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Genealogy group meets

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Jan. 18, 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.

Sagemont Park meets

The Sagemont Park Civic Club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Sagemont Park Community Center on Hughes Road near Beltway 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Lady Longhorns host bingo

The Dobbie Lady Longhorns Booster Club will hold a bingo fundraiser Friday, Jan. 22. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo games will run from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through a Dobbie soccer player or a booster club member.

The event serves as one of the primary fundraisers to help cover costs associated with the Dobbie soccer program throughout the school year. For more information, email jfdgirlssoccer@gmail.com.

Winter Wonderland Jan. 30

The Frozen Winter Wonderland festival will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church, 5354 Space Center Blvd. Saturday, Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission is free, and snacks and raffle tickets will be available. Activities include snow, games, crafts, and a visit from the Snow Queen. For information, call 281-484-4814 or visit www.asbury.cc.

PIP meeting Jan. 19

The Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be Judge Jo Ann Delgado, who will speak on legislative updates.

PIP consists of police and citizens working for safer neighborhoods. For more information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

Knights sell spaghetti

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will sponsor a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Jan. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road.

The menu will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti covered with original KC 9201 Pasta Sauce, two made-from-scratch Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread, and iced tea or lemonade.

The cost is \$7 eat in or take out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3 (one meatball), eat in only.

LSA Open House Jan. 31

Lutheran South Academy will host an open house for prospective families on Sunday, Jan. 31, from 2 until 4 p.m. Lutheran South is a PreK-12, fully accredited, college preparatory Christian school, with certified Christian educators who prepare students for higher education and life to become Christian leaders. During the open house, parents will take a tour of the facilities, meet the faculty and have the opportunity to see first-hand what Lutheran South is all about.

LSA is located at 12555 Ryewater Drive, near I-45 and Dixie Farm Road. For more information, contact Lee Ann Kerr, director of admissions, at 281-617-5619 or at leann.kerr@lutheransouth.org.

SJC sets Rashomon auditions

The San Jacinto College Department of Theatre and Film will hold open public auditions for *Rashomon*, an award-winning drama that was a Broadway hit starring husband and wife performers Rod Steiger and Claire Bloom.

Auditions will be held Tuesday, Jan. 19, and Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. for adults 16 and older for a cast that will include up to 35 performers. They will be held at the Powell Arena Theatre on the Central campus, 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena. Enrollment at the college is not required. Materials need not be prepared in advance, and all who audition should dress to move.

Rehearsals begin Jan. 22, and the show opens Feb. 24. For information about San Jacinto College Theatre and Film programs, visit sanjac.edu/career/theatre-film.

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 Monday, Feb. 15. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

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

Pasadena ISD bids farewell to Lewis

By James Bolen

Hundreds of friends and colleagues gathered Tuesday, Jan. 12, to bid farewell to outgoing Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis at a retirement party held at the district campus that bears his name.

"What a great opportunity we have to come together and honor a man who has given so much of himself to make not only Pasadena ISD and the community a better place, but the world," said incoming PISD Superintendent DeeAnn Powell. "We hope that this evening is a reflection of how much you have shown us appreciation over the years."

Current PISD Board of Trustees President Mariselle Quijano said Lewis (who also serves as a deacon at South Main Baptist Church in Pasadena) could be summed up in two words – ethical and godly.

"I wasn't on the board when Lewis was appointed, but I'm so thankful for the opportunity I've had to work with him for the past seven years," Quijano said. "Dr. Lewis has been an inspiration to the board, administration, staff and students at Pasadena ISD. Whether he was on the mountain top celebrating the highest achievements of our students or working in the trenches making hard decisions, he always remained ethical and godly."

Multiple gifts were presented to Lewis, including a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol (presented by an aide from U.S. Rep. Brian Babin's office); a quilt representing PISD campuses and administrative departments; an eternal flame sculpture; a gift basket (presented by former Frazier Principal Rhonda Parmer and former Beverly Hills Principal Alyta Harrell – both now PISD administrators); and an inaugural letter-

man's jacket from the Lewis Career and Technical High School (presented by CTHS Principal Steve Fleming). A check in the amount of \$2,000 was also presented to Lewis, to be used for two scholarships for CTHS students – one this year and one next year.

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 in 1983. Lewis went on to earn a doctorate in education 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 com-

munications 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.

A tearful Lewis told the standing-room only crowd it was a young female student at Fisher Elementary who prompted him to make the career switch from a PR person to an administrator.

"I was visiting Fisher Elementary School 25 years ago to help judge a Halloween mask contest," Lewis recalled after the meeting. "Students had made all kinds of masks for their fall festival. The masks were very well done – obvious that parents had helped a great deal. All except for one. It was a crude, paper sack from Kroger's, smudged with crayon, with two holes cut in it for

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PISD staff honors Lewis



Hundreds gathered Tuesday, Jan. 12, for a retirement party for outgoing Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis (fourth from left). The handmade quilt behind Lewis was presented to him as a gift. Shown above with Lewis at the function are, left to right, Dobbie Principal Franklin Moses, Beverly Hills Principal Stacey Barber, PISD volunteer Emory Gadd, Lewis' wife Robin, former Beverly Hills Principal Stephanie Wright, former Beverly Hills Principal and current PISD administrator Alyta Herrell, former Stuchbery Principal Nancy Teichelman, Roberts Middle School Principal Jorly Thomas and Morris Middle School Principal Daniel Hoppie.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

New open carry law takes effect

By James Bolen

With the arrival of the new year, Texas' new open carry firearm law is now in effect.

The regulation, signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott last June, allows the state's licensed handgun holders, who previously had to keep their firearms concealed, to now carry them openly in a hip or shoulder holster.

While it was already legal for Texans to carry long guns or rifles in public, the new law allows citizens to also carry handguns in plain view. Texas is the 45th (and largest) state in the nation to implement such a measure.

In addition to having a concealed handgun license (CHL), those wishing to open carry must be at least 21, have a clean criminal and psychological record, complete classroom training and pass a shooting test.

Statewide, roughly 925,000 Texans – about 3 percent of the population – have CHLs. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety (the entity responsible for issuing CHLs), 468 residents living in the 77089 ZIP code alone received their CHLs in 2014.

While no figures are yet available for the year 2015, that number is expected to be significantly higher, given nationwide trends. FBI records show a record number of more than 185,000 background checks taking place on Black Friday – a 5 percent increase over the previous year.

By comparison, the neighboring 77581 ZIP code in Pearland issued 770 permits during the same time period. The 77546 ZIP code in Friendswood issued 907.

Despite the new law, most places already deemed gun-free zones, such as public schools, polling places and courtrooms, will remain as such. State colleges and universities, however, will be required to allow permitted weapons on campus, per state law. Rice University, a private institution, has voted to opt out of campus carry, as it is referred to.

Businesses in the state may also choose to opt out of the new law. H-E-B, Whataburger and Target are among the businesses prohibiting open carry. Other businesses, such as Walmart, Kroger and Home Depot are among the businesses that allow it.

Under the open carry law, a business must post signs in English and Spanish, known as 30.07s, if they choose to prohibit the practice. There are multiple sites online that compile lists of businesses that do and do not have 30.07 signs.

It is often a sensitive decision for businesses to make, as the issue is quite polarizing. On one hand, there are many who argue that carrying a gun makes them feel safer, while others feel much less safe in the presence of visible firearms.

In an effort to educate local residents of the new regulations, Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado will deliver a presentation to the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon this spring. Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson will also be taking part in the event.

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

Leader remembers highlights of 2015

The year in review is continued from the last issue. Stories up to Feb. 19 can be found in the Jan. 7 edition of the *Leader*.

Feb. 19

A homeless man was arrested for starting a Feb. 13 fire that destroyed a storage building at the Quba Islamic Institute on Dixie Farm Road. Darryl Ferguson, 55, was charged with first-degree felony arson. The incident garnered national media attention, as many suspected it to be a hate crime. Ferguson, however, said the fire was unintentional.

Feb. 26

Local hero Charles Jordan was honored at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 31st annual banquet. Jordan is credited for saving the life of Monica Garza the previous March when he selflessly put his body between her and a pair of angry pit bulls that were attacking her as she was jogging along the Blackhawk hike-and-bike trail. Also honored at the event was Sagemeadow resident Dean Baier, who was named the chamber's volunteer of the year. The director of operations for the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District by trade, Baier serves on the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department and is the top organizer and volunteer for the South Belt Spectacular Cookoff.

The Dobbie High School Academic Decathlon team advanced to the state competition following a win at the local Region 5 tournament. This marked the ninth consecutive year Dobbie placed in the top 10 among 28 schools to advance to the state meet. Coached by Steven Higginbotham, team members included Jacob Little, Adolfo Gracia, Diego Ramirez, Bill Huynh, Mohammad Shobaki, Gabriel Perez, Jacob Bonavita and Vincent Gonzales.

March 5

Former Dobbie student Alex Gallant went missing Feb. 28 after his kayak overturned during a fishing trip near South Deer Island, roughly three miles offshore from Galveston Bay. Gallant, 23, was kayaking with his childhood friend Brandon Curacas, 21, when Gallant tipped over into the choppy, 53-degree water and began to panic. In an attempt to save himself, Gallant reportedly grabbed onto Curacas' kayak, also tipping it over. Curacas managed to grab on to a nearby buoy, while Gallant was last seen drifting away, holding onto his overturned kayak. Curacas was rescued by a good Samaritan and taken to a pier, where he was treated for mild hypothermia and released. An extensive search by the U.S. Coast Guard was unsuccessful. Gallant's body was later discovered by fishermen near Pirate's Cove on March 24.

March 12

A local restaurant's decision to deny service to a man because of his facial tattoos drew national media attention. Would-be customer Erik Leighton said he and a friend were escorted by police out of Bombshells Restaurant and Bar, located on the Gulf Freeway at Fuqua, on March 7, as the establishment does not allow patrons to have tattoos on either their face or neck. Frustrated, Leighton took to social media to air his grievances. Online support for Leighton was overwhelming, with several leaving negative comments on Facebook and Yelp. Within hours, Bombshells' Facebook page had been taken down. A representative from Bombshells replied to Leighton on Facebook, saying the tattoo policy is in place to dissuade gang members from going to the restaurant/bar. Leighton, who has no criminal record, said he is not a gang member.

March 19

Former South Belt resident Edith Sax, originally believed to have drowned in April 2014, was likely murdered, police said after new evidence surfaced in the case. Detectives said money was likely the motive, as Sax had a multimillion dollar estate. Crime Stoppers of Houston offered \$30,000 for information leading to an arrest in the case, but the homicide still remains unsolved.

Sally Mitchell announced she was retiring as executive director of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce after serving more than seven years in the position. Mitchell remains a member of the chamber through her husband's company, PCR Interests.

March 26

Chuck Tylka was re-elected by his colleagues to serve another term as chief of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. This marked the seventh consecutive time Tylka, who has 40 years of service, had filled the position. Founding member Jerry Terrell, who has 44 years of service, was re-elected assistant chief/fire marshal.

April 2

A Clear Brook High School student was transported by LifeFlight to the Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital after being stabbed by another student March 26. According to Clear Creek Independent School District officials, the ninth-grade student was stabbed in the leg, abdomen and neck with a folding pocket knife. The 10th-grade student suspected in the stabbing was taken into police custody.

On March 30, Sagemeadow resident Charles Jordan was one of 20 people nationwide to be recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. Jordan was honored for his selfless actions that likely saved the life of a dog-attack victim, Monica Garza, the previous year.

April 9
Kyle Price was appointed chief executive officer of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital on April 5. Price succeeded CEO Erin Asprey, who was promoted to president of the South Region for the Memorial Hermann Health System. Price had previously served seven years as the hospital's chief operating officer.

Trevion Jerrell Davis, 22, was arrested and charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon for his alleged role in the April 6 robbery of the O'Reilly Auto Parts in the 10900 block of Beamer. Davis was found hiding in the parking lot of the nearby Beamer Place apartment complex during a manhunt after the robbery.

April 16

A second-grade teacher at Laura Bush Elementary School resigned amid allegations he took upskirt photos of an 8-year-old female student. Luis Rudolfo Pasos, 43, was later charged with two

felony counts of indecency with a child. When initially confronted about the allegations by police, Pasos reportedly attempted to destroy his phone by breaking it in half and throwing it into a storm drain. He later led police to the broken phone, where it was recovered and analyzed by experts.

April 23

A Clear Creek Independent School District high school student taking classes at San Jacinto College South was seriously injured on April 16 when he fell from a third-story balcony. The incident happened at the Allied Health Science building. The 17-year-old student, who was part of CCISD's Clear Horizon Early College High School program, fell over a 4-foot railing surrounding an atrium inside the building. The student suffered serious injuries, including multiple fractures, and was transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital.

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Rep. Dennis Paul visits Dobbie



Dobbie High School government students recently welcomed state Rep. Dennis Paul and his district director, Debra Risinger, to the area campus. The pair spoke to students on topics ranging from the importance of civic service to campaigning, to the latest legislative session. Pictured above are, left to right, Risinger, students Jade Jacobo and Jade Nanez, and Paul.

Photo submitted

In My Opinion

King says "Kudos to Brown and Green"

At the first meeting of our new City Council on Wednesday, Controller Chris Brown and CFO Kelly Dowe made their regular financial reports. Their reports were grim. Brown especially should be credited with raising the alarm over the City's rapidly deteriorating fiscal position.

But the roughly one hour discussion that followed can only be described as an exercise in rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic. The Council members warned against cuts in services and lamented their ability to not raise property taxes by more than the 4.5% limit set forth in the charter. Only Council Member Larry Green had the courage to state the obvious. Regardless of what budget machinations the Mayor and Council cook up for the current budget, the City's financial future is doomed without very significant pension reform.

The annual report the City issued on New Year's Eve could not lay out the reality in more stark terms. Just 15 years ago, the City's pension expense was about \$100 million annually. The annual report says the expense last year was \$689 million. The unfunded liability is now estimated at \$5.5 billion. To put that number in some perspective, there are about 43,000 participants in the three pension systems. That means that taxpayers owe each participant, on average, \$127,000 - a number that should concern both taxpayers and the pension plan participants.

It is also important to note that the situation is almost certainly even worse than the numbers in the annual report suggest. These estimates are based on the assumption that the pension plans will earn between 7-8.5% on their invested assets. Last year they actually earned between 1.4-3.4%.

For the first time the annual report includes a very useful section that estimates the effect of the investment return assumption being off by one percent. According to this sensitive analysis, if the plans earn 1% less (6-7.5%) the unfunded liability balloons to \$7.3 billion. Mercifully, the annual report does project the unfunded liability at rates less than the 6-7.5% range.

The annual report does not calculate what the annual pension expense for the plans would be at a lower investment rate of return. But since the plans currently have about \$10 billion invested, a 1% drop in the assumption rate should increase the expense by about \$100 million per year. This is one of the reasons why the suggestion that the City's deficit next year is only \$126 million is nonsense.

The suggestion that City's massive financial challenges can be addressed with zero based budgeting or raising the property tax cap or tinkering with the TIRZ allocations is the ultimate in whistling past the graveyard. So kudos to Chris Brown and Larry Green for having the courage to point out the graveyard.

Note: Many of you have asked for the link to the City annual report. It can be found at <http://www.houstontx.gov/controller/cafr/cafr2015.pdf>. The auditors' notes on the pensions can be found at pages 97-103.

Bill King

PISD says farewell to Lewis



A quilt representing each of the Pasadena Independent School District schools, programs and departments was presented to former superintendent of schools Dr. Kirk Lewis at his retirement celebration at the Lewis CTHS on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016. The quilt was created with the help of district staff and Lewis' wife, Robin. Left to right are John Piscacek, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance, Robin Lewis and Dr. Kirk Lewis. (See related story and photo Page 1A.)

Photos by Melissa Trevizo



Family members pictured at the retirement celebration are, left to right, Melissa Lewis, Lena Lewis, Andrew Lewis, Dr. Kirk Lewis, Robin Lewis, Eli Lewis, Adam Lewis, Melissa Lewis and Josiah Lewis.

PISD's Dr. Lewis retires

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I made a sarcastic remark about the child doing it without parental help. The principal told me her story; both parents drug addicts, one recently deceased from an overdose, one in prison for dealing. She had been taken in by elderly grandparents. The grandmother had died two weeks earlier, leaving the little girl with an invalid grandfather, confined to a wheelchair with oxygen. The two of them had worked to do what they could to bring a mask to school. I stood there hiding the fact that I was wiping away tears and ashamed of the snide comment I had made. The principal introduced me to the little girl, a shy, thin Hispanic girl who looked like she hadn't had enough to eat in weeks. She had the most precious smile. We talked quietly for a few minutes before she had to leave. I know the teachers were doing a lot to take care of her, but she was put in a foster home a few weeks later, and we never heard from her again. I don't know how her life turned out, but she changed mine. From that moment on, I knew I had to do what I could in whatever capacity I served in the district to ensure that all our kids were given every opportunity to overcome every negative circumstance in life they faced. Whether privileged or poor, they deserved my best every day. I thought of her often when I was tired or facing difficult choices. She turned me from a simple PR person to an educator in one brief encounter. I will never forget her."

Under Lewis' leadership, PISD has seen an increase in graduation rates, a dramatic reduction in dropout rates, a significant increase in number of students taking and passing AP exams and dual credit courses

and the creation of Early College High School concept and the Career and Technical High School.

He has also overseen the successful passage of six bond programs valued at more than \$1.3 billion.

The funds were used to construct six new elementary schools, nine middle schools, two intermediate schools and two high schools.

The outgoing superintendent praised the efforts of district teachers and fellow staff members, whom he referred to as "agents of change."

"Education is about change," Lewis said. "We set about in our careers to change lives. Sometimes the kids who come to us don't have as large a dream about their lives as they could. Our goal has always been to take them from dependence to independence and encourage them to be who we know they can be. ... You do the job so incredibly well. You embrace the possibility that our kids can do anything. Every day that you come to work, you get the opportunity to change their destiny. I will be forever grateful for that. ... Every one of you who I have worked with, you have changed me. I'm amazed at what you do. It has been an amazing and joyous 30 years here at Pasadena ISD - tough at times, but so gratifying. Thank you for making my life special, and thank you for changing me into who I am today."

While PISD officials are sad to see Lewis go, they are confident in the position in which he has left the district.

"You have left the district in great shape and in good hands," Quijano said.

Powell is set to assume the duties of superintendent on Feb. 1.

Elected officials share their words

District E News

By Council Member Dave Martin

It is hard to believe that we have already welcomed 2016. This new year brings a wealth of changes to City Hall, and I am excited to be able to be a part of it. Last month voters across the city took advantage of exercising their right to vote by casting their ballot in the December 12 runoff election. I first want to welcome new Mayor-Elect Sylvester Turner. I look forward to working with him and continuing to advocate for District E and ensuring our fair share of capital improvement (CIP) dollars for projects across the council district. I also look forward to working alongside Controller-Elect Chris Brown. I have had the opportunity to work with Chris as he has assumed the role as Deputy City Controller for the past two years and know he will continue to do a fine job overseeing the city's finances.

Additionally, congratulations and welcome to all of the new At-Large and District Council Members-Elect that will take their oath of office this week including Mike Knox (At-Large-1), Amanda Edwards (At-Large 4), Steve Le (District F), Greg Travis (District G) and Karla Cisneros (District H). We have many pertinent issues facing our city that we will have to address over the next four years together, and I look forward to working collaboratively to do

what is right for not only District E but all Houstonians.

To all of my outgoing colleagues, I appreciate the time being able to work with you over the past years. Each of you has served the city commendably, and I wish you nothing but the best as you transition into the next role in your careers.

Lastly, my office continues to submit projects using the District E Council District Service Fund. Many of you may have seen recent improvements that have been made in the community using the fund including panel replacements, sidewalk repairs, trapping of feral hogs, etc. I encourage each of you to contact my office if you have ideas that this money could be used towards to better improve the quality of life and public safety for residents in the district. While we have a limited amount of money to work with, we will take all suggestions into consideration when requesting projects to the administration.

As always, my office staff and I are available to you. Please contact us with your questions, concerns or comments at 832-393-3008 or districte@houstontx.gov.

Thank you again for trusting in me to serve you for another four years. I wish you and your families a very happy new year!

FAA "Know Before You Fly" commercial drone tips

From the office of Council Member Dave Martin

It is estimated that between 500,000 and 1,000,000 unmanned aircraft systems, otherwise known as "drones," were given as gifts this holiday season.

As a result, the District E office would like to inform residents of several rules strictly enforced by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the operation of commercial drones in regulated airspace (the airspace within a five mile radius of FAA-regulated areas such as airports).

To ensure the safe operation of unmanned aircraft in these busy areas, the FAA is promoting a "Know Before You Fly" campaign. Commercial drone operators are advised to:

- Fly below 400 feet;
- Always fly within the visual line of site;
- Never fly over groups of people;
- Never fly over stadiums or sporting events;

- Never fly within five miles of an airport without contacting air traffic controls and airport authorities;
- Never fly near emergency response efforts such as fires;
- Never fly near other aircraft;
- Never fly under the influence.

Operating a commercial drone in restricted airspace requires specific information and permissions. A fact sheet with details on the varieties of unmanned aircraft systems and relevant regulations are also available at https://www.faa.gov/news/fact_sheets/news_story.cfm?newsId=18297.

Information on certifying an unmanned aircraft system to fly safely in the National Airspace System can also be found at https://www.faa.gov/uas/legislative_programs/section_333/.

Clear Brook debate splits for two tournaments

Instead of turning in for the holiday break, the Clear Brook High School debaters split up and traveled to the Strake Jesuit High School and the Clear Falls High School debate tournaments in order to earn more state points and bring home more gold.

Strake, a Tournament of Champions bid tournament, is one of the hardest competitions in the area. Students from various states travel to Houston each year to compete in these types of meets where every round is like a "finals" round.

Lincoln-Douglas members Gabe Rivera and Suketh Subramanya performed exceptionally well, with records of 3-3, huge accomplishments given the status of the tournament.

In addition, Brook dominated the competition at Clear Falls.

In the Public-Forum division, the duo of Anish Cho-

tai and Heena Popatia were able to place second overall, earning each qualification for the state competition in Austin this spring. Together, the two proved to be the best of the best, defeating all but one other team at the tournament.

Additionally, first-year members Michael Villareal and Dmitri Giannakopoulos were able to place third in semifinals, a major feat for each of these two novices. Both hope to earn a state qualification in the coming month after ending the Falls tournament with a total of 6 points.

In the Lincoln-Douglas division of the tournament, Adarsh Suresh was able to place first overall, and earn his state qualification. Dhiren Wijesinghe was also able to place third in LD, adding to his already-qualified state status.

Brook was also represented well in the speaking

events. Vashti Singh, Wijesinghe, and Suresh each placed fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively, in Foreign Extemporaneous speaking.

In Domestic Extemporaneous speaking, Ryan Williams placed first, also earning a state qualification, now his second of the year. Suresh was also able to take fourth place in Impromptu Speaking.

Clear Brook's debate students may have sacrificed their first weekend off for their passion, but not without their just rewards. The team now has a total of 15 state qualifications, and projects at least 5 more in the coming months.

Brook plans to travel to the University of Houston next in hopes of winning more awards and gaining more qualifications for the Texas Forensic Association State Tournament.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Thursday, Jan. 14, at 4:30 p.m. - Hour of Code: Scratch II. Hour of Code is a program to help give school-aged children exposure to various computer programming languages. The group will be able to build on the Scratch lessons that were learned from the previous Hour of Code by creating various visuals using MIT's Scratch platform. (https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/editor/?tip_bar=getStarted). Recommended for ages 8+.

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

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

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kings-point Road. Tuesdays - Pre-K Storytime from 10:30 to 11 a.m.; Storytime Craft from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Wednesdays - Baby/Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m.; Baby/Toddler Playgroup at 11 a.m.; Computer Basics at 2 p.m.; Internet Basics at 3:15 p.m.; and Power Point at 4:30 p.m.

Thursdays - Citizenship Class from 4 to 6 p.m.

Thursdays, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18 - Not Your Mama's Book Club at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6 - Manga/Anime Club at 2:30 p.m.

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

For more information on programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

Locals attend inauguration ceremony



Several local area residents recently attended the City of Houston Inauguration Ceremony for Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Council Member Dwight Boykins. Transportation was provided by Boykins' office. Pictured are, left to right, (center, kneeling) Sandra Woodard, (front row) Mary Smith, Deloris Davis, Dominic Cantalamessa, Dotie Cantalamessa, Roxie McKinney-Sagemont

Satellite Office Liason District D, Willie Mae Holmes, Rosalyn Waddleton, Gwendolyn Allen, Samuel Dotson, and Stacey Robb, (second row) Robert Simmons, Devon Pigot, Alice Pigot, Joyce Lowe, Dorothy Dawson, Mary Caldwell, Lou Kelly, Shirley Martin, David Waddleton, Jamie Jamison, Alvin Dillard, Sandra Robb, Karen Sumanek and Norma Brown. Photo by Roxie R. Foster-McKinney

Deaths

Milton Craig Bynum III



Longtime South Belt resident Milton Craig "Pete" Bynum III, 65, died on Jan. 8, 2016. He was born on Sept. 11, 1950, to the late Rev. Milton Craig Bynum II and Sara Ella Bynum. His life was guided by a stepmother, the Rev. Coetta Bynum. He was an active member of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church, under the Rev. Hayward Wiggins.

Bynum attended Douglas Elementary school and graduated from Webster Groves High School. He was a skilled basketball player on both junior varsity and varsity teams. He was also business minded and became a member of Junior Achievement where he served actively, and was recognized for his many achievements.

He graduated from Central Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. After graduation, Bynum moved to Houston where he began working as an engineer at McDonnell Douglas, later acquired by Boeing Aerospace at NASA. He made numerous contributions, received many accolades, and was honored with awards over his 41 years of service. He retired in 2013.

While working at McDonnell Douglas, Bynum met Patricia Collins, the love of his life. They married on Nov. 18, 1978. They had two children, Tiffany Dionne Bynum and Milton Craig Bynum IV.

Bynum joined Sagemont Church in 1986 and became a faithful member. He worked with the parking lot ministry

for more than 20 years. He attended Sunday school, every Sunday without fail, under the guidance and mentorship of Brother Chuck Schneider and Brother Stuart Rothberg. He was also very active with the media ministry throughout his membership, until his health prevented him from attending services.

Just as active as Bynum was in church, he was also active physically and within the community. He sought ways to participate in and give back to the community. Some of his favorite fundraising events were the Special Olympics, United Negro College Fund Walk/Run for Education, coaching the Southbelt Dolphins in the Bay Area Football League, and being an active father of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. South Belt Houston Chapter.

He was an honorary member of Southern University Alumni and of Bible Way Fellowship Baptist Church where he made many contributions. Bynum loved to exercise and stay healthy. Due to his love for health and fitness, he held routine workouts in the gym six days a week. He firmly believed in having a healthy body, a healthy mind, and a healthy spirit.

Bynum cherished his wife, Patricia, to whom he was married for 37 years. He also loved and adored his children, Tiffany and Craig.

His favorite things to do were to take his wife out for date nights, and to dance with her at any occasion. He also loved spending time with his children and would never turn down an opportunity to spend precious time with them.

Bynum is survived by his wife, Patricia; children Tiffany Dionne Bynum and Milton Craig Bynum IV; stepmother the Rev. Coetta Bynum; aunt Marjorie Dash; cousins Liola Young Davis, William "Bud" Richardson, Monique Dash, Skye Barclay; and numerous other extended family members and friends.

Funeral services for Bynum will be held Monday, Jan. 18, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Sagemont Church. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be at Forest Lawn Cemetery at 8701 Alameda Genoa Road.

Mayia Maxine Uresti

Former South Belt resident Mayia Maxine Uresti, 57, died Jan. 11, 2016, at Kindred Hospital in Pasadena, after struggling with medical conditions surrounding dialysis and surgeries. Uresti was born April 8, 1958, in Port Lavaca, the daughter of Roger Ybarra and Estella Ybarra.

Uresti enjoyed being surrounded by family, friends and her puppies, most recently, Moses. In her teens, she played saxophone in the Calhoun High School Band where she graduated in 1975.

In 1976, she married Leroy Dell Uresti. They lived in Port Lavaca. She worked as a mother and as a dental assistant the majority of her life.

In addition to raising their three children, she also was an active member at the Houston Catholic Charismatic Center. She was surrounded by family and friends through her attendance and worship.

Uresti is survived by her three children, Joseph Leroy Dale Uresti, Christopher Michael Uresti, and Alexa Leia Uresti; three grandsons, one granddaughter, one great-granddaughter, and her two sisters, Linda Faye Rendez and Elsie Joyce Cobb.

Visitation and a rosary were held Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Niday. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at the Catholic Charismatic Center. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Dickinson.

Correction

In the Jan. 7, 2016, edition of the *Leader*, the Patricia "Pat" Helms obituary was worded that Helms was preceded in death by "his" parents. This should have read "her" parents.

The *Leader* apologizes for the error.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

PLT presents The Cemetery Club

Pasadena Little Theatre, Houston's oldest community theater in continuous operation, continues its 61st season, the *Season of Dreams*, with *The Cemetery Club*, by Ivan Menchell.

Three Jewish widows meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husband's graves. Ida is sweet tempered and ready to begin a new life, Lucille is a feisty embodiment of the girl who just wants to

have fun, and Doris is priggish and judgmental, particularly when Sam the butcher enters the scene.

Pasadena's presentation of *The Cemetery Club* features as its director well-known actress Jada August along with an outstanding cast.

This production opens on Jan. 22 and continues weekends through Feb. 7.

Friday and Saturday showtimes are 8 p.m., and

Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m.

There is one Thursday show at 8 p.m. on Feb. 4. This is PLT's special two-can-attend for \$20 night.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors.

To purchase tickets, make reservations or for more information, call the box office at 713-941-1758, or log onto www.pasadena-littletheatre.org.



Pasadena Little Theatre presents *The Cemetery Club*, by Ivan Menchell, a comedy featuring, left to right, Jo Ann Levine, Russell Snow, Anne Boyd, Anne Bryant and Donna Bane. Photo submitted

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Leader looks back on local highlights of 2015

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April 30
South Belt attorney John Eddie Williams Jr. was named the Pasadena Independent School District's 2015 Distinguished Alumnus. A 1972 Pasadena High School graduate, Williams is a managing partner at the Williams Kherker Law Firm on the Gulf Freeway. He, along with his wife Sheridan, supports many organizations, including MD Anderson and Memorial Hermann hospitals, as well as the PISD Education Foundation.

May 7
With a little help from Mother Nature, the 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, held April 30 to May 2 at El Franco Lee Park, was a huge success, raising significantly more funds than any other to date. Funds raised went toward the annual Fourth of July fireworks show and local youth organiza-

tions.
The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon Team was recognized by the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees for its exemplary performance at the Texas Academic Decathlon state tournament in San Antonio. The team placed sixth overall, fourth in the Super Quiz and took home several individual medals. Vincent Gonzales received the fifth highest point total in the honors division, and Jacob Little took home the state title with the most individual points in the Varsity Division.

May 14
The May 9 school board election results were tallied, with longtime Pasadena Independent School District incumbents maintaining their positions. While challengers in the election campaigned on the need for fresh faces on the

board, voters opted to re-elect Marshall Kendrick and Vickie Morgan, who had a combined 55 years of service. In the Position 6 race, Kendrick handily defeated challenger Lydia Velasquez. In the Position 7 contest, Morgan easily defeated challengers Erica Davis Rouse and Chuck Maricle. In the Position 5 election, challenger Kenny Fernandez narrowly defeated freshman board member Larry Savala, who had been appointed to the board the previous year to serve the remainder of Jerry Speer's unexpired term. Speer, who had served on the board for 14 years, was required to resign when his granddaughter took a position as a school nurse at Queens Intermediate, violating the school district's nepotism policies.

In the Clear Creek Independent School District election, Jay Cunningham filled

the District 5 seat formerly held by longtime trustee Dee Scott, who stepped down after serving 10 years on the board. Cunningham easily defeated challenger Trent Martin, receiving 62 percent of the vote. Incumbents Page Rander (District 4) and Charles Pond (At-Large Position A) both maintained their positions, as they ran unopposed.

May 21
A South Belt resident was killed in a drive-by shooting at his house in the 12000 block of Ryewater near Astoria on May 15. Clay Wilson, 35, was standing in his driveway when two vehicles pulled up in front of the house, and people inside the cars opened fire. Wilson was struck several times in the head and chest. Wilson was transported to Memorial Hermann South-east Hospital, where he later died. No immediate arrests were made.

Sage Meadow resident Charles Jordan was recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for his heroism. Jordan was honored for his selfless actions that likely saved the life of dog-attack victim Monica Garza in March 2014.

May 28
For the second time in less than two weeks, the South Belt community was hit hard by storms, causing extensive flooding in the area. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the A120 Beamer ditch at

Hughes Road received nearly 6 inches (5.92) of rainfall in less than 12 hours late May 25, and early May 26.

June 4
A burglary suspect was fatally shot by police following a short chase June 3 in the 12700 block of South Green near Fuqua after he allegedly pulled a large knife on a police dog and its handler. Edelmiro Hernandez, 33, was pronounced dead at the scene.

On May 27, approximately 400 guests attended the official dedication and open house of the new Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School, named in honor of the Pasadena Independent School District superintendent. Located on a 32-acre plot of land at the corner of Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff, the school is designed to provide students with the skills necessary to enter the workforce immediately following graduation. Funding for the new campus was approved by voters in November 2011 as part of a \$270 million bond. The school is approximately 246,000 square feet in size and cost roughly \$37 million to construct. A joint venture with San Jacinto College, the campus allows participating students to graduate with a high school diploma, receive a professional certificate or license and earn college hours by taking dual credit courses, advanced placement courses

or by gaining articulated credits. The campus is divided into six separate academics: business and human services; health services; agriculture; transportation and shipping; manufacturing and construction; and technology and engineering.

June 11
A decision by the Sage Meadow Maintenance Committee to remove a mother's memorial in the 11400 block of Blackhawk marking where her son was hit and killed by a car garnered citywide media attention and drew the ire of many community members. Abraham "Bubba" Garza, 8, was killed in May 2012 when he was struck by a vehicle as he was attempting to cross the street. Since his death, Garza's mother, Crystal Garza, has maintained a memorial at the site with wooden crosses and flowers to remember her son. Following the outcry, the maintenance committee agreed to let Garza leave the memorial up, provided she keep it clean.

June 18
Tropical Storm Bill's bark was worse than its bite, sparing the South Belt community any major flooding. While some media reports had predicted as much as 18 inches of rain, the actual rainfall recorded at Beamer and Hughes was 1.48 inches during the peak 24 hours of the storm. Despite the relative weakness of the storm, the community was still heavily

impacted, with several local schools and businesses closed as a precaution.

The South Belt community welcomed the arrival of the CrossRoads United Methodist Church following the merger of Cokesbury United Methodist Church and Christ-Way Community Church of Friendswood.

June 25
Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Kirk Lewis announced he was retiring as superintendent, after serving nine years in the position. The retirement would take effect Jan. 15, 2016. Originally from Ropesville, near Lubbock, Lewis received his bachelor's degree in advertising/public relations from Texas Tech in 1976. 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 education 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. Under his leadership, PISD saw an increase in graduation rates, a dramatic reduction in dropout rates, a significant increase in number of students taking and passing AP exams and dual credit courses and the creation of Early College High School concept and the Career and Technical High School that now bears his name. He also oversaw the successful passage of six bond programs valued at more than \$1.3 billion. The funds were used to construct six new elementary schools, nine middle schools, two intermediate schools and two high schools (Memorial/CTHS). Replacement campuses constructed include 11 elementary schools, two middle schools, six intermediate schools and one high school. Numerous new wings and renovations were also added with the secured funds. Lewis

has resided in Pasadena for 39 years. He and his wife, Robin, have been married 34 years and have two sons, Adam, a teacher at Sam Rayburn High School, and Andrew, an electrical engineer for Dashiell Corporation in Houston. In addition to his work at PISD, Lewis teaches Sunday school at South Main Baptist Church, where he also serves as a deacon.

A South Belt man was charged with murder in the death of his girlfriend's 4-year-old son on Father's Day in the 11800 block of Algonquin near Scarsdale and the Gulf Freeway. The suspect, Usbaldo Franco, 27, is charged for his role in the death of Jordan Aragon, 4, of the above address. He was reportedly babysitting the child for his girlfriend at the time of the incident. The child, who was found unresponsive, was rushed to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital with multiple injuries to his chest and stomach. He was pronounced dead a short time later. Franco was arrested on June 22 without incident.

To be continued in next week's Leader

Roberts Middle School Spelling Bee winners named



Roberts Middle School held its inaugural spelling bee on Dec. 16 with 25 students participating. The bee concluded with Francisco Valadez being the first runner-up and Angel Arroyo the Roberts Middle School's first ever spelling bee champion.

At left are, left to right, champion Angel Arroyo and first runner-up Francisco Valadez.

Photos submitted



Spelling bee champion Angel Arroyo (center) with his parents, Monica and Anibal Arroyo.

PISD Police Department holds swearing-in ceremony Jan. 4



The Pasadena ISD Police Department swears in, left to right, Brandy Waterman, Jessica Cano, and promotes Jason Grice to sergeant.

Photo submitted

Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees, administrators, family and fellow law enforcement gathered Monday, Jan. 4, to celebrate the promotion of one police officer and the swearing in of two.

Jason Grice was promoted to the rank of sergeant, Jessica Cano and Brandy Waterman were sworn in as police officers. The new class members join about 40 police officers throughout Pasadena ISD who help

maintain a safe environment for students and staff.

Each officer took an oath in front of the crowd symbolizing commitment to protect the well-being and safety of Pasadena ISD students and members of the surrounding community.

Grice joined the Pasadena ISD Police Department in 2002 after receiving his basic certification from the Alvin Community College. He has a background in private investigations and served as a law clerk and a

K-9 handler for the district.

Cano is a product of Pasadena ISD schools. She attended Morales Elementary, De Zavala Middle School, Southmore Intermediate and graduated from Sam Rayburn High School in 2012. Cano attended San Jacinto College and later the College of the Mainland Police Academy for her certification.

Waterman served the Baytown Police Department for 14 years. She was a detention officer for 10 of those years and spent her last few years as an administrative assistant. She graduated from the University of Houston Police Academy in August 2015.

CCISD to present free choral concert

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

The inaugural performance of the Choral Masterworks Concert will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16.

"We are very excited to offer this learning opportunity to our choir and orchestra students," explained Dean Muths, CCISD director of Visual and Performing Arts. "They will work with one of the top directors in the country and experience the performance abilities of our very own CCISD choir teachers."

The top choir students from Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake and Clear Springs high schools will join forces with the Clear Lake High School Orchestra to perform *Schubert's Mass in G*. Conducted by Milton Pullen, it promises to be a concert that hits all the right notes.

Pullen was born and reared in Texas, earning his music degrees in music education and conducting from Texas A&M University, Kingsville and from the University of Houston School of Music where he was mentored by the highly

acclaimed artistic director of choirs, Ray Moore.

Before joining the faculty at Pepperdine University, Malibu in 1995, Pullen directed award-winning high school programs in Texas for 24 years, teaching for the majority of the time in the CCISD.

Pullen's choirs have performed for the Texas Music Educators Association, the California Music Educators Association and the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association. In the summer of 2010 he was presented with the Texas Choirmaster Award, the highest honor conferred by the Texas Choral Directors Association.

The Choral Masterworks Concert will feature soloists Jade Blakey (Clear Lake High School assistant choir director), Raul Dominguez (Clear Lake High School choir director), Jill Fetty (Clear Falls High School choir director), Michael Kessler (Clear Brook High School assistant choir director), Rob Phillips (Clear Springs High School choir director) and Kym Reeves (Clear Springs High School assistant choir director).

CCISD board recognized at monthly meeting

During the Dec. 14, 2015, Clear Creek Independent School District Board of Trustees meeting the student leadership team at Armand Bayou Elementary led the pledge. Several CCISD students were recognized for various art awards including TASA/TASB Art Exhibit, Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest, and the 2015 CCISD Holiday Card winners.

The board was recognized for its role in CCISD being named a top workplace in Houston by the *Houston Chronicle*.

Lisa Wooley, serving as a district instructional specialist for secondary advanced academics in Pasadena ISD, was named the Secondary Science Curriculum Coordinator.

Dr. Robert Bayard, serving as executive director of assessment and evaluation in CCISD, was named the Chief Technology Officer.

A presentation about the district's college and career readiness efforts was given. The district saw record attendance at the CCISD College and Career Fair, Financial Aid

Night, and Clear to College. There will be a live webinar on Feb. 10, 2016, with information on the new PSAT. More details will be available in early 2016.

The board approved the following new course options for the 2016-2017 school year to be added to the Education Planning Guide: Algebraic Reasoning, Statistics, Musical Theater, Strategic Learning for High School Mathematics, Holocaust Studies, AP Capstone Seminar, AP Capstone Research, and Spanish for Spanish Speakers

I/II/III/IV Advanced Academics.

Due to House Bill 2610, the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar approval would be moved to the January general board meeting to allow the Texas Education Agency to finalize the rules related to this legislation.

The school board's annual compliance statement for board training hours was presented. All school board members exceeded the required training hours. The board attended 203.5 hours of training.

Thompson students play with Oobleck in science class

When learning that the mantle is made of solid rock that flows, students in Carol Waters' fourth period eighth-grade pre-AP science class wondered how that could happen. "I began asking them if toothpaste or silly putty was a solid or liquid," Waters explained, "and they became so interested in the topic that they wanted to do a lab on it for the fun of it."

On Friday, Dec. 18, the students made Oobleck, a non-Newtonian fluid that acts both like a liquid and solid. Oobleck poured into their hands easily like a liquid and then when they added pressure and rolled it up into a ball, it acted like a solid.

Students then went outside to throw their Oobleck

at the wall and watch it hit like a solid. This was a great lab to conduct before the holidays.



At right, Jordan Tran watches Oobleck pour easily into her hands.



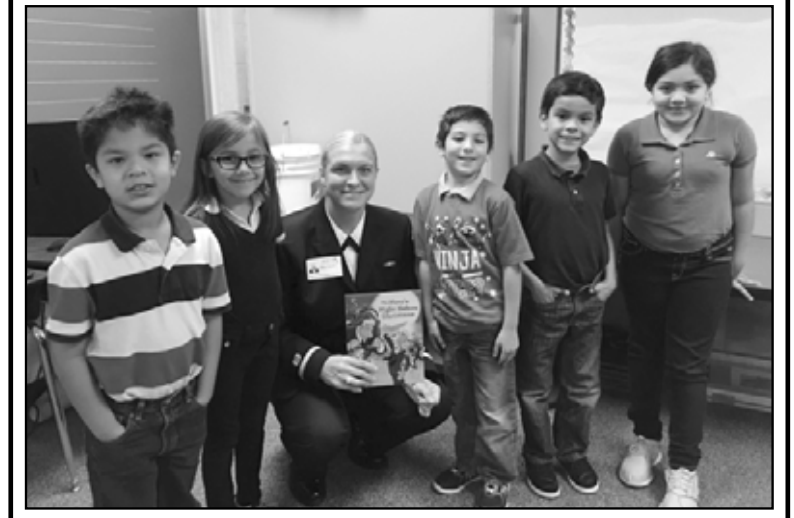
Reid Ball throws his Oobleck at the wall while Ashley Lam, Chance Irwin and Leo Perez look on.

Photos by Carol Waters

Navy JAG officer visits Moore

ENS Stacy Saxon is an officer in the United States Navy JAG Corps. She is the older sister of Sara Saxon, who teaches 2nd grade at Moore Elementary School in Pasadena. ENS Saxon is from Seabrook and attended Clear Lake High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University, then her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from South Texas College of Law in Houston and is a licensed Texas attorney. ENS Saxon, like her younger sister, has always had a passion for helping and educating youth and was honored when asked to come and read to the entire second grade at Moore Elementary. She had previously helped with the student's Veterans Day assignments and was excited to get to meet them all. On Thursday, Dec. 10, she read the *Navy's Night Before Christmas* by Christine Ford and Trish Holland and answered questions that the students had about her and her life in the Navy. In January, ENS Saxon will return for more training in Rhode Island and will then be stationed in San Diego.

Photos submitted



Above are, left to right, Noah Obregon, Liana Fonseca, ENS Stacy Saxon, Liam Gaytan, Landen Hernandez and Lindsey Perrett.



ENS Stacy Saxon reads to a group of second-grade students.



CCISD Board of Trustees were recognized for their role in CCISD's designation as a top workplace in Houston by the *Houston Chronicle* for a fourth straight year. Pictured are, left to right, secretary Charles Pond, trustees Jay Cunningham and Ken Baliker, President Dr. Laura DuPont, Vice President Page Rander, trustees Win Weber and Ann Hammond and Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith.

Photo submitted

San Jac announces upcoming events

San Jacinto College recently released its upcoming Calendar of Events.

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

Spring 2016 registration
Registration for Spring 2016 at San Jacinto College remains open, but all financial obligations must be paid on day of registration. For more information, visit <http://www.sanjac.edu/feature/imp-ortant-registration-dates>.

Start of Spring 2016 semester
Tuesday, Jan. 19, is the start of the Spring 2016 semester at San Jacinto College. The college will be

closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, Jan. 18. For a complete schedule, visit <http://www.sanjac.edu/calendar>.

Men's basketball
The San Jacinto College men's basketball team will play Lone Star College-Tomball at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15; and Angelina College at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23. Both games will take place in Anderson Gymnasium on the Central campus. For the complete schedule, visit sanjacsports.com.

Women's basketball
The San Jacinto College women's basketball team will play Angelina College at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, in Nichols Gymnasium on the North campus. For the complete schedule, visit sanjacsports.com.

Brook debaters compete at UH

On the weekend of Jan. 8-9, Clear Brook debaters traveled to the University of Houston for a prestigious national level debate tournament. There, the students went head-to-head in attempts to earn bids for the Tournament of Champions against some of the hardest competition in the state.

In the Lincoln-Douglas division, senior Suketh Subramanya and junior Keion Rasti both broke to Double-Octofinals, defeating more than 84 other debaters.

Additionally, in Public Forum, the duo of William Li and Vashti Singh, and the team of Ryan Williams and Lizna Lakhani, advanced to Octofinals.

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her state qualification for the upcoming Texas Forensic Association tournament.

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Over The Back Fence by Alexis

DR. MORGAN CELEBRATES 75TH
Happy birthday wishes are sent to Dr. John Morgan ("Brother John"), senior pastor of Sagemont Church, who enjoys his 75th birthday Jan. 14, from friends and staff at the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO MARY
Best wishes to Mary Clark as she celebrates her birthday Jan. 20. Greetings are sent to Mary from her husband Chris, other family members and her friends at the *Leader*.

The day for a birthday party for **Irma Henriquez** is Jan. 15. Blow out the candles on a triple-layer cake for **Jacqueline Breed, Esmeralda Guerra and Maria Villanueva** Jan. 17.

Frazier Elementary
Cecilia Ramirez enjoys a birthday Jan. 15.

Meador Elementary
The day for a cake for **Melisa Hinojosa** is Jan. 16. **Natali Garza** celebrates a birthday Jan. 17.

Chrystal Limon and Constance Ramos. Sharing a birthday Jan. 16 are **Anthony Evans, Jessy George and Dana Tarter**. A birthday is enjoyed by **Deborah Scheffer** Jan. 17. On Jan. 19, a double birthday is celebrated by **Lanora McNeil and Cathy Meek**.

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

MIKE ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Mike Williams celebrates his birthday Jan. 20. Best wishes are sent for a special day from his co-workers at Central Ace Hardware, family and friends at the *Leader*.

FLICKINGERS MARK ANNIVERSARY
Marie and David Flickinger celebrate 54 years of wedded bliss on Jan. 20. Best wishes for an enjoyable day are sent to the couple from their sons **Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger** and **Davy and wife Ellie Flickinger**; granddaughters **Kimberly Flickinger and Courtney Durham** and husband **Chris** and great-granddaughter **Abigail**; granddaughter **Natalie** and husband **Jose Abarca** and great-grandchildren **Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Isabella Abarca**; and their friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

On Jan. 19, **Sandra Rodriguez** enjoys a birthday.

South Belt Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Melinda Hernandez** Jan. 16. Birthday greetings are sent to **Melinda Woods** Jan. 17. **Linh Moore** enjoys a birthday Jan. 19.

Stuchbery Elementary
Domingo Flores is wished a happy birthday Jan. 19.

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

Roberts Middle School
The day for a celebration for **Debbie McKelvey** is Jan. 14.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send a birthday greeting Jan. 14 to **Glenda Hardy**. Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake for **Al Bates and Travis Regner** on Jan. 18.

Thursday, Jan. 14: **Tracy Oliver, Herlinda Machado, Laurie Lynn, Tiffany Defreitas and Louis Casas**; Friday, Jan. 15: **Denise Montano, Patrick Lesley, Heather White, Cody Fountain and Barbara Bennett-Northern**; Saturday, Jan. 16: **Rachel Perez, Heidi Ferguson, Troy Merk, Samesia Bass-Hamlett, Kimberly Dann-Mandy, Dana Willis and Lisa Pennington**; Sunday, Jan. 17: **Scott Greene, Tiffany Juarez, Donald Adams, Katherine Macias, Carla Parker, Jodie Lawson and Kevin Jasso**; Monday, Jan. 18: **Charlie Boldt, Theria Malone, Lynn Carnes, Dwight Baker and Theresa Touchette**; Tuesday, Jan. 19: **Janet Thompson, Lisa Gates, Grace Lazo, Stephanie Puyear, Brenda Mahoney and Lori Watts**; and Wednesday, Jan. 20: **Jeremiah Orsak, Temika Bolar, Stephanie Johnson, Mary Belz, Mark Roden and Mary Clark**.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 14 through Jan. 20.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Katy Glass** Jan. 20.

Bush Elementary

Light the birthday candles Jan. 14 for

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Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

San Jac pastry arts students improve culinary skills

Building of gingerbread houses, a popular holiday activity, became a means for San Jacinto College pastry arts students to improve culinary skills in a recent class project.

"During this time of year, pastry chefs all over town create gingerbread houses and villages," commented San Jacinto College pastry chef instructor **Andrea Huerta**, who conceived the concept, and coordinated the gingerbread house village class project. "Gingerbread house displays are commonly found in country clubs and hotels and it's always the pastry chef that creates them. Putting together an entire village is quite an undertaking, and I wanted my students to build a village

as a way of getting hands-on work experience."

The pastry arts students created their individual houses, which collectively were grouped as a village, entirely from scratch. "They were not permitted to use store-bought kits because kits are more expensive than making everything from scratch," said Huerta. "That's what would be expected in the industry, as restaurants are always watching their bottom line."

Each student was individually responsible for the entire house-making process, which included making the dough, portioning, rolling, baking, creating a design template, assembly and decoration. The class as a whole collaborated to create the village, which was on public display for a week.

Students were graded on their concoctions, earning marks for proper technique throughout the process. "Performing each step correctly is vital to the overall success of such a project," Huerta remarked. "They were provided general guidelines, but they determined the theme and look of their houses. I provided feedback, and the students collaborated to help work through any blocks in creativity. I want students to learn good culinary judgment and know when they are producing something that looks

professional. That way, by the end of a semester they can be critical of their own work and look for ways to improve on their weaknesses."

Culinary arts student **Mary Beth Crouch** of Pasadena chose a country theme for her gingerbread house, dedicating the project to her husband **Josh**, who she describes as a good-natured, hard-working country boy from the small town of **Avery**. "I snagged some of Josh's sunflower seeds to use as roofing material for my gingerbread house, and as I began to put it together, it sort of took on a life of its own and developed into a log cabin in the snow," she commented. "I decided I liked it, and just went with a country boy theme."



The gingerbread village, a class project by San Jacinto College pastry arts students, was on display during the week of Dec. 7-11. Photo by Rob Vanya

A sign in the yard proclaims "Bubba's General Store & Live Auction." **Bubba** (a toy figure), who likes to hunt, is perched on the roof wearing an orange hunting vest, holding a deer rifle, and is crouched in a marksman pose. In the yard, a large snowman made from icing is decked out with a matching orange hunting vest. Also in the yard is a livestock pen. She used **Circus Animal Crackers** for livestock, and (for a touch of realism) she used mini toll-house chocolate morsels for cow manure. Also scattered around the yard are toy tractors and cars,

and (of course) toy pickup trucks. "Woody," the cowboy from "Toy Story" is ice fishing in the front yard.

"Mary Beth made an 'A' on her gingerbread house," remarked Huerta. "She is a great student."

Crouch said she does not consider herself creative by nature. "But working in pastry arts just sort of pulls creativity out of me," she said. She has a natural knack for making desserts, which grew from a hobby to a passion. She enrolled in the San Jacinto College pastry arts program to learn how to improve her skills, and to learn the business side of the culinary industry.

Crouch plans to earn an associate degree in pastry arts from San Jacinto College next December, and then transfer to the University of Houston to pursue a bachelor's degree in business. Her ultimate career goal is to either own her own bakery, or to work as a bakery manager.

So, what will become of her country boy gingerbread house? "I will take it home to Josh and ask him if he wants to take it to work and give it to his boss," she said. "Who knows. Maybe he will get a raise."

To learn more about culinary arts programs at San Jacinto College, visit sanjac.edu/career/culinaryrestaurant-management.

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Independence Plaza opens at Space Center Houston

Independence Plaza, Space Center Houston's new landmark exhibit, will open its doors to the public on Saturday, Jan. 23. Featuring a full shuttle mock-up mounted atop NASA's retired Boeing 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft, the exhibit will give visitors a previously unseen look into the historic American shuttle era and the technological breakthroughs NASA achieved throughout the shuttle program.

The vast exhibit, which required more than 300 yards of concrete for its foundation, will be the world's only shuttle mounted on a shuttle carrier aircraft and the only one that is open for the public to enter. The Boeing 747 featured in the exhibit has ferried America's shuttle orbiters across the country for 42 years both commercially and for NASA. It is 63.5 feet in height and has flown 2 million miles through 11,017 hours of flight time.

For more information on Space Center Houston's historic new Independence Plaza exhibit, visit www.spacecenter.org/independence.

Bay Area Singles Dance Jan. 16

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge, Post 6378, at 5204 Highway 3 in Dickinson. Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers.

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35 years ago (1981)
Dobie High School assistant head varsity football coach **Done Cole** announced his resignation.

Firemen from the Sagemont station of the Houston Fire Department responded to 13 fire calls and nine ambulance calls in a seven-day period.

30 years ago (1986)
Cokesbury United Methodist Church was sold to the Catholic Diocese of Galveston/Houston for \$365,000.

Dr. Ruede M. Wheeler of La Porte was appointed to the San Jacinto College Board of Regents to fill the seat left vacant by the death of **Dr. William Davison**.

10 years ago (2006)
South Belt Rep. Tom DeLay announced he would resign his position as House Majority Leader.

Riverstone Ranch resident **Tammy Burbuck** celebrated the 108th birthday of her great-grandmother **Gertrude McCarthy** in Pasadena.

Both **PISD** and **CCISD** announced intentions to seek a waiver for classroom instruction to begin earlier than the state-mandated date. According to state law at the time, without a waiver, classes could not start earlier than the week in which Aug. 21 fell. The law was later changed so schools could not start sooner than Aug. 27.

1 year ago (2015)
A **South Belt woman** was responsible for reuniting a family with a pair of young French bulldogs that had been taken from their **East Houston home** by a FedEx delivery man. The story made national headlines after surveillance footage captured the driver in action. **South Belt resident Beth Radcliffe** found the dogs near the intersection of **Kirkville and Sagecanyon** and took them to **Kirkwood Veterinary Hospital** to see if they had been chipped.

was one of three Houston police officers to abruptly leave the force Monday, Jan. 12, amid an alleged ticket-rigging scandal. Officer **Robert Manzanales**, a 1986 graduate, took a dishonorable retirement, while fellow officers **Gregory Rosa** and **John Garcia** both resigned. **Manzanales** had been with the department for more than two decades. A fourth officer, **Rudolph Farias**, committed suicide when the scandal first broke the previous August. Later in November, **Manzanales** was sentenced on two felony counts to three years deferred adjudication and 120 hours community service.

25 years ago (1991)
Dobie High School's junior varsity cheerleading squad won first place in the United Cheerleaders Association Southwest Competition in San Marcos. They also earned a bid to the National Championships in Orlando in February.

South Belt area residents opposed to the **Brio Superfund toxic waste site** continued fighting on several fronts throughout the year. At the top of the list sat the proposed Consent Decree, closely followed by attempts to transfer children from **Weber Elementary School** and the need for a comprehensive health study.

South Belt resident Jennifer Carter won a cruise with **The New Kids on the Block**. During the trip she got to meet the performers.

20 years ago (1996)
Dobie sophomore Lindsey Morris was crowned **Miss Teen Pasadena Go Texan**.

An estimated 80 percent of the area would have to change phone numbers if the **Public Utilities Commission** approved the alternate geographic split plan.

15 years ago (2001)
Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District voted on

5 years ago (2011)
Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was sentenced to three years in prison Monday, Jan. 10, on money laundering and conspiracy charges. **DeLay**, who represented much of the **South Belt area**, was found guilty the previous November of illegally funneling \$190,000 in corporate donations into 2002 Texas legislative race

through a money swap. That year, Texas Republicans seized control of the state legislature and redrew a number of Democratic-controlled congressional districts. **DeLay** stepped down as majority leader in 2005, following his indictment. **State Judge Pat Priest** sentenced **DeLay** to a three-year term on conspiracy and accepted 10 years of probation in lieu of a five-year prison term on the money laundering charge. **DeLay** faced up to life in prison. He was released on a \$10,000 bond while he seeks to overturn the conviction.

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South Belt Elementary announces first nine-weeks rolls, awards

South Belt Elementary recently released its rolls and awards for the first nine-weeks of the 2015-2016 school year. Students earning status are:

Kindergarten
All-Star Readers
 Devin Aguilera, Leila Aldridge, Juwayriyah Ali, Isaiyah Ambriz, Shelby Armstrong, Zaniah Barber, Joseph Bello, Abigail Bland, Adam Cid, Turner Craig, Don Dao, Kayla De Robles, Ez Delcid, Trent Edwards, Madison Foster, and Adrian Garza.

Alessandra Garza, Sofia Garza, Jasmin Hernandez, Miguel Johnson, James Jordan, Shayaan Khan, Jerron Lendsey, Isaiyah Machado, Marissa Martinez, Jude Merkle, Brodey Murray, MJ Olayimika, Emma Olvera, Emma Parker and Kinora Ploucha.

Gabriela Ramirez, Alayna Rodriguez, Jordyn Rodriguez, Makayla Rodriguez, Lilliana Salazar, Lorenzo Sanders, Kolton Smith, Logan Stewart, Emma Stone, Dexter Sullivan, Kian Vu, Hayden Walker and Hassan Zamzam.

Math Wizards
 Devin Aguilera, Jacob Aguirre, Leila Aldridge, Juwayriyah Ali, Isaiyah Ambriz, Zaniah Barber, Joseph Bello, Abigail Bland, Adam Cid, Turner Craig, Ez Delcid, Trent Edwards and Madison Foster.

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Good Citizen
 Kinora Ploucha, Gabriela Ramirez, Alayna Rodriguez, Lilliana Salazar, Lorenzo Sanders, Logan Stewart, Emma Stone, Benson Ton, Kian Vu, Hayden Walker and Hassan Zamzam.

Perfect attendance
 Noah Aleman, Bethenny Avelar, Sophie Centeno, Lilliana Coronado, Don Dao, Delilah Deleon, Samantha DeLuna, Trent Edwards, Madison Foster, Adrian Garza and Sofia Garza.

Jasmin Hernandez, James Jordan, Luke Kellen, Jerron Lendsey, Isaiyah Lopez, Marissa Martinez, Brandon McNeal, Jude Merkle, Mia Nguyen, MJ Olayimika, Meredith Onguso and Damian Perezida.

Good Citizen
 Aaden Aguilar, Devin Aguilera, Ez Delcid, Langston Edwards, Kennedy Livingston, Marissa Martinez, Paula Medrano, Jordyn Rodriguez, Lilliana Salazar, Logan Stewart and Benson Ton.

First grade
All-Star Readers
 Damian Aguilera, Ibrahim Ali, Ayan Aljifri, Olivia Antoine, Jaslyn Arredondo, Nathan Arriaga, Ibrahim Asif, Hayden Austin, Evan Bowden, Kayla Calderon, Damian Cano, Savannah Castillo, Jayden Castro, Mariya Colbert and Chancelor Conley.

Caden Corwin, Rhiley Craig, Jeremiah Deboise, Shawn Deedman, Delilah Evans, Courtney Fletcher, Bianca Flores-Pineda, Matthew Gaynor, Nathan Gaytan, Isaiyah Gomez, Vivian Hang, Alexia Hoang and Nolan Hua.

Anthony Jennings, Jeremiah Johnson, Saudia Knoxon, Zyha Lam, Taylor Lastik, Sheyla Le, Javieah Lewis, Hayden Limas, Audrey Lopez, Kelvin Lopez, Daniel Martinez and Max Martinez.

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Principal's Award
 Aaida Akhtar, Ibrahim Ali, Ayan Aljifri, Olivia Antoine, Jaslyn Arredondo, Nathan Arriaga, Ibrahim Asif, Hayden Austin, Jordan Bernard, Kaci Bernard, Evan Bowden, Connor Braden, Kayla Calderon and Savannah Castillo.

Elizabeth Lopez, Kelvin Lopez, Daniel Martinez, Jane Martinez, David Melchor, Morgan Momie, Katelyn Moore, Evan Mora, Dylan Mowinkel, Andrew Nguyen, Justin Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Nathan Ojeda and Sujina Pandit.

Ethan Pereida, Juliana Perez, Matthew Perez, Jony Pham, Vihaan Prakash, Damien Ram, Aubree Rodriguez, Katelyn Salinas, Carlos Sanchez, Jaliyah Silas, Christiane Simpson, Persephone Soria, Evan Taylor, Jetziel Velasquez, Jabari Venson, Angelina Vu and Jyles Washington.

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Chaz Jenkins, Isaiyah Johnson, Harold Jones, Heidi Kamh, Maher Kothiya, Devaski Lane, Andy Le, Nathan Le, Sebastian Lopez, Lianna Lumpkin, Jorge Martinez, Priscilla Martinez, Julian Melchor, Melanie Mireles, Trish Nguyen and Hope Ortiz.

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San Jac Certified: Staying the course

It's never too late to begin the journey toward accomplishing your goals. San Jacinto College alumna Sylvia Delgado's journey began eight years ago and on December 13, 2015, reached an important milestone, as she graduated with her associate degree in business administration.

"San Jacinto College has given me a wealth of knowledge to pursue my graduate degree and has broadened my life's philosophy," said the 44-year-old of her experience at the college.

Often times, nontraditional students feel they have to obtain their degree within a certain timeframe due to working full time, family obligations, etc., but Delgado says that trying to make a self-imposed deadline can actually do more harm than good. "I was having a difficult time managing my class schedule, making time to do the school work outside of class, and being a single parent. I decided to move forward by not limiting myself by being on a certain unreasonable deadline to complete my degree and just do whatever it took to accomplish my degree in my own time, no matter how long it would take."

Like many students, Delgado held a full-time job while attending school. An employee at the Houston Yacht Club for the last 13 years in the accounts receivable department, she says that learning from many of the members and management inspired her to go back to school for her business administration degree. "The Houston Yacht Club has been instrumental in my professional and academic careers. I've learned so much from the members and management and they supported my decision to go back to school, allowing me to have schedule flexibility in order to attend my classes."

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Scarberry a UH grad



Tyler Scarberry, son of longtime South Belt residents Robert and Jannie Scarberry, graduated Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, from the University of Houston's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Minor in Dance. Scarberry attended Frazier Elementary and Thompson Intermediate. In 2010, he graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School where he was a drum major for the Longhorn Marching Band his junior and senior years. Following in his father's footsteps as a Dobie teacher (retired in 2014 after 33 years), Scarberry is currently in his second year as the colorguard director at Dobie. During his first year there, he led both varsity and junior varsity teams to first-place victories at the Texas Colorguard Circuit State Championship in March 2015. He attended Sam Houston State University his first two years of college, then transferred to UH for the fall 2012 semester. During his time at SHSU, he became a member of Code Black, an independent colorguard team that earned a silver medal at the Winterguard International World Championship in Dayton, Ohio, in April 2013. While attending UH, Scarberry participated in dance performances and was recently cast as a member of 6°, a dance company scheduled to perform an upcoming evening-length show. Scarberry plans to teach at the high school level as a band director.

PISD students fit for new glasses

The San Jacinto College eye care technology program recently participated in the Kid's Vision for Life See to Succeed program and found children in need of immediate medical care and eyeglasses.

Out of the 1,989 children to receive exams, San Jacinto College and other See to Succeed partners found 1,906 in need of eyeglasses, 280 in need of medical referrals, and six in need of 24-hour emergency referrals.

This is the college's sixth year to participate in the program, which provides free vision exams and eyewear to children and youth in need. This semester, 63 schools from the Pasadena Independent School District brought students to the college's Central campus for vision exams and eyeglasses.

See to Succeed is coordinated through the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, San Jacinto College, the University of Houston (UH) College of Optometry, Essilor Vision Foundation, Walmart, Berkeley Eye Center, and the Luxottica One Sight Foundation.

San Jacinto College serves as a host site for See to Succeed each fall, seeing an average of 400 Pasadena students per day for one week. San Jacinto College eye care students and faculty members also travel to the West

End Health Center in the Heights twice a year to assist in vision exams for students from Houston, Pasadena, Klein, Gale-

na Park, Fort Bend, La Marque Consolidated, Aldine, Alief, and Spring ISDs; and the Accelerated Learning Academy and

the KIPP Academy. For more information, visit houstontx.gov/health/kids-vision-life-see-succeed-program.



Yvonne Steiner, Walmart vision center manager, assists Selena Romero, Pasadena Independent School District student, with the fitting of new eyeglass frames at the December 2015 See to Succeed event at San Jacinto College.

Photo by Jeannie Peng-Armao

AARP 199 meets Jan. 15

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15, 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.

The speaker for Jan. 15 will be Mary Anne Weber of the Houston Audubon Society who will bring live, *Birds of Clear Lake*, to show live raptors such as owls and hawks and learn about the birds of the area. This meeting is also a potluck lunch so members and visitors are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Come at 9:30 a.m. and eat a piece of Chapter 199's 44th anniversary cake.

The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost.

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 Liz Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

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6th annual CRAZY Krewes run March 5

Serving the community for 12 years by increasing drug and alcohol awareness and decreasing risks to youth, the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families is now planning its fifth annual CRAZY Krewes event. The Alliance is perhaps best known for its Medication Take Back events

having collected more than 10,000 pounds of unused and expired medications for disposal since 2010.

The event will be held on Saturday, March 5, at Clear View High School, 400 South Walnut in Webster. The 7K Fun Run and 3K Walk will begin at 8 a.m. Registration is

\$25 (if registered by Feb. 20). A Family Four Pack is \$75.

This timed race will provide medals for the top three male and female finishers in the following categories: Ages 5-10, 11-14, 15-18, 19-35, 36-59, and 60+.

This family friendly event will also provide an opportu-

nity to send a positive message about healthy choices for youth and their families. Join the Bay Area Alliance for this affordable opportunity to have fun as a family.

The public is invited to register for the 7K Fun Run or a 3K Walk. This is a family friendly event with free activities, food and entertainment.

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Melillo Spelling Bee winners

Melillo Middle School hosted its annual spelling bee competition on Dec. 18, 2015. The winner of the competition was Haley Salinas, a sixth-grader representing Alyssa Alvarez's homeroom. The first runner-up was Jasmine Tran, a fifth-grader representing Judith Tamez's homeroom. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Tran, Salinas, (back row) Principal Diane Wheeler and Assistant Principal Chris Bui.

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Interfaith Care Partners meet Jan. 15

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. 15. 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.

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22-6A champions face the best at PISD Cup

In the end, facing two of the region's top-10 ranked teams over an eight-hour span proved to be just a bit too daunting.

Dobie, the defending District 22-6A varsity boys' soccer champion, stood tall at the Pasadena ISD Cup, outscoring four opponents by a combined 9-3 score while making the championship match.

Aldine, featuring star player Mario Granados, wound up winning the championship trophy with a 2-0 victory over the Longhorns Jan. 9, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Elsewhere, Dobie's varsity girls' team experienced its share of struggles at the Humble ISD Invitational.

The Clear Brook varsity boys' team showed it may have something special in store this season, scoring a big win over defending Class 5A state champion Lufkin at the Klein Showcase. For more, see Page 6B.

It was also the first victory for the Wolverines at the prestigious event, dating back several years. Perhaps this means something for a Clear Brook team that finished strong in 2015 en route to a post-season berth.

Dobie finally falls
Playing without senior forward Josue Villalta (injury) and feeling the effects of an 80-minute battle against Alief Taylor, Dobie simply ran out of gas against Aldine in the championship tilt.

"It's just very difficult to beat two of the region's top 10 teams in one day," Dobie varsity boys' soccer coach Justo Manrique said.

"But I'll say this. Mario Granados (Aldine) is the best high school soccer player I have ever seen. As a coach you hear things here and there about a player, but until you experience it and see it, it's hard to imagine. He's just

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Dobie's Mateo Gutierrez (14) pulls away from a Port Arthur Memorial defender during the second half of the Longhorns' 5-0 victory Jan. 8, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Dobie advanced to the championship match of the Pasadena ISD Cup before losing, 2-0, to Aldine.

Photo by John Bechtel

JFD, Pearland to open league play

Just more than a week into the regular season, the District 22-6A varsity soccer races are about to get underway.

Dobie, the defending boys' champion in 22-6A, will get things started with a road game Friday, Jan. 15, at The Rig in Pearland. Match time is 7 p.m.

The Longhorns, who went unbeaten in league play last season, had little trouble with the Oilers in 2015.

However, Dobie head coach Justo Manrique knows every season presents its own unique set of issues, regardless of how well or how poorly teams have fared previously against one another.

"Every match in the district race is like a play-off match," said Manrique, noting that the chance to earn a full three points for a win is always the goal, versus one point for a tie or zero for a loss.

"Maybe we sort of pulled away from the other teams last year to win the district, but that is simply not going to happen very often.

"The races are always tight, and seemingly anything can happen in soccer. You just have to go out there for 16 games and take no one lightly in

trying to get that big team win."

A season ago, Dobie won the league crown and then defeated Port Arthur Memorial in the bidistrict round to advance to the area round.

However, the Longhorns saw their season come to a close with an overtime loss at Clements, the defending Class 5A champions from 2014.

Winning the Region III title and advancing to state is simply not easy. Dobie has on three occasions advanced to the Region III Final Four tournament. Never has Dobie won the regional title. Perhaps this year.

Manrique arrived on campus three years ago and inserted several first-time sophomore players in the rotation.

Those sophomores are now seniors, but the program has also ushered a total of five freshman or sophomore players into

the current rotation. However, senior goalkeeper Rigoberto Fuentes is a four-year starter. The goal, simply, is to go for it all this season.

Manrique pointed to Pasadena Memorial's 1-0 win over Aldine at the PISD Cup as reason to be concerned about the Mavericks in league play. He also expects South Houston and Pasadena to present the usual challenges.

Dobie girls host PHS
Looking to get back to the postseason after missing out in 2015, the Lady Longhorns have a tough opening task.

Dobie will host 22-6A favorite Pearland Jan. 15, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Match time is 4 p.m.

24-6A starts Jan. 29
The Clear Brook varsity boys' and girls' teams will start District 24-6A play later this month versus Clear Creek.

Dobie teams face Oilers

JFD varsity boys at Pearland

The Rig, 7 p.m.

JFD varsity girls host Pearland

Veterans Stadium, 4 p.m.

Both matches Fri., Jan. 15

SBHLL excited as Challenger play nears

Sagamont Beverly Hills Little League officials are excited about the start of Challenger Baseball's fifth season, which is mere weeks away.

Challenger Baseball was created to allow youths with physical or developmental disabilities to have the chance to play the game in a safe environment.

It was introduced by Little League Baseball in 1990, and leagues across the nation have taken hold of the program in recent

years. Youths ages 4 through 18 are eligible to compete. There is no charge to compete in the league. Each player will receive a team jersey, pants and cap.

Teams will be created based on an individual youth's mental and physical capabilities rather than age.

Per Challenger League guidelines, each player is guaranteed to receive one at bat offensively and will also be allowed to play

at least one inning in the field per game. Typical Challenger League games complete three innings and last about one hour.

Within SBHLL, most of the games are played on Saturdays.

In the league, each player will also have a "buddy" assigned to them to help with any of the game's skills such as swinging a bat, running the bases or fielding the ball defensively.

Players may also have the use of a hitting tee in

order to make hitting the baseball easier.

The Challenger League uses bats that are lighter and balls that are softer than the ones used in regulation baseball.

Players also wear helmets both at bat and in the field in an effort to further promote safety.

Potential players or their families may contact the league via email at sbhll@hotmail.com.

Additional registration details for all SBHLL divisions are on Page 3B.

Wolverines find success at Klein Showcase



Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer goalkeeper Aidan Cupples goes high for a save during the Wolverines' 2-0 victory over defending Class 5A state champion Lufkin Jan. 9, at the Klein Showcase. Also assisting on the play was Brook's Francisco Ortiz (20). It was also the first win for Brook at the event in six years. For more on the Wolverines' opening weekend, see Page 6B.

Photo by Alta Stromeyer

Brook's Taylor wins indoor 60m

The track and field season is off to a blazing start for Clear Brook star Brandon Taylor.

Competing at the Texas A&M University High School Classic Jan. 8-9, Taylor bested more than 200 other prep sprinters on his way to winning the indoor boys' 60-meter dash.

He did it despite only being released for competition just days prior after healing a fractured arm incurred during the football season.

And to hear Taylor tell it, perhaps it was his ability to lay low leading up to the big sprint at TAMU's indoor facility that played a part in his victory.

While he was officially listed as representing the

Texas Storm track organization, Taylor said he shied away from wearing the colors of either Clear Brook High School or the University of Miami, where he is headed later this year. He simply competed.

"I came in expecting to do good things, but to say I expected to take first place overall is a stretch," Taylor said.

"There were some guys who came in wearing their college colors and so forth, but I think I just flew under the radar a little bit."

"The schedule ran a little bit behind, but I just ate my sandwich and tried to be ready to run when the time came. For me, it's not about pressure. I really

don't feel the nerves until I get into the blocks. By then, you just have to run."

Taylor, who last season as a junior scored a bronze medal at the Class 6A state championships in the 100-meter dash, scored his first win of the indoor season.



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Dobie boys reach cup title match

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a beast. That's all there is to it."

Granados and the 2015 Region III finalists from Aldine might have gained the edge this time, but the Longhorns had plenty to be proud about in the tournament as well.

Going against three proven playoff teams from 2015, the Longhorns won each match.

Dobie began its Pasadena ISD Cup journey at Friendswood High School's Henry Winston Stadium. There, the Longhorns blanked Clear Creek 2-0 as Villalta and Rafael Gomes netted goals for the winners.

The following day - Jan. 8 - Dobie renewed its rivalry with Port Arthur Memorial after the two teams had their 2015 bidistrict playoff match decided by a shootout in a wild affair.

But this time, the Ti-

tans failed to hold up their end of the bargain. While the game did go scoreless for roughly 25 minutes, the Longhorns got its first goal from Gomes and went on to win 5-0.

In the championship match-clinching 2-1 victory over Alief Taylor, the Longhorns got goals from Gomes and Edwin Saldivar.

Aldine, having already qualified for the championship match earlier in the event, lost a 1-0 contest to Pasadena Memorial.

Manrique said the Mustangs rested many if not all of their starters against Memorial. Meanwhile, Dobie's starters went full speed against Alief Taylor. Perhaps the championship match would have gone to Aldine anyway, but Manrique would have liked to have gone at it with an even slate.

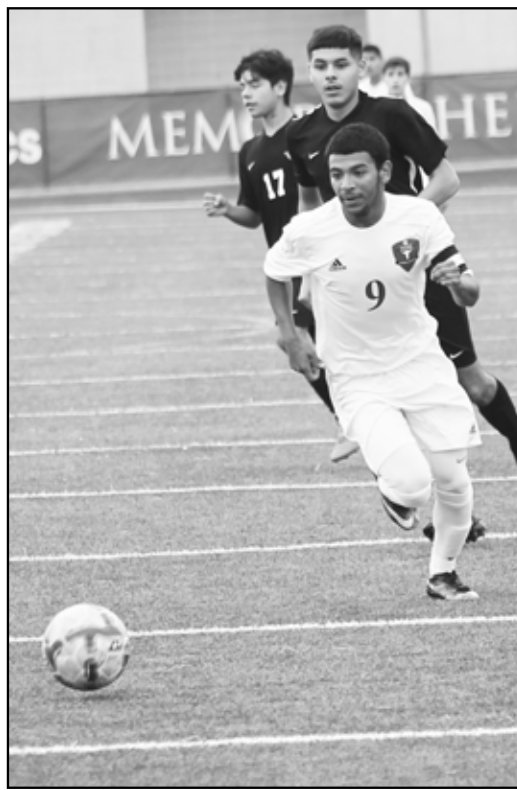
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three players in the first half and four more in the second. Just too much intense soccer for one day. Trying to go 160 minutes against two of the region's top programs was just too much."

Cinco Ranch edges JFD
In a nondistrict match featuring a pair of legitimate Region III title contenders, visiting Cinco Ranch downed the Longhorns 2-1 Jan. 12, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Playing without leading scorer Josue Villalta, the Longhorns could not find the equalizer as the clock ran out.

At right, Dobie senior striker Josue Villalta (9) missed the final two matches of the Pasadena Cup but will be at full strength when the Longhorns open 22-6A action at Pearland Friday, Jan. 15. Match time is 7 p.m.



At right, the Longhorns' David Saravia (center) works the ball through the midfield while surrounded by a pair of Port Arthur Memorial players Jan. 8, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. After playing a playoff game against the Titans in 2015 that ended in a shootout win for Dobie, the Longhorns took care of business in this one. The 5-0 win over PAM helped the locals finish 3-0 in pool play in the tournament. Dobie then lost, 2-0, to Aldine, in the tournament championship match.



A Port Arthur Memorial offensive player (left) is clearly outnumbered as he goes against a line of Dobie players during Pasadena ISD Cup action Jan. 8, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

On this play, the Longhorns' Bryan Nava (25) battles for control of the ball with teammates, from left, Edwin Saldivar (10) and Jonathan Montalvo (12) ready to chip in.

Dobie High School

Varsity boys' soccer 22-6A schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 15	at Pearland (The Rig)	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	Manvel (Veterans)	5 p.m.
Jan. 26	Pasadena (Veterans)	5 p.m.
Jan. 30	South Houston (Veterans)	noon
Feb. 2	at Dawson	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	Alvin (Veterans)	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	Rayburn (Veterans)	5 p.m.
Feb. 12	Memorial (Veterans)	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Clear Falls	noon
Feb. 15	Pearland (Veterans)	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Manvel	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	Pasadena (Veterans)	4 p.m.
March 1	South Houston (Veterans)	7 p.m.
March 5	Dawson (Veterans)	noon
March 8	at Alvin	7 p.m.
March 12	Rayburn (Veterans)	noon
March 14	Memorial (Veterans)	noon

Dobie High School

Varsity girls' soccer 22-6A schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 15	Pearland (Veterans)	4 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Manvel	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	Pasadena (Veterans)	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	Rayburn (Veterans)	4 p.m.
Jan. 29	South Houston (Veterans)	8 p.m.
Feb. 3	Dawson (Veterans)	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Alvin	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	Rayburn (Veterans)	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	Memorial (Veterans)	8 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Pearland (The Rig)	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	Manvel (Veterans)	5 p.m.
Feb. 27	Pasadena (Veterans)	noon
March 1	South Houston (Veterans)	10 a.m.
March 4	at Dawson	7 p.m.
March 8	Alvin (Veterans)	7 p.m.
March 12	Rayburn (Veterans)	10 a.m.
March 14	Memorial (Veterans)	10 a.m.

Brook High School

Varsity boys' soccer 24-6A schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 29	Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Clear Falls	noon
Feb. 16	Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Friendswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	*Clear Creek (CCISD)	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	Dickinson	7 p.m.
March 1	at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
March 4	at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
March 11	Clear Falls	7 p.m.
March 15	at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
March 21	Friendswood	7 p.m.

Brook High School

Varsity girls' soccer 24-6A schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 29	at Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	Dickinson	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Clear Lake	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Clear Springs	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	Clear Falls	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 19	Friendswood	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	Clear Creek	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Dickinson	7 p.m.
March 1	Clear Lake	7 p.m.
March 4	Clear Springs	7 p.m.
March 8	at Clear Falls	7 p.m.
March 14	Brazoswood	7 p.m.
March 21	at Friendswood	7 p.m.



At left, four-year starting goalie Rigoberto Fuentes clears a free kick during Dobie's 5-0 shutout victory over Port Arthur Memorial Jan. 8, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Overall, it was a great weekend for Fuentes and the Dobie defensive end of the field at the Pasadena ISD Cup as the Longhorns went 3-0 in pool play before reaching the tournament championship match against Aldine. Although Aldine came away with a 2-0 victory in the title match, Dobie outscored opponents 9-3 over the four games to get the 2016 season off and running. The Longhorns begin defense of their District 22-6A championship when they travel to The Rig in Pearland to face the Oilers Friday, Jan. 15, in a 7 p.m. match.
Photos by John Bechtle

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 15

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

Tuesday, Jan. 19

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

Dobie freshman B boys host Pearland, 4:00
Brook freshman B boys at Brazoswood, 4:00
Brook freshman B girls host Brazoswood, 4:00
Wednesday, Jan. 20

Thompson 8th Dark boys host Queens, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light boys host Queens, 6:15
Thompson 7th Light boys host Queens, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark boys host Queens, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at Miller, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light boys at Miller, 6:15
Thompson 8th Dark girls at Queens, 5:00
Thompson 8th Light girls at Queens, 6:15
Thompson 7th Light girls at Queens, 6:15
Thompson 7th Dark girls at Queens, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls host Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 8th Light girls host Miller, 6:15
Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls host Miller, 5:00
Beverly Hills 7th Light girls host Miller, 6:15

Friday, Jan. 22

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

JFD netters announce 2016 spring schedule



Veteran Dobie varsity tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (center) is no doubt looking forward to seeing just how doubles partners Ashley Deveza (left) and Karen Neira (right) fare during the spring portion of the schedule, which begins Jan. 14.

Dobie High School

Spring Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 14	at Friendswood (doubles)	3 p.m.
Jan. 20	Strake Jesuit (boys only)	3:15 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Galveston Ball	3 p.m.
Feb. 5	Franklin/Kramer tourn.(PISD)	TBA
Feb. 12-13	at Deer Park Invit.	TBA
Feb. 19-20	at Corpus Christi tourn.	TBA
Feb. 26	at Alief tourn.	TBA
March 2	Houston St. John's	3 p.m.
March 10	at Lake Travis Invit.	TBA
March 24	at Galv. Sunseri tourn.	TBA
April 1-2	at Beachcomber Classic	TBA
April 8-9	at 22-6A Championships	TBA
April 19-20	at Region III tourn.	TBA
April 25-26	Dobie faculty/student tourn.	3 p.m.
May 17-18	at Class 6A state tourn.	TBA

South Belt area sports registration, news & notes

Rising Stars Track Club

The South Belt Track Club is preparing for the upcoming spring/summer season by hosting continuing registration and workout sessions Thursday, Jan. 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Dobie High School.

Team officials will be at Dobie Saturday, Jan. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon, signing up both returning and first-year athletes for competition in the Amateur Athletic Union program.

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

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

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

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League

There are still late registration dates available in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, so officials are asking families to register their children as soon as possible.

The late registration and tryout dates remaining for the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League include Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 23, also from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Youths ages 3 (must turn 3 by Jan. 1, 2016) through 16 may register for the season.

The fee (including \$25 late charge) for 3- and 4-year-old players is \$150, and the fee for those ages 5 through 16, including \$25 late charge, is \$200.

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

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

For more information on the Challenger League, see story on Page 1B.

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

South Belt Girls Softball Association

South Belt Girls Softball Association officials have scheduled several regular registration dates this month, all at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The regular registration fee is \$65 plus participation in the league's annual candy fundraiser. There is a \$50 fundraiser buyout option.

The sign-up dates include Jan. 16 and Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Jan. 14 and Jan. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Parents of players must bring a copy of their child's birth certificate to the session, and payments will only be accepted in the form of cash and credit/debit cards. No checks will be accepted.

Though it is not recommended, there will be a late sign-up session Jan. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost for late registration will be \$80 plus a mandatory candy buyout fee of \$50. The South Belt Girls Softball Association's preseason practices begin in February, 2016, and the regular season will begin later that month or early March.

Baseball United select tryouts

Officials from Baseball United Clubs will soon hold open tryouts for the 2016 season. Players must first RSVP to set up a tryout time and will then need to be able to pass all skill drills to be considered.

BUC's stated goal is to prepare young players for the high school level and beyond through top-notch training in conjunction with a professional coaching staff. BUC's indoor practice facility is now open.

Tryouts will be held at Clear Lake Dad's Club throughout this month. BUC is seeking players for the 6-under through 15-under divisions. Those in the 7-under division can currently compete for no charge.

Baseball United Clubs has three program levels – select, elite and premier – with 24 teams in total. The select level is filling up quickly, and the others still have limited openings. BUC teams will compete in both Nations Baseball and United States Specialty Sports Association tournaments.

Those interested in scheduling a tryout may call coach Terrance Small at 832-795-2701.

To direct an email to team officials, send notifications to Nightmarebaseball@gmail.com. Additional information will be provided in the *Leader* as it becomes available.

UIL realignment comes Feb. 1



Are there truly big changes coming? Is Manvel dropping to Class 5A with a new high school set to open in Alvin ISD? Will Pearland and Dawson of the Pearland ISD move out of the District 22-6A ranks? How will these changes affect Dobie and Clear Brook High School athletics? Who will leave their current district homes? Who will arrive? All these questions and more will be answered Monday, Feb. 1, as the University Interscholastic League releases its athletics district alignment covering the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years. Above, Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman (center) is of the mindset that his Longhorn players simply must handle their own business regardless of who the opponent is on a given week.

PISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Standings

Eighth-Grade Light			Eighth-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L	Teams	W	L
San Jacinto	5	0	San Jacinto	5	0
Beverly Hills	4	1	Queens	4	1
Park View	4	1	Thompson	4	1
Bondy	4	1	Beverly Hills	4	1
Queens	3	2	Bondy	3	2
South Houston	2	3	Miller	1	4
Thompson	2	3	Southmore	1	4
Miller	1	4	Jackson	1	4
Jackson	0	5	Park View	1	4
Southmore	0	5	South Houston	1	4

Game results

Thompson 54, Southmore 30
 Beverly Hills 50, Bondy 47
 Queens 48, Miller 43
 Park View 53, South Houston 23
 San Jacinto 80, Jackson 23

Game results

Thompson 50, Southmore 40
 Beverly Hills 43, Bondy 32
 Queens 28, Miller 17
 South Houston 28, Park View 25
 San Jacinto 58, Jackson 9

Seventh-Grade Light

Teams	W	L
Thompson	5	0
Beverly Hills	5	0
Bondy	3	2
South Houston	3	2
Southmore	2	3
San Jacinto	2	3
Miller	2	3
Park View	1	4
Queens	1	4
Jackson	1	4

Game results

Beverly Hills 56, Bondy 46
 Miller 43, Queens 30
 Thompson 42, Southmore 24
 South Houston 45, Park View 13
 San Jacinto 36, Jackson 10

Seventh-Grade Dark

Teams	W	L
Thompson	5	0
Beverly Hills	4	1
San Jacinto	4	1
South Houston	3	2
Southmore	2	3
Bondy	2	3
Jackson	2	3
Miller	2	3
Queens	1	4
Park View	0	5

Game results

Thompson 55, Southmore 18
 Beverly Hills 37, Bondy 34
 Miller 40, Queens 15
 South Houston 45, Park View 12
 San Jacinto 41, Jackson 8

PISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Standings

Eighth-Grade Light			Eighth-Grade Dark		
Teams	W	L	Teams	W	L
Thompson	5	0	South Houston	5	0
Beverly Hills	4	1	Bondy	5	0
Bondy	4	1	Queens	4	1
Queens	4	1	Thompson	3	2
Jackson	2	3	Beverly Hills	3	2
Park View	2	3	San Jacinto	2	3
Southmore	2	3	Jackson	2	3
San Jacinto	1	4	Southmore	1	4
South Houston	1	4	Park View	0	5
Miller	0	5	Miller	0	5

Game results

Thompson 32, Southmore 27
 Queens 45, Miller 16
 Bondy 28, Beverly Hills 26
 Jackson 26, San Jacinto 18
 Park View 42, South Houston 26

Game results

Thompson 22, Southmore 16
 Queens 34, Miller
 South Houston 36, Park View 9
 Jackson 23, San Jacinto 15
 Bondy 42, Beverly Hills 16

Seventh-Grade Light

Teams	W	L
Thompson	5	0
Miller	5	0
Jackson	2	3
Bondy	2	3
Park View	2	3
South Houston	2	3
Queens	1	4
San Jacinto	1	4
Beverly Hills	1	4
Southmore	0	5

Game results

Thompson 35, Southmore 2
 Bondy 39, Beverly Hills 22
 Miller 24, Queens 10
 Jackson 21, San Jacinto 12
 South Houston 28, Park View 26

Seventh-Grade Dark

Teams	W	L
Thompson	5	0
Beverly Hills	4	1
Bondy	4	1
Queens	4	1
Jackson	3	2
Miller	2	3
San Jacinto	1	4
Southmore	1	4
South Houston	1	4
Park View	0	5

Game results

Queens 12, Miller 7
 South Houston 17, Park View 8
 Thompson 18, Southmore 13
 Jackson 27, San Jacinto 10
 Bondy 36, Beverly Hills 12

CB's Taylor wins at A&M

Continued from Page 1B son, and he might just be getting started.

At the Texas A&M High School Invitational, Taylor first won his prelim heat at 6.91 seconds. Later, while competing against eventual 400-meter champion Keshun Reed of Arlington Martin, Taylor edged Reed at the tape, winning at 6.90. At the 2015 state track and field meet in Austin, Reed won the Class 6A 400-meter dash crown at 45.75.

Fast forward to now, and it appears both Taylor and Reed are primed for rewarding seasons.

"It felt like the slowest 6.90 seconds ever," Taylor said of his gold medal winning time, which is the nation's fastest early this season. "I just kept pushing. That's what you do."

Taylor plans to compete again Jan. 16 at the University of Houston, and he also will combine with Clear Brook teammates at the Texas Southern University and University of Texas invitationals later this season.

The bad news? Taylor will play host at the Clear Brook Wolverines Relay in February rather than compete.

Still, expect Taylor to be in fine form when the proper time comes to advance at the district, regionals and state meets.

The Region III championships will be held this year at Clear Creek ISD's new Challenger Columbia Stadium, giving Taylor a chance to run in front of a "home" crowd.

With Taylor back in the mix along with speedster Mark Milton and others, the Wolverines expect to contend for the 24-6A boys' track title.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

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

9:30 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

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

11:30 a.m.

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

Noon

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

4 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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

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

Alateen – Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

7 a.m.

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

10 a.m.

Interfaith Care Partners – ministry at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., near Alameda Mall. The gathering, for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and their caretakers, meets the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and bingo game. Family members or acquaintances with these challenges are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

10 a.m.

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

Noon

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

6 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous – "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

10 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

11 a.m.

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

1 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association – Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, August and December are exceptions. Stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers may bring instruments and come earlier. Free. Johnny Arolo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For information, visit <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

1 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m.,

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

2 p.m.

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

5:30 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.

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

8 p.m.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

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 information, or just drop in.

10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at

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10:30 a.m.
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Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information, or just drop in.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at noon at 2245 N. Main (next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For information, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net. 3:30 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only. 6 p.m.

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

6:30 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Group for ages 60 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner, 6 p.m., at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, Webster. The dinner may include guest speakers and/or group activities. For information, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

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

Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For information, call Gary at 281-993-8335. 7 p.m.

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

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention Center - Weekly sexual assault support group offers a confidential self-help support group for victim/survivors of rape and sexual abuse. To attend or for information, call 281-286-2525. 7 p.m.

Positive Interaction Program - meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room, first floor. Bring a friend and work together to make PIP the best in the city. PIP consists of police and citizens working together to make neighborhoods safer. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900. 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or drop in. 10 a.m.

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

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

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1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - invites dancers to the Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance rhythms from 1 to 3:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 1001 East League City Pkwy, with friends practicing at their own level of ability. Eileen Bauerlein is available to assist those needing help learning dance moves. Call the park office for details at 281-554-1180 or Neva Schroder at 832-864-2721 for questions regarding the dance. 6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 215, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 7 p.m.

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

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

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4 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services. 6 p.m.

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information. 7 p.m.

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

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

Alateen - Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8:30 p.m.

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Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielat at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033. 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19
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Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, an old-time kitchen and a turn-of-the-century doctor's office. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For information, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

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Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets weekly, Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive, Pearland. Lunch is served for \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nailx@texascitizensbank.com. 1 p.m.

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The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday of each month, 2 p.m., El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Road. Visitors welcome. For additional information, call Roy at 713-734-1461. 6 p.m.

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

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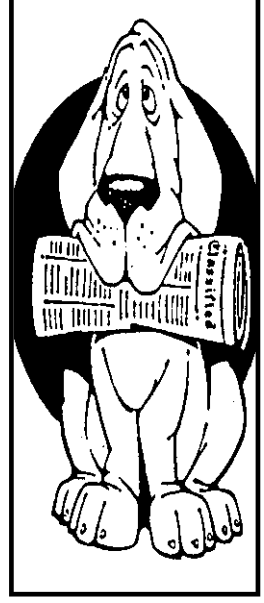
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Clear Brook's Amin Mizyed (11), who had a goal against Lufkin in the Wolverines' 2-0 win at the Klein Showcase, works his way around a Lufkin defender during first-half action.

Lady Wolverine soccer gets win; trip to Katy I-10 shootout next

With a win in its pocket to show from the season-opening Humble ISD Invitational, the Clear Brook varsity girls' soccer team is set to compete in the I-10 Shootout in Katy Jan. 14-16.

At the 56-team Katy event, Clear Brook is included in the Maverick Bracket, which will be played at Morton Ranch High School.

There are seven different brackets of action at the I-10 Shootout, featuring programs in a variety of talent levels.

Clear Brook will face Aldine Jan. 14, at 8 p.m., in its tournament opener. From there, the Lady Wolverines will go against either Bay City or Houston Reagan Jan. 15.

The Maverick Bracket championship game is set for Jan. 16, at Rhoades Stadium. Match time is 8 p.m.

Clear Brook is looking to build upon what was certainly more than a decent start to the regular season, with a 3-1 win over Beaumont West Brook, the shining moment for the team.

Nina Pitkanen scored a goal on an assist from Samantha Cain in the regular season opener against Katy, but the Tigers won the game 2-1 Jan. 7.

The next day, Brook played another tight match, losing to La Porte 1-0.

Key positioning in several district races will be involved as the Thompson Lions go against the Beverly Hills Bears in a neighborhood basketball series, Monday, Jan. 25.

Beverly Hills will host Thompson in boys' play beginning at 5 p.m., while the girls' games will be played at Thompson, also beginning at 5 p.m.

In boys' play, Thompson leads both seventh-grade divisions, with

the team's win came Jan. 9 over the Bruins as Cain, Pitkanen and Gabby Wilcox netted goals for Clear Brook.

After a couple of down seasons, Clear Brook is looking to get back into the mix in District 24-6A this season where the playoffs are concerned.

It all starts Jan. 29, against Clear Creek, at Clear Creek.

Thompson, Beverly Hills to play basketball series

Both Thompson and Beverly Hills are also in title contention in the boys' eighth-grade Dark division.

As for the girls, Thompson is currently leading three of the four divisional races with a 6-0 record, but Beverly Hills is within striking distance.

Girls' teams battling, too

Back-to-back wins boost JFD boys' hoops; Wolverines fall to Springs

Things are about to get very interesting in a pair of varsity boys' basketball district races involving the Dobie and Clear Brook teams.

In District 22-6A, the Longhorns are about to play their final game of the first half of league play

Jan. 15, at home against Memorial. And how big a win would be.

As for Clear Brook, the Wolverines could very well find themselves in a battle for playoff positioning on a nightly basis. But the good news is, the Wolverines are in the con-

versation. In the respective girls' district races involving Dobie and Clear Brook, both teams are playing catchup.

At 3-5, the Lady Longhorns are currently out of the playoff mix, with Dawson, Manvel, Pearland and Alvin all out in



Spencer Schneider of Clear Brook had 21 points to lead the Wolverines' varsity boys' basketball team, but it wasn't enough as Clear Springs dealt the locals a 66-49 setback in District 24-6A action.

Experienced Brook boys' soccer team aims high

No matter how the 2016 varsity boys' soccer season at Clear Brook High School ultimately turns out, the team has already provided a moment to head coach Chris Stromeyer.

Shutting out defending Class 5A state champion Lufkin 2-0 at the Klein Showcase, the Wolverines earned their first-ever win at the prestigious tournament.

Stromeyer, in his sixth season, remembers at least 12 losses prior to now at the tournament. But it's all over now, thanks to a terrific effort against a solid team.

And with a little luck here and there, the Wolverines, who went 1-1-1 overall at the showcase, might have gone unbeaten.

The Wolverines were in the mix against Tomball in the season opener before eventually losing 2-1. Brook's goal came from Devin Desilva.

In the middle game, the Wolverines got goals from Amin Mizyed and Hisham Nawfal to build a 2-0 edge over Northland Christian.

With roughly 10 minutes to play, the Wolverines were sitting pretty with a 2-0 lead.

But a pair of defensive breakdowns over that final stretch allowed Northland

Christian to escape with a 2-2 tie.

"We had a bad pass in the back that resulted in one of the goals for them, and then we just didn't mark up tight enough in another situation."

"You can play 30 to 35 minutes of solid soccer and still have some things happen that aren't so good," the coach said.

Certainly Stromeyer wasn't expecting his first-ever victory at the Klein Showcase to come against a power such as Lufkin. But this is high school soccer, and anything is possible.

Adrian Garcia and Jordan Greenshield netted the scores for the Wolverines, and veteran keeper Aidan Cupples earned the shutout in the nets. What a win it was, and what a relief to get a 'W' after such a drought at the Klein Showcase.

"I keep taking our team back to the tournament because every year one or more of my players draw interest from college coaches and scouts," Stromeyer said.

"It's great to be able to get these kids the recognition and exposure they deserve. We have had some tough years."

"This year's tournament included Strake

Jesuit, Klein Oak, Duncanville, Austin Westlake and of course all of those solid Klein ISD programs. It's always a tough tournament to get through."

Ah, but Stromeyer's interest in college basketball, and specifically the Gonzaga University program and its head coach Mark Few, also helps him and his players believe the wins will come.

"I'm a huge Gonzaga basketball fan, and their head coach, Mark Few, has a saying that his team

will play anybody, anywhere at any point in time. And why not? It's athletics. The competition is great for everyone."

Speaking of competition, the Wolverines are likely to provide quite a bit of that this season. District 24-6A play begins Jan. 29 as the Wolverines go against Clear Creek.

A season ago, the Wolverines trailed in the standings before making a late-season push to grab a playoff spot.

This season, Stromeyer

realistically expects more.

He said Dickinson is expecting to be very good, and Friendswood, Clear Falls and Clear Creek, all playoff teams from 2015, should also be in contention. But Stromeyer has a good feeling about this group.

"In my six years, this is as close of a group of guys that I have had," Stromeyer said. "They all want to work collectively together for the good of the team. You still have to have some talent, and we have

eight of 11 starters back from last year. Overall, we have 17 seniors, many of those who have been in the program since they were freshmen."

And there's one more thing. Clear Brook has never advanced to the regional quarterfinal round. That's two playoff wins in a season.

This team wants to be the one that re-sets the bar high for future teams. Right now, there's no reason to say that cannot happen.

Wolverine Varsity Soccer – At A Glance

Head coach: Chris Stromeyer, 6th season (Formerly played at Clear Brook).

2015 Achievements: Team advanced to playoffs as third seed out of 24-6A, lost to Elsik in bidistrict round.

2016 Biggest Attribute: The team has 17 seniors in all, and eight of the 11 starters return from that 2015 team.

2016 A Success If What?: While the 24-6A ranks may not possess the eventual Region III titleholder, there will rarely be a night off in league play. The four playoff teams from 2015, including Friendswood, Clear Falls, Clear Creek and Clear Brook all have high hopes, and Dickinson has a talented team on the field as well.

2016 Goes South If What?: The Wolverines do not defeat the teams they are supposed to beat. As in any varsity soccer race, three precious points are available each night to the winner of a given match. The Wolverines need to consistently collect those victory points.



With 17 seniors back in the fold for the Clear Brook Wolverines' varsity boys soccer team, and starters back at eight of 11 spots, the talent is there to make another playoff run in 2016. But perhaps more than anything, head coach Chris

Stromeyer says this is the closest group of teammates he's ever guided in his six years, and he is confident that team spirit concept will lead to great things this season. Photos by Alta Stromeyer

front by two games or more. The scenario is a bit more dire for Clear Brook's program, which has just one district win midway through the first half of league play.

Dobie boys on a roll
Once standing at 1-4 in the District 22-6A standings and certainly on the outside looking in, the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team has put itself back in the competition with a pair of big wins.

Playing at Phillips Field House Jan. 8, against Alvin, Dobie came away with an easy 57-24 win over the Yellowjackets.

After a sluggish start in the first half, the Longhorns outscored Alvin 38-12 over the course of the second half for the win.

Joshua Cooper led the

way for the Longhorns with 12 points, and Royce Hunter added 10 more.

Building off of that win, the Longhorns then crushed Sam Rayburn 87-53 Jan. 12, at Sam Rayburn, getting to 3-4 in the 22-6A standings in the process.

The Longhorns enjoyed a strong shooting night from deep, making good on 10 of their 21 3-point field goal tries.

Trey Kelly, who had 13 points in the game, made three of his four 3-point tries while Cooper and Hunter added a pair.

Hunter paced the Longhorns with 17 points in the game, with Cooper scoring 14. Jeremy Williams matched Kelly's 13 points, and Travores Gilbert scored 10 points.

Dobie girls' soccer tops BWB

Making some valuable adjustments after a season-opening loss, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team wound up with a 1-1-1 record at the Humble ISD Invitational.

The Lady Longhorns opened play with a 4-1 loss to a talented Atascocita team. Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald said Atascocita was the better team on that day, but he still came away encouraged by the way his squad played.

Next came a 2-1 win over Beaumont West Brook Jan. 8, as sophomore Alejandra Magana scored both goals in the win.

"One of those goals came on a 40-yard free

kick," McDonald said. "It's something you just have to see for yourself."

In the final tournament game, Dobie and La Porte battled each other as well as strong winds in what wound up a scoreless tie. "Karina Gonzalez was excellent for us, and Lauren Escobar really stepped up," McDonald said.

"We are good enough to compete with anybody on a given night."

Dobie will need to execute well in the 22-6A opener Jan. 15, against league favorite Pearland.

"I think the kids responded well to some changes we made in this tournament, and hopefully that will carry over against Pearland," the coach said.

The Longhorns still need a win over Memorial at home Jan. 15 to close out the first half of district play. Then comes a crucial home game against Pearland Jan. 19.

At present, Dawson, Manvel and South Houston are at the top of the standings, having suffered just one loss in league play.

Pearland leads Dobie by two games in the loss column but still must close out the first half of league play Jan. 15, against Manvel.

Granted, it's for the fourth and final playoff spot right now, but Dobie has put itself right back in the mix after a slow start.

Brook boys on coaster
The Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team must feel as though it's on a bit of a roller coaster ride early on in 24-6A play.

Crushed by Clear Creek in the league opener for both teams, Clear Brook bounced its way back with a win over Dickinson.

The Wolverines took it a step farther, hammering defending Class 6A state finalist Clear Lake 63-43 Jan. 8, at Krueger Field House.

In that one, Brook's David Azore had 24 points to go with 10 each from Caleb Chapman and Caleb Lang as the Wolverines used a big second half to roll to the win.

Unfortunately, the Wolverines missed out on a chance to take a huge step in the race, instead losing 66-49 to Clear Springs Jan. 12, at Springs.

Spencer Schneider led

the way for the Wolverines with 21 points. However, Azore, the team's leading scorer this season, was limited to 12 points in the game.

There's still 10 games to be played in the 24-6A race, but some things are becoming more clear.

The Wildcats of Clear Creek are 4-0, while Springs improved to 3-1

with the win over the Wolverines. Dickinson is also 3-1, but has lost to Brook.

Brook is currently tied for fourth place with Friendswood at 2-2, with Clear Lake and Clear Falls at 1-3. Brazoswood is winless at 0-4.

Dobie girls at 4-4

It won't be a simple task, but the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team still

has a shot at the playoffs. First, the Lady Longhorns need a road win at Memorial Jan. 15, since the two teams are tied at 4-4 for fifth place in the standings.

Dobie is also likely in need of a win over fourth-place Alvin when the time comes. Alvin defeated Dobie by a 44-36 count Jan. 8, at Alvin.

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