencement, the youngest graduate was 17 years old, and the oldest was 68.

Since 2007, the College has increased the number of certificates and degrees awarded by 161.7 percent, and is ranked 15th in the nation by "Community College Week" for awarding associate degrees. For a photo gallery of the fall 2016 commencement at Minute Maid Park, visit <https://file.krc.s/hskNWVW2q>.

For more information about San Jacinto College call 281-998-6150, visit sanjac.edu or join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter.



LaRyan Lewis, Iesha Horn and Katerra Knight met during their time studying paralegal at San Jacinto College and graduated together at the fall 2016 commencement at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

Photos by Jeannie Peng Mansyur



Anthony Ross attended San Jacinto College after serving six years in the U.S. Army. He received his associate degree in business at the college's fall 2016 commencement at Minute Maid Park.

Congrats sent to District D's new Chief of Staff Johnson

Shavonda Johnson has been named the new Chief of Staff for the office of City Councilman Dwight Boykins.

Shavonda attended Texas A&M University, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Economics.

She also has a Master of Public Service and Administration degree from the Bush School of Government and Public Service.

"She's been with the City for more than eight years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new position. She understands the policy and procurement process and can continue to help advance the issues and services the constituents of District D needs. I am pleased she accepted the position and look forward to her continued dedication to moving our District forward. I am proud to have her leading my team and I trust she will take the team to the next level," said Boykins.

"I want to thank our outgoing Chief of Staff, Jessica Kemp, for three years of outstanding service with District D. Jessica led in laying the foundation for many of our office initiatives and programs and brought both policy and legal knowledge to the position. She is now moving on to take on a new position. We will miss her and we wish her well in her future endeavors. Please join me in congratulating Shavonda on her new, well deserved position," said Boykins.

Houston Texans' J.J. Watt visits Pasadena ISD schools

Christmas came early for Pasadena Independent School District's Queens and South Houston Intermediate Schools as J.J. Watt paid a surprise visit to student athletes.

A sea of uniforms, donated by the Justin J. Watt Foundation, filled both gyms as the Houston Texans defensive end spoke to students about the importance of having supportive friends.

"There's all sorts of different obstacles in this world...they all impact us in different ways," Watt said. "The most important [thing] is to surround yourself with people who can lift you up in tough times."

Watt talked about a personal hardship that he is dealing with today.

"I just went through three [hardships] this year - two back surgeries, things that made me wonder, 'Will I be able to function again? Will I be able to walk, bend over, touch my toes? I had positive people in my life that told me to keep my spirits up.'"

Queens and South Houston are among several campuses in the district that have benefited from nearly \$150,000 in sports equipment and uniforms for the Pasadena ISD intermediate school athletic programs during the past two years.



Shown are, left to right, Ivory Graciano, J.J. Watt, Emma Gonzalez, Elizabeth Gonzalez and Esmeralda Bravo. Photo by Reesha Brown

Moore Elementary spelling bee winners named

The Moore Spelling Bee champion is third-grader Jaslynn Chavez, runner up is third-grader Kevin Chau. Jaslynn will represent Moore at the Pasadena ISD Spelling Bee.

Shown are, left to right, Kevin Chau (runner-up), Jaslynn Chavez (champion) and fourth-grade teacher and spelling bee sponsor Leah Laredo.

Photos by Angelica Moreno-Perez



Spelling bee participants pictured are, left to right, (front row) Kevin Chau, Jaslynn Chavez, fourth-grade teacher and spelling bee sponsor Leah Laredo, (second row) Austin Silva, Dominic Moya, Jordi Zamudio, Javion Galindo, Angela Peña, (third row) Angel Gonzales, Tripp Harris, Paris Cervantes, Mia Gutierrez, (back row) Anthony Nguyen, Vivian Tran, Emmaly Gutierrez, Amanda Fernandez, Luke Riley, Khnum Amos, Tariq Riley, Zain Khan and Isaac Penado.

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crashed during takeoff at Pearland Regional Airport. Jared Baxter Ryan, 36, was pronounced dead at the scene. Ryan had reportedly just purchased the Wittman Tailwind aircraft, and this marked the first time he had flown it alone.

Nov. 3
The San Jacinto College Board of Trustees unanimously voted to phase out much of the school's athletic programs, citing a need to concentrate spending on academics. Affected programs included men's and women's basketball, men's soccer and women's volleyball. The school is keeping two sports - baseball on its north campus and softball on its south campus.

The J. Frank Dobie homecoming king and queen were announced at the Longhorns game Friday, Oct. 28. Breon Simmons was crowned king, and Ni Truong was crowned queen. The Longhorns handily defeated the Pasadena Eagles in the game, winning 49-7.

Nov. 10
Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz easily defeated Republican challenger Daniel Vela Tuesday, Nov. 8, taking home 65 percent of the vote.

This marked the second time Diaz defeated Vela for the position.

A suspect was arrested after allegedly groping multiple women at area stores. Christopher Mathews, 32, was charged with attempted sexual assault and possession of a controlled substance, as he also had Kush on him at the time of his arrest. Mathews was also accused of incidents that took place at Sam's Club on El Dorado, Exxon on Bay Area Boulevard, as well as incidents in Kemah, Texas City and Harris County Precinct 8.

Nov. 17
A U.S. Navy veteran was killed in a car crash on Veterans Day Friday, Nov. 11, in the 12500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua.

Adrian Herrera was wearing his Navy uniform in honor of the holiday at the time of the accident.

According to police, Herrera, 31, was traveling south on the frontage road in a blue Honda Civic

when he attempted to enter the freeway at a high rate of speed.

Herrera then lost control of his vehicle and struck a concrete pillar. Herrera was pronounced dead at the scene. No other vehicles or individuals were involved in this incident.

A man was killed in a fatal car crash Saturday, Nov. 12, at the intersection of Beamer and Rex near FM 2351.

Stephen Mason Montgomery Jr. was pronounced dead at the scene. Montgomery, 22, was a backseat passenger in a car driven by Joshua Parsons, who reportedly lost control of the vehicle at the intersection while driving at a high rate of speed.

A sobriety test determined Parsons, 22, was intoxicated at the time of the crash.

He was subsequently charged with intoxication manslaughter.

Nov. 24
The Pasadena Independent School District officially dedicated the new Nelda R. Sullivan Middle School in honor of the campus's namesake at a ceremony held at the area school.

A retired businesswoman and longtime community volunteer, Sullivan has served on the PISD board of trustees for 23 years and currently serves as its president.

The new campus is located on the site that once housed Queens Intermediate, where Sullivan's three children attended school.

Dec. 1
An attempted robbery at the Wendy's in the 10200 block of Alameda Genoa near the Gulf Freeway Monday, Nov. 28, escalated into a SWAT standoff that sent two Houston police officers to the hospital - neither at the hand of the suspect.

One officer was injured when another officer's weapon accidentally discharged, and the gunfire reportedly frightened a K-9 unit, leading it to attack another officer.

The two officers were taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital to be treated for minor injuries.

The suspect, Brandon Ortiz, 22, was eventually apprehended without incident and charged with aggravated robbery with a

deadly weapon.

Dec. 8

Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital celebrated the 30th anniversary of its Astoria location. The facility was originally constructed to accommodate expansion of the Memorial Hospital Southeast

branch located at 7655 Bellfort, which opened its doors in 1963.

Michael Van Essen was named principal of the new Dobie Ninth Grade Campus (effective January 2017). Van Essen had previously served as assistant principal at Dobie for nine

years.

Dec. 15

The Pasadena Independent School District's Athletics Department took a blow when both its athletic director and assistant athletic director unexpectedly resigned from their posts to work for other

school districts.

Athletic Director Rodney Chant left to take over as AD for the Fort Bend Independent School District, while Assistant Athletic Director Jana Williams accepted a similar position with the Humble Independent School District.

Meador's chocolate sellers invited to BMX show

Meador Elementary students who sold two or more boxes of chocolate during the World's Finest Chocolate School Fundraiser were invited to attend a BMX show full of exciting bike and skating stunts. Top sellers received an autographed poster and VIP seating. The top two sellers also received an autographed helmet.

Photos by Tara Merita

Pictured at right: Stuntman Jaren Grob jumps over Matthew Dunn, Assistant Principal Amy Clowers, Principal Beverly Bolton and William Dunn.



Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Matthew Dunn, William Dunn, Manuel Gonzalez, Juan Flores, (middle row) Alexa Martinez, Kalani Johnson, Arlett Guzman, Principal Beverly Bolton, (back row) Jaren Grob, John Shaw and Jack Fahy from Lonestar Action Sports.

AARP 199 meets Jan. 20

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a potluck lunch.

On Friday, Jan. 20, Al Bennett, Houston Fire Department Community Liaison in Public Affairs, will speak on fire safety in homes. The Jan. 20 meeting is a potluck lunch. Members and visitors are asked to bring a dish to share.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Wednesday, Jan. 25, to the Dickinson National Weather Service Office. Lunch during the day trip will be at Willie's Grill and Icehouse. Following lunch, the group will visit the Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum.

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

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

Ballroom dance classes set

The public is welcome to attend ballroom dance practices every Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Pkwy. in League City. Recorded music is played by Neva Schroder. All rhythms played at any ballroom dance are played at this practice dance. It's casual, comfortable and on a floating hardwood floor. Teachers are available to assist or to teach a new move; or practice independently without interruption. For more information, call Schroder at 417-838-2204.

The Hump Day Dance is free itself, but League City requires nonresidents to purchase an activity card or a day pass. The park office can answer questions regarding an activity card at 281-554-1180.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

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the importance of a quality education. Jabbarly held these values dear and used them to pursue opportunities for a better life in America.

Land of Opportunity

Jabbarly was determined to make his father proud. He worked two jobs as a bus boy and valet to pay for school and continued working through college. Five years after moving to the U.S., he attended Texas Southern University. In 1995, he graduated from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston and obtained a dental license two years later.

Jabbarly's dream of becoming a dentist came true in 1997, when he bought ABC Dental in Cleveland, Texas. His reputation for meeting the needs of patients helped the business flourish, and now serves families at several

offices in the Houston area.

Recognizing a need for increased access to dental services, Jabbarly transferred ABC's corporate office to Pasadena, and built two new dental clinics on Strawberry Road. As a result, the Pasadena offices have helped create jobs and generate taxes for the city.

For these reasons, the cities of Houston, Pasadena, Cleveland and Rosenberg have recognized ABC Dental with proclamations and certificates of appreciation.

Giving Back

For Jabbarly, helping people is at the forefront of being a dentist.

Since he first aligned with the Pasadena community and its school district in 2004, Jabbarly has made a positive impact in the lives of many.

He has worked continu-

ously with PISD's Special Programs Department to provide complimentary access to dental care, scholarships, school supplies and wellness resources for students in the area.

"As long as I can remember, my father would say, 'We may not have money to eat, but I will make sure you have your books, notebooks and your pens,'" he said.

He reflected on one of his most meaningful projects, entitled, "Smiles on Wheels." The program was held annually in December and provided thousands of Pasadena ISD students in need with bicycles over the course of a few years.

"On the day of the giveaway, I was crying inside all day because every child looked like that was the first gift they had ever received," Jabbarly said.

This was a familiar feeling for Jabbarly. It reminded him of the first bike he received as a teenager in Iran.

"I still remember how good it felt when I received my bike," Jabbarly said. "I used to sleep next to the bike

because I didn't want anyone to touch it. In the morning, I would make sure I cleaned it. My oldest brother gave it to me. I wanted these students to have that same feeling."

ABC Dental is a Major Sponsor for Pasadena ISD Education Foundation fundraisers.

Through the business, he continuously gives at the top level as a Major Sponsor for the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament and hosts tables for the district's Shining Stars Gala as a Platinum Sponsor.

"It goes back to who I was and how I was raised," Jabbarly said.

"Even though we did not have any money, my parents still raised us to believe that money is not what makes you happy."

"If you do the right thing, respect people, that's what is important. If your body is healthy and your mind is at peace, you have pretty much everything you need."

The modest and humble dentist is honored to be named Pasadena ISD's Distinguished Citizen of the

Year.

"It always makes me happy to give to people," Jabbarly

said. "I don't ever expect anything in return. I just want my father to be happy with

me, my mind to be at peace

and to touch as many lives as I can."

Dr. Jabbarly honored as Pasadena ISD Distinguished Citizen of the Year



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40 years ago (1977)

Four hundred and ninety students from the Scarsdale and Woodmeadow areas anxiously awaited the day that they could begin classes at their own school - Burnett Elementary.

School board candidates appeared together at the PTA meeting at Pasadena High School to answer questions about artificial turf, open concept schools and the trimester.

30 years ago (1987)

Officer Gary Brown, a Kirkmont resident, was rewarded for his extraordinary valor by being named an Officer of the Year by the 100 Club of Houston, Inc.

The South Belt Security

Alliance made an agreement for Clay Development, owner of Sagemont Shopping Center, to use office space at the center for a nominal fee.

25 years ago (1992)

Carmen Orozco was elected president of the Pasadena School Board.

Phyoc Ba Nguyen, 19, and Kerry Deal, 20, were charged with aggravated robbery. The two men and a juvenile entered the home of Le Duc Nguyen on Sagepark as he counted the day's receipts from his Market Fish Grocery.

The men knocked down the victim's wife as she opened the door to take out the trash. Nguyen then fired a gun at the assailants, who returned fire. Le Duc Nguyen suffered two gun shot wounds to the head and died at the scene. One of the suspects, Phuoc Ba Nguyen, was shot, but managed to flee on foot. The suspects stole an undisclosed amount of money.

Highland Meadow resident Miriam Willis appeared before Harris County Commissioner and charged two men in Precinct 2 Constable's Gary Freeman's office with sexual harassment. Willis said she was fired for not disclosing to Freeman's office the information she had given to the district attorney's office during an investigation of wrongdoing inside the department.

County Commissioners approved \$600,000 to purchase books for the proposed Parker Williams Library on Scarsdale at Beamer.

20 years ago (1997)

South Belt residents Kuo Lee, 82, and Billie Lee, 43, were killed when their car struck a concrete freeway support on the Gulf Freeway as they were exiting southbound at Scarsdale Boulevard.

Four inches of rain fell in a 2 1/2 hour span flood-

15 years ago (2002)

Incoming South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce President Jannis Lowery pledged to lead the chamber in continuing to make a good community even better.

After waiting a year for her second heart transplant and spending more than a month in intensive care, Lindsay Simpson finally received a new heart.

The Amezcua family was awakened by a car crashing through the back wall of their home in the 12000 block of Binghampton. Police believe the driver, Johnny Galvan, 38, suffered a seizure while driving on Astoria Blvd.

10 years ago (2007)

Army National Guard Maj. Derrek Hryhorchuk returned home for a visit following a one-year tour of duty in Iraq.

Dobie High School's head football coach and campus athletic director Tommy Kaiser left the school after a three-year stay to become head coach and campus athletic director at Tomball High School.

City of Houston construction at the intersection of Scarsdale and the Gulf Freeway was responsible for a broken water main. The incident occurred at a time the area was already receiving heavy rainfall.

5 years ago (2012)

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that interim redistricting maps drawn by a federal three-judge panel in San Antonio may not be used for the 2012 elections. The high court unanimously ordered the panel to redraw the temporary maps based on the ones originally drafted by the state's GOP-led Legislature. The justices, however, gave the San Antonio judges the authority to draw new boundaries in areas where there is a

1 year ago (2016)

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Lewis. Originally from Ropesville, near Lubbock, Lewis received his bachelor's in advertising/public relations from Texas Tech in 1976. Following this, he attended the University of Houston-Clear Lake, where he received a master's in education futures in 1983. Lewis went on to earn a doctorate in educational leadership from Lamar University in March 2008. Lewis began at PISD in 1986 as administrative assistant to the superintendent, responsible for communications and policy development. He was promoted to executive director for communications and community relations in 1995 and to deputy superintendent for administration, public relations and governmental affairs in 2001, before being promoted to superintendent in April 2006.

Friendswood police arrested four people at a house in the 11000 block of Sageview, following an investigation into the sale of illegal narcotics in and around the Friendswood area. Layton Jamal Coulter, 23, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1. Tia Amelia Stone, 19, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1. Seamus Bernard Lamb, 22, was charged with possession of marijuana.

Three Dobie High School students were selected to the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles during auditions held at Lamar University. Chase Morris on Bb clarinet, April Henderson on trumpet and Edwardo Rios on violin were set to represent Dobie and the Pasadena Independent School District at the Texas Music Educators Convention in San Antonio the following month.

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Friendswood police arrested four people at a house in the 11000 block of Sageview, following an investigation into the sale of illegal narcotics in and around the Friendswood area. Layton Jamal Coulter, 23, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1. Tia Amelia Stone, 19, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1. Seamus Bernard Lamb, 22, was charged with possession of marijuana.

Three Dobie High School students were selected to the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles during auditions held at Lamar University. Chase Morris on Bb clarinet, April Henderson on trumpet and Edwardo Rios on violin were set to represent Dobie and the Pasadena Independent School District at the Texas Music Educators Convention in San Antonio the following month.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KRISTEN!

Kristen Giles celebrates her 17th birthday Jan. 13. Her parents, Tracy and Jim Giles, grandparents Bobby and Ken Griffin, and brothers Aaron and Cody, wish her a wonderful birthday. Kristen is a junior at Dobie.

CARL VALIGURA MARKS A BIRTHDAY

Carl Valigura enjoys a birthday Friday, Jan. 13. His wife, Frances, four children, 13 grandchildren, great-granddaughters and friends at the Leader wish him well on his special day. Carl is well-known to merchants in the area where he has delivered the Leader for many years.

DR. JOHN MORGAN CELEBRATES

Happy birthday wishes are sent to Dr. John Morgan ("Brother John"), senior pastor of Sagemont Church, who enjoys a birthday Jan. 14, from friends and the South Belt Leader staff.

UMANG MAKES THE DEAN'S LIST

Congratulations go to Umang Dhaubhadel, named on the 2016 fall semester dean's list at St. Cloud University in Minn., whose major is biology in the College of Science and Engineering.

CONGRATS TO BAND STUDENTS

Congratulations to four Clear Brook students Jessica Hawkins (piccolo), Alyssa Estrella (clarinet), Sarah Bertram (clarinet) and Jeff Wilson (trombone) who performed well and competed at area auditions. Double congratulations go to Estrella, who finished first in the area, advancing to state level, and will represent Clear Brook at the annual Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Clinic and Concert in San Antonio in February.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 12 through Jan. 18.

Burnett Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Jan. 13 to Jenny Gonzales. Light the birthday candles on a double-layer cake Jan. 14 for Jocelyn Chavez and Nichelle Sherman.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles on a cake for Jacqueline Breed and Esmeralda Guerra.

Frazier Elementary
Cecilia Ramirez enjoys a birthday Jan. 15.

Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for Melissa Hinojosa is Jan. 16.

South Belt Elementary
Birthday greetings are sent to Melinda Woods Jan. 17.

Stuchbery Elementary
Alma Hernandez is wished a happy birthday Jan. 13. Sing a chorus of a birthday song Jan. 15 to Perla Martinez.

Melillo Middle School
Eida Rivas celebrates a birthday Jan. 15.

Roberts Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song Jan. 12 to Jennifer Saucedo. The day for a celebration for Debbie McKelvey is Jan. 14.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Martha Garcia enjoys a birthday Jan. 12. Send a birthday greeting Jan. 14 to Glenda Hardy. Remember Irene Flores on Jan. 16 with

a special birthday wish. Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake for Al Bates and Travis Regner on Jan. 18.

Thompson Intermediate
Jan. 15 is the day for a birthday cake for Melinda Harrison.

Dobie High
Voy Wenzel enjoys a birthday Jan. 12. Send a birthday greeting Jan. 13 to Audrena Soto. Light the birthday candles Jan. 14 for Chrystal Limon and Constance Ramos. Sharing a birthday Jan. 16 are Anthony Evans, Jessie George and Dana Tarter. A birthday is enjoyed by Deborah Scheffer Jan. 17. Celebrate with a cake for Remi Yusue on Jan. 18.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

The Leader sends birthday wishes to Facebook friends enjoying a birthday this week:

Thursday, Jan. 12: Rosalind Vela, Troy Vessel, Jose Pena and Tammy Overstreet; Friday, Jan. 13: Scott Langefeld, Claire Mules, Gregden Martin, Joseph Farrias and Shane Poynter; Saturday, Jan. 14: Tracy Oliver, Laurie Lynn, Tiffany Defreitas and Louis Casas; Sunday, Jan. 15: Denise Montano, Patrick Lesley, Heather White and Cody Fountain; Monday, Jan. 16: Rachel Perez, Heidi Ferguson, Troy Merkai, Samesia Bass-Hamlett, Dana Willis and Lisa Pennington; Tuesday, Jan. 17: Scott Greene, Tiffany Juarez, Donald Adams, Jodie Lawson and Kevin Jasso; and Wednesday, Jan. 18: Charlie Boldt, Theria Malone, Lynn Carnes, Dwight Baker and Theresa Touchette.

Israeli folk dancing Jan.-Feb.

Israeli folk dances - a very fun way to exercise - are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Remaining January dates are Jan. 16, 23 and 30. February dates are Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

The cost, \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members, and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers, will cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if one hasn't attended before.

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

The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at shaar.hashalom.email@gmail.com.

Care Partners meet Jan. 20

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Alameda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church on Friday, Jan. 10. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

Master Gardener events set

Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 will host the following activities in January and February which are open to the public and free of charge:

Vermiculture, Composting Worms Jan. 12
Thursday, Jan. 12 - Harris County Master Gardeners Precinct 2 Lecture Series will feature Charlene Perry of Diggitt Organics, who will present the program Vermiculture, Composting Worms from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden Educational Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Houston.

Open Garden Day Jan. 16
Monday, Jan. 16 - Open Garden Day with Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Houston.

Master Gardeners will also be available to answer any gardening questions. Plants will be for sale in the Greenhouse.

Fruit tree, tomato sale Feb. 18
Save the date: On Feb. 18, Harris County Master Gardeners will hold its fruit tree and tomato sale in Campbell Hall at the Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena.

For more information on these or other HCGMA events, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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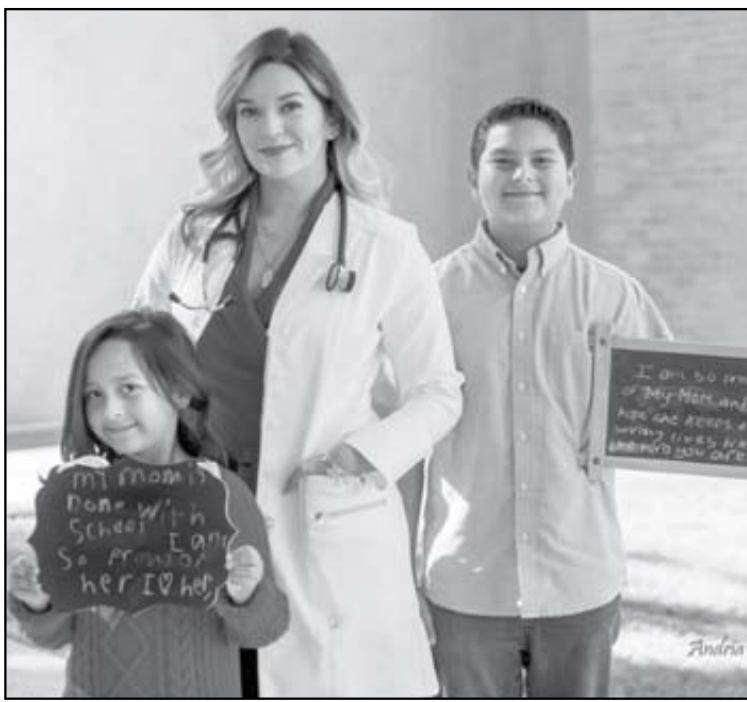
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REPLACEMENT & STORM WINDOWS

Sanchez-Linares earns master's



Lilia Sanchez-Linares recently earned a master's degree in nursing from the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Texas Medical Branch. She passed her Nurse Practitioner boards on Dec. 14, 2016. She attended Moore Elementary, Meador Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate and she graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in 2004. She earned an associates degree in nursing from San Jacinto College in 2008, and a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Texas Medical Branch in 2012. Sanchez-Linares is married with two children and continues to reside in the South Belt area. She plans to work in an emergency room as a nurse practitioner.

Apollo 7 astronaut discusses mission's historical significance

Former astronaut and retired Marine Corps Col. Walter Cunningham is the first to say that the Apollo 7 mission is one that history may have forgotten. He included that in a public discussion at the University of Houston-Clear Lake Thursday, Jan. 5, as part of the university's Clear Lake Association of Senior Programs *Visions in Our Midst* Distinguished Speaker Series.

"One of the things I've noticed is how the historic Apollo program is remembered today. Apollo 7 and Apollo 9 are rarely thought of, probably because we never left Earth orbit," Cunningham said. Apollo 7 was significant

in several ways, he pointed out. It was America's first three-man space crew. More importantly, he said, it was the test flight of an improved spacecraft that corrected most of the system and design flaws in the earlier version – the version in which three of his astronaut friends died in a flash fire during a countdown test of Apollo 1 in January 1967. "A couple of weeks after that tragedy we moved from backup crew to prime crew and we knew we were going to fly."

Apollo 7 also provided the first live television from space, for which the crew was awarded an Emmy.

"Today, Apollo 7 is still the longest, most ambitious and most successful first test flight of any new flying machine," Cunningham said.

It enabled a lunar landing before the end of the decade – the goal set by President

John F. Kennedy in 1962 – which enabled the United States to win the space race.

Moreover, Apollo 7 helped heal the public's grief over the Apollo 1 tragedy by reminding our nation that we still had those willing to risk everything to accomplish objectives in which they believed, Cunningham said.

He was a physicist working at the RAND Corp. and flying with the Marine Corps Reserve when he became one of 14 chosen for the "third group" of astronauts. "Basically, I was a Marine Corps fighter pilot," said Cunningham, who flew 54 missions in Korea at the end of the war. "No matter what people like to think about being an astronaut, being a Marine Corps fighter pilot was what shaped my life."

He credits his experience in Korea for forging his personal beliefs and profes-

Register for spring semester

Registration is open for the spring 2017 semester at San Jacinto College. Traditional spring classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 17. Weekend College courses begin Friday, Feb. 3.

Payment deadline is Thursday, Jan. 5. Registration remains open for the spring 2017 semester after the payment deadline, but all financial obligations incurred after the payment deadline not covered by financial aid, installment payment plan, third party agreement or scholarship, must be paid on the day of registration. Students may register and pay in full up to the start of class.

"Our educational planners and financial aid advisors are here to help new and current students navigate the enrollment and registration process," said Joanna Zimmermann, associate vice chancellor, student services. "We understand that not everyone who comes to San Jacinto College knows the educational pathway they want to follow. Our

staff is knowledgeable and has the resources available to help students find their passion."

Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid if they have not already done so. Students should begin the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). There is no fee to apply, and assistance is available by contacting a San Jacinto College financial aid representative. More financial aid information is available online at sanjac.edu/financial-aid. The San Jacinto College FAFSA Code is 003609.

San Jac can assist students in choosing a career path; selecting an area of study; and the application, enrollment and registration processes. Educational planners are available on all San Jacinto College campuses to help students select courses that will easily transfer to a four-year college or university, or get them the skills they need to enter the workforce upon

graduation.

Students who are looking for an alternative to attending classes during the workweek should consider Weekend College or online courses. San Jacinto College offers a wide variety of weekend classes that are taught Friday through Sunday in various academic and technical programs. These courses provide another option for students who work during the week or cannot take classes in the traditional Monday through Friday format. Students who take weekend classes via the Weekend College program, a prescribed pathway, can complete an associate of arts degree and transfer to the university of their choice within two years. Online classes are available for some basic courses, offering full credit and transferability. For more information, visit the San Jacinto College online learning website.

To apply to San Jacinto College, visit sanjac.edu or apply.

Students find fault in STAAR

For three students in Carey Johnson's English II Leadership class, coming up with a policy issue they wanted to address, that equally mattered to all three of them, was difficult at first. It was difficult because

when it comes to politics and philosophy, Elena Michnovicz, Bailey Buchanan and Elissa Chotas could not be more different. They found, however, that one thing they were universally opposed to was the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, test.

The project required the girls to exhaustively research this policy using a variety of credible sources, to create a research-based solution to the policy issue, to create a powerful presentation outlining their research and solution, and to present their findings to a panel of professionals.

The result of all this hard work was a presentation titled, "The Fault in Our STAAR." The three Clear Brook High School students shared everything they had learned during a recent meeting of the Bay Area Schools Consortium.

The consortium is composed of 10 districts in Galveston and Harris counties with more than 140,000 students.

The districts included in the consortium are: Clear Creek, Dickinson, Friendswood, Galveston, Hitchcock, La Porte, Pasadena, Santa Fe and Texas City.

At this most recent meeting Dec. 5, the Bay Area Schools Consortium outlined its top 10 challenges and concerns to state representatives for the upcoming legislative session.

"The students also made it their goal to find a worthy test – a test based on the actual mastery of skill and not simply comprehension," Chotas said.

The girls argue that there has to be a better way to assess student progress without infringing on the unique learning opportunities a student can have. "It places unnecessary stress on students," Buchanan said.

Through their research, the students also believe the STAAR test does not measure what it was intended to measure.

"The reading sections are supposed to measure comprehension of passages," Buchanan said. "But really it is just a game of trying to guess the answers from clues."

"On last year's STAAR test, ninth-grade students were asked to write about what a true friend is. That's a topic that's way below level," Buchanan said.

Their research also revealed two assessments that the girls believe would serve both students and teachers

better. One is the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the other is the PISA Financial Literacy Test.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas.

"It has straightforward questions, measures comprehension and is developmentally appropriate," Chotas said. "It's also a significantly shorter test compared to STAAR and measures a student's year-long improvement. The PISA Financial Literacy Assessment focuses on real world application."

"We failed it miserably," Buchanan said. "This test can be used to gauge how well students master knowledge of important life skills."

"From this, I learned how to read bills and taxes," Michnovicz said. "If STAAR was designed to measure mastery of skill, it failed us."

The students agreed if one student isn't benefiting from this type of assessment, that's one too many.

"We don't learn or grow from STAAR," Buchanan said. "Why don't we have a test that allows us to learn and grow?"

Since presenting their project to a panel of local professionals and the Bay Area Schools Consortium, the girls have been asked to meet with Sen. Larry Taylor, now for a second time.

"They are incredibly committed to changing testing in Texas," said Carey Johnson, the students' teacher. "Through this project, they have become very knowledgeable about the state of testing in Texas."

Paredes, Smalls marry



Cynthia Paredes and Alexander Smalls were married Oct. 28, 2016, in a double-ring ceremony in Katy, Texas, with a reception following at Ashton Gardens West. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Javier Paredes. The bride is the daughter of Javier and Esmeralda Paredes of Riverstone Ranch. She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Houston-Main Campus. She is a longtime South Belt area resident, having attended Atkinson Elementary, Beverly Hills Intermediate and graduating from Dobie High School in 2007. The groom is the son of Jesse Smalls and Maria Camacho of Cinco Ranch. He earned a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Oklahoma. Maid of honor was Marisela Cruz, and bridesmaids were Jeanette Garcia, Vanessa Loya, Ivana Pourteau and Blanca Vargas. Best man was Zach Smalls, and the groomsmen were Maury Smalls, Jon Hairrell, Gabriel Ruscalleda and Hunter Waters. After a honeymoon at the Royalton Riviera Cancun, Resort and Spa, the couple resides in the South Belt area.

Thompson band performs

Students in the Thompson Band performed holiday selections for staff and students during the school day. They also performed their holiday concert at other venues including Moody Gardens, Discovery Green and Pasadena Town Square Mall. The band program is under the direction of James Sky-Eagle Smith and Gregory Siegrist. Thompson principal is Dr. Melissa Allen.

Photos submitted



Left to right are Brianna Toro, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Wesley Godwin, Mauricio Lopez and Emily Cortez.



Left to right are Abby Whitley, Carlos Bonilla, Steven Nguyen and Zachary DeHoyos.

Golf tournament raises \$245,000

The 21st annual San Jacinto College Foundation Golf Tournament raised \$245,000 for student scholarships. The event was held at Golf Club of Houston, home of the Shell Houston Open, where nearly 200 players competed in a Florida scramble format divided into two flights. Major sponsors for this year's tournament included John "JR" and Sharessa Moon (\$100,000), Coca Cola (\$40,000) and Albemarle Corporation (\$25,000).

"Albemarle is committed to investing in the communities we serve by providing leadership and support," said Amir Sabahi, HPC team lead at Albemarle Corpora-

tion's Bayport Technology Resources. "Our deepening partnership with San Jacinto College helps to tackle challenges faced by our local students, who may not receive an education without the financial assistance scholarships provide. We are happy to be a part of this important event each year and look forward to continuing our partnership."

Golfers and guests were treated to an evening reception featuring dinner and a raffle, with a special musical performance by *The Voice* season six runner-up and La Porte native, Jake Worthington.

This year, the San Jacinto College Foundation Life-

time Legacy Award went to John and Wynell Phelps. The award commemorates the recipient's years of giving to the San Jacinto College Foundation which have helped change students' lives through access to education. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps are dedicated to educational advancement and have been generous supporters of the Foundation since 1997, giving more than \$100,000 in personal gifts and corporate matching funds. The Wynell Phelps Endowed Scholarship is a need-based scholarship that has awarded approximately \$68,700 in student scholarships to date. Mr. Phelps served on the San Jacinto College Foundation

Board of Directors for 20 years and was recently named an Emeritus director.

"Every year this great event gets even better," said Ruth Keenan, San Jacinto College Foundation executive director of advancement. "I am humbled by the hard work and generosity of all of those who contributed their time and effort, their financial support and their ideas. The lives of our students and their families are made richer through the educational opportunities that these funds provide."

For more information about or how to give to the San Jacinto College Foundation, visit sanjac.edu/foundation.

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Beltway 8 crews work through hard freeze



Construction crews braved the cold weather Saturday, Jan. 7, to work on the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288. The National Weather Service reported a low tem-

perature of 26 degrees at Hobby Airport. Workers are shown above at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Beamer.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

Hobby, Bush expand tracking capabilities

The Houston Airport System has dramatically expanded its tracking capabilities for wait times at security checkpoints, now offering near real-time data on its website for all eight security locations at William P. Hobby and George Bush Intercontinental Airports.

The fly2houston.com website previously lacked data from terminals B, C, D and E at Bush Airport, but now the site not only features information from all terminal facilities but also relaying data from a much more precise digital collection system. Travelers have more information available to them than ever, and, thanks to ever-improving technology, it's right at their fingertips.

More and more, with smart devices, air travel passengers can go online from just about anywhere to get tickets, check in, see the status of their flight, find a spot to park, and even maybe a place to eat when they get to the airport. That information affords them control over trips, giving them real-time updates that allow them to make plans accordingly.

A big part of that is planning for the time it will take to get through the TSA security checkpoints at airports. Now, with new technology in place, travelers using the airports in Houston can get updates on the average time it will take to clear security before heading

to their departure gate.

Beginning in 2015, the Houston Airport System initiated a project to update existing technology that uses Bluetooth signals to track the progress of passengers going through security checkpoints. Using that information, the program posts updates online on the Houston System's award-winning, mobile-friendly, passenger-focused website, fly2houston.com.

Investing in new cabling and sensors, the system has antennae in place that identifies signals from Bluetooth discoverable devices and follows those through entry and exit points at security checkpoints. The tracking is anonymous and uses a variety of filters to ensure both anonymity and accuracy, and then uses that data to provide an average time for travelers passing through the checkpoints. The updates were in place in Terminal A at Bush Intercontinental and at Hobby Airport earlier in 2016, and the rest of the checkpoints at Bush came online for the 2016 Christmas travel season.

Now, travelers can go to fly2houston.com and click on the "depart" tab to access the near real-time updates on clearance times at all seven checkpoints found at the five terminals at Bush Airport, as well as the checkpoint at Hobby Airport.

For information at Bush

Airport, check www.fly2houston.com/iah/depart/. For information at Hobby, check www.fly2houston.com/hou/depart/.

It's all part of the Houston Airport System's enhanced digital tool box, a bevy of updated technological tools full of handy information. The fly2houston.com website focuses on the passenger journey — with tailored pages to fit the specific needs of departing, arriving and connecting passengers — and provides plenty of useful information and tips for holiday travelers. As well as the TSA checkpoint updates, on fly2houston.com website, travelers can find parking spaces available at both airports.

Arriving passengers can

find information about baggage pickup, transportation, dining and shopping and maps. For Bush, learn more at www.fly2houston.com/hou/connect/. For Hobby Airport, learn more at www.fly2houston.com/hou/arrive/. Passengers can find information about getting around the airports, dining and shopping and more. For Bush, learn at www.fly2houston.com/iah/connect/. For Hobby, learn at www.fly2houston.com/hou/connect/.

And, since the Houston Airport System's facilities have some of the fastest free WiFi of any airport in the country, all of those tools are easily accessible to travelers once they get to the airport.

Melillo names honor roll for 2nd nine weeks

The following Melillo Middle School students made the honor roll for the second nine weeks period.

Fifth Grade

Dylan Erickson, Zoe Espinoza, Kenton Thai, Maricela Aguilar, Chelsea Akinloye, Austin Corvin, Titus Giang, Eric Huynh, Quynh Ky, Emma Lacount, Michael Montano and Mary Grace Pelekamoyo.

Ariana Perez, Sophia Posey, Jayden Rangel, Jacklyn Santos, Malcolm Sherwood, Nicolas Soto, Y T Tran, Trang Vu, Joshua Bello, Xavier Chapa, Di Dao, Kira Goeman, Lydia Golenko, An Huynh and Shalini Johnson.

Avery Jones, Tommy Le, Joshua Lopez, Taylor Nguyen, Abigail Panza, Kaylee Ruiz, Emily Salinas, Jasmine Stewart, Matthew Vu, Jason Young, Jorge Salinas, Myla Guzman, Victoria Ortiz-Ramirez, Sebastian King and Seth Lara.

Adam Montes, Troy Nguyen, Monique Hernandez, Mai Anh Vo, Orlando Camarena, Tyler Dang, Julissa Duarte, Julia Hernandez, Jemy Cabrera, Heli Contreras, Izabel Fernandez, Erick Garcia McKlaus, Jazmin Hernandez, Rachael Le, Kailee Nguyen, Jacqueline Oba, Eduardo Reynero and Jacob Romero.

Aliyah Sanchez, Madelyn Sepulveda, Julissa Vega, Hallie Vu, Iveen Vu, Aaron Aguilar, Vivian Duong, Gracie Dykstra, Antonio Hernandez, Makayla Johnson, Roselynn Molina, My-An Nguyen, Belle Perridon, Daniel Rodriguez, Nkeonyelu Uzomah, Joshua Gracia and Adrian Miles.

Sixth Grade

Jasmine Gutierrez, Ethan Bishop, Kaitlyn Campos, Bella Cisneros, Jason Coats, Sarah Cruz, Ashlee Garcia, Victoria Garza, Russell Horton, Ian Johnson and Madison Lugo, Ivan Mariscal, Melissa Martinez and Jer'Keithric Moore.

Due to high demand, Harris County District Clerk's suburban passport offices expanded the operation days. Passport services are available three days a month at each satellite offices, up from one day a month at each location.

District Clerk Chris Daniel said, "The suburban passport offices have proved so popular that we needed to increase the number of days they are open. People like our passport service because it is quick and efficient." Here is the schedule for the satellite offices:

• Humble: The satellite office is open the first Tuesday and Thursday of each month from 1 to 6:30 p.m. It also is open the first Wednesday each month from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Location: Octavia Fields Branch Library, 1503 South Houston Ave., Humble 77338.

Demah Naser, Vivian Nguyen, Thu Phan, Jeremiah Rodriguez, Ivonne Thai, Johnny Tran, Robert Villatoro, Maria Wence, Emily Andrade, Kaleb Campos, Anthony Morin, Nicholas Ponce and Emily Martinez.

Aryana Mejorado, Connor Mohwinkel, Isela Munoz, Oscar Navarro, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Landon Nguyen, Dominic Ortiz, Nathan Pavalonis, Elizabeth Pineda, Jacob Reyna, Sieryn Rocha, Leyla Salazar, Evelyn Sanchez, Christian Schmidt and Christian Vega.

Jacob White, Aubrey Zabrano, Josiah Aranda, Sidney Armstrong, Victoria Couchman, Amy Cruz, Colin Dang, Marcus Gomez, David Gonzales, Fernando Hernandez, Connor King, Mauricio Leal, Santiago Lopez, Danielle Mendiola and Felipe Miranda.

Ann Nguyen, Bella Perez, Ezequiel Rivera, Emily Salazar, Mable Self, Darrel Sneed, Jasmine Tran, Kaitlyn Webb, Travis Webb, Jacob Yount, Antony Zavala, Jiselle Gonzalez, Caleb Jackson, Alexis Acosta, Valerie Akinloye and Mia Alexander.

Alize Alvarez, Jorge Arredondo, Janelle Barreiro, Prima Burgett, Jade Cabrera, Dylan Campos, Raul Diaz, Jenny Do, Robert Durham, Hayden Feil, Evan Fraustro, Noah Garcia, Chance Hurd and Daisy Irwin.

Arianna Johnson, Justice Johnson, William Junkin, Bianca Kinder, Evan Krustchinsky, Thomas Dang, Marcus Kemp, Alyssa Lloyd, Aidan Cedillo, Edgar Jimenez, Raul Perez-Rodriguez, Gabriela Garza, Eyan-na Martinez, Cardin Vo, Kaylee Vo, Evelyn Wheeler and Nicolas Edmonson.

Madeline Torres, Heaven Vargas, Alexia Villarreal, Lady Doraine Galang, Alexa Gonzalez, Irene Torres, Hieu Dang, Huyhoang Nguyen, Leah Selwyn-West, Maria Tipton and Jacob Serna.

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Dobie boys' soccer - another PISD Cup title

Another season, another Pasadena ISD Cup championship for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team.

With wins over MacArthur, Friendswood and Alief Taylor, the Longhorns claimed their second PISD Cup championship in three seasons. The Longhorns also played in the title game in 2016.

Not bad for fourth-year head coach Justo Manrique, who now counts four-year letterwinner Sabino Lozano and several other seniors as his first incoming class from that 2014 debut season.

Since that time, the Dobie soccer program has continued its legacy of success, which has included back-to-back unbeaten District 22-6A championships in 2015 and 2016.

It's far too early to predict just how far this team can go. The Longhorns are no doubt one of a handful of serious Region III title contenders, but there's plenty of soccer to be played after just one opening weekend of action.

With a couple of key veterans out with injuries and another player away while attending a wedding on championship match Saturday, the Longhorns still managed to claim the title.

"We got a chance to test your depth and see where you are. Right now, we have to feel good about the way we played."

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Local teams atop standings in 24-6A, 22-6A

At right, Clear Brook senior forward David Azure led the way in wins over Friendswood and Clear Lake as the Wolverines surged into a first-place tie with Dickinson in the District 24-6A varsity boys' basketball standings. Brook and Dickinson, which meet for the first time Jan. 20, own a 2-game lead in the standings. Three other teams are tied for third place at 2-2 in the early going. At far right, Dobie's Shanycy Cabrales has been hot from 3-point land while helping the Lady Longhorns to the top of the 22-6A varsity girls' basketball standings, where they share the lead at 6-0 with Deer Park. Dobie will host Deer Park for sole possession of first place Jan. 13. Game time is 7 p.m.

Photos by John Bechtle



Dobie boys now 3-1

Brook boys, Dobie girls take standings lead

The cream is beginning to rise to the top across various high school varsity basketball districts, including 22-6A and 24-6A.

With wins over Sam Rayburn (56-42 on Jan. 6) and Pasadena (Jan. 10), the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team is currently tied with Deer Park for first place in the standings.

In the District 24-6A varsity boys' race, Clear Brook scored a big 55-51 road win over Clear Lake Jan. 10, grabbing a share of first place in the standings alongside Dickinson.

Elsewhere, the Dobie varsity boys kept pace with the leaders in 22-6A with wins over Sam Rayburn and Pasadena, and the Clear Brook varsity girls' team finds itself having to make up some ground in the 24-6A girls' chase.

Dobie girls atop 22-6A
It's been just a little while since the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team played for first place this deep into a season, but it's about to go down.

The Lady Longhorns stand at 6-0 in the 22-6A race, with Deer Park also at 6-0. The two teams will meet at Dobie in the first of two key district clashes Friday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m.

Dobie downed Sam Rayburn 56-42 Jan. 6 as Kiome Dixon led the way with 10 points. Taja

Tillman made a pair of 3-point field goals on her way to eight points, and Jade Giron and Shanycy Cabrales had seven each.

After another big win over Pasadena Jan. 10, Dobie is set for the matchup with Deer Park, followed by another home game Jan. 17 against La Porte.

Brook boys on a roll
Count Clear Brook as a viable contender in District 24-6A as David Azure and his teammates continue to make the big plays when they are needed.

On Jan. 6 at home, Azure went off for a game-high 33 points as the Wolverines cruised past Friendswood 67-56.

Fast forward to Jan. 10 as Clear Brook erased a late deficit at Clear Lake, snatching a 55-51 victory over the Falcons at Krueger Field House.

Azure once again led the way with 17 points, and Kendrick Christian had 15 as the Wolverines joined Dickinson atop the 24-6A standings at 4-0.

Three other teams, including Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Clear Springs, are two games behind the leaders at 2-2.

Clear Brook will take on Clear Springs and Clear Falls before getting set to close out the first half of district play Jan. 20

against Dickinson.

Dobie boys stay close
South Houston, with a win over Dobie in the first half of league play, has set the tone in District 22-6A varsity boys' play with a 4-0 start.

The Trojans went to West Brook Jan. 10 and came away with a 9-point win to keep their record perfect.

As for Dobie, the Longhorns are doing what it takes to win, even if it means going down to the wire.

On Jan. 6, the Longhorns held off Sam Rayburn 70-64 despite a late Texans' rally.

Royce Hunter led the Longhorns with 18 points, and D.J. Garrett had 16. Jeremy Williams added 15 points, and Jeremy Davis had 12 rebounds.

Shifting to Jan. 10, the Longhorns defeated Pasadena 62-58 at home after trailing by 11 at halftime.

Hunter led the way with 24 points, and Jonathan Cooper delivered a big scoring night with 19 as the Longhorns moved to 11-10 overall, including 3-1 in league play.

The Longhorns will now play a pair of road games, including Jan. 13 at Deer Park and Jan. 17 at La Porte. Dobie then closes out the first half of league play Jan. 20, at home against Memorial.

Brook girls at 2-4
A 38-29 loss to Clear Lake Jan. 10 has left the Clear Brook varsity girls' team at 2-4 as the midway point of the 24-6A girls' race nears.

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Jackson makes SI appearance

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor football player Blake Jackson is featured in the newest edition of Sports Illustrated magazine.

Jackson is included in the "Faces In The Crowd" section of the January 9 edition of the magazine.

Jackson, a senior quarterback at Dobie High School, was named Most Outstanding Player in the Cru's 10-7 victory over Wisconsin-Oshkosh in last month's Stagg Bowl.

He threw for 171 yards and ran for 119 yards and UMHB's only touchdown to lead the Cru to its first national championship.

Jackson was an All-American, earned South Region Offensive Player of the Year honors and was also named American Southwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

The First Team All-ASC selection set new school records with 3,282 passing yards and 35 touchdown passes this season.

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Friday, Jan. 13

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

Monday, Jan. 16

Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls at Southmore, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8th Light girls at Southmore, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls at Southmore, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7th Light girls at Southmore, 6:15
 Thompson 8th Dark girls at Bondy, 5:00
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Tuesday, Jan. 17

Dobie varsity girls host La Porte, 7:00
 Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:00
 Brook varsity boys at Alvin, 7:00
 Dobie varsity boys at La Porte, 7:00
 Dobie JV boys at La Porte, 5:30
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 Brook freshman A girls host Alvin, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B boys at La Porte, 4:00
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Friday, Jan. 20

Dobie varsity girls at Memorial, 7:00
 Brook varsity girls at Dickinson, 7:00
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 Dobie JV boys host Memorial, 5:30
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 Dobie freshman B girls at Memorial, 4:00

SOCCER

Thursday, Jan. 12

Dobie varsity boys vs. Kingwood, Austin, 7 p.m.
 Brook varsity girls at Katy Shootout, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at Port Neches-Groves tourn., TBA
 Dobie JV girls at Galveston Ball, 6:00
 Dobie JV (B) girls at Sam Rayburn, 4:00

Friday, Jan. 13

Dobie varsity boys vs. Lake Travis, Austin, 7:00
 Brook varsity boys host Pasadena, 7:00
 Brook varsity girls at Katy Shootout, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at Port Neches-Groves tourn., TBA
 Brook JV boys host Pasadena, 5:00
 Dobie JV girls at Galveston Ball tourn., TBA

Saturday, Jan. 14

Dobie varsity boys vs. Leander Vista Ridge, 10 a.m.
 Brook varsity girls at Katy Shootout, TBA
 Dobie varsity girls at Port Neches-Groves tourn., TBA
 Dobie JV girls at Galveston Ball tourn., TBA
 Dobie JV (B) girls host Brazosport, Dobie, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Brook varsity boys host Deer Park, 7:00
 Brook JV boys host Deer Park, 5:00

Thursday, Jan. 19

Brook JV girls host CCISD tourn., TBA

Friday, Jan. 20

Dobie varsity girls at Dawson, 7:00
 Brook varsity boys at La Porte, 6:00
 Dobie varsity boys at North Shore, GPISD, 6:00
 Brook varsity girls host Brazoswood, 5:00
 Dobie JV girls at Dawson, 5:00
 Dobie JV boys at North Shore, GPISD, 4:00
 Brook JV girls host CCISD tourn., TBA

Saturday, Jan. 21

Brook JV girls host CCISD tourn., TBA

Lions' seventh-grade boys' basketball wins elite San Jac invitational tourney

At right, Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade boys' basketball team won the division championship at the annual San Jacinto Intermediate Invitational, posting a 4-0 record. Members of the team are, left to right, Thomas Cypert (manager), (middle row) Calvin Geans, Elijah Robinson, Michael Medina, Ke'mauri Millender, Isaiah Romo, Isaac Cortez, Gerald Escamilla, (back row) Jonathan Torres, Robert Byrd, Zaire Walker, Conlie Christmas and Thompson head coach Doug Sawyer. The Lions opened the tournament by dropping La Porte 37-28 as Walker pumped in 21 points and Millender added 18. In a 47-42 win over Berry Miller in the next round, Millender led the way with 21 points, with Walker dropping in 16 more. Thompson bounced Bondy 55-10 in the semifinals as Millender (20 points) and Christmas (18 points) paced the offensive attack. Against Rodeo Palms in the championship game, Millender capped a terrific tournament with a game-high 24 points as the Lions won 60-39, with Walker adding 18 points.



Dobie netters claim second team 22-6A fall team tennis honors

Capitalizing on its second-place finish in the District 22-6A varsity team tennis race, Dobie's entire starting roster on the boys' and girls' singles and doubles lines garnered second-team all-district status.

Champion Deer Park swept the 22-6A standings with an unbeaten record and wound up second at the 21/22-6A Championship after choosing not to make the trip to Kingwood for the finals.

As for Dobie, the Longhorns again put together a strong team tennis season while taking on one of the toughest schedules in the Houston area.

The Longhorns coasted their way to the top of the

22-6A alongside the Deer before dropping the decisive match at Deer Park late in the regular season.

Heading into the spring season, several Dobie singles' players as well as doubles combinations will

be looking for individual success at a variety of tournament formats across the Houston and surround-

ing areas. As for next fall, many of the current second-team nominees will be returning

to the court as the Longhorns look to unseat Deer Park as the District 22-6A champion.

District 22-6A Second Team Selections

Boys' Singles

- Line 1 – Ricky Perez (Dobie)
- Line 2 – Tommy Nguyen (Dobie)
- Line 3 – Alex Cuaping (Dobie)
- Line 4 – Roberth Fuel (Dobie)
- Line 5 – Steven Phan (Dobie)
- Line 6 – Lil' Tommy Nguyen (Dobie)

Girls' Singles

- Line 1 – Leilani Vargas (Dobie)
- Line 2 – Tina Ha (Dobie)
- Line 3 – Hellen Le (Dobie)
- Line 4 – Alice Phan (Dobie)
- Line 5 – Ann Truong (Dobie)
- Line 6 – Emily Nguyen (Dobie)

Boys' Doubles

- Line 1 – Tommy Nguyen/Steven Phan
- Line 2 – Lil' Tommy Nguyen/Ricky Perez
- Line 3 – Alex Cuaping/Roberth Fuel

Girls' Doubles

- Line 1 – Leilani Vargas/Hellen Le
- Line 2 – Tina Ha/Alice Phan
- Line 3 – Bao Nguyen/Emily Nguyen

Mixed Doubles

- Line 1 – Luis Neira/Ann Truong

Co-Coach of the Year

- Manuel Moreno, Jr. (Dobie)

USTA appoints JFD's Moreno to advisory role

By John Bechtle
 Sports Editor

Many years ago Man-

uel Moreno was a stand-out tennis player at Galveston's O'Connell High



A lifelong supporter of high school tennis, Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has been appointed to the United States Tennis Association's new high school task force.

School.

He eventually transitioned himself into a full-time high school sports reporter/writer in the Clear Lake area.

Today he's still a guest columnist in his home town of Galveston, promoting the high school tennis game.

Now with stops at Clear Lake High School for a brief time and for 17-plus years at Dobie High School, Moreno is one of the true ambassadors of the sport. The United States Tennis Association has taken notice.

Just prior to the holiday break, Moreno was asked via email and regular mail correspondence to become a member of the USTA's new high school tennis advisory board, a group of those focused on developing ways to both improve and promote the high school game, with help from the USTA.

Details of just what the board's task will include remain a work in progress, but Moreno is ready and willing to do his part.

Moreno did have to apply for the position, but acceptance was not simply a given.

But with Moreno's vast history of developing growth in the high school game, his inclusion in the USTA program is certainly warranted.

"I'm honored and extremely excited to be part of the USTA's high school task force," said Moreno, who noted members of the group will attend a conference March 24-27 at the

USTA National Campus in Orlando, Fla.

In particular, Moreno hopes to continue pushing the value of high school team tennis in his work with the USTA.

According to Moreno, Texas is at the top of the list is its support of the team tennis idea, a trend-setter nationally.

Moreno says that while tennis is often viewed as an individual sport, the team tennis concept adds so much more to a youth's experience.

"The camaraderie, the idea of team in the team tennis format is what makes it so special," Moreno said.

"When you include mixed doubles, Texas is really the only state that includes boys' and girls' singles, boys' and girls' doubles and mixed doubles in the same group.

The USTA high school task force appointment is a two-year term, but Moreno is ready and willing to go above and beyond that to help promote the game he loves so much.

"It's just a privilege to be a part of the USTA in this venture," Moreno said.

"I think we have made some strides in Texas in terms of promoting high school tennis on a variety of levels.

"The USTA is focused on developing more involvement at the high school level, and the formation of this task force is a great start. As always, I'm willing to do whatever is needed to help out."

JFD earns area soccer ranking

As expected, Dobie's varsity boys' soccer team garnered much preseason attention entering the 2017 campaign, with the team scoring an area ranking and senior captain Sabino Lozano also honored.

Houston's major metro publication rated Dobie fifth across the Houston area, with defending Region III finalist Alief Elsik

at No. 1.

Individually, four-year Dobie starter Sabino Lozano is among the preseason All-Greater Houston selections for 2017.

It was a solid opening weekend for the top teams in the Houston area poll. Elsik went 2-0-1 to get things going, while No. 2 The Woodlands, No. 3 Cy-Lakes, No. 4 Cinco

Ranch and No. 5 Dobie all posted 3-0 records.

Cinco Ranch has defeated Elsik in each of the last two Region III finals. The Woodlands has made the jump to Region III this season after previously playing well in Region II. Cy-Lakes and Dobie both advanced to the regional quarterfinals in 2016.

2017 Class 6A Boys' Rankings Varsity Boys' Soccer

1. Alief Elsik – Features 21-goal scorer Saul Amaya.
2. Woodlands – Region III newcomer features midfielder Wesley Mitchell.
3. Cy-Lakes – Reached Region III Quarters in 2016.
4. Cinco Ranch – Two-time defending Region III champion.
5. Dobie – Back-to-back 22-6A undefeated champion.
6. Katy Tompkins – Reached Region III Quarters in 2016.
7. North Shore – Reached Region III semis in 2016.
8. Klein Forest – Features forward Jose Castillo.
9. Seven Lakes – Reached Region III Quarters in 2016.
10. Deer Park – Dobie's biggest threat in District 22-6A.

2017 All-Greater Houston Team Varsity Boys' Soccer

- GK – Tanner Horelica, Klein, Sr.
- D – Sergio Castillo, La Porte, Sr.
- D – Trey McGlamery, Cy-Creek, Sr.
- D – Eduardo Trevino, North Shore, Sr.
- MF – Sabino Lozano, Dobie, Sr.
- MF – Dadwin Hernandez, Nimitz, Sr.
- MF – Wesley Mitchell, Woodlands, Sr.
- MF – Mazvita Chidarada, Stratford, Sr.
- F – Edgar Alaniz, Jersey Village, Sr.
- F – Saul Amaya, Elsik, Sr.
- F – Jose Castillo, Klein Forest, Sr.
- F – Chris Loza, Deer Park, Sr.

San Jac's Dyer delivers highlight-reel dunk

By Jeannie Mansyer
SJCD Marketing

If locals recognized a familiar face on ESPN recently, then most likely it was Elton Dyer of San Jacinto College basically

jumping over a Tohono O'odham Community College player to make the shot that eventually led to his team's win.

That jump landed Dyer the No. 4 spot on ESPN's

Dunk of the Week, but this achievement alone doesn't define Dyer.

The sophomore from South Houston wants to transfer to a university, study kinesiology and become a coach to mentor and give back to others like those before him.

Dyer attended South Houston High School, where he was a three-sport star who landed first team all-district honors as a wide receiver in football, a guard on the basketball team and as an all-state high jumper in track and field.

that he makes look effortless."

Dyer said his family, including his mother who played basketball for Southern University, inspired him to play the sport; and about that now buzzed about dunk, Dyer admits those plays take quite a bit of practice and are rarely planned.

Bay Area Football League hosts King of the Gridiron

The Bay Area Football League will host its 2017 King of the Gridiron football tournament Saturday, and Sunday, Jan. 14-15, at Dawson High School and Pearland Junior High School.

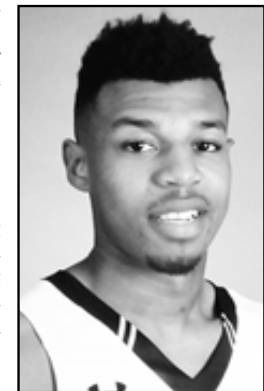
Teams in the 8-under, 10-under and 12-under divisions will compete in the two-day tournament.

SBYSC invites girls' U-12 competitors

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is seeking female players born in 2005 to compete on a newly-formed U-12 team, with play beginning in early March.

Admission is \$5 per person, and no outside food or drink is allowed as concessions will be available at both sites.

The various teams will be comprised of players primarily from existing Bay Area Football League organizations, including the Ellington Rams, the Sagemont Cowboys and the Southbelt Dolphins. The final games are Jan. 15, at 6 p.m.



Elton Dyer

Those interested in competing on this team may contact coach Jerry Garcia at 832-875-0111 to learn more about tryouts, registration, etc.

In addition, the South Belt Youth Soccer Club will begin league wide on-line registration later this month. Visit www.southbeltsooccer.org for additional details.

Brook's Julks all-conference at Houston

Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Julks, currently a junior on the University of Houston baseball team, has received American Athletic Conference Preseason Baseball Team status along with two of his Cougar teammates.

Julks is joined on that AAC honor squad by Cougars' star pitching prospect Josh Romero and power-hitting infielder/designated hitter Joe Davis.

In turn, the Cougars have been projected to finish second in the conference this season behind East Carolina.

As for Julks, the left fielder is coming off a 2016 season where he led the Cougars in average at .332 overall, including .369 in league play alone, which propelled him to First Team All-Conference honors.

The junior finished his sophomore season with a 23-game on-base streak and had a hit in all but four of those games.

Julks was third on the team with 65 hits and second on the team with 34 runs scored, while slugging .439 with 10 doubles, one triple and three home runs.

The University of Houston opens the 2017 regular season Feb. 17, at home against Wake Forest.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops

Through Jan. 9 games

8L Records	District			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
San Jacinto	3	0	0	6	0	0
South Houston	1	1	0	2	4	0
Southmore	0	1	0	2	4	0
Park View	1	1	0	1	5	0
Beverly Hills	0	3	0	0	6	0

Game Scores

Thompson 53, Queens 38
Park View 23, Beverly Hills 16
Southmore 43, Jackson 13
Miller 38, Bondy 34
San Jacinto 42, South Houston 20

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
	Miller	3	0	0	5	1
Thompson	2	0	0	6	0	0
Bondy	1	1	0	4	2	0
Jackson	0	2	0	2	4	0
Queens	0	3	0	2	4	0

8D Records	District			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
San Jacinto	3	0	0	4	2	0
Beverly Hills	2	1	0	3	3	0
Southmore	1	1	0	3	3	0
Park View	0	2	0	0	6	0
South Houston	0	2	0	0	6	0

Game Scores

Thompson 26, Queens 21
Beverly Hills 28, Park View 6
San Jacinto 19, South Houston 8
Bondy 20, Miller 7
Southmore 24, Jackson 16

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
	Thompson	2	0	0	6	0
Bondy	2	0	0	6	0	0
Jackson	1	1	0	2	4	0
Queens	1	2	0	4	2	0
Miller	0	3	0	2	4	0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops

Through Jan. 9 games

7L Records	District			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
South Houston	2	0	0	4	2	0
Beverly Hills	2	1	0	2	4	0
Southmore	1	1	0	1	5	0
Park View	1	1	0	3	3	0
San Jacinto	0	3	0	0	6	0

Game Scores

Thompson 29, Queens 14
South Houston 20, San Jacinto 11
Beverly Hills 37, Park View 21
Bondy 38, Miller 4
Jackson 33, Southmore 8

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
	Bondy	2	0	0	6	0
Jackson	2	0	0	6	0	0
Thompson	1	1	0	2	4	0
Miller	1	2	0	2	4	0
Queens	0	3	0	2	4	0

7D Records	District			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
San Jacinto	2	1	0	4	2	0
Park View	2	0	0	4	2	0
Southmore	0	2	0	3	3	0
Beverly Hills	1	2	0	2	4	0
South Houston	1	1	0	2	4	0

Game Scores

Southmore 16, Jackson 12
South Houston 19, San Jacinto 4
Park View 32, Beverly Hills 13
Miller 23, Bondy 20
Thompson 18, Queens 11

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
	Miller	3	0	0	6	0
Thompson	2	0	0	4	2	0
Bondy	1	1	0	4	2	0
Jackson	0	2	0	1	5	0
Queens	0	3	0	0	6	0

South Belt area sports, news briefs

SBHLL continues spring 2017 baseball registration

Officials with the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League are still accepting online registration in preparation for the 2017 spring season, and there is one more regular-cost/in-person sign-up date set as the spring 2017 season takes shape. Families may visit www.eteamz.com/sbhll to register their child for the season.

Those ages 3 and 4 (born between Sept. 2012 and Jan. 1, 2014) may register for \$125 per player, while those ages 5 to 16 (born between May 2000 and Aug. 2012) may register for \$175 per player. There is a \$5 discount for families registering more than one player.

SBHLL will also host its sixth season in the Challenger division, which is designed to allow disabled children between the ages of 5 to 18 to enjoy the game of baseball in a safe environment. Registration in the Challenger division is free of charge.

The league's final in-person registration date at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park is set for Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Tryouts and late registration, which will include an additional \$25 fee, will be held both Saturday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

All registering families must provide a copy of the player's birth certificate, to be kept on file. Families must also provide three current forms of residency, such as driver's license, voter registration, utility bills, etc.

Online sign up ongoing at South Belt Girls Softball Association

Families of those youths wishing to compete in the South Belt Girls Softball Association beginning this spring need to take advantage of the few remaining opportunities.

League officials are currently accepting online registration, and there will be late registration chances upcoming as well. To register, families are asked to visit the league's new website at southbeltgirlssoftball.leagueapps.com.

Early registration cost is \$70 per player, in addition to a \$70 candy sales fee. Families may also pay a candy buyout fee.

After the regular online registration period ends, the late registration fee will increase to \$80. For league updates, simply text 81010 to @southbelt. There is also an in-person sign-up date set for Saturday, Jan. 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are no payment plans available, and payments must be made by either cash or card. Parents must also turn in a copy of the player's birth certificate.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops

Through Jan. 9 games

8L Records	District			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
Beverly Hills	3	0	0	5	1	0
Southmore	2	0	0	5	1	0
San Jacinto	1	2	0	4	2	0
Park View	0	2	0	2	4	0
South Houston	0	2	0	1	5	0

Game Scores

Thompson 62, Queens 41
Beverly Hills 75, Park View 33
San Jacinto 57, South Houston 35
Bondy 37, Miller 35
Southmore 48, Jackson 29

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
	Thompson	2	0	0	5	1
Bondy	2	0	0	4	2	0
Miller	1	2	0	3	3	0
Queens	1	2	0	1	5	0
Jackson	0	2	0	0	6	0

8D Records	District			Overall		
	Zone A	W	L	T	W	L
San Jacinto	3	0	0	6	0	0
South Houston	1	1	0	4	2	0
Southmore	1	1	0	2	4	0
Beverly Hills	1	2	0	2	4	0
Park View	0	2	0	1	5	0

Game Scores

Thompson 58, Queens 25
Southmore 75, Jackson 22
San Jacinto 34, South Houston 25
Bondy 53, Miller 38
Beverly Hills 45, Park View 13

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
	Thompson	2	0	0	6	0
Bondy	2	0	0	4	2	0
Miller	1	2	0	3	3	0
Queens	1	2	0	2	4	0
Jackson	0	2	0	0	6	0

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Southmore	1	1	0	3	3	0
South Houston	1	1	0	2	4	0
San Jacinto	0	3	0	1	5	0

Game Scores

Thompson 53, Queens 10
Bondy 39, Miller 26
Park View 45, Beverly Hills 37
South Houston 36, San Jacinto 20
Southmore 32, Jackson 21

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
	Thompson	2	0	0	6	0
Bondy	2	0	0	6	0	0
Miller	2	1	0	3	3	0
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Queens	0	3	0	0	6	0

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South Houston	1	1	0	2	4	0
Park View	0	2	0	2	4	0

Game Scores

Thompson 24, Queens 12
Bondy 36, Miller 29
Beverly Hills 49, Park View 16
San Jacinto 39, South Houston 16
Southmore 34, Jackson 14

Zone B	W	L	T	W	L	T
	Thompson	2	0	0	6	0
Bondy	2	0	0	5	1	0
Miller	2	1	0	4	2	0
Jackson	0	2	0	0	6	0
Queens	0	3	0	0	6	0

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
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.

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

Harris County Master Gardeners - The Harris County Master Gardeners Precinct 2 Lecture Series presents *Vermiculture, Composting Worms*, a program by Charlene Perry of Diggit Organics, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the (new location) Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd., 77034. For details, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

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 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.

Noon

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

6 - 8 p.m.

CrossRoads UMC - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m., followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m.; afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in both English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome to join! 10030

Scarsdale Blvd.
7 p.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the Synagogue 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 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Alateen - Support for teens, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
7 a.m.

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each 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 just drop in.

Noon

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

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12

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7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166. 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, JANUARY 16
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
8:30-11a.m.
Harris County Master Gardeners - Open Garden Day, with Harris County Master Gardeners at Precinct 2 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Rd., 77034. Free. Master Gardeners are available to answer gardening questions. Plants are available for sale in the greenhouse. For details, visit <http://hcmga.tamu.edu>. 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 Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 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 for details. 11:30 a.m.

Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's. 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.

New Directions Singles - Age 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with guest speakers, at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. 6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email Lynneannh@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

7:30 p.m.
The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or cs@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

HATS - meets on Tuesday, Jan. 17, in the Fellowship Hall of Glenbrook United Methodist Church (8635 Glen Valley Dr.) 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 for details. Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texasclizens-bank.com.

1:30 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461. No meeting in Aug.
Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

6 p.m.
Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 6:30 p.m.
Breast Cancer Support Group - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.
Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335. 7 p.m.

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 713-856-1611.
Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend and make PIP the best in the city. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18
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.
The Community Club - meets the third Wednesday of the month at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy. in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women that helps the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly and disabled people, children and the homeless, and provides a scholarship for a Bridge Over Troubled Water client. Day trips may be scheduled, after which will be a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For information, email Jamproy@yahoo.com. 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 for details. Noon
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.

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StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational monthly meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday, Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For details, call 281-229-1409.

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Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 7 p.m.
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 713-856-1611.
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.

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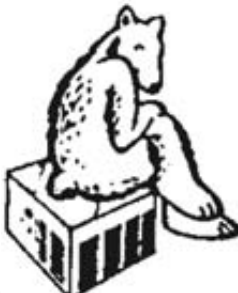
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Longhorns run the table, claim PISD Cup title

At right, the Dobie High School varsity boys' soccer team won its second Pasadena ISD Cup championship in three seasons, defeating Alief Taylor 3-0 in the final Jan. 7, at The Rig in Pearland as three different players scored goals. The Longhorns also defeated MacArthur 2-1 and Friendswood 3-0 in the event to reach the final. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) assistant coach Nick Condon, head coach Justo Manrique, assistant coach Jose Esparza, Eduardo Benavides, Adrian Garcia, David Castaneda, Alberto Chavez, Israel Perez, Sabino Lozano, Alejandro Flores, Andy Garcia, Kevin Hernandez, Ivan Diaz, Milow Lozano, (back row) Antonio Arias, Eduardo Flores, Eli Donaho, Ramon Cahue, Sebastian Leal, Oscar Trevino, Jasiel Cruz, Thomas Carte, Sebastian Martinez and Luis Arellano. Not pictured are Edwin Saldivar, Bryan Nava, Illsen Urrutia, Emison Amaya and Manuel Parra. Saldivar missed the championship match but scored a hat trick against Friendswood the day prior. The Longhorns are now headed on a road trip to play in the Austin Lakes Elite Showcase Jan. 12-14 in Austin. Dobie is scheduled to face Kingwood, defending Class 6A state finalist Lake Travis and Vista Ridge in the round robin event. Returning home thereafter, the Longhorns will face Region III semifinalist North Shore Jan. 20 at Galena Park ISD Stadium. In 2016, North Shore ended Dobie's season with a 1-0 victory in the regional quarterfinals.

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Dobie boys earn Pasadena ISD Cup soccer championship yet again

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Dobie 3 Alief Taylor 0

In a rematch of an area round playoff battle from 2016, the Longhorns went up against Alief Taylor for the Pasadena ISD Cup championship at The Rig in Pearland.

Last year's playoff tilt was a tense struggle all the way, with the Longhorns nudging in a solo goal for a 1-0 victory.

This time around, the Longhorns made things easier on themselves, taking down Taylor 3-0 for

the championship.

In all, the Longhorns posted eight goals over three games in brutally cold conditions while winning the PISD Cup for the second time in three seasons.

In 2016, Dobie advanced to the final but was defeated by Aldine, 2-0.

Lozano had Dobie's first goal, and Alberto Chavez scored next for Dobie.

Midway through the second half, Lozano secured the win with a penalty kick conversion.

Dobie 3 Friendswood 0

What a comeback story Edwin Saldivar has delivered so far this school year.

The senior suffered severe internal injuries during a recreational soccer match just prior to the start of the school year, and there were concerns about just how quickly he would be able to return to action.

Not to worry, Saldivar recovered sufficiently enough to perform place-kicking duties late in the season for the Dobie varsity

football team. And he's obviously back to his old self on the soccer field.

In Dobie's 3-0 win over host Friendswood on the second day of the regular season, Saldivar had a hat trick – three goals – to help the Longhorns defeat a very good Mustangs' team.

Dobie 2 MacArthur 1

Manrique was the man in charge years ago as the MacArthur Generals made a major leap in boys' soccer, including meeting Dobie in the Region III semi-

finals. Now in his fourth season at Dobie, Manrique has led the Longhorns to back-to-back District 22-6A titles, complete with unbeaten records in league play.

What's more, the Longhorns were one win away from reaching their third-ever Region III semifinal in 2016 before suffering a tough 1-0 loss to North Shore.

So 2017 began with a little past versus present as Dobie went against MacArthur to open play

in the Pasadena ISD Cup. Advantage Dobie.

Alejandro Flores and Israel Perez netted goals, Saldivar and Lozano dished assists and goalkeeper Ramon Cahue was credited with the win as the Longhorns slipped past the Generals 2-1.

Austin awaits Now its off to Austin as the Longhorns take their first extended road trip during the Manrique era.

Yes, Manrique is looking for his 100th career victory in the big event, but he's more concerned

with the Longhorns continuing their stretch of solid soccer play to open the season.

Kingwood is a team the Longhorns could potentially see in the first round of this year's playoffs.

Lake Travis is coming off a 2016 season that saw the Cavaliers reach the Class 6A state final before a 6-1 loss to eventual champion Coppell.

Lake Travis is headed by returning state all-tournament selections Luke Thompson and Marcelo Mitre, both midfielders.

Dobie is also slated to face Vista Ridge, so Manrique knows the tests will keep coming as his team eases toward the regular season.

"I was joking around with Sabino Lozano, who has been with me all four seasons now here at Dobie," Manrique said.

"If we can get past Kingwood, then I might be able to get win No. 100 against the defending state finalist. That would be epic.

"In the big picture, what's important is play-

ing good soccer and keeping some momentum going as we head toward district play.

"It's a chance to see where we are and where we need to be. Then, we go up against North Shore, so we'll see how much we've improved. They took us out last season, so it'll be good to see where both teams stand."

Right now, the Longhorns appear to have picked up right where they left off last season. But there's a long way to go, and Manrique knows it.

Tough opponents, weather hamper Lady Longhorns at Humble invite

The Dobie varsity girls' soccer team opened 2017 with an impressive 1-0 win over Clear Brook but then suffered a pair of shutout losses at the Humble Invitational Jan. 5-7.

Playing the final game of the opening day of the tournament, Dobie and Clear Brook went head-to-head in very cold conditions at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium. "We

dominated the majority of the possession in the game, and that's a major focus for us this season," Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald said.

"We moved the ball

well, but get a little tunnel vision in terms of style of play. We need to have more versatility on the attacking end, but I'm confident we will work it out in time. We wanted a few more goals, but we're happy with the win."

Over the final two games, Dobie faced a pair of legitimate playoff contenders in Atascocita and Klein Collins.

McDonald said the Lady Eagles notched their first goal on a penalty kick that he considered resulted from a questionable call. The second goal was a case of poor positioning on the field, something McDonald said can and will be corrected.

Atascocita fielded particularly gifted players at center forward and center mid, which caused the Lady Longhorns some issues.

"Trying to keep those two players contained exposed some faults," McDonald said.

"All in all, we were content with the result. It showed us some opportunities to grow. That's why we play some of these tough teams early on in the season."

The 3-0 loss to Klein Collins, according to McDonald, was largely a case of his team having been worn down by both the opposition and the weather.

Now it's a trip to the Port Neches-Groves Invitational as the Lady Longhorns will again face tough competition.

But through the first week of the regular season, McDonald has seen plenty of reasons to be excited about Dobie's potential this season.

Defensively, freshman, Taiya Mitchell has been a wonderful addition thus far," McDonald said.

"In her first couple of games under the lights, she's been solid. But I've also had some other young players step up and play well defensively, including Bryanna Rodriguez and Tania Collier.

"Their solid play has opened up some options to move a few of our returners into more dynamic roles.

"Emily Hernandez, a former center back, is now playing in the midfield where we can better utilize her ball skills and passing abilities.

"We are also looking for ways to get Lauren Escobar's skill set put to use more offensively. If we can get things sorted by linking Escobar with speedy striker Lesly Garcia, and crafty midfielder Alejandra Magana, I think we can find a lot of success."

Dropping games to Atascocita and Klein Collins is no major setback in the grand scheme of things.

It's all about preparing for District 22-6A action and making a big move when the time comes. McDonald feels a few adjustments here and there will make a big difference.



Klein Collins' Taylor James (12) looks to push the ball upfield offensively as Lady Longhorn Megan Glass (15) defends in the first half of the game between the two teams Jan. 7 at Turner Stadium. In the end, Klein Collins emerged with a 3-0 victory.

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At left, it was a frigid start to the high school soccer season across the region on opening weekend, including the Dobie varsity girls' appearance at the Humble Invitational at Turner Stadium. Here, Dobie's Lauren Escobar (1) plays a ball in front of a Klein Collins player during the Tigers' 3-0 victory Jan. 7. Dobie defeated Clear Brook 1-0 on opening day but also lost to Atascocita 2-0. The Lady Longhorns expect to be able to compete in warmer temperatures at the Port Neches-Groves Invitational Jan. 12-14.

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Making her varsity debut as a freshman for Dobie, Taiya Mitchell (11) played exceptionally well on the defensive end, allowing the team to make some adjustments all over the field. While Dobie netted just a single goal in three games – a 1-0 victory over Clear Brook on opening day – the offense is expected to improve its production with more experience and perhaps warmer weather conditions.

South Belt area sports scene news, notes

Rising Stars track club to register

The Rising Stars Track Club, led by head coach Ivory Kimble, is now hosting registration and practice sessions at the Dobie High School track. Staff members will be on hand to register new and returning athletes each Friday beginning at 4:30 p.m., each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and each Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Practice sessions are held each Wednesday and Friday, from 4:30 p.m. until dark, Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Those ages 5 to 18 are eligible to compete in the Rising Stars Track program, which has qualified dozens of athletes for national competition over the last few summers. For more information, call Kimble at 281-561-1248.

Dobie softball to host alumni game Feb. 4.

The Dobie High School softball program is busy preparing for the upcoming 2017 season, and in doing so, there will be an alumni game played Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Lady Longhorns' game field at Dobie High School. Any former players interested in competing in the game may direct email to Lady Longhorns' head coach Robin Rackley at rackley@pasadenaisd.org.

Lady Longhorn softball sets scrimmages Feb. 4.

There will be a series of scrimmage games in a round robin format hosted by the Dobie varsity softball program at the high school and the girls' softball facility at El Franco Lee Park Saturday, Feb. 11, and the public is invited to view the action. Members of the Lady Longhorn booster club will be on hand selling barbecue combination plates for \$8 each, and other concessions will be available. Entry fee

is \$5 for adults and children older than 5. Children age 5 and under as well as any South Belt Girls Softball Association players who wear their game uniform to the event will be admitted free of charge. Game action will begin at 9 a.m.

SBGSA offers free youth camp Jan. 28

The South Belt Girls Softball Association will host a free youth softball camp on Saturday, Jan. 28, as players and coaches from Dobie, Clear Brook, Pasadena Memorial and South Houston provide instruction in all phases of the game to those students in the sixth grade or younger, per University Interscholastic League rules. Space is limited, and those who register the earliest will receive first priority. To participate, direct email to southbeltgirlsoftball@live.com with child's name, age division, grade and high school zoned to. Please include best email and cell phone contact. League officials will verify camp participation by Tuesday, Jan. 24. Those selected to participate must provide their own glove, bat and batting helmet. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the SBGSA facility at El Franco Lee Park.

South Belt Youth Soccer Club online registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now accepting online registration for the spring 2017 season. Practices will begin in early February, with the season set to begin later that month. The registration fees are as follows: U-5 through U-8 (4, 5, 6, 7) is \$75, which includes uniform. U-9 and U-10 (8, 9) is \$85, and uniform fee is an additional cost. U-11 and older (10 to 18) is \$95, and uniform fee is an additional cost. Only credit cards and debit cards will be accepted as forms of payment. A late registration fee of \$10 will be assessed after Feb. 15. To register, visit the league's website at www.southbeltssoccer.org.