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### Leader seeks storm info

The *Leader* is seeking information about area residents who are still impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

The newspaper has received multiple reports of local families that have been reluctant to come forward and seek government assistance for various reasons.

The *Leader* is attempting to organize a community effort to help such families in need make needed home repairs and address other pressing issues. The effort is not affiliated with any governmental organization.

The newspaper is particularly interested in hearing about families with children or seniors.

Affected residents are asked to contact the *Leader* by calling 281-481-5656 or emailing mynews@southbeltleader.com.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Jan. 27. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from Fuqua to FM-528/W NASA Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Feb. 9. 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.

### Atkinson sets scholarships

The Atkinson Elementary PTO is offering \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Atkinson for at least two years, one being fourth grade. Applications and requirement information are available through the senior counselor's office at Dobie. Applications must be received by noon Wednesday, March 7, in order to be considered.

### Highway 3 closures set

At least one southbound lane on Highway 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed at FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road and El Dorado Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (excluding weekends) through Friday, March 2.

### Free self-defense classes

The American Society of Karate is offering self-defense and martial arts classes beginning Friday, Jan. 19, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for youths/adults (ages 13-70). The classes are free and are taught by black-belt instructors. The sessions run on Fridays through May 25, except for Jan. 26 and March 16, at the Sagemont Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes. For information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

### Knights sell pasta

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a pasta dinner Friday, Jan. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road. Meals include all-you-can-eat penne rigate pasta with original KC 9201 pasta sauce (eat-in only), two made-from-scratch Italian meatballs, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread and ice tea or lemonade. Cost is \$7, eat-in or take-out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3 (one meatball), eat-in only.

### Toastmasters seek members

The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club will meet for an open-house membership drive Monday, Feb. 12, at Parker Williams Library, located at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for the community to see what happens at toastmaster meetings. Attendees will be able to participate in impromptu discussions. The organization is for anyone wanting to improve public speaking skills. It allows people to speak and give constructive criticism and suggestions to develop their public speaking. For additional information, call 832-768-4352 or email nategomez87@yahoo.com.

### Lariaette trunk show set

The public is invited to support the J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes on Monday, Jan. 29, at the Kendra Scott Trunk Show. The event will be held in the Dobie dance room from 4 to 6 p.m. Kendra Scott will give 20 percent of all proceeds back to the Dobie Lariaettes. This is a chance to shop for Valentine's Day and support the Dobie dance team. For additional information, call Ivett Corral at 832-875-1058.

### Beltway 8 closures planned

At least one inside lane of the westbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Beamer to Blackhawk will be closed continuously until 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

# Nonprofit leads Harvey rebuilding effort

A local nonprofit organization, working with several area churches, has formed a network aimed at helping families impacted by Hurricane Harvey rebuild their storm-damaged homes.

The 4B Disaster Response Network (4BDRN), along with Eight Days of Hope (EDOH), announced that they will be leading a major rebuilding effort in Southeast Houston in March 2018 to help the area rebuild from the aftermath of Harvey. From March 10 through March 24, 4BDRN and EDOH will bring together volun-

teers from across the nation to help rebuild hundreds of homes. This event is expected to be the single largest volunteer rebuild effort over a 15-day period in U.S. history.

"Thousands of families in the area are trying to figure out how they can rebuild their homes because of the mass damage," said Chris Alston, board president of 4BDRN. "Those who are waiting for assistance in the rebuilding process are looking for help, for hope. We are excited to partner with EDOH and local leaders to bless as

many families as possible."

The network's goal is to rebuild 1,000 damaged homes. At press time, there was still room for around 400 more to be added to the list. Residents seeking assistance should contact the organization and have their situation assessed.

The group's primary recipients are people who have not already received assistance from other sources, such as FEMA or insurance.

The 4B Disaster Response Network's name stems from the fact that the organization is helping rebuild homes.

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**Map of residences eligible for aid**

A local nonprofit network has been formed to help area families still affected by Hurricane Harvey rebuild their homes. Dubbed the 4B Disaster Response Network, the group will focus its attention on residences located in what it refers to as the 4B area (from the Beltway to the Beach and the Bay to Brazoria County). A massive volunteer rebuilding effort is set to take place March 10 through March 24. The above map illustrates the areas (indicated in salmon) eligible for assistance.

## Local storm recovery center opens

Following a successful experiment with providing essential services to Hurricane Harvey flood victims at the grassroots level, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner recently announced the opening of eight Neighborhood Restoration Centers throughout the city, including one in the Edgebrook area.

"We are taking a neighborhood-by-neighborhood approach to getting assistance to the many people who need it," Turner said.

In November, the city and the BakerRipley nonprofit organization opened a pilot version of a Neighborhood Restoration Center at the Kashmere Multi-Service Center at 4802 Lockwood

Drive on the northeast side.

The experiment was a success, with 700 Houstonians served there so far with disaster case management and vital services such as temporary housing assistance, legal aid, mental health and wellness care, home repair and rebuilding information and employment help.

The Edgebrook Neighborhood Restoration Center is located at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church at 10727 Hartsook St. The center is open Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information or to see a complete listing of restoration centers, visit HoustonRecovers.org.

## Sagemont project meeting postponed

The public meeting on the project to make drainage and pavement improvements in the Sagemont subdivision, originally scheduled to take place Jan. 16 at Sagemont Church, was postponed due to inclement weather. At press time Wednesday, it was unknown when the rescheduled meeting would take place.

The long-awaited endeavor will make extensive improvements to eight area streets in the Sagemont community (see related story in the Jan. 11 edition of the *Leader*). Work on the project began late last month and will continue through January 2019. See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information.

## Pasadena ISD honors top athletes

**By Reesha Brown, Pasadena ISD**  
Nine former high school athletes and coaches will be inducted into the Pasadena Independent School District's 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame.

The inductees will be recognized at the sixth Pasadena ISD Athletic Hall of Fame gala, set to take place April 14 at Phillips Field House.

This year's inductees include:

- Alisha Broussard (Howard), Dobie track (Class of 1996)
- Allen Brown (deceased), Pasadena track coach
- Nikki Cockrell, Rayburn softball (Class of 1994)
- Bobby Crenshaw (deceased), Pasadena football (Class of 1959)
- LaToya Davis, South Houston basketball (Class of 2002)
- Bruce Dowdy, Pasadena football (Class of 1967)

- Harry Morgan, South Houston football coach
- Johnny Parker, Rayburn football and basketball (Class of 1968)
- Calvin Powitzky Jr., Pasadena football (Class of 1964)

The event will feature – for the first time – a team induction honoring the achievements of the Pasadena High 1957 track team for capturing the state championship win with a record-breaking 45 points. The team earned fourth place in 1999 on the Pasadena Citizen's Top 100 Sports Achievements of the Century. From former Houston Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini to former Houston Astros pitcher Larry Dierker, many sports legends continue to headline the celebration and attract the who's who of nationally recognized athletes. This year's masters of ceremonies will be named in February.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale in February. A portion of the proceeds will be

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## Leader remembers 2017 highlights

The year in review is continued from the last issue. Stories up to May 25 can be found in the Jan. 11 edition of the *Leader*.

### May 25

A century of aviation history – and the promise of a space-age future – were celebrated Saturday, May 20, at the 100th anniversary special event at Ellington Airport. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Aviation Director Mario Diaz were joined by other local, state and federal elected officials, military and NASA leaders for the family-friendly event at the airport. Approximately 1,500 aviation enthusiasts members from throughout Houston enjoyed food, live music, games and aircraft displays. Originally built in 1917 during the height of World

War I, Ellington Field, now referred to as Ellington Airport, was used as a pilot training facility. At its peak, the base housed approximately 5,000 men and 250 aircraft (a technology then still in its infancy). After the war's conclusion, the base was deemed unnecessary by the military and was ordered to be dismantled. In 1928, what little remained of the base was destroyed by fire. The imminence of U.S. involvement in World War II prompted the reconstruction of the base in 1941. Manpower again rose to 5,000, as Ellington served once more as a training facility (as it would throughout the Korean War). In 1976, the base was officially deactivated by the Air Force and later, in 1984, was taken

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## South Belt suffers hard freeze

The South Belt community was struck by a hard freeze Tuesday, Jan. 16, through Wednesday, Jan. 17, closing several area schools, businesses and streets.

Unlike the freeze the previous month, this incident brought sleet and icy conditions rather than snowfall. Temperatures dropped into the low 20s, bringing much of the area to a standstill.

Both the Pasadena and Clear Creek school districts closed their doors during the freeze, as did San Jacinto College.

Several City of Houston operations were placed on hold, such as METRO buses, municipal courts and City Council meetings. The city also opened multiple warming centers through-

out the area to keep people safe.

At least one death was attributed to the freezing temperatures, with a homeless man on Telephone Road near the 610 South Loop reportedly succumbing to hypothermia. Two additional homeless people were also hospitalized for hypothermia, according to city officials.

Police responded to more than 500 automobile accidents, with one on the Gulf Freeway near Dixie Farm Road being fatal (see related story on this page).

At press time Wednesday, temperatures were still below freezing but no further precipitation was predicted. Weekend temperatures are expected to climb to the 70s.

## HPD investigates two shootings

Houston police are investigating two separate shootings that took place in the South Belt community within a three-day period.

The first incident occurred the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 13, in the 11400 block of Beamer. According to police, the victim, Mark Shaw, 37, was driving his car on the area street around 1:15 p.m. when he was shot by three known male suspects in another vehicle.

Shaw was transported to a nearby hospital in stable condition. The three suspected shooters later arrived at another local hospital, two of them with minor injuries.

Police said the men gave conflicting accounts of the incident. At press time, the shooting was under investigation, and no charges had been filed.

A second shooting, which injured two victims, took place the night of Monday, Jan. 15, at the Sabo Village apartment complex located in the 11700 block of Sabo.

Police responded to the incident at approximately 8:05 p.m. to find a man and a woman both shot. The male victim, Darrell Hill, 39, suffered multiple gunshot wounds, while the female victim, Shanatra Walker, 32, suffered a single gunshot wound.

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## Man dies in ice-related crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place around 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the 15200 block of the Gulf Freeway near Dixie Farm Road.

According to police, the victim was driving north on the freeway in a gold GMC Sierra 2500 pickup truck when he saw another vehicle lose control and spin out on the icy street.

As he tried to avoid a collision, the victim lost control of his vehicle and struck the right shoulder concrete barrier wall. The victim then exited his disabled vehicle and attempted to repair it in a moving lane of traffic.

As the victim attempted to repair his vehicle, a driver in a white Chevrolet Tahoe entered the freeway at El Dorado Boulevard, and as the driver came down the overpass, he attempted to avoid a collision but was unable to do so. The driver lost control and struck the victim and the pickup truck. The victim died at the scene.

At press time, the identity of the male victim was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

The driver of the Tahoe was determined not to be impaired and was questioned and released.

The investigation is ongoing.

## City resumes tree waste collection

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department has resumed its yard/tree waste collection program, set to take place in alternating months.

The program had been put on hold following Hurricane Harvey so crews could focus their efforts on storm debris removal.

Residents should be aware, however, that the city's junk waste collection services have not yet resumed at this time.

Tree waste includes tree limbs, branches and stumps. Lumber, furniture and treated wood will not be accepted.

Yard trimmings includes grass clippings, small branches and leaves. They must be in city-approved compostable bags.

Tree/branch trimmings should be bundled and/or tied in lengths not greater than 36 inches. Mate-

rial not properly prepared will be tagged and left at the curb for the customer's proper preparation.

Yard waste should be properly placed at the curb in city-approved recycling bags. Yard/tree waste collections will occur in odd number months (January, March, May, July, September and November).

Once junk waste collection resumes, residents may put out yard/tree waste on all heavy trash collection dates, regardless of the month. Conversely however, residents may not put out junk waste on yard/tree waste months.

For more information or additional instructions on how to prepare yard waste, visit www.houston.solidwaste.org.

Heavy trash pickup has already resumed for South Belt residents living in unincorporated parts of Harris County that are serviced by local municipal utility districts.

## Water issue causes icy street



A malfunctioning water spigot outside a home on Kirkshire at Beamer was spraying water onto the area thoroughfare, causing dangerous driving conditions Wednesday, Jan. 17. While Wednesday was free from precipitation, temperatures were still below freezing, creating a hazard. Several residents attempted to make contact with the homeowner to no avail, as no one answered the door, despite there being two cars in the driveway.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Leader checks out social media

**By Laura Benavides Scallan**  
A member of the *Community of Sagemont & 77089* Facebook group shared that the South Belt Girls Softball Association has opened registration for Spring 2018. To

register, visit [www.southbeltsoftball.com](http://www.southbeltsoftball.com).  
A member of the *South-Belt This & That* Facebook group shared that the Knights of Columbus is hosting a beef brisket sandwich sale Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. All proceeds of the sandwich sale will go toward the Warren Youth Singers.

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### PARC announces meeting

Everyone is invited to Pearland Area Republican Club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, when City of Pearland Council Member and CPA Tony Carbone will explain how the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act impacts everyone and their family. There are many new provisions in the new federal tax reform legislation passed in December 2017. Be educated and be prepared for the 2018 tax season. Plan to bring a friend Feb. 8 to the Pearland Area Republican Club meeting for free refreshments at the Church of Christ annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. Pearland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m.

### Bay Area Quilt Guild sets auction

The Bay Area Quilt Guild annual auction will be held Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Road in Pearland. The event is free and open to the public. The guild has many quilting-related items to auction at bargain prices. There will be both a silent and a live auction. Checks and cash will be the methods of payment accepted as there will be no setup for credit cards. Plan on a fun evening and bring a friend. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or check the website at [bayareaquiltguild.org](http://bayareaquiltguild.org).

### BASC holds monthly dance

The Bay Area Singles Club monthly dance will be held Jan. 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the VFW Lodge Post # 6378, located at 5204 Highway 3, in Dickinson. Guests are encouraged to bring party snacks to share. The cost will be \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers. For more information, call 832-483-3257 or 832-477-6778.

### BAGS hosts Frank Billingsley

Frank Billingsley, Houston's KPRC 2 chief meteorologist, will discuss his book *Swabbed and Found*, documenting how he found his birth family using DNA tests, genealogical programs and investigative skills on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m.

The program, sponsored by Bay Area Genealogy Society, will be held at the University Baptist Church located at 16106 Middlebrook Drive in the chapel on the first floor. The book will be available for purchase at the meeting for a cost of \$27.

### Israeli folk dancing dates set

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. January dates are 22 and 29. February dates are 5, 12, 19 and 26. Cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for congregation members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome to join the group, even with no previous attendance.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real, and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [cs@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:cs@shaarhashalom.org).

### AARP Webster chapter sets dates

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes community members to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook. The meeting is held at the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months there is also a potluck lunch.

"Senior Safety" is the topic of this month's meeting with Rene' Dennis, a senior deputy who has been with the Harris County Sheriff's office since 1986. Dennis is a certified Master Peace Officer with extensive experience in law enforcement. Her assignment for the last 16 years has been in the Community Services Division, where she is a Rape Aggression Defense Certified Instructor, a Certified Crime Prevention Specialist, and is the coordinator of the sheriff's Citizen's Police Academy. Dennis is scheduled to speak at 10 a.m. before the chapter business meeting. This meeting is also a potluck lunch. Members and visitors are encouraged to bring a dish to share after the meeting ends.

The AARP Chapter also organizes day bus trips for AARP Chapter 199 members and their guests to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be on Monday, Jan. 29, when the chapter will tour the WaterWorks Education Center and The National Museum of Funeral History. Lunch will be held at Clio's Restaurant for Mexican food. The following trip is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22, during which the chapter is scheduled to tour the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Houston and Mixon's Memories Museum. Lunch will be held at Abe's Cajun Market and Cafe.

If 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. AARP chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact Earl Mallett at 281-484-2589 or [earlmallett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:earlmallett@sbcglobal.net).

### Local library events set

#### Parker Williams Library

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

Friday, Jan. 19, 5 p.m. Anime Club: *Hunter X Hunter* (TV-14), for ages 14 and older. Meet in the library community room to see different hunters who find their fortunes in many ways.

Monday, Jan. 22, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. "See the Moon with the Astronomy Society at UH." Members of the Astronomy Society at the University of Houston talk about the moon and solar system, lead related activities and share the use of telescopes for the evening to see these objects. This event is suitable for adults and families. Registration is requested.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 4:30 p.m. Spanish computer class. No previous experience is necessary. For more information on these programs, call the library at 281-484-2036.

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 5 p.m. Basic Life Skills class: Fitness (ages 12 and older) Join Mr. John in the library community room to learn some basics of how to lose weight, a basic meal plan, and some basic exercises that will help with strength and flexibility.

Below are the programs that occur every week:

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

Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Basic Computer Class.

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

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

For more information on these programs, phone the library at 281-484-2036. Library hours this week are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

#### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m. Book club: discussion of *Catch 22*

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m. Retro Games

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m. Family storytime

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, Jan. 24, Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

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

### Shaar Hashalom holds study

The Bible, the original text called the Old Testament, is divided into three parts: the first is the Torah, (the five books of Moses); the second part is The Prophets; and the third is a collection of unrelated books called The Holy Writings.

Last semester, Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow led conversations about books in the third part, The Holy Writings, starting with Ecclesiastes. This semester, Federow will continue in the third part of The Holy Writings, beginning with Psalms, then moving to Proverbs and finishing the look at The Wisdom Literature of the Bible with the Song of Songs.

The study is presented during the current semester of 2018. The course discusses entire scripts, ideas and insights, rather than line by line.

Each topic's discussion stands alone and one does not have to have attended previous classes. Everybody is welcome to attend anytime and enjoy.

The sessions are conducted every Sunday, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Congregation Shaar Hashalom. The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

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## Elected officials share their words

### Olson applauds executive order to support veterans

On Jan. 9, Rep. Pete Olson issued the following statement in support of President Trump's Executive Order aimed at helping veterans transition from Uniformed Services to Civilian Life:

"Our military men and women risk their lives every day in defense of our freedom. Sadly, their service comes at a high price that includes a dangerous risk of mental health issues and suicide once they return home.

As a veteran myself, I know how critical it is that we provide access to the tools for our veterans to successfully transition to civilian life. This Executive Order is an important step in the right direction. I thank President Trump for his commitment to our nation's heroes."

The Executive Order directs the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs to develop a Joint Action Plan within

60 days to provide access to mental health care and suicide prevention resources for all new veterans for at least one year following their discharge, separation or retirement. Within 180 days, the departments must update the President on the progress, and propose any additional needed reforms. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, nearly 60 percent of new veterans previously did not qualify for this care.

### Mayor praises recycling contract

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner hailed the City Council's resounding approval today of a 15-year contract with FCC SA for processing Houston residents' recyclable materials - a deal that will save taxpayers millions of dollars and accept glass and filmy plastic bags.

"After considering proposals from competing recycling companies, we got the best deal for the city of Houston," Turner said. "The contract with FCC saves the taxpayers millions of dollars in recycling costs to the city. It expands the kinds of materials our Solid Waste Department will collect from curbsides once a week. It provides state-of-the-art technology that will be updated as we go along."

"It's a win for Houstonians and the environment," the mayor added.

With a five-year extension

option that would stretch the contract to 20 years, the city will pay Fomento de Construcciones Y Contratas Inc. up to \$36.8 million assuming the price for which the company can sell recyclables does not climb steeply. If the value of recyclables on global markets shoots up, thus increasing FCC SA's profits, the city will pay less for the contract.

The city already saved \$11 million when FCC SA lowered its price in a second "best and final offer" bidding round and will save more because the city's contract costs per ton of recyclables are capped. The city has been operating without a cost cap in its current contract with Waste Management.

FCC SA will take over the city's recycling processing in about 14 months, when it completes construction of a

\$23 million processing plant that will employ 100 to 140 people in northeast Houston. Upon completion FCC SA will give the plant to the city.

The city will then start accepting glass in its green curbside collection containers as well as plastic bags of the kind used in supermarkets and drug stores.

Current recyclables are aluminum and tin cans; plastic containers #1 - 5 and #7; cardboard boxes and cartons from items such as milk, juice, soup, crackers, cream, beans, water, broth and wine; and paper products such as newspaper, catalogs, magazines, office paper and phone books.

FCC SA, which handles recycling in Dallas and other Texas cities, will move its corporate headquarters to Houston from The Woodlands.

## US Department of Education report commended by Garcia

On Jan. 11, the U.S. Department of Education released a report finding the Texas Education Agency acted illegally by effectively capping the number of students who could receive special education services in Texas public schools.

Sen. Sylvia Garcia of Houston commends the report for supporting what parents, students and advocates

have been saying from the beginning.

"It feels like a long time ago that I was in a marathon meeting in Houston with the Department of Education and parents who'd been denied special education services for their children. What the Texas Education Agency did comes close to child abuse by way of bureaucratic rule. While the process has taken

more time than I had hoped, I'm grateful to the parents and families who have never stopped fighting for their kids. I'm also grateful for the reporting of Brian Rosenthal and the Houston Chronicle for insightful and touching reporting on this topic that raised questions of TEA's practices in the first place. TEA must be held accountable," said Garcia.

## Moore lists honor, merit rolls

Moore Elementary has released its second nine-weeks honor and merit rolls.

#### Honor Roll

##### Third Grade

Carlos Albarran, Reina Estrada, Muzna Hasan, Michael Johnson, Anthony Le, Miah Martinez, Grace Menahem, Charleston Nash and Jennifer Tan.

##### Fourth Grade

Piper Battarbee, Kevin

Chau, Jaslynn Chavez, Jaiden Flores, Grant Garcia, Morgan Hill, Donovan Luu, Peyton Lynn, Jayden Nguyen, Gia Nguyen, Jathan Obregon, Thalia Oddo, Erik Santillanes, An To and Aidan Veitia.

#### Merit Roll

##### Third Grade

Hadassah Burgett, Crystal Carreno, Hunter Cozby, Aleksi Estrada, Andilyn Garcia, Jimena Hernandez, Anthony Jacobo, Hung Le, Joseph Oviedo, Cecilia Reyna and Christopher Rubio.

#### Fourth Grade

Dreagon Alexander, JaLynn Alix, Jaiden Alvarez, Katelynn Binns, Anddy Bustos, Julissa Cantu, Cooper Estes, Ethan Garay, Angel Gonzales, Keenan Llanes, Tristen Mouton, Matthew Muniz, Josiah Romero-Love, Melanie Sanchez, Jaiden Torres and Zoey Vuong.

### Master Gardener events announced

The Harris County Master Gardeners at the Genoa Friendship Gardens will host the following activities that are open to the public and free of charge during the month of February.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, the lecture series presents Monica Singhania, regional urban forester with Texas A&F forest service, Harris County. Singhania's lecture will be *Good Tree Planting Techniques and Pruning Young Trees*, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. The event is free and open to the public.

On Monday, Feb 19, the Harris County Master Gardeners Association Satellite will have an Open Garden Day from 8:30 to 11 a.m., at the Genoa Friendship Gardens, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. Master Gardeners will also be available to answer gardening questions. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <https://hcmga.tamu.edu>.

## Delgado's work published



Graciella Delgado, senior at J. Frank Dobie High School, had her work published in the New York Times #MeToo Movement Newsletter on Friday, Jan. 12. Her watercolor illustration piece is called "Peeling Back the Silence" and, according to Delgado, it portrays three individuals of different ethnic groups and genders that shows how victims of sexual assault and harassment can vary. Graciella explained that the individuals are removing tape from their mouths to signify victims finding the courage to come forward. Graciella is also the founder of Project L.O.V.E., an art organization that provides holiday cards and decorations for patients housed at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. Graciella is the daughter of Nick and Grace Delgado, who have been residents of Riverstone Ranch for the last 14 years. Graciella plans to attend art school in the fall and her Dobie art teachers are Sherri Kent and Stephanie Albert. To view the newsletter, visit <https://www.nytimes.com/newsletters/2018/01/12/gender-metoo-moment?nid=48543622>.

# Deaths

### Cynthia Carmichael



Cynthia Carmichael (Cindy), 45, of Sagemont died Dec. 29, 2017. She was born in Pasadena on Sept. 3, 1972. Her parents are Carolyn Carmichael, who still resides in Sagemont, and the late Jim Carmichael.

Cindy attended First Christian Church of Pasadena where she was an active participant in Sunday school, workshops and church retreats.

She attended Clear Creek Schools graduating in 1991 from Clear Creek High School. She attended Sam Houston University in Huntsville where she received a degree in human resources in 1999. She was very proud to have graduated in four years with her toddler, Kaylee, by her side. After graduation she worked at several locations but her favorite was Life-house, a charitable organization for unwed mothers in need.

She is survived by her mother, of Sagemont; her daughter Kaylee Carmichael, of Sagemont; and her sister, Missy Burch of the Woodlands.

Her Celebration of Life service was held at FCCP on Saturday, Jan. 6. Interment was held on Friday, Jan. 12, at Klein Cemetery in Magnolia, Texas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association (RSDSA), an organization that seeks causes, cures and treatments for nerve disorders, especially Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CPRS).

### Kathleen Derrick Pyper



Kathleen Derrick Pyper, 79, died on Dec. 5, 2017, in Boise, Idaho, surrounded by her family in peace and love.

Kathleen was proud to call Sagemont home for 43 years. She was born July 4, 1938, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elwood Glade and Pearl Kimball Derrick. She was the second of four daughters and was raised in Omaha, Nebraska, Chicago and Phoenix.

She graduated in 1959 with a degree in elementary education from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, after earning an associate degree from Phoenix Junior College and attended Arizona State University in Tempe.

She taught first grade in Arizona and Utah. On June 6, 1960, Kathleen married John Romney Pyper in the Latter-day Saints Mesa Arizona Temple. They raised their family, mostly in the Sagemont community in Houston. In

1971 she moved to Houston with her husband, who had received his degree and was now known as John Pyper, Ph.D., and their first five children. He grew up in El Dorado, Arkansas, and left at age 18 to serve as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam.

Bryan married Sue Cater on Oct. 15, 1972, and moved to the southeast Houston area. After many years working as a welder earning the respect of his colleagues, Bryan was elected several times to the office of business agent at Pipefitters Local 211.

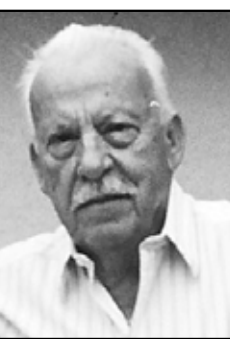
Bryan was a selfless servant his whole life and the closet he left is filled with black shirts he wore when volunteering backstage at Sagemont Church. Loving to work with his hands, he fixed and built many things for his children, grandchildren and the children at church.

He is preceded in death by his parents and eldest brother Ed Barnett. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Sue; brothers Paul and wife Bonnie Barnett and Gary and wife Beverly Barnett; sister Rosetta and husband Kerry Trahan; sister-in-law; and children Jackie and husband Eddie Prim, Jeff and wife Dana Barnett, and John and wife Lynn Barnett. His final years were spent enjoying his 15 grandchildren, knowing one more was on the way, and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bryan's name to missions ministries at Sagemont Church.

Visitation with the family will be Sunday, Jan. 21, from 3 to 5 p.m., and the funeral will be Monday, Jan. 22, at 10 a.m., both held at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

### Ralph Ernest Kytan



Ralph Ernest Kytan died on Jan. 11, 2018, at the age of 98 in Pearland. He was a longtime resident of Miami, Florida, and lived in Texas since 2004.

He was born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, in 1919 where he grew up in a house with a dirt floor on a sugar plantation, the youngest of nine children. As a young man, he joined Pan American Airways and trained as an aircraft engine mechanic.

In 1944, he began his first of many foreign-service assignments for Pan Am in various stations across Latin America. His first assignment was as chief mechanic of Pan Am's seaplane base in British Guiana, followed by assignments in Dutch Guiana and Venezuela.

In 1946, he transferred to French Guiana to manage an airbase that supported the United States military. In 1948, he applied for a visa to the United States and settled in Miami where he continued his career with Pan Am and earned his U.S. citizenship in 1953. He retired from Pan Am's Miami jet engine maintenance base in 1980.

He was an avid horticulturist, often traveling to the Caribbean and to Central and South America to collect tropical plants. He enjoyed the outdoors, working in his orchid houses and tending to his collection of tropical fruit trees and plants. When he later lived in Scottsdale, Arizona, he used his green thumb to grow an extensive collection of ornamental roses. Over the years he enjoyed traveling and wouldn't miss an opportunity to get out on the ocean to go fishing with his family.

He is survived by his wife Florine Kytan of Pearland; son Ralph and wife Julie Kytan of Marietta, Georgia; and grandchildren Robert Kytan of Atlanta, Georgia, and Evelyn Kytan of Spartanburg, South Carolina.

After nearly a century of a life full of adventures and stories, he leaves his family and friends with wonderful memories and he will be missed dearly. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Niday Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Fairchild Botanical Gardens at <https://nc.fairchildgardens.org/tribute-commemorative-gift>.

### George Bryan Barnett



George Bryan Barnett, 70, of Houston died early Monday evening, Jan. 15, 2018.

## 3 victims in area shootings

Continued from Page 1A shot wound. Both were taken to an area hospital in stable condition.

Prior to the shooting, the pair had been involved in a disturbance with three males at the complex, investigators said. During the conflict, all three males began shooting, striking both Hill and Walker. Both victims managed to flee from the suspects on foot.

The suspects were described merely as black males.

Anyone with information about these incidents is urged to contact HPD's Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

According to HPD spokesman John Cannon, it is unclear if the two shootings are related.

# Dobie9 opens doors to South Belt freshmen

The new Dobie ninth-grade center opened its doors to more than 900 freshmen as they returned to class following the Christmas holiday.

The campus located at the corner of Fuqua and Monroe, exclusively provides ninth-grade students with added space for classroom instruction, in addition to helping them transition from intermediate to high school.

Now referred to as Dobie9 by school administrators, the new campus will provide students with the same academic and extracurricular opportunities as the main Dobie campus.

"At Dobie's main campus, we were up to over 4,000 students enrolled and had 35-40 portables," said Dobie9 Principal Michael Van Essen. "We had outgrown our building."

Alyta Harrell, associate superintendent of campus development said, "Dobie9 is an environment that provides one-on-one support for ninth-graders and prepares them for the transition as sophomores to Dobie Main."

Administrators expect freshmen to leave Dobie9 with seven high school credits and successful completion of three EOC's (end-of-course tests).

"Freshman year is the most critical year in a student's high school education," Van Essen said. "If they get their credits and stay on track the first year, they have a 99 percent chance of graduating. At Dobie9, our goal is to get that number to 100 percent."

Funding for the new campus was part of a \$175.6 million bond referendum approved by voters in November 2014.



Shown are, left to right, Steve Jamail, former Dobie principal; Michael Van Essen, Dobie9 principal; Dr. Steve Fullen, associate superintendent of campus development; Angela Stallings, associate superintendent of campus development; Alyta Harrell, associate superintendent of campus development; and Franklin Moses, Dobie Main principal.



The Dobie9 freshmen holding up the Longhorn sign are, left to right, Javier Olbere, Damayantr Wilson, Natalie Qunteron, Jessica Garcia and Dillon Rivera. These students started the second semester of their freshman year in the new ninth-grade center on Monroe.

Photos by Jade Wise

## Annual Homeless Count set for various counties

The Coalition for the Homeless, staff from The Way Home partner agencies, and community volunteers will conduct the annual Homeless Count and Survey from Monday, Jan. 22 through Thursday, Jan. 25.

The 2018 Homeless Count will identify the number of both sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals across Houston, Pasadena, Harris County, Fort Bend County, and Montgomery County.

"We celebrated many victories last year: a 60 percent reduction in overall homelessness since 2012 and housing for more than 500 chronically homeless individuals in six months, as challenged by Mayor Turner," said Marilyn Brown, President/CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless.

"We also faced many challenges, including the Housing Choice Voucher freeze issued by HUD and the devastating destruction of Hurricane Harvey. The 2018 count will give us a better picture of how these challenges affected this vulnerable population."

The count is divided into two categories to identify sheltered and unsheltered

persons. The sheltered portion of the count and the night of record will take place on Jan. 22. The unsheltered and survey portion of the count will take place over three days: Jan. 23, 24, and 25. On those three days, specialized outreach teams will conduct brief, conversational surveys with individuals on the street to confirm that they were unsheltered for the night of the 22, and document what their housing needs may be. Coordinated Access Housing Assessments will also be offered on the spot to homeless Veterans, youth/young adults,

and chronically homeless individuals. Interview access to spokespersons will be made available at key staging areas on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The annual Homeless Count is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the local Continuum of Care funding process, which brought more than \$33 million in Fiscal Year 2016 to multiple homeless assistance programs in Houston, Pasadena, Harris County, Fort Bend County and Montgomery County. The Coalition for the Homeless applies

for this funding each year, as lead agency to The Way Home, which is then used by homeless service partners to provide permanent housing, outreach, and supportive services to homeless individuals.

Results from the 2018 count will give an idea of the progress being made by the collaborative efforts of local service agencies. It will also provide specific demographic information needed to end chronic homelessness and continue to improve the region's homeless response system.

During the 2018 Count and Survey, hundreds of The Way Home partner agency staff and community volunteers will depart from multiple staging areas across the greater Houston area to count and survey individuals, veterans, families and young people that live on the streets. Members of the media may contact Julia Davis, julia@checkgroup.com or Sara Brown, sbrown@homeless.houston.org to secure interviews at staging locations.

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## Melillo Middle School announces honor roll

Melillo Middle School has released its honor roll for the second nine weeks.

**Fifth Grade**  
Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz, Jonathan Alexander, Ayaan Ali, Keiley Anthony, Daniel Arceneaux, Grace Arriola, Lorenzo Betancourt, Nathan Borjas, Kylie Bui, Stephanie Bui, Emilio Cano, Jonathan Carter, Alejandro Del Villar, Kristin Do, Vvyv

Do, Abril Dosal and Julius Edmondson.

André Espinosa, Viviana Fernandez, Lindzey Flores, Madison Ford, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Yazmine Gonzalez, Emily Hernandez, Kiera Huynh, Marvin Jerezano, Joseph Jones, Xavier Keller, Myranda Kelley, Jacob Lam, Nathan Le, Natalia Le Goenga, Karyme Leal, Mayte Marfil, Natalie Martinez,

Rubi Martínez and Kiana McCombs.

Vanessa Moreno, Trish Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Uchenna Nwaodu, Jabez Palma, Madison Puente, Natalie Quiroz, Alyssa Ramirez, Robert Ramirez, Matthew Rangel, Jayden Reimer, Derek Rodriguez, Katherine Sabillon-Velasquez, Ethan Snow, Pitou So, Jocelyn Stringer, Jason Ta, Tristan

Tran, Nolan Tran, Andrew Ullman, Isaiah Vivier, Sophia Vu, Megan Vu, Ryan White and Jonathan Willis.

**Sixth Grade**  
Jacob Aguirre, Celsea Akinloye, Kylie Alderson, Ezekiel Arriaga, Shaira Balanta Pachon, Rosalyn Barber, Gianna Barreiro, Mya Bell, Joseph Benavides, Brooklyn Bush, Diego Camacho,

## Meador students perform Jingle Bell Jukebox program



Meador Elementary fourth-graders held their Jingle Bell Jukebox holiday program on Dec. 12. Families and staff also donated toys for Meador's annual toy drive in partnership with Larry's Gift Foundation to provide holiday assistance and cheer to needy Pasadena Independent School District families. Shown above are, left to right, Daniel Savala, first-grader; Larry Savala, Larry's Gift Foundation;

Beverly Bolton, principal; Tara Merida, counselor; and Molly Savala, Larry's Gift Foundation. Shown, below left, dressed up for the show are Xavier Martinez (left) and Blaze Murua. Below, right, Arlana Peacock, music teacher (left), and Bolton are all smiles after the holiday program.

Photos by Amy Clowers



## Atkinson holds spelling bee



Atkinson Elementary held its annual spelling bee on Jan. 11. The fourth-grade homeroom representatives competed for the opportunity to participate in the Pasadena District Spelling Bee. The representatives are shown above, left to right, (front row) Miranda Medel, Tracey Nguyen's class; Gwendolyn Jones, Nancy Vazquez's class; Hannah Pham, Tulu Sarkar's class; Lillyen Spell, Jennifer Youngblood's class; (back row) Jesse Nunez, Tracey Nguyen's class; Daniel Carrera, Norma Martinez's class; Ayden McMahan, Tulu Sarkar's class; Edgar Orozco, Jennifer Youngblood's class; and Cristian Monge, Nancy Vazquez's class. Shown right are Monge (left), the winner; and Orozco, the runner-up. Monge won with the word "custody" and Orozco placed runner-up. Monge will advance to the District Elementary Spelling Bee on Feb. 20 and the resulting winner will advance to the fifth- through eighth-grade District Spelling Bee on Feb. 27.

Photos by Karen O'Connor

## HCAD sending disaster reappraisal letters

The Harris County Appraisal District will begin sending disaster reappraisal letters next week to property owners whose taxing jurisdictions have requested the reappraisal of property after Hurricane Harvey.

The district will send a letter to all property owners with taxable property in that jurisdiction. If the appraisal district has a record of damage, the letter will list the jurisdictions that have requested the disaster reappraisal, the new value and instructions for submitting additional information.

The new value will apply from Aug. 23 through Dec. 31. If the appraisal district does not have a record of property damage, the letter will list the jurisdictions that have requested the disaster reappraisal and instructions for submitting information if the property was damaged.

Property owners will have 45 days after the date the letter was mailed to submit documentation to the appraisal district. The letter will state the last day the documentation can be submitted. Documentation can be submitted electronically or through the mail.

Once documentation is submitted, HCAD may contact the property owner to discuss the information and how it impacts the reappraisal.

"Property owners should pay their property tax bill before Jan. 31 even if they are in a jurisdiction that has requested the disaster reappraisal," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. "The taxing jurisdictions will issue the appropriate refunds at a later date. However, if taxes

are not paid by the delinquency date, penalties and interest can be applied."

The taxing jurisdictions that have requested the disaster reappraisal are Spring Branch Independent School District, La Porte Independent School District, Woodlands Township, MUD 386, City of Katy, City of Shoreacres and Harris/Ft. Bend Counties MUD No. 1. The district has been notified that Katy Independent School District will vote on a resolution at its January board of trustees meeting.

ing 500 chronically homeless individuals," said Marilyn Brown, President/CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless. "Hundreds of partner agency staff members spent countless hours on this project and their hard work deserves to be recognized. We also could not have done this without the partnership of Mayor Turner and the City of Houston; we are so thankful for their con-

tinued support of proven and permanent solutions to end homelessness."

Since 2011, The Way Home has housed more than 11,000 individuals in permanent housing and provided voluntary supportive services to help those individuals maintain their housing.

To learn more, visit [www.thewayhomehouston.org](http://www.thewayhomehouston.org).

## Mayor, nonprofit agencies announce major achievement in housing homeless

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner's staff and The Way Home have exceeded their goal to house 500 chronically homeless individuals in six months.

More than two dozen homeless service agencies and hundreds of staff members placed 548 chronically homeless individuals into Permanent Supportive Housing programs between March and August 2017.

Hurricane Harvey delayed confirmation and announcement of the achievement.

In March 2017, Mayor Turner announced a comprehensive and holistic approach to reducing homelessness, challenging the homeless response community to intensify efforts to permanently house the most vulnerable chronically homeless individuals on Houston's streets.

"Any conversation around reducing homelessness must start and end with housing, for it is the permanent solution to homelessness," said

Turner. "Houston continues to lead the nation in reducing homelessness, and while we recognize a great accomplishment today, we also recognize that there is still more to be done."

At the center of this plan was The Way Home, the collaborative model comprised of more than 100 private nonprofits and public organizations that has reduced overall homelessness by 60 percent since 2011.

The unprecedented collaboration of The Way Home partners paved the way for exceeding the goal even in the face of major setbacks such as historic flooding and a federal freeze on housing vouchers.

The City of Houston stepped in to cover the housing subsidy loss.

"The Way Home partners are an incredible team that has adopted a 'YES' culture, so I am thrilled - but not surprised - that we exceeded Mayor Turner's goal of hous-

ing 500 chronically homeless individuals," said Marilyn Brown, President/CEO of the Coalition for the Homeless. "Hundreds of partner agency staff members spent countless hours on this project and their hard work deserves to be recognized. We also could not have done this without the partnership of Mayor Turner and the City of Houston; we are so thankful for their con-

tinued support of proven and permanent solutions to end homelessness."

## Harbour Playhouse presents Funny Money

Director Mike Fabian is bringing the farce about *Funny Money* to the Bay Area Harbour Playhouse through Jan. 28, 2018.

Fabian's staging of playwright Ray Cooney's play will have audiences laughing as a mild-mannered CPA tries to extricate himself from a hysterical situation after he finds a briefcase full of money and decides to keep it.

The production will be in the upstairs Top Side Theatre at the Playhouse, 3803 Highway 3, in Dickinson, on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets begin at \$12 with discounts for seniors, military, students and groups of ten or more.

For more details, call 281-337-7469 or visit [www.harbourtheater.com](http://www.harbourtheater.com) or Facebook.

# Santa visits Meador



The students at Meador Elementary were excited when Santa visited the school on Dec. 22. Shown with Santa are kindergartners, Skylar Glayzer (left) and Kimberly Yerena.

# Melillo honor roll . . .

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Daniel Campero, Jill Canales, Anthony Canales, Camryn Collins, Christopher Compean, Heli Contreras, Ariel Cortez, Ashley Cruz, Tyler Dang, Di Dao, Julissa Duarte, Vivian Duong and Gracie Dykstra.  
Dylan Erickson, Zoe Espinoza, Izabel Fernandez, Julia Fernandez, Xitlali Figueroa, Xitlali Figueroa, Jesus Gamez Cepeda, McKlaus Garcia, Devin Garza, Ariana Garza, Kira Goeman, Karley Goeman, Lydia Golenko, Ricardo Gomez, Andres Gonzalez, Angelina Gonzalez, Alexa Gonzalez, Alana Goree, Johsua Gracia, Madeline Hernandez and Jazmin Hernandez.  
Tyler Hudgens, An Huynh, Eric Huynh, Bella Isales, Megan Johnson, Shalini Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Shana Kieselhorst, Sebastian King, Quynh Ky, Laura Landers, Emily Lazo, Dennis Le, Rachael Le, Tommy Le, Jordan Leahman, Nathan Lind, Joshua Lopez, Victoria Luna, Adriana Luna, Julie Macha-

# BHI declares third six-weeks honor roll

Beverly Hills Intermediate has announced its honor roll for the third six-weeks.  
**Honor Roll**  
**Seventh Grade**  
Jordi Ariel Acosta, Andres Francisco Aguirre, Evelyn Alexis Aguirre, Lizeth Aguirre, Kaylin Christina Alexander Hamilton, Paloma Alvarado, Katherine Daniela Alvarez Benitez, Aaron Steney Anaya, Vu Vincent Anh Tran, Israel Aranda, Troy Arevalo, Janet Armenta, Ruby Arriaga, Izabella Avila and Jovanni Avila.  
Kennedy Alice Baines, Olivia Nicole Baires, Sayra Cesilia Beltran Fernandez, Houada Amira Ben Achour, Jennifer Anna Ben-Smith, Xavier Alexander Bernal, Giselle Irma Bonilla, Hoa Quynh Bui, An Viet Bui, Theresa Juanita Burchfield, Lorenzo Cantu, Sully Yessy-mar Cantu, Brenda Daniela Carcamo and Gavin Nicholas Carrillo.  
Joshua Alexander Carroll, Linda Esperanza Castelan, Gisselle Val Castillo, Laisha Castillo-Caballero, Samantha Cavazos-Ramirez, Jasmine Yadira Cazares Corona, Melanie Bahiana Cejas, Kathryn Louisa Cerda, Christopher Kavan Chavez, Sofia Leilani Cisneros, Alexis Breanna Cline, Mariana Cuevas, Diana Nguyen Dang, Isaac Toan Song Dao, Keiara Davis Hathorne and Raymundo De La Garza.  
Nhi Huan Dinh, Ashley Jannette Dunn, Carolina Elizalde, Diamond Unique Ervin, Adrian Escalera, Ashley Michelle Escamilla, Abel Fernando Espinoza, Alec Zander Faulkner, Alyssa Garcia Flores, Roberto Flores, Camren Lakeith Fowler, Matia Elise Franklin, Tristan Maximilian Fuentes, Natalie De Jesus Galarza Grajeda and Alysia Aralyn Galvan.  
Emily Marie Gaona, Jesse-James Garcia, Andres David Garcia Covarrubia, Gracie Gloria Garcia Turner, Ariana Garcia, Arael Garcia, Brianna Elizabeth Garcia, Celina Diane Garcia, John Matthew Garcia, Julissa Marielle Garcia, Kevin Thomas Garcia, Melia Ariana Garcia, Vanessa Maria Garcia, Damian Garza, Natalia Garcia and Oscar Luis Garza.

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO MARY**  
Best wishes to **Mary Clark** as she celebrates her birthday Saturday, Jan. 20. Greetings are sent to Mary from her husband **Chris**, other family members and her friends at the *Leader*.  
**MIKE ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
**Mike Williams** celebrates his birthday Jan. 20. Best wishes are sent for a special day from family and friends at the *Leader*.  
**FLICKINGERS MARK ANNIVERSARY**  
**Marie and David Flickinger** celebrate 56 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 children **Abigail** and **Jackson**; granddaughter **Natalie Abarca** and husband **Jose** and children **Kelvin Lopez**, **Noah**, **Elliana** and **Isabelle Abarca**; and their friends and the *Leader* staff.  
**BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR REBECCA**  
Happy birthday wishes are sent to Doble grad **Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine** on Jan. 23 from her husband **Steve** and her father **Richard Heeth** of Kirkwood.  
**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO CLAUDIA**  
**Claudia Cubos**, celebrates a birthday Jan. 23. Warm birthday wishes are sent to Claudia from her family, friends and former co-workers at the *Leader*.  
**BAYLOR ADDS TO DEAN'S LIST**  
Students were recently honored on the Baylor University Dean's List of undergraduates with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 se-

mester hours. Congratulations are in order for **Ehinomen Allison Ojeaga** who is the South Belt student recognized from the Louise Herrington School of Nursing at Baylor.  
**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 18 through Jan. 24.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Katy Fielder** Jan. 20.  
**Burnett Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting Jan. 18 to **Brittany Allen**. A celebration is in order Jan. 22 for **Leticia Sanchez**. Light the birthday candles on a double-layer cake Jan. 23 for **Janice Merritt** and **Lena Toole**.  
**Bush Elementary**  
**Maria Garza** enjoys a birthday Jan. 23.  
**Meador Elementary**  
The day for a party for **Maria Hernandez** is Jan. 21. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Joycelyn Woodard** Jan. 22.  
**Moore Elementary**  
On Jan. 19, **Sandra Rodriguez** enjoys a birthday.  
**South Belt Elementary**  
**Linh Moore** marks a birthday Jan. 19. Send a birthday greeting Jan. 21 to **Deborah Edwin**.  
**Roberts Middle School**  
Sing a happy birthday song Jan. 22 to **Julie Lanham**.  
**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake for **Al Bates** and **Travis Regner** on Jan. 18. Send a happy birthday card Jan. 22 to

**Amber Estrada**. Join in the birthday fun Jan. 23 with **Bethany Davis**. Jan. 24 is the day for a celebration for **Chelsea Hughes Martinez**.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song Jan. 23 for **Sharon Curry**.  
**Dobie High**  
Celebrate with a cake for **Remi Yusuf** on Jan. 18. On Jan. 19, a double birthday is celebrated by **Cathy Meek** and **Lanora McNeil**. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Nereida Villafana** Jan. 20. Remember **Deena Delarosa** on Jan. 22 with a birthday wish.  
**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday this week:  
Thursday, Jan. 18: **Charlie Boldt**, **Theria Malone**, **Lynn Carnes**, **Dwight Baker** and **Theresa Touchette**; Friday, Jan. 19: **Janet Thompson**, **Lisa Gates**, **Grace Lazo**, **Stephanie Puyear**, **Brenda Mahoney** and **Lori Watts**; and Saturday, Jan. 20: **Jeremiah Orsak**, **Temika Bolar**, **Stephanie Johnson**, **Mary Belz**, **Mark Roden**; Sunday, Jan. 21: **Traci Fort**, **Rudy Trevino**, **Susan Bernabe**, **Kim Saucedo**, **Karen Harlan**, **Connie Birmingham** and **Lisa Allen-Bragg**; Monday, Jan. 22: **Amber Estrada**, **Rhonda Meredith**, **Karen Hatten**, **Shad Taylor** and **Mitchal Nordstrom**; Tuesday, Jan. 23: **Becky Forsyth**, **Audi Resendez**, **Rodney Thiel**, **Wendy Gray** and **Bill A. Stevens**; and Wednesday, Jan. 24: **Renee Lister** and **Lee Balinas**.  
**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

# Moore Elementary releases perfect attendance

Moore Elementary has announced its perfect attendance for the second nine weeks.  
**Perfect Attendance**  
**Pre-K**  
Mateo Alonso, Jessie Xavier Beteta, Santiago Cuevas, Maily N Galarza, Sophia Lenon Ibarra Torrez, Subhan Ahmad Khan, Bryan Anh Khoi Le, Kevin Quoc Vinh Pham and Andy Huy Tran.  
**Kindergarten**  
Laura Alejandra Alcaraz Lozano, Jakayah Ayira Amos, Julieta Fernanda Cruz, Brandon Bao Huynh, Kyle Khang Le, Sharon Nguyen, Abigail Layla Orozco, David Ikechukwu Ozieh, Elijah King Palmer, Nathan Josiah Ruiz, Ezekiel Israel Sanchez, Hailey Han Sanchan, Jayden Hieu Tran, Lynn Bao Han Tran and Carney Truong.  
**First Grade**  
Martin Antonio, Jeremy Alberto Beteta, Brandon Alexis Bustos, Mia Lei Carter, Valery Yesenia Casillas, Arianna Rose Castellano, Noah Alexander Cervantes, Bradley Boyd Clouse, London Lashelle Freeman, Jordan Raymond Garcia, Jacob William Gonzales, Bjork Ixchel Klimowicz and Rahul Santiago Marroquin.  
**Maximo Isaias Martinez**, Hiba Mateen, Jose Numas Montecinos Jr., Troy Thien Nguyen, Marcus Anthony Olivari III, Jacob Gia-Boa Phan, Nyla Adryanna Richardson, Izaiz Nune Roncancio, Jaylen Marie Ruiz, Briana Nathaly Saenz Garcia, Valerie Itzel Sanchez, Karen Stewart, Quy Phu Tran, Travis Hoa Tran and Mason Makai Turner.  
**Second Grade**  
Khalia Donae Allen, Juan Luis Alonso Jr, Zadie Layne Battarbee, Naomi Chantel Juliette Burton, Dalila Anahi Chapa, Ma'kayah Shea Earnhart, Mykel Timothy Earnhart, Christopher Sebastian Flores, Edgar Leon Garcia-Cuevas, John Paul Herrera, Paola Vanessa Ibarra Torres, Kevin De-wayne Jones Jr., Nina Avani Lowtan and Marisol Luera.  
Emmery Jayne Lynn, Kobe Magana, Matrida Ava Masau, Alla Phan Nguyen, Evan Rey Orozco, Miranda Pulido, Damian Ramos, Luke James Stacey, Sirena Thaoan Thai, Yen Hoang Tran, Kiet Tuan Vo and

Israel Alexander Yanez Gutierrez.  
**Third Grade**  
Carlos Constanco Albaran, Isabella Marie Alvarez, Adeliz Barahona, Jose Manuel Bucio, Hadassah Burgett, Nicholas Lee Cantu, Natalie De Paz, Myashia-Lynn Suzanne Earnhart, Natalie Marie Elkins, Muzna Hasan, Anthony Lucas Jacobo, Michael Julian Johnson and Ashia Savannah Jones.  
Anthony Tran Le, Hung

Huy Le, Allan Josue Martinez, Nevaeh Patricia Lynn Mcezal, Grace Bracha Menahem, Charleston Ean Nash, Lena Nguyen, Yamileth Anai Rameles, Christopher Isaac Rubio, Jennifer Kim Tan, Arianna Lee Tran, Noah Matthew Wilhoite and Isaac Michael Zamora.  
**Fourth Grade**  
Londyn Naiomi August, Brian Bui, Anddy Alexander Bustos, Christian Gabriel Carbajal, Nicholas Marcelo De

# Bush announces perfect attendance, rolls

Laura Welch Bush Elementary has listed its perfect attendance, honor roll and merit roll for the second nine weeks.  
**Perfect Attendance**  
**Pre-K**  
**Heather Biber**  
Harrison Do, Maci Fasci, Yaretzi Leon, Jenson Mendiolia, Jenny Nguyen, Zaimab Shaikh, Isaiiah Shepherd and Amira Sosa.  
**Dila Velez**  
Devani Lopez.  
**Kindergarten**  
**Mindy Cook**  
Jayden Lebron, Anakin Sanchez and Rueben Villarreal.  
**Marie Marler**  
Guy Faith, Ethan Ho, Zoey Trevino and Zander Womack.  
**Maria Palacios**  
Enid Chapman, Alan Gonzalez, Granger Lumpkin and Miah Perez.  
**Yvonne Soliz**  
Nicole Arango, Mario Gomez, Ava Hernandez, Beatrice Raitaru and Leslie Rincon.

Baltazar I. Covarrubias, Zaria Edgar, Natalia Garza, Kimberly Gutierrez, Leilani Hernandez, Briana Olvera, David Ramirez, Emmanuel Rendon, Vanessa Rivera, Brayden Rojas, Christian Tejada and Christian Thumann.  
**Aide Buenostro**  
Micheal Contreras, Isaac Gonzalez, Isaac Montalvo, Jenny Nguyen, Justin Nguyen and Kathleen Tran.  
**Kristi Emler**  
Amir Bouaziz, Tracy Bui, Ayana Mcezal, Sansa-Ray Ramsay, Natalie Soto, Gabriel Trevino and Olivia Trevino.  
**Maria Trela**  
Brendan Cortez, Van Doan, Duy Pham and Miguel Rodriguez.  
**Alecia Walters**  
Damian Chavez, Christopher Ojeda and Amyah Whitfield.

lando Gomez, Landon Martinez Moran, Yohan Santiago and David Serrano.  
**Fourth Grade**  
**David Blevins**  
Daniel Chavez, Christina Dang, Hayden Do, Desmond Etienne, Thomas Garcia, Jandel Leon Ortiz and Kaylanie Tran.  
**Nadja Diaz Rodriguez**  
Alexander Arias, Yahir-Bonilla, Camden Butcher, and Jolie Trejo.  
**Jessica Wedgeworth**  
Camila Arguello and Darien Diaz.  
**Cathy Perez**  
Harley Arias, Diana Bonilla and Mayra Gomez.  
**Jonathan Klinkerman**  
Mike Hernandez.

# Brook debate students qualify for TFA State

Clear Brook High School's debate team returned from Dobie High School on Jan. 6 with three more students who are now qualified for their annual Texas Forensic Association State Debate tournament to be held at La Vernia High School March 1 through March 3.  
Walking away with a first-place finish in Lincoln Douglas Debate was Benjamin Eappen who earned his state qualification.  
Joining Eappen on the way to state includes the Public Forum Debate team of Fizza Dhanani and Christa Westheimer, who placed third at the tournament.

These three students now join their teammates Michael Villarreal, Syamantak Payra, Dimitri Giannakopoulos, Syed Rahman and Andrew Liu who will also be attending the state tournament.  
The team has three more students, Adarsh Suresh, Sarvesh Subramanian and Prateesh Vijayakumar, who are exceptionally close to achieving this status, besting all other CCISD high schools.  
The team heads to Clear Creek High School, Houston Lamar High School, Texas City High School and George Ranch High School soon to realize their final numbers.

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# Remember When

**40 years ago (1978)**  
Master Sgt. William A. Finnis won the Oklahoma Regional Service leg match with a score of 483 out of a possible 500.  
Residents of the Sageglen subdivision were taxed by Harris County as if they were members of the San Jacinto College district even though they were not.  
**35 years ago (1983)**  
Willie Moore and Ronald Parker were arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Three drug enforcement agencies combined their efforts to catch the two men. The officers seized a gallon and a half of PCP, the chemical used in making angel dust.  
Charles Ray Ogden easily won re-election to the San Jacinto College Board of Regents with a vote count of 3,466 to 2,259.  
**30 years ago (1988)**  
While a preliminary report from the Houston Board of Air Quality Control suggested no evidence of fallout from the Archem Co. explosion, the company continued

to receive claims, according to a company representative.  
Recommended safety actions by the city Traffic and Transportation Department were not believed to be enough by the South Belt Civic Coalition and the principals who said their schools needed school zones with flashing lights.  
**25 years ago (1993)**  
The program on local gang violence held at Dobie High School was so popular that it was repeated for a teacher inservice.  
The Dobie boys basketball team suffered a 49-43 defeat to Pasadena and bounced back to upset Clear Lake 58-44.  
**20 years ago (1998)**  
An 11-year-old was killed in a hit-and-run accident while visiting his mother at the Pavilion Square Apartments.  
The design for the connecting road between the South Belt area and the city of Pearland was revised, with the plans being less impacting to the South Belt area.

bringing attention to the policies of Harris County Animal Control. When deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office arrived at the scene in the 10900 block of Kirkbrush and were also threatened by the canine, they phoned the animal control office.  
The lone officer on duty said she would lose her job if she responded to a call where no one had actually been bitten by the animal. After dealing with the dog for roughly an hour, the deputies finally coaxed it back into its owner's yard. Following the incident, Detective Rick Holloman took the necessary steps to have the dog declared dangerous.  
**5 years ago (2013)**  
An off-duty Houston police officer shot at a man who was allegedly breaking into the officer's car outside his home in the 10000 block of Sagetrail early Wednesday, Jan. 16. According to police, the officer was inside his house in the early morning when he checked his home's surveillance system and spotted a man wearing a hoodie walking around his driveway and checking the doors on several vehicles. The officer grabbed a gun and went outside to confront the suspect. Police say the hooded man initially crouched behind one of the cars to hide. After being told by the officer to leave the property, the suspect then allegedly charged at him with his hands concealed. Fearing for his life, the officer then fired at least twice at the suspect, who fled the scene. Investigators do not believe the suspect was wounded in the incident.  
**1 year ago (2017)**  
Three valuable dogs were stolen from the Pet Place store in the 13700 block of Beamer during a break-in recently. Two English bull dogs (valued at \$3,500 each) and one Maltese (valued at \$900) were taken during the burglary.  
Israel Lecea, 32, of Friendswood, was arrested and charged with felony burglary of a building the following week after police received an anonymous tip.

# Frazier spellers win



Frazier held its annual spelling bee on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Damarion Copeland (right) came out on top in the sixteenth round, spelling the word "basting" correctly, with Jaylynn Constanza (left) as runner-up. Congratulations are in order to these students and to all the students who participated this year.

# SJC calendar set

San Jacinto College has announced its calendar of events.  
**Spring 2018 registration**  
Registration for the spring 2018 semester is open. Payment is due upon registration. For more information on steps to register, visit sanjac.edu/apply-register/overview/registration.  
**Men's basketball games**  
The SJC men's basketball team will play Blinn College on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 4 p.m. The team will also play Lone Star College-Cy Fair on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. All home games are played at the Central campus in Anders Gymnasium (Building 18) and are free and open to the public. For a full schedule, visit http://www.sanjacsports.com/.  
**Women's basketball games**  
The SJC women's basketball team will face Jacksonville College on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 5:30 p.m. in Nichols Gymnasium (Building 16). All home games are free and open to the public. For a full schedule, visit http://www.sanjacsports.com/.  
**Community Education Center events**  
The SJC Central Campus Community Education Center is located at 8060 Spence Highway in Pasadena in Building 1, room C-1.108. The SJC North Campus Community Education Center is located at 5800 Uvalde Road in Houston in Building 2, room N-2.112. The Community Education Centers will host the following January workshops that are free and open to the public. To register, call 281-478-2786 or email communityeducation@sjcd.edu.  
**North campus**  
A Home Buyers Assistance Program 101, will be held Jan. 19, 11 a.m. to noon.  
The Single-Family Home Repair Program 101 will be held Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to noon.  
**Central campus**  
BakerRipley free Tax Certification Training will be held Jan. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. An ESL information session is scheduled for Jan. 22 from 3 to 4 p.m.

# AARP tax volunteers available

Volunteers from AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be available from Feb. 1 through April 17 to answer questions and offer tax preparation to anyone of any age. This service is free and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.  
Bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, 1099-R forms and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide. Tax Aide preparation sites in Houston are: Parker Williams Public Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 281-484-2036, Monday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Pasadena Public Library, 1201 Jeff Ginn Memorial Dr., 713-477-0276, Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Pearland Public Library, 3522 Liberty Drive, 281-485-4876, Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Webster Recreation, 311 Pennsylvania Ave., 281-316-4137, Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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# Pasadena ISD names 2018 Athletics Hall of Fame inductees

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## Hall of Fame Inductees

**Alisha Broussard**  
Known as Dobbie's leaping Longhorn, Broussard captured multiple state championships in the triple jump throughout her high school career. She held the national record for top high school leap at 42-10 1/2, for a while and won more state medals than any other female athlete in Pasadena ISD history. She holds the National Junior Olympic mark of 13.01 meters and continued to leap to victory after high school. At the University of Houston, Broussard won three conference USD triple jump



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championships and has been ranked No. 2 on the University of Houston's all-time indoor triple jump list and No. 4 on UH's outdoor list.

## Allen Brown

Brown led the Pasadena High Eagles to victory as coach of the football and track team. During a state track meet in 1957, his team won both sprint events and set a new state record in the broad jump. Dobbie was the only other team in Pasadena ISD

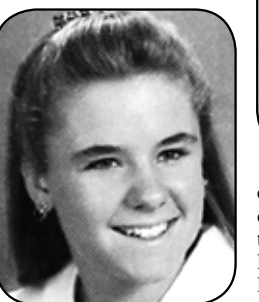


**Brown**  
to earn this achievement. Brown matched his successes with his team on the gridiron. In 1958, he took the football squad under his wing and coached them to a state championship game, still regarded as the most

successful playoff run in Pasadena ISD history. He passed away in 1975.

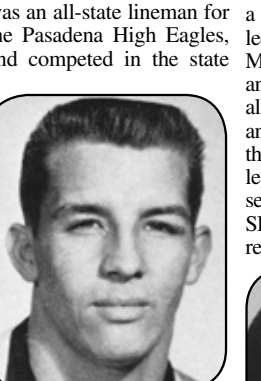
## Nikki Cockrell

Cockrell lettered all four years in softball, earning first-team all-district honors her freshman, junior and senior seasons. She also lettered two years in basketball and earned Top 10 status academically. In 1993, she won a gold



**Cockrell**  
medal while playing for the USA Junior Girls' National team. As a softball player at the University of Texas, Cockrell was instrumental in helping the Longhorns earn a spot in softball's College World Series in 1998. At the end of the 1999 season, she was named the NCAA Woman of the Year for the state of

Texas. **Bobby Crenshaw** Crenshaw, Class of 1959, was an all-state lineman for the Pasadena High Eagles, and competed in the state



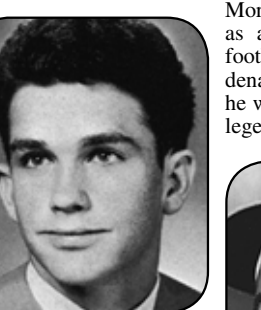
**Crenshaw**  
championship game, the only Pasadena ISD football team to advance that far. He lettered three years at Baylor and earned first-team All-Southwest Conference honors his senior year. He was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the 11th round in 1964 but he decided to join the Houston Oilers. Crenshaw injured his knee shortly after joining the Oilers and never played again. He was eventually named to its all-decade team, representing the 1960s. He passed away in 2002.

**LaToya Davis** As a South Houston basketball star, Davis was a first-team all-district selection and the district's MVP sophomore, junior and senior year. She earned all-state honors as a junior and senior and she was a three-time all-district volleyball player. During her senior year, Davis led the SHHS Trojans to the state regionals for the first time



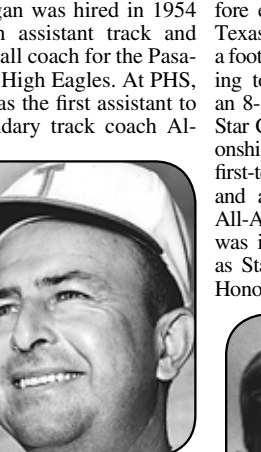
**Davis**  
in the school's history. She completed her high school career as the No. 1 scorer in the Greater Houston area for three consecutive years. After her high school career ended, Davis played in Europe for five seasons before retiring from basketball. **Bruce Dowdy** As a football player at

Texas Tech, Dowdy reigned as one of the SWC's best defensive players and lat-



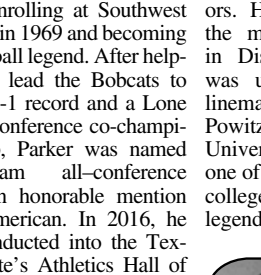
**Dowdy**  
er named to the SWC's All-Decade team for the 70s. His success as a college athlete is a reflection of his talents as a Pasadena High Eagle. In his senior year, Dowdy earned first-team all-district honors on defense. After playing at Tech, he went on to coach high school football for 11 years at PHS and Texas City before going into private business. He is still actively involved in the PHS alumni mentor program. **Harry Morgan** In 1951, Morgan was named the head coach at Jackson Junior High, where he led the team to three straight Gulf Coast

district championships and a 29-1 record. Following his success at Jackson, Morgan was hired in 1954 as an assistant track and football coach for the Pasadena High Eagles. At PHS, he was the first assistant to legendary track coach Al-

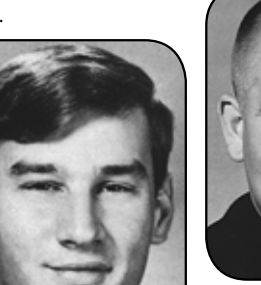


**Morgan**  
len Brown in 1957 when the Eagles won the state track title. When South Houston High, Pasadena ISD's first expansion high school, opened later that year, Morgan was instrumental in establishing the Trojan football team. In the 10-year span with Morgan at the helm as head coach, the Trojans achieved a 53-44-3 record with only three losing seasons. **Johnny Parker** Parker was a standout

football and basketball player at Southmore Junior High and Sam Rayburn High before enrolling at Southwest Texas in 1969 and becoming a football legend. After helping to lead the Bobcats to an 8-1-1 record and a Lone Star Conference co-championship, Parker was named first-team all-conference and an honorable mention All-American. In 2016, he was inducted into the Texas State's Athletics Hall of Honor.



**Parker**  
**Calvin Powitzky Jr.** Powitzky graduated from PHS in 1964 where he flexed his athletic skills on the gridiron with the Mighty Eagles as a member of the All-State Football team. His senior year, the Eagles were able to claim an undefeated season and they tackled All-Greater Houston honors. He was even named the most valuable player in District 12-4A, which was unprecedented for a lineman. After graduation, Powitzky attended Rice University and was part of one of the last teams to play college football with coach legend, Jess Neely. Powitzky returned to his Pasadena roots, where he has continuously handled construction and renovation projects throughout the city. Individuals or companies wishing to become a sponsor are asked to visit the Pasadena ISD Athletic Hall of Fame Web page found at www.1.pasadenaisd.org.



# Leader remembers highlights, low points of 2017

Continued from Page 1A over by the City of Houston. However, the military, as well as NASA, still maintain a large presence there.

Rachel Epperson was named Miss Teen Lone Star State 2017 at a contest in Katy. The daughter of local State Farm Agent Thuy Epperson, Rachel, 16, was a sophomore at Friendswood High School and did extensive volunteer work in the community. She also earned awards for Overall Photogenic, Best Dressed and Fashion.

## June 1

In honor of Memorial Day, Sagemont Church flew 38,000 American flags on its grounds around the facility's 170-foot-tall cross. Each of the flags represented a fallen Texas soldier from 1836 to the present. A Memorial Wall was also on display, where guests could sign the names of fallen loved ones. Beth Morgan, 76, wife of Sagemont Church founding pastor, the Rev. John Morgan, died Sunday, May 28. The couple would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary June 1.

## June 8

The City of Houston officially recognized San Jacinto College for being named one of the top five community colleges in the nation by the prestigious Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence. The recognition was spearheaded by Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and City Council members Dwight Boykins and Dave Martin, both of whom represent portions of the South Belt community.

## June 15

The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved Jose Hernandez to serve as principal of Stuchbery Elementary. He replaced outgoing Principal Carolyn Waller, who resigned after serving 35 years in the education field. Hernandez had served the school district for 13 years. He be-

gan his career as a bilingual science teacher at Schneider Middle School from 2004 to 2006. He continued to teach bilingual and special education classes at Keller Middle School until 2008. In 2010, he took on the role of assistant principal at Jensen Elementary. Hernandez earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas-Pan American (now the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley) in biology and a master's degree from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in educational management. He earned his educational certifications in bilingual studies and administrative leadership. He officially started his new position in August.

## June 22

An F-16 Fighting Falcon jet from a detachment of the 138th Fighter Wing, stationed at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base, crashed on takeoff the morning of June 21. The pilot safely ejected and was evaluated at a local medical facility. The aircraft, under the direction of the North American Aerospace Defense Command, was conducting a training flight. Several local streets, including Beltway 8, were temporarily closed following the incident, causing extensive traffic delays.

## June 29

Rachel Epperson was crowned Miss Teen United States at the national United America Pageant held in San Antonio. Unlike other traditional beauty contests, United America pageants focus on educational achievement and community service. An incoming junior at Friendswood High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Epperson selflessly completed more than 400 hours of volunteer work. Epperson is the daughter of State Farm Agent Thuy Epperson, who is also a supporter of the South Belt Spectacular Cook-off.

## July 6

Hundreds of area resi-

dents braved the heat Tuesday, July 4, to participate in the 30th annual South Belt Independence Day parade. A salute to all first responders, the event included personnel from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the Houston Police Department and the Houston Fire Department. Parade winners included Bombers for most patriotic commercial entry; Bayway for most original commercial entry; Rudy Alafa for most patriotic noncommercial entry; and the Dobbie FFA and Larlaettes tying for most original noncommercial entry. The annual Fourth of July Fireworks display also went off without a hitch, with El Franco Lee Park being filled to its capacity. Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, the event was one of the largest to date, organizers said.

Dobbie High School's Health Occupations Students of America team placed second out of more than 150 teams at the HOSA International Conference, held June 21-24 in Orlando, Florida. Team members included Thanh Huynh, Kevin Phan, Leanna Ta and Esther Kim.

## July 13

South Belt resident and South Houston police detective Paul Brantly was presented the Police Officer of the Year Award by the South Houston Masonic Lodge No. 1295. Brantly has had a distinguished career in law enforcement, earning the 100 Club Hero Award and the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Valor Award in 2012. Brantly attended Stuchbery Elementary, Thompson Intermediate and Dobbie High School.

## July 20

A call about a suspicious person at an apartment complex on Algonquin at Scarsdale led to a bizarre drug bust early Monday, July 17. Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Consta-

ble's office responded to the call around 3:45 a.m. to find a male standing by himself in the parking lot of the complex. Responding deputies said they detected a strong marijuana odor coming from a nearby gray Cadillac. The suspect acknowledged the Cadillac was his vehicle and reportedly gave his consent for deputies to search the car. As the suspect was attempting to unlock the vehicle with his remote control, the trunk of a second nearby car, a white Cadillac, unexpectedly opened. The suspect told deputies the white Cadillac was also his vehicle. A search of the gray Cadillac yielded Ecstasy pills, methamphetamine and marijuana. The suspect was detained, while the deputies called a K-9 unit from the Houston Police Department. When the police dog arrived, it hit on the white Cadillac, where officers found more Ecstasy pills and marijuana, as well as cocaine. The suspect was also found to have \$1,300 in cash on his person. Mark Frausto, 22, was arrested and charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. Both of the suspect's vehicles were seized by police.

## July 27

A fatal traffic accident took place early Friday, July 21, in the 13800 block of the Gulf Freeway near Sage-downe between Beltway 8 and Scarsdale. According to police, the incident occurred around 3:10 a.m. when the driver of a black Volkswagen CC traveling south on the freeway made an unsafe lane change and struck an 18-wheeler hauling a tractor-trailer. Both vehicles then swerved across the freeway and struck the concrete dividing barrier between the southbound lanes and the HOV lane. The force of the impact caused the 18-wheeler to roll over and ride on top the dividing barrier and caused the trailer it was hauling to be pushed on top of

the truck's cab. The female victim, a passenger in the 18-wheeler, was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the 18-wheeler was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. The male driver of the Volkswagen was not injured. No charges were immediately filed.

A 16-year-old boy was injured after being shot early Monday in the 8900 block of Edgemoor near Radio Road. According to police, the teen stepped outside his family's house around 3:45 a.m. after hearing loud voices and his neighbor's dogs barking. As the teen exited the home, someone in a white Cadillac fired a gun at him, striking him in the hip. The driver then fled the scene. The boy went to a nearby family member's house, where his relatives phoned the police. The teen was transported to an area hospital and was listed as being in stable condition later Monday morning. The victim said he did not know the shooter. No immediate arrests were made.

A former South Belt resident was found murdered in his home in Fayette County outside Schulenburg on the morning of Tuesday, July 25. Russell Holub, 45, was discovered by police and medics, who were responding to a welfare check on the man around 8:30 a.m. Holub is the son of Carolyn Friend, a longtime member of St. Luke's Church, who serves as regent for the local court of the Catholic Daughters of America. During the investigation, police determined Gregory Adcock, 34, was involved in the incident and was subsequently charged with the murder.

## Aug. 3

The Clear Creek Independent School District announced the second class of inductees for the Athletic Hall of Honor. Due to the volume of alumni worthy of such an honor, 2017 nominations were only considered for candidates active or enrolled from

1948 to 1972 and whose athletic career was linked to the former Webster High School or Clear Creek High School. In all, 12 individuals were inducted, including 12 student athletes and one coach. The 2017 CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Inductees include the following: (student athletes) Kathleen Trcka Taylor, Clear Creek High School, 1960 (tennis and basketball); Bill Doty, Clear Creek High School, 1962 (basketball); Dwayne "Curley" Lenox, Clear Creek High School, 1963 (basketball); Rosemary Fleener Durham, Clear Creek High School, 1964 (basketball and volleyball); Paul Hackett, Clear Creek High School, 1966 (basketball, baseball and football); Terry Mathis, Clear Creek High School, 1967 (baseball and basketball); Steve Stewart, Clear Creek High School, 1967 (football); Larry Kelly, Clear Creek High School, 1967 (football, basketball and track); Mike McClendon, Clear Creek High School, 1968 (cross country and track); Richard Huhn, Clear Creek High School, 1968 (basketball); Jody Medford, Clear Creek High School, 1971 (football); and (coach, posthumously) Coach Max Blansit, Clear Creek High School, 1960-1989 (track and football).

## Aug. 10

The Pasadena Independent School District began accepting enrollment applications for students who reside outside the boundaries of the school district on a tuition-free basis through the district's first-ever Limited Open Enrollment program.

Charges were filed in a fatal motorcycle accident that took place early Friday, Aug. 4, at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Beamer. According to Chief Deputy Jason Finnen from Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office, the incident occurred on the westbound side around 1:30 a.m. Upon their arrival, deputies

observed a yellow 2002 Harley Davidson motorcycle on its side lying near damaged crash barrels. Both the male driver and his wife had been ejected from the motorcycle during the accident and were transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital by ambulance. The male, identified as Joe Guerrero Jr., 38, of Friendswood, suffered significant injuries as a result of the crash. The female passenger, identified as Kimberly Guerrero, 39, was listed in critical condition upon arrival but died shortly after 7 a.m. as a result of her injuries. Investigators determined Joe Guerrero was intoxicated at the time of the accident. He was subsequently arrested and charged with intoxication manslaughter after being released from the hospital on Monday, Aug. 7.

## Aug. 17

The pharmacy of the H-E-B located in the 9800 block of Blackhawk at Beltway 8 was robbed at gunpoint early Wednesday, Aug. 2. According to the Houston Police Department, two male suspects broke the front glass doors to gain entry to the store around 2:35 a.m. When store stockers confronted the men, one of the suspects said he had a gun and motioned to his waistband. The armed suspect then held the employees at bay, while the second suspect broke into the pharmacy with a crowbar. The suspects fled the scene with a large amount of stolen drugs. No immediate arrests were made.

## Aug. 31

Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc on the South Belt community Friday, Aug. 25, through Tuesday, Aug. 29, causing unprecedented flooding and the displacement of hundreds of residents. Despite the storm making landfall in Corpus Christi as a Category 4 hurricane with winds reaching 130 mph, it was the nonstop precipitation that delivered the most damage locally, after the system was downgraded back to a tropical

storm. Area residents were forced to endure roughly five straight days of nonstop rain, while Harvey hovered slowly above, reminiscent of Tropical Storm Allison in 2001.

According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the Beamer Ditch gauge at Hughes Road recorded approximately 40 inches of rainfall through the duration of the storm, with roughly half falling within a 24-hour period on Sunday. By comparison, the devastating Allison dropped just under 30 inches. For point of reference, George Bush Intercontinental Airport receives an average of 49.77 inches of rainfall annually, meaning Harvey produced nearly a year's worth of rain in just a handful of days.

When streets began to flood and the need became apparent, Leader publisher Marie Flickinger contacted Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell and arranged to use Dobbie High School as a temporary shelter for the displaced. What started off as just a few dozen residents seeking refuge soon escalated into approximately 1,500. Several brought their pets to the facility. In an outpouring of support, hundreds from the community donated warm clothes, blankets, food, baby supplies and other needed items. At its peak, the makeshift shelter had more than 150 volunteers. Several other local residents, along with volunteers from other areas, rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to aid in rescue efforts, providing boats, large trucks and manpower.

Thompson Intermediate suffered extensive damage during the storm and was closed indefinitely. In the interim, Thompson students are temporarily being housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate, while PISD officials assess the damage and weigh their various options.

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# South Belt community struck by freezing temperatures

## Hughes Road closed



Hughes Road was closed by Precinct 2 officials Wednesday, Jan. 17, after the Sagemeadow ground storage tank overflowed due to the hard freeze between Sagecanyon and Sageyork.



## Here comes the sun

Sunshine was a welcome sight Wednesday, Jan. 17, as it poked out to melt away the last remnants of ice on an esplanade along Blackhawk Boulevard, following the winter storm that saw temperatures dropping into the lower 20s.

Photos by Marie Flickinger

## Pipe ruptures at city main



A pipe ruptured at a City of Houston force main located on Scarsdale at Brookmeadow on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Crews were unable to immediately shut down the facility, as it provides service for the nearby hospital.

## House hit by two storms



The above residence in the Sagemont subdivision is still recovering from freeze between Tuesday, Jan. 16, and damage incurred during Hurricane Harvey as it was hit by the hard freeze between Tuesday, Jan. 16, and Wednesday, Jan. 17.

## Students enjoy snow day



Two high school students – one from Dobie and one from the Lewis Career and Technical Center – took advantage of their day off from school to play on the frozen playground at Stuchbery Elementary.

## Area returns to normalcy



The South Belt community returned to normalcy Wednesday, Jan. 17, as the San Jacinto College parking lot is shown empty above, prior to students returning to class on Thursday.

# Nonprofit group still helping Harvey victims

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ing people affected by disaster in the 4B area (from the Beltway to the Beach and the Bay to Brazoria County).  
Eight Days of Hope is a nonprofit, faith-based organization committed to rebuilding the damaged homes of those affected by natural disasters. Since 2005, more than 27,000 Eight Days of

Hope volunteers have helped to rebuild, remodel or refurbish 1,916 homes in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Iowa, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina on thirteen different relief trips. To date, more than \$34 million of work has been completed by Eight Days of Hope.  
EDOH President Stephen

Tybor III expects another large turnout of volunteers for the upcoming rebuilding venture.  
“I anticipate between 4,000 and 5,000 volunteers will travel from over 40 states and multiple countries to the great state of Texas with over 50 percent of these volunteers being electricians, carpenters, licensed contractors and

tradesmen ready to help those in need,” Tybor said.  
“We are excited to show the love of Christ through the gifts he has blessed us with.”  
The budget for this outreach will be close to \$2 million.  
“We rely on the generosity of individuals and organizations to help support the efforts of our volunteers,”

Tybor said. “We provide assistance to the uninsured and appreciate those who lay the financial foundation for this work.”  
For additional information, to provide financial support or to volunteer for the upcoming event, visit [www.4BResponse.org](http://www.4BResponse.org) or [www.eightdaysofsofhope.com](http://www.eightdaysofsofhope.com).

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# Lady Longhorns surge into first place; boys' squads take step back

Just three players returned from last year's District 22-6A varsity girls' basketball co-

champion Lady Longhorns, including almost all of the squad's scoring punch. Head coach Shane

Brown then watched as his Lady Longhorns seemed to take their sweet time getting into a solid routine this season.

Patience, he told himself, was the key. If he could just hold on long enough, surely his team would earn plus results.

Midway through the 22-6A chase this season, Brown's patience has been rewarded. Thanks to a 48-43 victory Jan. 12 at Deer Park, the Lady Longhorns

are going down the back straightaway with a second consecutive district crown in sight.

Brown has warned anyone willing to listen that one small slip-up on a given night could take all of it away for any team, but the Dobie girls are delivering when it's crunch time.

Against Deer Park, the Lady Longhorns utilized a 12-5 run in the second quarter to gain an edge. Deer Park got closer in the

third quarter, but the Lady Longhorns erupted for 20 points in the fourth quarter to hang on for the win.

Following the second-half opener at La Porte tentatively set for Jan. 17, after press time, Dobie will host a very good Memorial team. In the first half of league play, the Lady Longhorns used a last-second shot to down Memorial, and Brown knows the rest of the schedule is likely to

play out similarly. "I just believe that there are about seven teams that are capable of beating one another on any given night," Brown said.

"I just have never seen the district race develop with such parity. If you slack up for one minute, you could lose a game."

Count the Dobie and Clear Brook varsity boys' head coaches as two who already have seen the effects of inconsistent play.

To this point, both the Longhorns and Wolverines are on the outside looking in as the days go by.

Dobie is facing a crucial game at home against La Porte, set for Jan. 18 after press time. The Longhorns will then end the first half of District 22-6A play with a road game at Memorial.

At Clear Brook, the Wolverines are 2-3 and tied with Clear Falls for

fifth place. The biggest issue here is that four teams - Dickinson, Clear Creek, Clear Lake and Clear Springs - all sit at 4-1 through the early going of the district race.

It's conceivable that the Wolverines could be forced to win at least five league games in the second half in order to reach the postseason. It's just the way things have gone to this point in the 24-6A standings.

It will be a challenge, but the Clear Brook varsity girls' team has positioned itself for a possible playoff run with the second half of district play yet to be contested.

But at 3-4, the Lady Wolverines are chasing four teams above them and stand tied with Clear Falls for fifth place.

Seemingly no matter the league race, things are getting interesting.

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## JFD baseball tryouts Jan. 26

Dobie varsity baseball coach Miguel Torres and his staff will host tryouts for all hopefuls Friday, Jan. 26, the first allowable day for preseason workouts across the state.

Players are expected to be at Longhorn Field and ready to compete no later than 3:30 p.m. All players must have a current athletic physical on file at the school prior to competing.

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## Battleground Invitational Dobie boys' soccer to test Region III elite

Dobie junior forward Alberto Chavez (2) attacks the George Ranch end of the field during the first half of the Longhorns' 4-2 win over their Pasadena ISD Cup foe Jan. 5 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. In the background looking on is Dobie head coach Justo Manrique. After going 1-1-1 at the Austin Lakes Elite Showcase, Dobie is now headed to Galena Park ISD for the Battleground Invitational, featuring several top contenders within the Region III boys' field. Dobie and North Shore have met two straight years in the Region III quarterfinals, with the Longhorns winning in 2017 en route to state.

Photo by John Bechtle

### Battleground Invitational

**Thursday, Jan. 18**  
Dobie boys vs. North Shore, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 19**  
Dobie boys vs. Friendswood, 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 20**  
Dobie boys vs. Clements, 10 a.m.

All games at GPISD Stadium



## Soccer squads brave opponents, conditions

Two of its top returnees sidelined and the flu bug having hit the locker room, the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team is nonetheless doing everything it can to uphold its Region III champion status.

The Longhorns faced Round Rock, San Antonio Johnson and Round Rock McNeil Jan. 11-13, coming away with a 1-1-1 record. Although a 4-1 loss to Johnson stung, Dobie head coach Justo Manrique is pleased with his team's current 4-1-2 record.

Against McNeil, the Longhorns surrendered the tying goal with about five minutes left. In the loss to Johnson, Dobie had plenty of scoring chances early on but simply could not find the back of the net.

Johnson, in turn, caught the Longhorns with a pair of quick counterattacks late in the first half to build a 2-0 halftime lead. "It was just one of those

games where everything Johnson did worked out well, and everything we tried came up short," Manrique said.

"Johnson is a good team, and we can't take anything away from them. We did get the one shutout win that was nice, so we are holding things together.

"Some younger, less experienced guys have had to step up and perform with some key guys out, and that is only going to help us.

Dobie is now headed to the Battleground Invitational Jan. 18-20, hosted by North Shore at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

The Longhorns were ousted from the playoffs in 2016 by North Shore, but turned the tables in the regional quarterfinals a season ago en route to a state berth.

Dobie will face North Shore Jan. 18, and games with Friendswood and Clements will ensue on

consecutive days.

Manrique is excited to see how the Longhorns handle back-to-back-to-back matches against three playoff-worthy programs. In fact he said North Shore is 7-0 and handling their business each time out.

"You only get better by taking on the better teams, and right now North Shore is playing like one of the best teams in the state," Manrique said.

"The last time we saw Clements (2015), our season ended in heartbreak with an area round loss. Friendswood is another proven program that has advanced to state in its history.

"We have been playing with just three defenders, and I think we may have to change that this weekend," Manrique said.

"But our goal right now is to get ready for district play. These three tough matches I'm sure will help us do that. We are always up for a challenge."

**Brook girls now 5-2**  
The Clear Brook girls have struggled to compete in District 24-6A competition in recent years, but perhaps that could be changing in 2018.

The road to the postseason is still going to be tough to navigate for any of the league's eight squads, especially if Clear Brook takes a step forward.

The Lady Wolverines have to be feeling good about entering their 24-6A opener Jan. 26 at Clear Falls after strong back-to-back weekends to get the season underway.

Having won two of three games on opening weekend, Clear Brook then scored a 1-0 nondistrict victory over Santa Fe at home Jan. 9.

During week-two action, the Lady Wolverines played in the Katy ISD I-10 Shootout Jan. 11-13, again coming away with two wins and a consolation championship in the

Tiger bracket.

Eventual bracket champion El Paso Coronado slipped past Clear Brook 1-0 in the opening round before the Lady Wolverines bounced back to defeat Cypress Creek 1-0.

Madison Parker scored a pair of goals in Clear Brook's consolation trophy victory over Fort Bend Travis, and Cameron Koerner was one of the many heroes in the win over Cy-Creek.

Due to inclement weather, Clear Brook did not make a scheduled trip to Clute to face a solid Brazoswood team.

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## NJCAA Hall of Fame members to welcome San Jac's Arrington

By Amanda Fenwick  
SJC Marketing  
Tom Arrington can soon add "Hall of Fame" to his signature, as the veteran coach will enter the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Baseball Hall of Fame this year.

"I am shocked and surprised. It hasn't really sunk in yet," said Arrington, who enters his 18th year at the helm of the San Jacinto College program.

"As a coach, my success starts with the players.

They are the ones playing the game. It is my responsibility to guide them and transition them along their path. I am very blessed and thankful to have this opportunity."

Arrington owns an overall record of 742-298 (713) in his 17 years as head coach.

He has guided San Jacinto College to 13 conference titles, 11 regional championships, six national runner-up finishes at the Junior College World Series, four third-place national finishes and one fifth-place national finish.

His 37 wins at the JUCO World Series is an all-time record, as is his 59 total games played at the prestigious national tournament.

Arrington will begin his 18th season at San Jacinto College later this month as the Gators look to reach the JUCO World Series once more.

San Jacinto College assistant coach Kory Koe-

hler made the nomination to the NJCAA Hall of Fame

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# A quick look back as the 2017 sports scene finishes out

**Editor's note:** In the December 28, 2017 issue of the *Leader*, the sports staff began taking a look back at some of the most memorable moments of the year. This week, the journey ends with a look at many of the highlights from September through December.

**September**  
While the South Belt community and the rest of the Houston area was left reeling in recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, at least one Dobie graduate was going to work in Iowa.

Class of 2017 graduate Sabino Lozano, now playing men's soccer at Iowa

Western Community College, scored his first collegiate goal against Laramie County.

The tally came just seven minutes into the game and eventually led the way to a 6-1 victory for Iowa Western, which began the season ranked third nationally in the first National Junior College Athletic Association national poll.

Lozano, a four-year starter at Dobie, helped guide the Longhorns to the Region III championship last spring as the program made its first-ever appearance at state. Lozano was also named the Player of the Year in the Houston area following the season.

At Iowa Western, Lozano, a midfielder, wound up with four goals and two assists in 10 overall matches as Iowa Western finished 11-3-1 overall.

Closer to home, many high school football programs were ultimately forced to cancel two games. However, Clear Brook and La Porte were two of the few that returned to play a week earlier.

It proved to be a great decision for Clear Brook. Sticking to the script developed in 2016, Clear Brook first stunned host

La Porte with a pair of electrifying plays, then used a couple more late in play to eventually defeat the Bulldogs 38-21 at Bulldog Stadium.

While La Porte actually outgained Clear Brook in total yardage in the game, the Bulldogs couldn't keep the Wolverines from the quick strike scores often enough.

Receiver Caleb Chapman, who has since signed to play at Texas A&M University, got his senior campaign rolling in a big way.

He took a pass from

quarterback Jaizac Garcia in the game's first minute and turned it in to a 61-yard scoring play as the Wolverines led 7-0.

La Porte took possession deep in their own end of the field and was forced to punt. Again, the Wolverines delivered a big blow as M.J. Milton returned a blocked punt nine yards for a 14-0 lead.

On the play, Milton actually blocked the punt, hung onto the ball in mid-air and scored the touchdown as the lead went to 14-0 in a hurry.

The Wolverines then came up with two big plays late in the game to take the victory after trailing 21-20 at one point.

Looking ahead to the future of the Dobie girls' program, which ultimately came sooner than later for one particular runner, Amari Singleton made her debut in the junior varsity division.

The freshman and younger sister of Class of 2017 Dobie graduate Camille Singleton, pushed for the overall medalist title in the junior varsity division before placing second at Galveston's XC-Beach Run.

Following her tremendous effort, Dobie girls' cross-country coach Mo Hickman predicted that the talented freshman could be making a move to the varsity level in short order. Singleton was indeed elevated to the varsity level the following week.

Dobie High School graduate and current WNBA player Karima Christmas contacted the *Leader* in hopes of making a donation of athletic shoes, Dallas Wings (WNBA) apparel and sports drinks in response to the need created by Hurricane Harvey.

Less than 48 hours later, Christmas and her mother, Jeannita, had made their way to the Beverly Hills/Thompson Intermediate campus with their donation.

Christmas later said the donation was fueled by the donations of some of her pro teammates as well as members of the Wings' front office and support staff.

The Dobie varsity football team had a couple of costly turnovers to blame for a 36-17 loss to Morton Ranch to open the regular season, while Clear Brook moved to 2-0 with a 52-25 win over South Houston as Chapman, Jarrett Smith

and Milton again starred for the Wolverines.

Carlos Ibarra, a Dobie High School graduate, enjoyed quite the start to his sophomore season at San Jacinto College.

He had a goal in the team's tight 4-3 loss to nationally ranked Tyler, then came back with three goals for a hat trick in a 5-1 win over Jacksonville College. Ibarra, a four-year varsity starter at Dobie, was San Jac's leading scorer during the 2017 season.

With a big win over La Porte, the Dobie varsity volleyball team went 5-2 in the first half of league play, largely fueled by the power of hitters Taylor Pleasants and Victoria Onozie.

Dawson junior quarterback Patrick Kramer, starting for the first time after sitting out the opener, had touchdown passes of 40 and 37 yards in the first quarter, and Isaiah Chance went 65 yards the other way with an interception return as the Eagles turned a 28-0 first-quarter advantage into a 38-0 win over Dobie in varsity football action.

The loss was Dobie's second to open the 2017 season and sent the locals into District 22-6A play against Deer Park in need of some momentum.

Over at Clear Brook, the Wolverines led by a comfortable 41-28 margin at halftime of their homecoming game only to see Clear Falls storm back for a 42-41 lead with three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Fear not, though, as

quarterback Garcia found star receiver Caleb Chapman for a pair of touchdowns down the stretch. Just like that, the Wolverines walked away with a 55-42 victory, staying unbeaten at 4-0 along the way.

Chapman, who had eight catches for 170 yards and the five scores against Clear Falls, was named the Player of the Week by the Houston Chronicle following his performance against the Knights.

**October**  
Junior tailback Kris Morris had his best game as a Longhorn with 157 yards rushing, including a 60-yard touchdown scamper in the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, Morris' work wasn't nearly enough to lift the Longhorns to a victory over Memorial as the Mavericks secured the Battle of the Beltway trophy for the second straight season with a 38-13 victory over the Longhorns, leaving the locals at 0-2 in league play.

Just a week after scoring 55 points in a win over Clear Falls, the Wolverines surrendered 55 in a 55-42 loss to Clear Creek as both teams moved to 1-1 in 24-6A varsity football action.

Clear Creek quarterback Sam Mathews put together a career game against the Wolverines, accounting for more than 400 yards of offense.

He rushed 25 times for 288 yards, scoring on runs of 3, 1, 54, 58 and 27 yards.

Mathews led the Wildcats to touchdowns on

eight of their 10 drives in the game, including each of the team's final five.

In team tennis, Dobie missed out on its chance to win the 22-6A crown following a 13-6 loss to Deer Park, but the matches were much more tightly-contested than the final score indicated.

At the end of the regular season, Dobie stood at 5-1, good enough for second place and a bidistrict tennis matchup against Atascocita.

The Dobie varsity team tennis bunch then saw their season come to a close as Atascocita eliminated the locals with a 10-4 victory in the bidistrict round of the state playoffs.

Dobie, finished with a 10-12 overall record during the season.

The Singleton legacy continued at Dobie as freshman Amari Singleton qualified for the Class 6A Region III Cross Country Championships.

Singleton reached regionals by grabbing the 10th and final qualifying spot at the District 22-6A Championships, chewing up the 5K course at Deer Park's Jimmy Burke Activity Center.

Singleton's time of 20 minutes, 24.10 seconds placed her 10th in the varsity girls' division. Beaumont West Brook's Nathane Randall was the overall individual champion in a time of 19:07.20.

The Dobie varsity volleyball team reached the playoffs for the first time in three seasons, grabbing the No. 3 seed in the 22-6A ranks with a 9-5 record

in its district.

Much like the San Jacinto College men's soccer team did during its fall season, the women's volleyball team made waves on the national scene.

Unranked to open the season in the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason poll, the Ravens climbed to No. 15. Miami Dade began the season at No. 1 and held that spot all season. San Jacinto, unfortunately, came up one win shy of reaching the national tournament while Miami Dade went on to win the Division I national title in the NJCAA ranks.

Dobie graduate Will Grant had an October to remember, working with the Houston Astros as a clubhouse intern attendant during the regular season.

After the Astros captured the American League West division crown, Grant had photo opportunities with players Carlos Beltran, Dallas Keuchel and others.

The 2017 Texas State University graduate is hoping to join the Astros for spring training in Florida next month.

Dobie envisioned this type of game plan playing out from the start of the varsity football season.

Junior tailback Kris Morris had his second consecutive monster game, rushing for 216 yards on 21 carries with three scores, leading Dobie to a 21-9 victory over Sam Rayburn. It was Dobie's first win of

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## Sports Calendar

### BASKETBALL

#### Friday, Jan. 19

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

#### Monday, Jan. 22

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

#### Tuesday, Jan. 23

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

#### Friday, Jan. 26

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

### SOCCER

#### Thursday, Jan. 18 through Saturday, Jan. 20

Dobie varsity boys at Galena Park Battleground, TBA  
Brook JV girls at Clear Creek ISD invite, TBA

#### Friday, Jan. 19

Brook varsity boys at Baytown Lee, 7:00  
Brook JV girls at Baytown Lee, 5:00

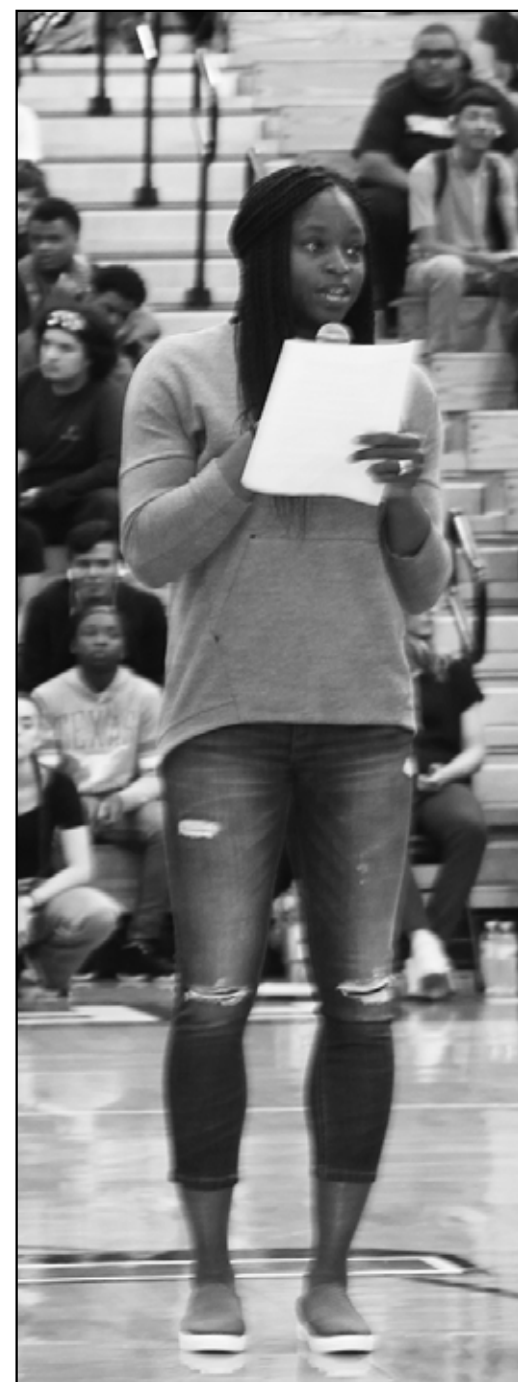
#### Friday, Jan. 26

Brook varsity girls at Clear Falls, 7:30  
Brook varsity boys host Clear Falls, 7:30  
Brook JV girls at Clear Falls, 5:30  
Brook JV boys host Clear Falls, 5:30

### TENNIS

#### Friday, Jan. 19

Dobie varsity at Galveston Ball, 3:00



Karima Christmas reads from her notes as she addresses the Dobie student body during her jersey retirement ceremony in November at Dobie. A 2007 Dobie graduate, Christmas has enjoyed a lengthy career in the WNBA and overseas in various women's professional basketball leagues.

## Dobie Longhorns Varsity Spring Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 19	at Galveston Ball	3 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Ron Westbrook's invite	TBA
Feb. 9	at Franklin/Kramer invite	TBA
Feb. 16-17	at C.C. Spring Fling	TBA
Feb. 23-24	at Clear Brook invite	TBA
March 2-3	at Spring Branch invite	TBA
March 8	Houston St. John's	3 p.m.
March 23-24	at Beachcomber Classic	TBA
March 29	at Galveston Sunseri invite	TBA
April 5-6	at 22-6A Championships	TBA
April 19-20	at Region III tourn.	TBA
April 23-25	Dobie faculty/staff invite	3 p.m.
May 17-18	at Class 6A championships	TBA

## Junior Varsity Spring Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 23	at Alvin invite	TBA
Jan. 25	at Having A Blast invite	TBA
Jan. 31	at Humble tourn.	TBA
Feb. 6	at Pasadena ISD invite	TBA
Feb. 13	at Deer Park invite	TBA
Feb. 27	at Baytown invite	TBA
March 6	at Katy invite	TBA
March 21	at Clear Brook invite	TBA
March 27	at Fort Bend invite	TBA
April 3	Houston St. John's	TBA
April 17	at 22-6A Championships	TBA
April 18	at 22-6A Auxiliary invite	TBA

## Freshman Spring Tennis

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 30	at Pasadena tourn.	TBA
Feb. 20	at Baytown invite	TBA
March 20	at Deer Park invite	TBA



The Dobie varsity volleyball team made a run to the left to right, Taylor Pleasants (11), Yvonne Whaley (25), Jakara Henry (9) and Karyn Williams (3).

## First athletics trophy presented at Dobie Ninth



The Dobie freshman A boys' basketball team won the championship at the Sam Rayburn Classic during the Christmas break, therefore earning the right to be part of the first-ever athletics trophy presentation at the Dobie Ninth Grade Center. Those involved in the celebration included, left to right, (front row) Mike Van Es-

sen (Dobie Ninth Grade Center principal), Roland Deyon (Dobie freshman A boys' basketball coach), (back row) players Johnathan Baldwin, Brock Fosnight, Jujuan Robinson, Damien Garcia, Luke Giron, Jeremiah Ballard, Jason Nguyen, Amar Lewis, Jared Tate, Braden Gant and Jalen Hollins.

# South Belt's 2017 sports year closed with a flourish

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 the season as the Longhorns looked to get back in the postseason hunt.  
 Fellow running mate Andrew Logan had a 24-yard-run in the first series of the game as the Longhorns set the tone, and Logan went on to rush for 51 yards of his own.  
 At the Class 6A Region III cross-country championships, Amari Singleton of Dobie completed the 5,000-meter course at 21 minutes, 42.60 seconds for the 88th place in her final race of the season.  
 The Clear Brook boys'

team also qualified for regionals after taking third place in the District 24-6A Championships.  
 Garcia connected for his fifth and final touchdown pass of the game, finding Gareth Cupples for a 46-yard game-winner with 35 ticks left in the game as the Wolverines stunned Clear Lake 34-27 in varsity football action.  
 Dickinson, however, defeated the Wolverines on the final day of the regular season to end the Wolverines' hopes of a playoff berth.  
 The varsity cross-coun-

try teams from Lutheran South Academy began their postseason journey Oct. 19 at Challenger 7 Memorial Park in Webster, looking for state qualifying berths.  
 In the 5,000-meter boys' race, the Pioneer's Noa Miller was second overall in a time of 17 minutes, 59.11 seconds and made his way to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state championship meet.  
 Miller's LSA teammate, Bryan Edwards, also made a bid for regionals before taking 15th place in

a time of 20:03.61.  
 The Pioneer's other official scorers at district included Will Spencer (16th in a time of 20:07.28), Will Pfeiffer (17th in a time of 20:11.92) and Brandon Leimkuehler (21st in a time of 20:44.13).  
 The Lady Pioneers also began the postseason portion of the schedule with an appearance at the Class 5A District 4 meet.  
 LSA's Vanessa Campos, a junior, was first to the finish line for the locals, taking sixth place after covering the 3,200-meter course in a time of

13:43.07.  
 Annabelle Clark was next up for the LSA girls as she placed ninth in a time of 14:17.18.  
 The Lady Pioneer's Annie Chuocke was 10th overall to the finish line at 14:15.63.  
 The Dobie varsity girls' volleyball team advanced to the area playoff round, courtesy of a 25-20, 17-25, 26-24, 25-16 win over Baytown Sterling.  
 This time, Sterling, the second-place team from District 21-6A, looked to be en route to a 2-1 lead over the Lady Longhorns before Taylor Pleasants and her teammates rallied.  
 Sterling actually had a game point at 24-20 in that decisive third game, but Pleasants hammered down three kills as Dobie tied the game at 24-24. Another kill from Pleasants, who had a match-high 21, and a Sterling error gave Dobie a 26-24 win.  
 In the third game, Sterling seemed out of sorts as Dobie closed out in an impressive win.  
 The locals, however, saw their solid season come to a close in the area round as District 24-6A champion Friendswood swept its way to a win.  
 San Jacinto College women's volleyball player Madison Rhoder was named the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I volleyball Player of the Week for the week of October 23-29. The Fort Bend Austin High School graduate recorded 22 total blocks and 62 kills in five matches during the final week of the regular season and helped San Jac go 4-1 on the week with wins over Region XIV foe Wharton County Junior College, No. 4 ranked Western Nebraska Community College, Barton College and No. 17 Northeastern College.

At season's end, Rhoder was named an NJCAA first team All-American for the second straight season.  
**November**  
 Dobie rebounded from a sluggish first half, beating host Friendswood in the varsity girls' basketball season opener for both teams.  
 The Lady Longhorns, coming off winning the co-championship in District 22-6A but undergoing a roster reload, trailed by five points at the break but came back to win 51-44, beating the Lady Mustangs in the opener for the second straight season.  
 Clear Brook catcher Gavin Machado decided to extend his education and playing career at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Machado is set to lead the Wolverines into action this season as the team pursues another playoff berth.  
 At Dobie, outfielder Yvonne Whaley chose

Texas Tech University to continue her education and playing career in Lubbock.  
 Whaley, a three-year starter at Dobie, is set to guide the Lady Longhorns into the 2018 season next month.  
 Days after the Dobie varsity football team was eliminated from playoff contention following a loss to La Porte, JFD head coach Mike Norman resigned his position.  
 At present, the search for his successor is ongoing. Dobie's Taylor Pleasants was named the Off-

ensive Player of the Year in District 22-6A varsity volleyball action after leading the league in kills.  
 Currently a junior, Pleasants has verbally committed to continue her softball career at Louisiana State University in the fall of 2019. She will begin her junior softball season next week.  
**December**  
 Dobie varsity football players Kali Marquez and Kris Morris were 22-6A first team picks as the league's head coaches released their choices for the top awards.  
 Clear Brook High School graduate De'Andre Jackson had an interception to help lead a stifling defensive effort as Mary Hardin-Baylor got within one win over a repeat D3 national football championship.  
 The Cru, winners of 29 straight games dating back to the start of the 2016 regular season, shut down Brockport 24-0 Dec. 9.  
 UMHB came up with 21 points in the opening half and then got a field goal for the final margin of victory.  
 Jackson, a sophomore

who once was the starting quarterback for the Wolverines in high school, is now a defensive back with the Cru.  
 Senior Reggie Wilson, a second team all-conference performer for the Cru this season, is a Dobie High School graduate, as is Reginald Cole of UMHB.  
 Mary Hardin-Baylor, unfortunately, fell one victory shy of winning that second national title after falling in the Division Stagg Bowl. Wilson has now seen his collegiate career close out.

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Through Jan. 10 Games

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball						Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball					
8L Records	District	Overall	7L Records	District	Overall						
Zone A	W L T	W L T	Zone A	W L T	W L T						
Park View	2 0 0	3 3 0	Beverly Hills	3 0 0	6 0 0						
Beverly Hills	2 1 0	4 2 0	Southmore	2 0 0	3 3 0						
San Jacinto	2 1 0	2 4 0	San Jacinto	1 2 0	1 5 0						
South Houston	0 2 0	0 6 0	Park View	0 2 0	0 6 0						
Southmore	0 2 0	0 6 0	South Houston	0 2 0	0 6 0						

Game Scores						Game Scores					
San Jacinto 39, South Houston 22						Beverly Hills 52, Park View 6					
Park View 34, Beverly Hills 32						San Jacinto 24, South Houston 15					

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

Game Scores						Game Scores					
Bondy 27, Miller 11						Thompson 41, Queens 14					
Queens 36, Thompson 31						Jackson 14, Southmore 13					
Jackson 46, Southmore 28						Miller 18, Bondy 17					

8D Records	District	Overall	7D Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T	Zone A	W L T	W L T
South Houston	2 0 0	3 3 0	Beverly Hills	3 0 0	4 2 0
Beverly Hills	2 1 0	3 3 0	Southmore	3 0 0	4 2 0
Southmore	1 1 0	1 5 0	South Houston	1 1 0	1 5 0
San Jacinto	1 2 0	2 4 0	Park View	0 2 0	0 6 0
Park View	0 2 0	0 6 0	San Jacinto	0 3 0	1 5 0

Game Scores						Game Scores					
Beverly Hills 24, Park View 14						Beverly Hills 28, Park View 17					
South Houston 26, San Jacinto 18						South Houston 18, San Jacinto 14					

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

Game Scores						Game Scores					
Thompson 41, Queens 14						Southmore 23, Jackson 11					
Bondy 28, Miller 20						Thompson 29, Queens 11					
Jackson 22, Southmore 10						Miller 21, Bondy 18					

## Pasadena ISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Through Jan. 15 Games

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball						Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball					
8L Records	District	Overall	7L Records	District	Overall						
Zone A	W L T	W L T	Zone A	W L T	W L T						
Beverly Hills	3 1 0	4 3 0	Beverly Hills	4 0 0	6 1 0						
South Houston	2 1 0	4 3 0	San Jacinto	2 1 0	4 3 0						
Park View	1 2 0	4 3 0	Park View	2 1 0	3 4 0						
Southmore	1 2 0	2 5 0	Southmore	0 3 0	1 6 0						
San Jacinto	1 2 0	2 5 0	South Houston	0 3 0	0 7 0						

Game Scores						Game Scores					
South Houston 49, Park View 13						Beverly Hills 52, Southmore 32					
Beverly Hills 42, Southmore 26						Park View 28, South Houston 11					

Zone B	W L T	W L T	Zone B	W L T	W L T
Bondy	3 0 0	7 0 0	Thompson	3 0 0	7 0 0
Thompson	2 1 0	5 2 0	Miller	2 1 0	6 1 0
Miller	2 1 0	4 3 0	Bondy	1 2 0	3 4 0
Jackson	1 2 0	3 4 0	Queens	2 2 0	5 2 0
Queens	0 4 0	0 7 0	Jackson	0 3 0	0 7 0

Game Scores						Game Scores					
Miller 43, San Jacinto 35						Miller 30, San Jacinto 18					
Bondy 58, Thompson 46						Thompson 56, Bondy 20					
Jackson 50, Queens 25						Queens 40, Jackson 35					

8D Records	District	Overall	7D Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T	Zone A	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	6 1 0	Beverly Hills	4 0 0	6 1 0
San Jacinto	2 1 0	5 2 0	San Jacinto	2 1 0	4 3 0
Park View	2 1 0	4 3 0	Southmore	1 2 0	2 5 0
South Houston	0 3 0	2 5 0	South Houston	1 2 0	2 5 0
Southmore	0 3 0	0 7 0	Park View	0 3 0	0 7 0

Game Scores						Game Scores					
Beverly Hills 43, Southmore 21						Beverly Hills 31, Southmore 24					
San Jacinto 34, Miller 30						South Houston 28, Park View 12					

Zone B	W L T	W L T	Zone B	W L T	W L T
Thompson	3 0 0	6 1 0	Queens	3 1 0	5 2 0
Bondy	2 1 0	6 1 0	Thompson	3 0 0	7 0 0
Jackson	2 1 0	3 4 0	Bondy	1 2 0	4 3 0
Miller	1 2 0	3 4 0	Miller	1 2 0	3 4 0
Queens	0 4 0	1 6 0	Jackson	0 3 0	2 5 0

Game Scores						Game Scores					
Jackson 43, Queens 37						Thompson 57, Bondy 43					
Thompson 63, Bondy 62 (OT)						Queens 33, Jackson 30					
Park View 29, South Houston 26						Miller 41, San Jacinto 20					

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**  
 7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.  
 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
 Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.  
**Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for more information.  
 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, waltz coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents  
 7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 - 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**  
 7 a.m.

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.  
 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
 Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.  
 7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.  
 8 p.m.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**  
 7:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
 10 a.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
 11 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
 7 p.m.  
**Bay Area Bluegrass Association** - bluegrass music show and jam session on the third Saturday (except December). Stage show is at 7 p.m. Pickers may bring instruments and come early. Free. Johnny Arloff Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For details, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.  
 8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**  
 1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
 2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.  
 5:30 p.m.  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.  
 7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA meets Sundays, 7 p.m., 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.  
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8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**  
 10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
 11:30 a.m.  
**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.  
 Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.  
 3:15 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org.  
 6-8 p.m.  
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**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**  
6 p.m.  
**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. No meetings on holidays.

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

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

7:30 p.m.  
**Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - Israeli Folk Dancing on Monday, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 sessions for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

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

10 a.m.  
**American Begonia Society** - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen Bauerlein on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 following the senior luncheon at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.

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

**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com).

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

2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dr glandorf@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318.

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**  
7 a.m.  
**AAA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

9:30 a.m.  
**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details.

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

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

1 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

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

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

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**  
7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.

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

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

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents

6:30 p.m.  
**Kirkwood Civic Association** meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

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

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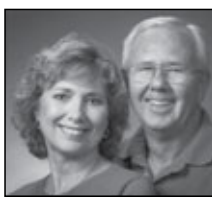
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# Basketball playoff races tighten at stretch run

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**Deer dump Dobie**  
 A pivotal game for both teams went the way of Deer Park Jan. 12, as the Deer remained unbeaten in league play with a 74-55 victory over the Longhorns at Dobie.

in the season, led the Deer with 17 points. Deer Park dominated the backboards to the tune of a 42-13 advantage, frequently limiting the Longhorns to one-shot possessions. Brick Fosnight paced Dobie with 16 points, and Justin Thomas added 13. Erville Mackey came up with 11 points in the loss. Dobie has one remaining game in the first half of District 22-6A action, coming Jan. 19 at Memorial. The Longhorns will then begin the final stretch of league games Jan. 23 at

West Brook. **Brook boys take hit**  
 Surging Clear Springs used a big second-half run to down the Clear Brook Wolverines 80-56 Jan. 12, in League City. The game was tight at the intermission before the Chargers put together a solid 16 minutes of action to win going away. In that second half, the Chargers outscored Clear Brook 46-26, moving to 4-1 in league play and forging a four-way tie for first place with Dickinson, Clear Lake and Clear Creek. Subsequently, Clear

Brook, and Clear Falls slipped to 2-3 while chasing a playoff slot. Alvin and Friendswood have gone winless through five games. Clear Brook has a good shot to get back to even with a home game against Alvin Jan. 18, after press time. But the locals then have to go to Dickinson to face the 24-6A co-leading Gators and star sophomore scorer Tramon Mark. **Brook girls hang close**  
 It may go down to the wire for the Clear Brook varsity girls' squad, which is currently tied with Clear Falls for fifth place in the

District 24-6A standings. Clear Springs, with University of Houston signee Dymond Gladney leading the way in scoring, is 7-0 and almost certain to reach the postseason. Clear Lake, with only a first-half loss to Clear Springs blemishing its record, is also in good shape with seven games remaining. Clear Brook, then, is likely headed for a late-season push against Alvin and Clear Creek, both 4-3, for a playoff berth. The Lady Wolverines took a costly 62-58 loss

to Clear Springs Jan. 12, at Clear Brook. But the fact is the locals played their best game against the Chargers in years. Na-Kayla Bell wound up with 23 points against Clear Springs despite the loss.

With the seven games left on the schedule, the Lady Wolverines appear to be brimming with confidence as the final playoff push comes. In short, the best part of the season is about to begin.

**January 19 Games**

*Brook boys at Dickinson*  
*Dobie boys at Memorial*  
*Dobie girls host Memorial*  
*Brook girls host Dickinson*  
**All games begin at 7 p.m.**

**January 23 Games**

*Dobie boys at West Brook*  
*Dobie girls host West Brook*  
*Brook boys at Clear Falls*  
*Brook girls host Clear Falls*  
**All games begin at 7 p.m.**

## Soccer squads continue tournament competition

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 Now, it's all about getting ready for 24-6A play as far as the Lady Wolverines are concerned. Clearly, Lady Wolverines' head coach Jamie Scott is excited to see how the rest of the season plays out now that her group has started so well. "We have a solid group of returners, and some sophomore additions who

are contributing off the bench as first-year varsity players," Scott said. "We have good leadership in the program from our captains Cameron Kerner, Isabella Garcia, and Chloe Yelovich. Chloe, between the pipes, and our defensive line has limited opposition to two goals against (all season). "Senior Gabby Wilcox and newcomer Madison

Parker, who comes to us from Alaska, have had success finding the back of the net. I think the work rate of the girls has been the key to this solid start. "They understand a lot of times we may be the least experienced team on the field, but we can control how hard we work; and they do that well. I would have loved the opportunity to square off

against Brazoswood to see how we handle playing playoff teams from our area, but mother nature had other plans." **Dobie girls drop pair**  
 The field of competition proved to be tough for all participants at the Port Neches-Groves invite, with Dobie going 1-2-1 over the three days. A last-minute change in the schedule was necessi-

tated after one team pulled out, but it did nothing to affect the talent level. Dobie opened things with a 3-1 victory over Hardin-Jefferson. After that, the Lady Longhorns played Barbers Hill to a scoreless draw. Dobie lost a 3-0 decision to a very good College Station team, and Hampshire Fannett slipped past the locals 2-1.

**24-6A Varsity Boys' Hoops**  
 (As of Jan. 17)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	4	1
Clear Creek	4	1
Clear Springs	4	1
Clear Lake	4	1
Clear Brook	2	3
Clear Falls	2	3
Alvin	0	5
Friendswood	0	5

**22-6A Varsity Girls' Hoops**  
 (As of Jan. 17)

Teams	W	L
West Brook	6	1
Dobie	6	1
Memorial	5	2
Deer Park	4	3
La Porte	2	5
Rayburn	4	3
Pasadena	2	5
South Houston	0	7

**24-6A Varsity Girls' Hoops**  
 (As of Jan. 17)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	7	0
Clear Lake	6	1
Clear Creek	4	3
Alvin	4	3
Clear Falls	3	4
Clear Brook	3	4
Friendswood	1	6
Dickinson	0	7

**22-6A Varsity Boys' Hoops**  
 (As of Jan. 17)

Teams	W	L
West Brook	5	0
Deer Park	5	0
South Houston	3	2
Dobie	2	3
La Porte	2	3
Rayburn	1	4
Memorial	1	4
Pasadena	1	4



At left, Dobie junior forward Bryan Nava (11) and the Longhorns' varsity soccer team is out of the gates strong this season with a 4-1-2 mark through a pair of tournament appearances. Dobie returns to action Jan. 18-20 at Galena Park ISD's Battleground Invitational, where clashes with North Shore, Friendswood and Clements await the Longhorns. Photo by John Bechtle



San Jacinto College women's basketball head coach Kayla Weaver (center, kneeling) has her team ranked 24th in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division I poll after a

## SJC women's hoops ranked 24th

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 The San Jacinto College women's basketball team is ranked 24th in the most recent National Junior College Athletic Association Division I women's basketball poll. With an overall record of 12-6 and 3-3 in conference play, San Jac is back in the national spotlight. San Jacinto is led this season by sophomore phenom Eryka Sidney. The sophomore guard from Houston's Wheatley High School is av-

eraging 16.2 points per game, while shooting nearly 38 percent from 3-point range. Sidney was a NJCAA honorable mention All-American last season and the Region XIV Freshman of the Year. She helped guide San Jac to its first-ever NJCAA national tournament appearance. Three other sophomores average double-digit points for San Jac. Alexis Jones (Dallas/Aledo High School) owns a 14 point per game average, Alexis Bryant (Pflug-

ville High School) checks in at 13.3 points per game, and Victoria Blankenship (North Shore High School/Tyler Junior College) is averaging 10.8 points per game. Bryant is also the team's leading rebounder at 9.4 per game, while sophomore Maddison Glass (Fort Bend High School/New Mexico Junior College) leads the team in assists at 5.3 per game. San Jacinto opened the season winning six of its first seven games. It has won two of its previous

three games. San Jacinto moved to 12-6 with an easy 80-46 nonconference win over Coastal Bend. The team returned home after press time Jan. 17 to face in-state rival Tyler Junior College. All San Jacinto College women's basketball home games are played in Nichols Gymnasium on the San Jacinto College North campus. For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit the San Jacinto College athletics website.

## SJC's Arrington to be a hall of famer

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 Selection Committee, and says that he views Arrington as a mentor, friend and family friend. "In my 18 years with Tom, I have learned a great deal about relationships," Koehler said. "He is a leader on many levels. He runs a very organized program and emphasizes to his players and staff a need to grow and develop into community leaders. He cares for his players and for his staff as if they were his own family." Arrington began his coaching career in 1991 at the College of Mateo before moving on to San Francisco State University and College of Marin. He came to San Jacinto College in 2000 as an assistant coach, focused on the pitchers, and was named head coach in 2001. In the spring of 2011, Arrington was appointed athletic director for the San Jacinto College North campus. Arrington played professionally for the Triple A team of the Texas Rangers; in Guadalajara, Mexico; for the Salt Lake Trappers; and for a Class A farm team of the Montreal Expos. The SJC coaching veteran is an 11-time NJCAA Southern District Coach of the Year, and serves on several NJCAA committees. His service to the community and the sport of baseball, however, doesn't end there. Each year that San Jacinto College qualifies for the JUCO World Series, the team is actively involved with the Challenger baseball program in Grand Junction, Colorado. The relationship between the San Jacinto College and Challenger baseball programs began in 2004 when Arrington reached out to Challenger director Carma Brown about the San Jac team being "buddies" to the Challenger players. "Our relationship with coach Arrington and the Gators began on that day, and it has flourished into a very special relationship as well as friendship," said

Brown in a letter of support to the NJCAA Hall of Fame selection committee. "The Challenger kids and program are better because of this cherished relationship. Tom understands the big picture and sees that his program and players are enriched by this opportunity as much as our Challenger players." In addition to working with the Challenger baseball program in Grand Junction, Arrington and his players regularly visit children and families in the burn unit at Shriners Hospital to deliver toys during the holiday season in Galveston. He and his staff also host a Little League coaches clinic for local little league coaches, and the team supports breast cancer awareness efforts and military families during

each season. Several years ago, Arrington began recognizing former San Jac baseball players who have gone on to have successful careers both on and off the field as San Jac Legends. These players are honored at a reception and prior to the start of a game at the Tournament of Champions. Each player is also recognized on the outfield wall mural at John Ray Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park. "We are so proud of coach Arrington on all that he has accomplished at San Jacinto College, and congratulate him on his induction to the NJCAA Baseball Hall of Fame," said Dr. Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College vice chancellor for strategic initiatives. "Year after year, coach Arrington leads a tremendous program that contin-

ues to have success both on and off the field. This honor and recognition is well deserved." The Mill Valley, California, native began his playing career at College of Marin where he was an all-conference selection. He then played two years at Texas A&M University, where he earned two letters, was an all-conference selection, and named the Southwest Conference tournament Most Valuable Player. He also earned the C.E. "Pat" Olsen MVP award. He holds a master's degree from San Francisco State University. Since 2008, 11 of Arrington's players have been recognized by the NJCAA for academic excellence. During his head coaching tenure, 12 student-athletes have earned NJCAA

All-American honors. Each year, numerous players earn scholarships to continue their education and baseball careers at four-year universities or are selected during the Major League Baseball draft. "I grew up watching him, going to Grand Junction, and seeing him get a lot of recognition," said Alden Arrington, who is not only Arrington's son but also a player on this year's team. "Getting into the Hall of Fame is the ultimate goal for a coach, so it's pretty cool." Arrington will officially be inducted to the NJCAA Hall of Fame during the banquet at the 2018 JUCO World Series this summer. For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, including the 2018 baseball program, visit sanjacsports.com.



San Jacinto College's head baseball coach since the 2001 season, Tom Arrington has collected 742 career victories and has led the Gators to 13 conference titles and six different National Junior College Athletic Association JUCO World Series title games.

His 59 World Series wins is tops all-time, and he has helped deliver numerous former players to the professional ranks. This summer, Arrington will be inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame. Photo by Christopher Tomlinson/Grand Junction Sentinel