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Police chase closes schools

Thompson Intermediate and Stuchbery Elementary were both temporarily placed on lock-down Wednesday, Jan. 25, following a police chase. The chase began on Ledge Street near the Gulf Freeway and Edgebrook when police attempted to pull over a stolen Honda Odyssey. Following a 30-minute pursuit, the stolen vehicle came to a stop near the pedestrian bridge at the corner of Sagecreek and Sage-downe, and two male suspects fled on foot.

The Houston Police Department (including a helicopter and K-9 unit), the Precinct 2 Constable's office and the Pasadena ISD Police Department were all involved in the chase. Two juvenile brothers (ages 14 and 15) were arrested following the chase – one near the bridge at Turkey Creek and one under a car in the Highland Meadow Village apartment complex, where the boys reside. The boys' mother had contacted the constable's office earlier in the day to report the teens missing after they failed to show up for school. Charges are expected to be filed for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and evading arrest. School officials sent a message out to parents notifying them of the event.

Crash kills Dobie student

Dobie senior Francisco Garza died Monday, Jan. 23, from wounds he suffered the previous weekend during an automobile accident on his way home from work as part of the school's co-op program. Garza was initially transported to an area hospital and placed on life support but later died from his injuries.

No funeral arrangements were available at press time. The *Leader* will post additional information on its Facebook page as it becomes available.

Knights sell spaghetti

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 are sponsoring a fundraising spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 27, from 5 - 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road.

The menu will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti covered with the Knight's original KC 9201 Pasta Sauce, two Italian meatballs made from scratch, garden salad with Italian dressing, French bread and ice tea or lemonade. The cost is \$7 each, eat-in or take-out. For children under 12, the cost is \$3 (one meatball), eat-in only.

JFD dual credit meeting set

A parent meeting for Dobie students interested in participating in dual credit through San Jacinto College will be on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Students who are currently in 10th or 11th grade are eligible to participate in the enrollment process. Representatives from San Jacinto College will be present. For more information, contact Jennifer Johnson, coordinator for College Now at 713-740-0370.

Dobie holds talent show

Dobie High School will hold its annual talent show Friday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Kirkwood South to meet

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

HPD chief visits Kirkwood

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

Free self-defense offered

The American Society of Karate will offer free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, on Fridays through May 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Under the direction of fifth-degree black-belt instructor Michael Alonzo, the class is not only geared toward the aspiring martial artist; the self-defense portion will be structured so that someone participating in only one class will have a simple yet effective strategy against potential attackers.

LSA open house Jan. 29

Lutheran South Academy, 12555 Ryewater, near I-45 and Dixie Farm Road, will host an open house for prospective families on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 2 to 4 p.m. LSA is a PreK-12, accredited, college preparatory Christian school, with certified Christian educators who prepare students for higher education and life. Parents will tour the facilities, meet the faculty and have the opportunity to see first hand what LSA is all about. For information, contact Lee Ann Kerr, 281-617-5619 or leeann.kerr@lutheran.south.org.

More low-income apartments proposed

Developers are once again applying to the state for approval to construct multiple low-income apartment complexes in the South Belt community.

There are currently six proposed complexes to be considered for government subsidy awards.

Proposed developments include two at the intersection of Fuqua and Monroe (adjacent to the new Dobie ninth-grade center), one on the north side of Beltway 8 between Beamer and Sabo, one at Kingspoint and Tanner Park Court near Alameda Mall, one at the southeast corner of the

Gulf Freeway and Kurland Drive near Fuqua and one on Alameda Genoa near Gulf Palms.

The six complexes would all be located within 4 miles of each other, if approved.

The issue of government-subsidized housing has long been a controversial one in the South Belt community.

A primary concern is the high concentration of existing low-income apartment complexes already in the area. There are currently at least 10 government-subsidized apartment complexes between Alameda Mall and Dixie Farm Road.

Low-income developments traditionally put an extra strain on local fire departments and law enforcement agencies. According to officials from the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, the local Highland Meadow Village apartment complex has roughly five times more annual calls for police and ambulance service than single-family residences in the community.

A second traditional concern involves the added burden to area schools. If approved, students living in the proposed complexes would all attend Dobie High School, which is already overcrowded. Despite being recently constructed, the school currently has portable buildings on campus, as it is overcapacity.

Opponents of the developments, however, will have less ammunition to fight with this year, as five of the six proposed complexes will cater

exclusively to senior citizens, thereby having a minimal impact on local schools.

Developer Mike Robinson believes the increase in senior-only complexes is largely due to them being more acceptable to existing residents over general family developments.

"Family projects are harder because of the schools and all the overcrowding," said Robinson.

Robinson further said there is a great demand for senior complexes in the area.

"There is a tremendous need," said Robinson. "Baby boomers are getting old, and they're looking to settle down, and they're looking for something affordable."

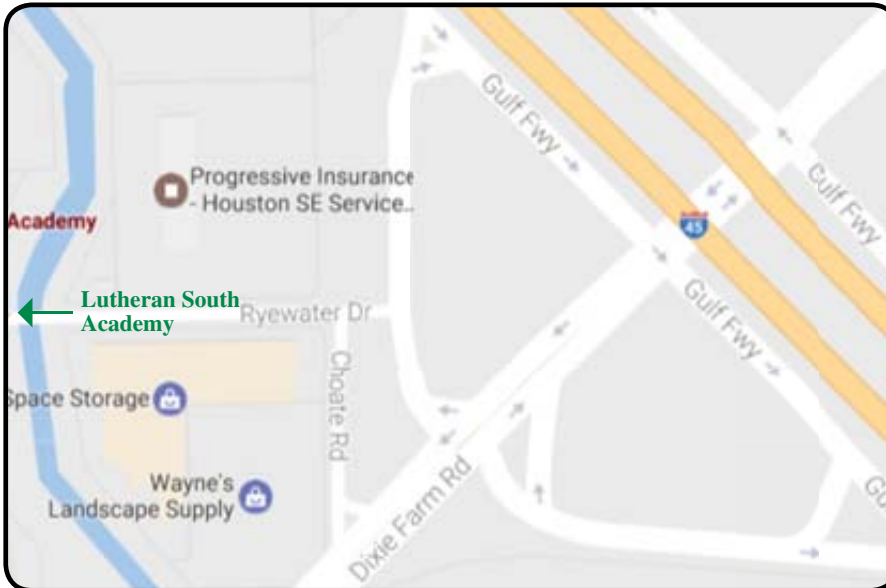
The *Leader* has also been supportive of subsidized seniors-only complexes in the past, most recently backing the development of the Regency Park Apartments, a 55+ seniors complex located on Southdown Trace Trail near Beltway 8 and Conklin.

To move forward, developers must first gain the community's support, before moving up the ladder to city council, then the state legislature. The developments, however, do not specifically require council approval, as state tax-credit awards are based on a varied point system.

Robinson is confident no projects will move forward without council approval.

"Without city council approval, it's a dead duck."

New turn lane causes confusion



The *Leader* has received several complaints, particularly from Lutheran South Academy parents, about a new turn lane being enforced on Ryewater just east of Choate Road. Parents leaving the school have long taken a left at the frontage road to reach the Gulf Freeway. They are now being required to turn right at the frontage road and travel to Dixie Farm, then take a right to head west, before making a U-turn to get to the freeway. A Houston police officer was reportedly at the location the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 24, issuing citations to offenders. The new turn requirement is causing mass confusion and traffic congestion, as the school has roughly 800 students and 100 staff members. The turn lane is under the control of the Texas Department Of Transportation. TxDOT officials are reportedly looking into the issue.

Photo courtesy of Google Maps

HPD seeks armed robbery suspects

Houston police are searching for two suspects wanted for allegedly robbing a woman at gunpoint Tuesday, Jan. 17, at an apartment complex at 10700 Fuqua between Beamer and Sabo.

According to police, the 47-year-old victim had just parked her car at the Sagehollow Apartments and was walking to her unit with her purse and her keys in her hand when she was approached by two black males.

One of the men allegedly grabbed the woman from behind by her throat and held a gun to her head, while the second man grabbed her purse and keys.

The woman was told to remain quiet, and she complied.

The two suspects fled the scene in the woman's vehicle, a red 2003 Chevy Venture minivan. The victim suffered minor injuries to her arm but refused medical treatment.

The suspect with the gun is described as being in his mid to late 20s, standing around 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds. He was described as having a skinny build and wearing a baseball cap and a pullover jacket.

The second suspect was merely described as being a black male.

Anyone with any information about this case is urged to contact HPD's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Pet shop burglar apprehended

An arrest has been made in the Jan. 14 burglary of the Pet Place pet shop, located at 13730 Beamer, in which three valuable dogs were stolen.

Israel Lecea, 32, of Friendswood, was arrested and charged with felony burglary of a building.

According to investigators, Lecea and an unnamed female had visited the pet store earlier in the day before returning to the facility later that night to break in after the store had closed.

Two English bull dogs (valued at \$3,500 each)

and one Maltese (valued at \$900) were taken during the burglary. According to store owner, Christie Vaughn, the Maltese was not originally reported stolen, as it wasn't noticed until later.

Police said an anonymous tip led to Lecea's arrest.

At press time, only the Maltese had been recovered, but investigators said Lecea had admitted to also taking at least one of the bull dogs. Lecea reportedly told investigators he had sold the dog to someone but didn't know how to contact them.

Anyone with information about this case is urged to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Burglary and Theft Division at 713-274-9100.



Israel Lecea

Jabbary receives PISD award



Dr. Iraj Jabbary (center) was honored Tuesday, Jan. 17, as the Pasadena Independent School District's 2016 Distinguished Citizen of the Year. Jabbary is the owner of ABC Dental and has worked extensively to provide for underprivileged students in the district. PISD board members shown above with Jabbary at the ceremony are, left to right, Vickie Morgan, Dr. DeeAnn Powell (superintendent), Mariselle Quijano, Marshall Kendrick, Kenny Fernandez, Nelda Sullivan, Jack Bailey and Fred Roberts.

Photo submitted

Residents complain soot on cars



Multiple area residents, particularly in the Meadows of Clear Creek subdivision, have complained to the *Leader* about soot on their vehicles resulting from the burning of trees and brush at the site of the future detention pond near Beamer and Dixie Farm Road. While county officials said the soot was no cause for alarm, they said they take the problem seriously and will take steps to rectify it.

Photo by Kerry Amos

Kroger online crime info is wrong

Contrary to multiple online social media reports, there was not an armed robbery inside the Kroger store at Beltway 8 and Sabo on Sunday, Jan. 22.

According to the Houston Police Department, however, a 49-year-old woman did have her purse stolen as she exited the store around 11 p.m.

Investigators said the woman had just placed her purse inside her vehicle and was unloading her groceries into her car when two men parked behind her in a silver sedan of an unknown make and model.

One of the men got out of the sedan and told the female to shut her driver-side door. At this time, the second male opened the woman's passenger-side door and grabbed her purse from the driver's seat.

The victim reportedly attempted to fight the

men off but was pushed to the ground.

The two crooks then fled the scene in an unknown direction.

The two suspects were merely described as black males. Anyone with any information on this case is urged to contact HPD's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

The local shopping center – and others in the area located near easy freeway access – have become hot spots for criminal activity in recent months.

Following the recent resurgence in crime at the area stores, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce has renewed its efforts to meet with local store management to combat the crimes. At press time, a meeting was being planned to take place in the coming weeks. See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information.

Pasadena ISD honors Jabbary

By Reesha Brown, Pasadena ISD

Nearly 100 family, friends and local officials gathered Tuesday, Jan. 17, when the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees honored ABC Dental owner and humanitarian Dr. Iraj Jabbary as the 2016 Pasadena ISD Distinguished Citizen.

"I am very proud to have been privileged to give back and I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to make a positive impact in my community and teach my children to continue this philosophy," Jabbary said.

Humbled by the recognition, he shared this accomplishment with his staff, many of whom were there cheering him on.

"This award would not have been possible without the inspiration I have received from my ABC Dental family," Jabbary said. "Together, we have been able to accomplish more than ever imagined."

Jabbary was accompanied by his son, ABC Dental compliance manager A.J. Jabbary and longtime manager Carolina Turribates. Also in attendance were previous Distinguished Citizens Hermann Williams, associate pastor Emory

Gadd of Sagemont and former superintendent Kirk Lewis.

Jabbary's son fought back tears as his father was honored.

"Secretly this is something I've wanted for him for a long time, but we don't do this for the recognition," A.J. said. "At the same time, he has been so deserving of this for so long. To see this group of people honor him tonight, knowing who they are and what they do for the community, it's really overwhelming. I'm truly happy for him."

In his 20-year career in dentistry with ABC Dental, Jabbary has served families in Rosenberg, Cleveland, Galena Park, Houston and Pasadena, raising awareness about oral health while providing a cozy atmosphere where children, families and staff can feel comfortable.

In addition to his work with ABC Dental, Jabbary's involvement in the school district has helped increase access to dental care among children and provided the resources to help them be healthy and successful in school.

He has worked continuously with PISD's

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In My Opinion

Tori proposes South Belt archive

I have people regularly ask me how I keep finding these photographs of a lifetime ago, particularly when, only a few years back, the idea that I would ever find a single good photograph of my long remembered Shoe Ship seemed a silly little fantasy, a bit like hunting unicorns.

The answer probably comes down to a whole lot of stubbornness, a surprising amount of patience (for me), and a little bit of luck.

It also helps that my M.A. degree is in History and English, so I'm predisposed to love meticulous research and reading, as well as long hours in the library among the wealths of knowledge, excited to uncover hidden treasures if only I dig long enough.

But the truth is, I despair a bit when I implore readers of the blog and members of the Facebook pages, again and again, to help me preserve this little corner of our earlier lives, and get nowhere.

I know there are so many longtime South Belt residents still living in the same homes in which they raised their children, and sometimes grandchildren, who have dusty photographs and deteriorating scrapbooks piled in closets, or attics, or trunks, just waiting to be discovered and preserved. But, unlike public and university libraries, I can't just go poking around in them.

I have to beg for their younger relatives to perhaps take a look when they're visiting, to ask about old photographs or home movies, to be willing to unearth these treasures and bring them into the light of day.

I have the ability to scan and color correct and clean up the photographs myself. I would happily do this for pictures the include the area, and return the originals as well as the cleaned up digital files, free of charge.

We have the amazing TAMI, Texas Archive of the Moving Image, who gladly digitizes almost every moving film format you could find, does so for free provided they are shot by a Texan and/or of Texas related places and people and you are willing to let them file a copy in their online library. (You get your original formats back along with a digital copy of everything.)

Guess who that qualifies?! All of the South Belt!

Like that crazy initial dream of seeing, once again, the Shoe Ship of my childhood, which turned into this even crazier project known as the South Belt Houston Digital Archive, I imagine someday being able to rally the troops still near the area, entice those who have moved away to contribute remotely, and create a grand assembly of memories for the purpose of preserving the history of our tiny little corner of the universe.

Why go to all this trouble?

For one, it's not trouble to me. It's exciting every time I think about how much I've been able to accomplish, largely on my own, and with the support of the blog's little community to acquire holdings that require us to pay for photographs.

And, equally important, I know what it feels like to see something you'd long forgotten: that rush of memories that takes you back immediately to days gone by, and makes you glad to be alive. I've seen it happen time and again to others when I share my findings with them. It's both profoundly personal and fosters a precious sense of community, of memory, of history, and of humanity, among us all.

How can I make this happen? Only with your help and input. This dream is just in the planning stages, but I would like to make 2017 the year we finally get an action plan in place to preserve our community's history, from its first days on the outskirts of Houston, in the middle of rice paddies and cow pastures, to the long-awaited, almost mythically conjured completion of the South Belt's namesake, now called Sam Houston Tollway/Beltway 8.

Could we actually make a community-wide weekend drive where people came with their stacks albums and boxes of photos, and shared them for preservation? I can't do it alone. But I'm willing to do whatever I can. If you have ideas, or if you would be interested in sharing your photographs or home movies, please feel free to email me at torimask@yahoo.com or to call the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*. Together, we could make this a reality.

"Everybody is a story. When I was a child, people sat around kitchen tables and told their stories. We don't do that so much anymore. Sitting around the table telling stories is not just a way of passing time. It is the way the wisdom gets passed along. The stuff that helps us to live a life worth remembering." --Rachel Naomi Remmen

Tori Saltsman Mask

SHHS graduates honored exemplary migrant students

By Reesha Brown

PISD Communications
The Texas Migrant Program recently honored two Pasadena ISD graduates as exemplary students at the 2016 Association of Migrant Educators of Texas State Conference in South Padre.

Representing South Houston High School Class of 2016, Gerardo Gonzalez and Matthew Mata are among 140 students across Texas to be chosen for this honor, recognizing migrant students who have overcome barriers while serving as positive role models in their school and community. "Migrant students are severely under appreciated," Gonzalez said. "Their trials and tribulations often go unnoticed, but it's their struggles that make their success all the more impressive and admirable."

Gonzalez earned a 5.23 grade point average and was ranked third in his class. He maintained all A's in his advanced placement classes while working with his father. In his senior year, Gonzalez served as a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and debate team. He has been honored with several awards including the American Legion for Scholastic Excellence award, the Pasadena Noon Optimist Outstanding Citizenship award, and Semper Donantes. He also placed first in a couple of

debate competitions. Gonzalez received a Pasadena ISD scholarship all four years of high school and he was voted Most Studious by classmates. "Gerardo is an extraordinary man," Alicia Zamora, AP Spanish and literature teacher said. "As his teacher, I have seen many examples of his talent and have long been impressed by his diligence and work ethic...He has consistently demonstrated an ability to rise to any challenge that he must face."

Mata achieved a 4.1 grade point average and excelled in advanced placement courses. He was involved in the Academic Decathlon and was the leader of the scholastic team. Mata played double bass in the orchestra as a first chair and earned a superior rating at the state competition for his junior and senior years of high school. As captain of the swim team for several years, Mata also helped lead the SHHS swim team to regionals.

He was accepted to Houston Baptist University on a four-year \$54,000 scholarship to study chemical engineering. As a migrant student, Mata experienced many obstacles. His said his junior year of high school, "I had a lot of online homework that counted as a big part of my grade, but I did not have a working laptop and staying after school was challenging because of siblings."

This did not stop him from reaching his life-long goals. "Migrant students can achieve whatever they put their mind to as long as they have the passion and determination, they can break through any obstacle that has been thrown their way to success," Mata said.

A special project of the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Migrant Interstate Program facilitates intra- and interstate coordination in order to help meet the educational needs of migrant children from Texas who migrate out of state.

Created in 1966, the Migrant Educational Program is designed to address the needs of students who have traveled with their families to do agricultural or fishing-related work. The program ensures that as migrant students transition from state to state for seasonal or temporary employment, they are not penalized by differences in the state's curriculum. Additionally, the Texas MEP provides migrant students with the opportunity to reach challenging academic standards and graduate with a high school diploma, preparing them to become productive citizens, receive a quality education and pursue a career. For children who have moved within the past three years for agricultural or fishing related work, please contact the PISD Migrant Program at 713-740-0050 or 713-740-0210.



Gerardo Gonzalez



Matthew Mata

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

All events are free and open to the public. The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint:
Thursday, Jan. 26, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. Knitting and Crochet
Saturday, Jan. 28, 10:30 a.m. Spanish Computer Class
Saturday, Jan. 28, 12:30 p.m. English Learning; 12:30 p.m. Lego Playtime
Saturday, Jan. 28, 12:30 p.m. Citizenship class
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime;
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 4 p.m. Homework Help
Wednesday, Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11 a.m. Toddler playtime
Wednesday, Feb. 1: Computer courses; 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint
For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.
Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday - noon to 8 p.m., Friday - 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PISD's Career Center makes inexpensive computers available

By Reesha Brown

Pasadena ISD's Tegeler Career Center partnered with Microsoft as a registered refurbisher to pioneer the first ever student-run refurbishment technology program in the nation - appropriately called Trailblazer Computers. Through this innovative program, students refurbish computers that have been recycled by PISD campuses and offer them to the community at a low cost through their online store. The program offers on-the-job cooperative business and technology training for Tegeler students in a safe and educational environment. Students receive real-world experience in small business operations, management, advertising, customer service and marketing, with the technology component serving as a secondary part to their business pathway.

"The proceeds are used for reinvesting into the program and to cover student wages as part of their educational development," Michael Kaatz, Tegeler technology facilitator said. "This includes funding to help pay for student certifications and trainings."

The vision for Trailblazer Computers began over a year

ago and developed after district leaders gave the school the green light to start the program.

"Jean Cain (Tegeler principal), Dr. Rhonda Parmer (associate superintendent), Arthur Allen (CTO) and Michael Rodriguez (assistant technical director) have been very supportive in helping us create this unique learning environment," Kaatz said. "Bruce Layton and I are the two main supervisors running the program. Bruce does all the computer programming and trains the students."

Kaatz, who has been at the forefront of the project, said the program coincides with Tegeler's mission, helping students prepare for the workplace after graduation. "Tegeler is an alternative campus by choice," Kaatz said. "Our students are career bound, not necessarily college bound. We wanted to get the career back into our program. We have different paths students can take, but this path is going to morph into our business pathway."

Trailblazer Computers is a win-win for students, families and the local community, providing underserved families with access to computers at a fraction of the cost of a new computer. Cost starts as low as \$70 and increase to the low hundreds. Anyone may purchase items through Trailblazer Computers, but customers who are part of a government subsidized program, including free-reduced lunch or a government assistance receive special pricing. "As educators, we know if there is a computer in the household, student performance increases," Kaatz said. "Parents can use computers to develop communication skills, apply for jobs, be aware of what's going on besides relying on what they see on TV. This program provides another avenue to help them be successful from the comfort of their homes."

The store serves individuals, local businesses, schools and nonprofit organizations. Once customers have browsed the store and selected an item, the school receives an invoice. Next, students refurbish the item. Within 24 hours, their computer is ready for pick up at the school.

PISD, which recycles roughly 3,500 computers per year to keep up with ever-evolving technology, sends gently used computers to the district's warehouse for recycling. In the past, a company would purchase the recycled computers based on the weight of the pallets where the computers were being housed.

"We would only get about \$20 for the computers, whereas, we could take a whole pallet of computers through this refurbishment program and make a profit of \$4,500 to \$5,000," Kaatz said. "So we took the company out of the equation."

Trailblazer Computers is a green way to recycle. "There's a lot of hazardous materials in a computer so we tried to refurbish them," Kaatz said. "The more we can refurbish ourselves, the less likely it will end up in a landfill. The more we can recycle, it's better for the environment as a whole and for the community."

The refurbishment program has three phases. The next phase is for the business to collaborate with district Technology Services to provide tech support for Wi-Fi users in PISD.

Tegeler's Trailblazer Computer business representatives are hopeful that in the near future, they can expand their reach to include other school districts.

"We want to see if we can take their old technology and put it into our program as well," Kaatz said.

Visit trailblazercomputers.com for more information and to shop through the online store.

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

A member of multiple South Belt Facebook pages, Jeff Turnipseed, has organized a donation drive for local schools to bring awareness of the need for school supplies of which teachers run out and are in need of replenishing during the school year. Teachers from Stuchbery Elementary School and Burnett Elementary School have composed a list of the most needed supplies that must be replenished throughout the year.

Stuchbery has requested donations such as pencils, stickers that are used Clorox or Lysol wipes and spray, hand sanitizer, glue sticks, crayons, scissors, play dough, Kleenex, wide ruled notebook paper, spirals, pencils, pocket folders, Post it notes, composition notebooks, baby wipes, plastic folders with fasteners, 24 pack map pencils, skinny dry erase markers, alphabet foam letters, ink pads, bingo dotters, head phones, heavy duty packaging tape used to tape books back together, double sided tape, duct tape, AA batteries, 9V batteries, printer paper, index cards and manila folders.

Burnett has requested donations such as composition books, scissors, glue sticks, crayons, story books, thin dry erase markers, pencils, folders with brads, erasers and colored pencils.

The supplies pertaining to each school may be taken directly to the school, Stuchbery, 11210 Hughes Road, or Burnett, 11825 Teanack Drive, or sent with a student attending the school with a note letting the staff know of the donation.

For additional information on donations of school supplies for Stuchbery, contact Shannon Garris at 713-740-0752.

For additional information on donations of school supplies for Burnett, contact Kim Edwards at 713-740-0536.

Member of the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page, Tracie Sjogren offers to pick up and deliver donations to the Pasadena Animal Shelter for those who can't.

The shelter is in need of dog food, cat food, cat litter and newspaper. For more information on donating, contact Tracie Sjogren at tsjogran@sbglobal.net or on the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page.

City of Houston posts abandoned car advisory

The City of Houston has released the following information regarding towed vehicles.

The City of Houston continues to respond to the needs of Houston residents as they feel the effects of severe weather.

Towed Vehicles Tip
If a vehicle is abandoned on the side of the road - and it is not blocking traffic - there is time to arrange tow options. Law enforcement will not immediately tow abandoned vehicles that are neither blocking traffic nor a hazard to public safety.

If a car flooded and was towed out of a city street or highway, visit <http://FindMyTowedCar.com> or call 713-308-8580.

Have the license plate number or VIN available.

Recommendations
The city advises residents to avoid travel when area waterways are swollen and multiple underpasses remain underwater.

HPD blocks roads where they are able, and residents are strongly urged not to move, or drive around barricades or police tape.

Residents who have experienced flooding in their homes are urged to call Houston 311. Also, residents experiencing street flooding, or debris in the street should call 311 or 713-837-0311 so the appropriate crews can be dispatched to clear roadways.

Residents who have experienced flooding in their homes or businesses should also call 311 to report it to the City.

Stay tuned to local media broadcasts and houstontx.gov/emergency for updates on emergency situations.

Roadway Conditions
Many roadways may be closed or may experience dangerous flooding. If so, residents are urged to avoid travel. Check the current status of roadways at houstontx.gov

Updates
Additional updates will be provided by the Alert-Houston emergency notification system at houstontx.gov/emergency. Houston residents may call 311, visit houstontx.gov/emergency, follow @altrhouston on Twitter or visit facebook.com/houstonoem for up-to-date information on an incident.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Friday, Jan. 27, 3 - 5 p.m. Community Craft Time: Chinese New Year Dragon. To celebrate the Lunar New Year, a craft project will be the creation of a dragon puppet, for ages 6 and older.
Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m. Book discussion on *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr.
Thursday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m. Movie Madness. Feature presentation is *A Ballerina's Life*, a feature documentary on Misty Copeland.
TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Feb. 3 through April 18. There will no assistance on Good Friday, April 14. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo-ID, social security card and any 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 and other necessary forms.
The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be at the library on Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Feb. 4 - April 8. VITA offers free tax for those earning \$54,000 or less annually, persons with disabilities and taxpayers with limited English vocabulary. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.
Computer classes will be offered on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. Information and registration details are available at the reference desk or phone the library at 281-484-2036.
Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.
Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Preregistration required. For information on this program, speak with Loc Bui.
For more information on these programs, phone the library at 281-484-2036.

Deaths

Norman Dale Beaman



Norman Dale Beaman, 70, of Houston, died peacefully Jan. 18, 2017, surrounded by his family. He was a longtime South Belt resident. He was a blessing to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1946, in Galveston, to Evangeline and Norman Beaman II. He is preceded in death by Evangeline Beaman Schaefer and Norman Beaman II. Norman is survived by his wife of 34 years, Ruth Beaman; sons Kevin M. Sockwell and wife Stacy Sockwell, Troy L. Sockwell and wife Donna M. Sockwell; four grandchildren Devin M. Sockwell, Jeremy A. Sockwell, Brittany E. Sockwell and Kade S. Sockwell; sister Sharon Webb and husband Frank Webb; nephews Jason Hawkins and Frank Webb II. Norman spent his early years in La-Grange and then moved to Houston.

Norman loved God and tried to spread His love and grace to all he knew. In his early years he worked in the oil field industry with Smithco Industries, then moved on to the automobile industry, excelling continuously in sales. This move led him to become a buyer for many of the leading dealerships throughout Houston and the surrounding area. Norman frequently volunteered at church as an usher and led many mission trips. He also found fulfillment helping the needy at the Shriners Burn

Hospital in Galveston. In his spare time he volunteered at Memorial Hermann Southeast. He often helped anyone whom he saw needed help. Being a cancer survivor himself, Norman had a special passion to pray for those dealing with cancer and continually prayed for them.

He kept a special list of anyone needing prayer, whether he knew them or not and was a true prayer warrior for all. Sharing his faith with others he visited those in need and humbled himself, not only pray for them, but also to anoint them with oil and wash their feet as the Lord did.

The service celebrating Norman's life was held Saturday, Jan. 21, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery.

Nancy Ann Dulin Shafer



Nancy Ann Dulin Shafer, 62, of Houston, died peacefully at Houston Hospice on Jan. 19, 2017.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1954, in San Diego, Ca., to Amy Czubachowski and Bill McLemore. She was a longtime resident of the South Belt area, a 1973 graduate of Dobie High School and attended San Jacinto College. She married Bob Shafer Jr. at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Pearland in 1988. They were married for 28 years. In 1992 she was baptized at Freeway Baptist Church.

During her life, Nancy was active in or participated in the Harris

County Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy, the Pearland Police Department Citizens Police Academy, the Pearland Police Department Ride-Along program, the 50's and Older Social Club, and the annual Fight Against Breast Cancer event at the 1940s Airport Terminal Museum in Houston.

She enjoyed dancing, gardening, travel, social gatherings with friends, and, most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her dogs.

Nancy was preceded in death by her mother and stepfather, Amy and Paul Dulin.

She is survived by her husband; sister Jenny Brown and husband Paul Brown; stepbrother John McLemore; brother-in-law Frank Shafer and wife Frances Shafer; sister-in-law Cassie Shafer and husband Darryl Williams; sister-in-law Melissa Reifke and husband Mark Reifke; father Bill McLemore and stepmother Nancy McLemore; and numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Jeter Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, 311 N. Friendswood Dr. in Friendswood on Jan. 27, 2017, at 1 p.m. with visitation beginning at noon.

Memorial and tribute donations may be made to the Houston SPCA in honor of Nancy Shafer. Condolences may be sent to the Shafer family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

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Gulf Freeway construction closures set

At least one northbound and southbound main lane and frontage lanes on I-45 from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will close daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Feb. 4.

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

Alternate exit and entrance 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.

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South Belt names honor rolls

South Belt Elementary announces students named to the second ninth weeks honor, merit and good citizenship rolls.

Able Classroom awards

Kasi Al-Ayoubi
Math Wizards
Gabriel Castillo.

Perfect Attendance

Ruby Dent, Ximena Leal Garza, Luke Monford and Taylor Sidney.

Natasha Fisher Honor Roll

John Duarte.

Merit Roll

Ryleigh Gonzalez.

Principal's Award

John Duarte and Ryleigh Gonzalez.

Good Citizen

Lance Heath and Breanna Lott.

Kindergarten Kami Brown All Star Readers

Maddison Campos, Tristen Cleary, Bennett Fiterman, Riley Hensley, Durriyah Hill, Melanie Martinez, Leile Monroe, Abby Palma, Matthew Richey, Emily Rodriguez, Nathaniel Simpson, Nathan Torres and Leo Trevino.

Perfect Attendance

Melanie Martinez, Abby Palma, Nathaniel Simpson and Christina Vu.

Good Citizen

Maddison Campos and Nathaniel Simpson.

Kristen DenBleyker All Star Readers

Brooklyn Coronado, Evelyn Spears, Hillary Nguyen, Annie Nguyen, Matteo Garciduenas, Iris Durrette, Michelle Medrano, Bryan Flores, Carter Pham, Melody Ramirez and Maham Bukhari.

Math Wizards

Pablo Lopez, Maham Bukhari, Brooklyn Coronado, Bryan Flores, Matteo Garciduenas, Hillary Nguyen, Carter Pham and Melody Ramirez.

Perfect Attendance

Brooklyn Coronado, Matteo Garciduenas, Bryan Flores, Pablo Lopez, Carter Pham and Oscar Yanez.

Good Citizen

Adelyn Garza and Isaac Ortiz.

Susi McDaniel All Star Readers

Carter Fletcher, Courtnee Noble-Rittell, Helena Henderson, Gael Diaz, Eriela Gonzales, Juliet Martinez, Mary-Kate Schroder, Nicole Nnadi and Peyton Dowell.

Math Wizards

Brandon Vivier, Brock Bernard, Carter Fletcher, EJ Reynolds, Eriela Hernandez, Gabriel Melchor, Gael Diaz, Juliet Martinez, Mary-Kate Schroder, Nicole Nnadi and Peyton Dowell.

Perfect Attendance

Charles Fobbs, Gael Diaz, Helena Gonzales and Peyton Dowell.

Good Citizen

Jayden Richardson and Adiana Padilla.

Courtney Moran All Star Readers

Adrian Lewis, Alice Lam, Collin Melchor, Daniel Ramirez, Evan Treadway, Grayson Riley, Jennifer Aguirre, Kate Dao, Mia Gonzalez, Mikayla Gonzalez, Phuwadet Maingot, Rebecca Ritchey, Samuel Alexander, Sebastian Hernandez and Tori DeHoyos.

Math Wizards

Alice Lam, Collin Melchor, Daniel Ramirez, Grayson Riley, Mikayla Gonzalez and Samuel Alexander.

Good Citizen

Jennifer Aguirre and Sebastian Hernandez.

Jennifer Pinkston Reading Award

Bradley Jones, Chloe Maycott, Samantha Barraza, Lily LaReau, Carissa Cortez, Kaci Curry-Shepard, Sophia Hernandez, Santahan Jimenez, Mason Martinez, Nathan Precella, Ghazal Zamzam, Ashton Carter, Jolie Vu, Jayda Lasker and Brianna Scott.

Math Award

Samantha Barraza, Carissa Cortez, Bradley Jones, Mason Martinez, Chloe Maycott, Nathan Precella and Brianna Scott.

Perfect Attendance

Bradley Jones, Jayda Lasker, Nathan Precella, Jolie Vu and Ghazal Zamzam.

Good Citizens

Bradley Jones and Santahan Jimenez.

First Grade Amy Campos All Star Readers

Alec Tamegnon, Damian Pereida, Makayla Salazar, Shayaan Khan and Sophie Centeno.

Math Wizards

Alec Tamegnon and Dono-

van Martinez.
Perfect Attendance
Alec Tamegnon, Alyssa Fobbs, Donovan Martinez, Isaiah Mata and Mia Roppolo.

Principal's Award

Damian Pareida, Donovan Martinez, Isaiah Lopez, Makayla Salazar, Mia Roppolo, Paul Salinas and Sophie Centeno.

Good Citizen

Paul Salinas and Sophie Centeno.

Derenda Dehoyos All Star Readers

Alayna Rodriguez, Alessandra Garza, Emma Stone, Emmanuel Ruiz, Justin Tran, Juwayriyah Ali, Lariah Houston, Miguel Johnson and Shelby Armstrong.

Math Wizards

Alessandra Garza, Emma Stone, Emmanuel Ruiz, Justin Tran, Juwayriyah Ali and Miguel Johnson.

Perfect Attendance

Alessandra Garza, Alayna Rodriguez, Emma Stone, Justin Tran, Leslie Torres and Noah Aleman.

Principal's Award

Alayna Rodriguez, Alessandra Garza, Arianna Ochoa, Emma Stone, Emmanuel Ruiz, Justin Tran, Juwayriyah Ali, Kolton Smith, Leslie Torres, Lori Suarez, Miguel Johnson, Nathalie Huynh and Noah Aleman.

Good Citizen

Leslie Torres and Nathalie Huynh.

Amanda Kister All Star Readers

Abdul Saim, Elizabeth Cervantes, Hassan Zamzam, Isabella Gonzales, Joseph Bello, Makayla Rodriguez and Miguel Galan.

Math Wizards

Abdul Saim, Hassan Zamzam, Joseph Bello, Makayla Rodriguez, Miguel Galan and Thien Nguyen.

Perfect Attendance

Izack Cruz, Kennedy Livingston, Miguel Galan, Roberto Granados and Samantha De Luna.

Principal's Award

Alexander Chavez, Bella Starks, Elizabeth Cervantes, Isabella Gonzales, Joseph Bello, Kennedy Livingston, Miguel Galan, Makayla Rodriguez, Marissa Martinez, Roberto Granados, Rya Hurd, Samantha De Luna and Thien Nguyen.

Good Citizen

Alexander Chavez and Marissa Martinez.

Anh Ton All Star Readers

Adam Cid, Adrian Garza, Aja Breaux, Connor Sidney, Hayden Walker, Isaiah Machado, Jaden Rodriguez, Jamin Hernandez, Jordyn Rodriguez, Julian Phillips, Kayla DeRobles, Kayla Thomas, Lilianna Salazar, Lorenzo Sanders and Trent Edwards.

Math Wizards

Adam Cid, Aja Breaux, Hayden Walker, Isaiah Machado, Jamin Hernandez, Julian Phillips, Kayla DeRobles, Kayla Thomas, Lilianna Salazar, Lorenzo Sanders and Teyonna Beason.

Super Steers

Hayden Walker and Kayla DeRobles.

Meghan Young All Star Reader

Abriella Sanchez, Alijah Banda, Anabella Cancel, Bethenny Avelar, Dexter Sullivan, Jayme Martinez, Jerron Lendsey, Kinora Ploucha, Krystal Thomas, Logan Stewart, Luke Kellen and Santiago Morales.

Perfect Attendance

Caylee Martinez, Delilah DeLeon, Dexter Sullivan, Jayme Martinez, Kinora Ploucha and Logan Stewart.

Math Wizards

Jayme Martinez, Kinora Ploucha, Logan Stewart and Luke Kellen.

Principal's Award

Abriella Sanchez, Alijah Banda, Anabella Cancel, Bethenny Avelar, Caylee Martinez, Cielo Wright, Delilah DeLeon, Dexter Sullivan, Emma Olvera, James Jordan, Jayme Martinez, Julie Rich, Kinora Ploucha, Krystal Thomas, Logan Stewart and Luke Kellen.

Good Citizen

Alijah Banda and Julie Rich.

Thu Duong All Star Readers

Brandon McNeal, Christopher Torres, Devin Aguilera, Emma Parker, Gabriela Ramirez, Grace Nguyen, Isaiah Ambriz, Kailynn Scott, Sophia Cleary, Math Wizards, Brandon McNeal, Devin Aguilera, Emma Parker, Gabriela Ramirez, Grace Nguyen, Isaiah Ambriz, Jacob Aguirre and Kailynn Scott.

Math Wizards

Alec Tamegnon and Dono-

Perfect Attendance
Devin Aguilera, Grace Nguyen, Isaac De Luna, Isaiah Ambriz, Jacob Aguirre and Nala Tealer.

Good Citizen

Aaden Aguilar and Paula Medrano.

Principal's Award

Aaden Aguilar, Brandon McNeal, Christopher Torres, David Melchor, Devin Aguilera, Emma Parker, Gabriela Ramirez, Grace Nguyen, Hailey Naughton, Isaac De Luna, Isaiah Ambriz, Jacob Aguirre, Kailynn Scott, Langston Edwards, Madison Foster, Nala Tealer, Paula Medrano and Sophia Cleary.

Second Grade Cameron Dodson All Star Readers

Hayden Limas, Audrey Lopez, Juliana Perez, Evan Taylor, Jetziel Velasquez and Gabrielle Aleman.

Math Wizards

Audrey Lopez, Carolyn Jarimillo, Evan Taylor, Felipe Martinez and Hayden Limas.

Perfect Attendance

Audrey Lopez, Evan Taylor, Felipe Martinez, Hayden Limas, Juliana Perez, Kailen McLaren, Khloe Coronado, Lynley Gillis, Marcos Gonzales, Partick Fobbs and Zyha Lam.

Principal's Award

Audrey Lopez, Carolyn Jarimillo, Courtney Fletcher, Damien Ram, Derrick Myers, Evan Taylor, Felipe Martinez, Gabrielle Aleman, Hayden Limas, Jetziel Velasquez, Juliana Perez, Kailen McLaren, Khloe Coronado, Lynley Gillis, Marcos Gonzales, Partick Fobbs and Zyha Lam.

Good Citizen

Audrey Lopez and Derrick Myers.

Jody Finch All Star Readers

Anthony Jennings, Aubree Rodriguez, Donovan Serna, Hayly Nguyen, Ibrahim Ali, Jayden Castro, Kelvin Lopez, Macy Figueroa and Naiven Buendia.

Math Wizards

Evan Mora, Hayly Nguyen, Ibrahim Ali and Kelvin Lopez.

Perfect Attendance

Anthony Jennings, Aubree Rodriguez, Donovan Serna, Evan Mora, Jayden Castro, Joseph Garcia, Katelyn Moore, Kelvin Lopez, Kyler Gomez and Sujina Pandit.

Principal's Award

Anthony Jennings, Aubree Rodriguez, Donovan Serna, Evan Mora, Faith Vazquez, Gabby Sepeda, Hayly Nguyen, Ibrahim Ali, Jadya A. Cantu, Jamin Vasquez, Jayden Castro, Katelyn Moore, Kayla Calderon, Kelvin Lopez, Kyler Gomez, Macy Figueroa, Naiven Buendia, Savanna Castillo and Sujina Pandit.

Good Citizen

Donovan Serna and Katelyn Moore.

Cynthia Gomez All Star Readers

Andrew Nguyen, Austin Hayden, Ayan Alijafri, Dylan Mohwinkel, Damian Aguilera, Ibrahim Asif, Jaliyah Silas, Jaliyah Silas, Jaslyn Arredondo, Max Martinez, Morgan Momie and Vivian Hang.

Math Wizards

Damian Aguilera, Dylan Mohwinkel, Ibrahim Asif, Vihaan Prakash and Vivian Hang.

Perfect Attendance

Andrew Nguyen, Damian Aguilera, Ethan Pereida, Ibrahim Asif, Jaliyah Silas, Mariya Colbert, Morgan Momie and Olivia Antoine.

Principal's Award

Andrew Nguyen, Ayan Alijafri, Ethan Pereida, Hayden Austin, Ibrahim Asif, Jaliyah Silas, Morgan Momie, Olivia Antoine, Samantha Trevino, Vihaan Prakash and Vivian Hang.

Good Citizen

Olivia Antoine and Hayden Austin.

Tayna Hensley All Star Readers

Angelina Vu, Isaiah Gomez, Jyles Washington, Nathan Gaytan, Nolan Hua, Persephone Soria, Sheyla Le and Zainab Naveed.

Math Wizards

Alex Vouffo, Angelina Vu, Ayden Garza, Caleb Yount, Isaiah Gomez, Jeremiah Rivero, Justin Nguyen, Kils Baabel, Lyiah Randle Campbell, Mackenzie Martinez, Nathan Gaytan, Nolan Hua, Persephone Soria, Rowley Sanchez, Sheyla Le and Zainab Naveed.

Principal's Award

Alex Soria, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Vu, Ayden Garza, Caleb Yount, Isaiah Gomez, Jeremiah Rivero, Justin Nguyen, Kils Baabel, Lyiah Randle Campbell, Mackenzie Martinez, Nathan Gaytan, Nolan Hua, Persephone Soria, Rowley Sanchez, Sheyla Le and Zainab Naveed.

Good Citizen

Angelina Vu and Rowley Sanchez.

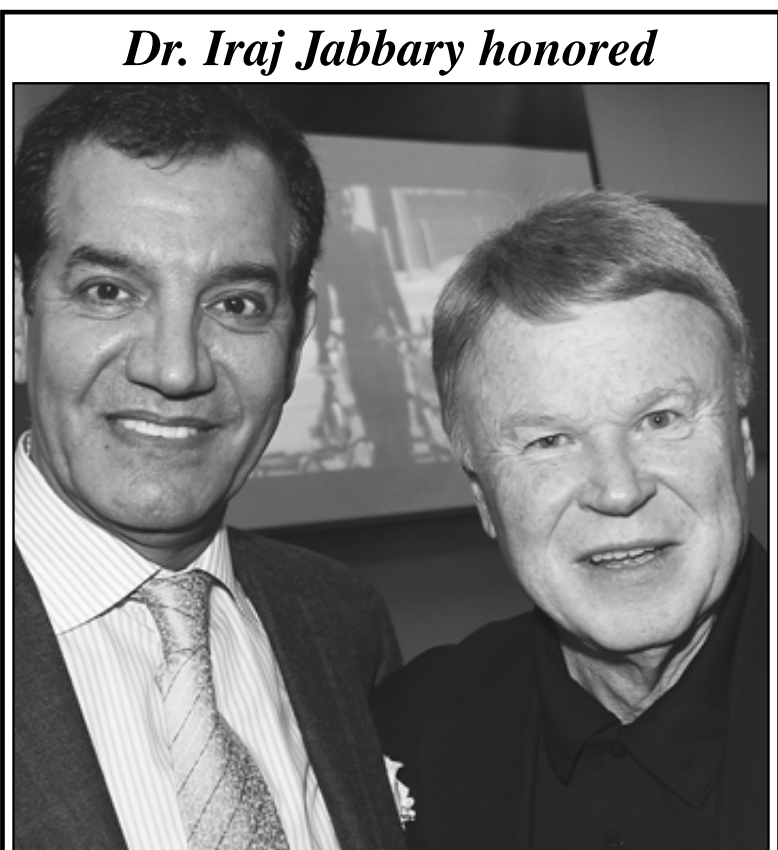
Linda Moreno All Star Readers

Alexandria Byrd, Alexia Hoang, Bianca Flores Pineda, Christiane Simpson, Cody Nguyen, Jonny Pham, Nathan Arriaga, Rachel Wilson and Shawn Deedman.

Math Wizards

Alexia Hoang, Carlos Sanchez, Nathan Arriaga, Nicholas Nguyen and Jonny Pham.

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Distinguished Citizen honorees Dr. Iraj Jabbarly and Emory Gadd, associate pastor at Sagemont Church and 2005 honoree. Photo by Reesha Brown

Burnett student honor, merit, etc. rolls announced

Burnett Elementary announces students named to the second ninth weeks honor, merit and good citizenship rolls.

Honor Roll Third Grade

Kennedy Cavazos and Victory Nwosu.

Fourth Grade

Hilda Robles, Sydney Rodriguez and Luis Salazar.

Merit Roll Third Grade

Megan Bui, Isaura Correa and Alex Perez.

Fourth Grade

Alex Sosa.

All Star Readers Kindergarten

Allyson Adams, Antonio Almdarez, Jay Amaya, Vince Barron, La'Dejah Bolding, Daemion Brown, Anderson Castillo, Francisco Chavez and Alayna DeLaGarza.

Principal's Award

Cain Dominguez, Tristen Estrada, Avani Galvan, Jacob Garces, Andiel Garza, Christian Gomez, Phenix Gomez, Kayla Guzman, Aiden Gwosdz, Santiago Hernandez, Brisa Martinez and Dream Mathews.

Good Citizen

Jacob Mendez, Exander Mendoza, Ryleigh Navarre, Isaac Perez, Tristen Pickett, Logan Rodriguez, Madeline Salgado, Nawaf Sharif, Ben-

jamin Tovar, Lauren Tran, Adriana Vazquez, Yaretti Villarreal, Abisai Visuet, Elliana Wright and Corey Young.

First Grade

Angelina Amaya, Lynette Aviles, Lucas Bravo, Miriam Casas, Kylee Cearley, Alexis Cordova, Ariez Curtis and Bryce Edwards.

Second Grade

Roberto Estrada, Kayla Fitzpatrick, Jessica Garcés, Adrian Garcia, Genaro Garcia, Jessalyn Garcia, Kaedy Garcia, Abigail Gonzalez, Amiya Gordon, Layla Gutierrez-Rodriguez, Adan Hernandez and Erik Hoang.

Principal's Award

Stephanie Ledesma, Javier Legaspi, Anjalice Liceaga, Eva Lowe, Sydney Lumsey, Connor Maldonado, Barbara Melchor, Londyn Miles, Vivianna Montez and Aubrey Navarre.

Math Wizards

Jade Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Michael Nwosu, Eliana Oliver, Melany Pineda, Vincent Pineda, Alyssa Porcher, Yuliana Ramirez, Christopher Romero, Jeannette Salinas, Dayana Santamaria and Madison Seals.

Good Citizen

Allurah Stine, Rylon Suell, Juan-Carlos Tamayo, Cayla Tang, Isabel-la Tovar, Alyana Turner and Anthony Vazquez.

Luis Alfaro, Samantha Andalla, Alma Argueta, Angela Argueta, Louisa Aviles, Alex Barrera, Leigha Bolar, Breniyah Braggi, Andrea Chicas, Santiago Diaz, Angel Dominguez, Paige Duong, Alisha Escobar, Brandon Galicia, Stephanie Gaona, Deigo Garay and Alicia Garcia.

Principal's Award

Samuel Garcia, Jalese Gibson, Jaylin Gonzales, Joseph Gonzales, Caela Griffin, Arianna Guevara, Emily Guevara, Jaxon Humphrey, Jacob Hurtado, Joshua Jackson, Ximena Jasso, Adrian Lopez, Walter Lopez, Michael Lowe, Calissa Marquez and Nayeli Martinez.

Math Wizards

Aliza Mendoza, Elianne Mendoza, Samuel Moreno, John Munoz, Marley Myles, Mark Nguyen, Toby Nguyen, Isaiah Ochoa, Levi Palmer, Mikeal Pantaleon, Andy Phan, Axel Pion, Eliana Poskey and Kaden Ramirez.

Second Grade

Melany Rangel, Gabriel Reyes, Mya Reyes, Ricardo Rodriguez, Lyla Rohmfeld, Jasmine Russell, Gael Salinas, Geovanny Sanchez, Isai Saravia, Kallye Sigue, Julian Silva, Diego Solano, Jenesis Soriano and Nathaniel

Pasadena ISD honors Jabbarly

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Special Programs Department to provide complimentary access to dental service, scholarships, school supplies and wellness resources for students in the area. He has also been a Major Sponsor for Pasadena ISD Education Foundation fundraisers, continuously giving at the top level as a Major Sponsor for the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament and hosting tables for the district's Shining Stars Gala as a Platinum Sponsor.

Jabbarly's most notable effort was the Smiles on Wheels initiative, which provided 29,000 bicycles for students in need during the Christmas holidays. He also hosted an annual back-to-school fair, but both of the events were discontinued due to state regulations. Although these events may have concluded, Jabbarly said the charitable philosophy did not end.

"Together we were able to purchase, build and donate thousands of bicycles and 33,000 packages of school supplies for five years. Everything happened because we worked together and did this for the right reasons."

At the close of the program, a bronze commemorative plaque was presented to Jabbarly by Pasadena ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. DeAnn Powell and members of the school board.

"Thank you for passing on your gift for giving to our students. We know you have made your family proud," said Nelda Sullivan, board president.

As an added token of appreciation, Jabbarly also received a gold-painted bike for Smiles on Wheels.

"Even though his family did not have a lot of money, his brother wanted to make Iraj happy by gifting him with his first bicycle," Sullivan said. "He was so honored to receive the

bike that he would sleep next to it and clean it every morning. Jabbarly decided to pass this experience on to students in need so they too could have the same feeling of ownership and knowing there are people who care."

After a standing ovation from the audience, Jabbarly talked about his experience moving from Iran to the U.S. to seek growth opportunities and make his father proud.

"I have faced many challenges in my life, but with my father's influence, I was able to serve through the strength that defined who I am today," Jabbarly said. Filled with joy from the recognition, Jabbarly said he plans to continue his humanitarian work with Pasadena and its school district.

"I promise I will remain true to my mission of helping and educating others," Jabbarly said. "From the bottom of my heart, thank you and God bless."

Salinas, Geovanny Sanchez, Kallye Sigue, Damian Torres, Jacob Torres-Tejada, Kelyn Turcios, Adrian Villatoro, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.

"On a Roll" Roll Third Grade

Erik Alvarado, Blue Banda, Noe Bautista, Aniya Brannon, Ethan Caesar, Ashley Cantarero, Davia Constantino, David Contreras, Isaura Correa, Hailey Cubos, Lila Davis, Alexis DeLaRosa, Orlando DePaz, Amy Flores, Jennifer Garcia, Mikkel Gonzalez, Everardo Hernandez, Himabelli Herrera, Travis Keith and Kimberly Ledesma.

Principal's Award

Melani Lopez, Giovanni Malveaux, Adriana Martinez, Ariel Medina, Dulce Mejia Hernandez, Jazliyah Moreno, Matthew Nguyen, Victory Nwosu and Jeffrey Ordenez.

Fourth Grade

Michelle Oviedo, Alex Perez, Maria Perez, Emyly Pineda, Izelle Pineda, Luis Rocha, Araceli Rodriguez, Stephen Rodriguez, Joselyn Romero, Edgar Solano, Chrishun Thomas and Parker Tran.

Math Wizards

Joan Vasquez, Kevin Velasquez, Nyrell Visuet, Delilah Webb, Laisha Zarazua and Layla Zarazua.

Principal's Award

Erik Alvarado, Blue Banda, Edith Barajas, Noe Bautista, Kiara Brannon,

Cheyenne Bravo, Megan Bui, Ashley Cantarero, Omar Cantarero and Amirah Carraway.

Kindergarten

Kimberly Castillo, Kennedy Cavazos, Candy Condebarca, Davia Constantino, David Contreras, Isaura Correa, Hailey Williams, Jalen Young and Xamira Zambrano.

Math Wizards

Jay Amaya, Daemion Brown, Alyana DeLaGarza, Yulissa Flores, Avani Galvan, Jacob Garces, Aiden Gwosdz, Dream Mathews, Jacob Mendez, Ryleigh Navarre

South Belt Elementary . . .

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Las Nguyen and Jonny Pham.

Perfect Attendance
Alexia Hoang, Carlos Sanchez, Cody Nguyen, Heather Yount, Nathan Arriaga, Nicholas Nguyen and Shawn Deedman.

Principal's Award
Aaden Rodriguez, Alexandria Byrd, Alexia Hoang, Alyssa Espinoza, Bianca Flores Pineda, Carlos Sanchez, Christine Simpson, Cody Nguyen, Heather Yount, Jonny Pham, Kaci-Lynn Bernard, Kareli Garza, Kyleigh Dorsey, Marissa Tavera, Matthew Perez, Nathan Arriaga, Nicholas Nguyen, Rachel Wilson and Shawn Deedman.

Good Citizen
Jonny Pham and Alyssa Espinoza.

Kasey Negron All Star Readers
Alexander Fitterman, Romeo Gill, Marina Kostikoglou and Kendrick Ramos.

Math Wizards
Kendrick Ramos.

Perfect Attendance
Danica Titus-Williams, Isaac Urquieta, Jabari Venson, Jeremiah Johnson, Paige Bernard and Tavien Walker.

Principal's Award
Paige Bernard, Evan Bowden, Carlos Delgado, Jade Fernandez, Xander Fitterman, Jaylen Ford, Romeo Gill, Marina Kostikoglou, Luciano Padilla, Kendrick Ramos, Danica Titus-Williams, Jabari Venson and Isaac Urquieta.

Good Citizen
Jaylen Ford and Marina Kostikoglou.

Third Grade Jessica Arnold Honor Roll
Daniel Soto.

Perfect Attendance
Auriana Mata, Blake Treadway, Clarissa Ruiz, Daniel Soto, Jakob Hasbell, Joycelyn Sims, and Leslie Costa.

Principal's Award
Alexis Perez, Andrea Valdez, Anthony Cancel, Avri Akin, Ayden Munoz, Clarissa Ruiz, Daniel Soto, Jaylyn Lopez, Keli'jah Jackson and Leslie Costa.

Good Citizen
Andrea Valdez and Keli'jah Jackson.

Brandi Ballard Honor Roll
Audrina Hernandez, Abigail Gutierrez, Bao Ngo, Gavynn Trevino, Haley Nguyen, Haris Bhatti, Ivan Ayala, Jalen Tran, Jocelyn Garcia and Shawn Armstrong.

Merit Roll
Aley Garza and Joshua Arredondo.

Perfect Attendance
Bao Ngo, Caleb Brown, Daniel Nguyen, Gavynn Trevino, Haley Nguyen, Ivan Ayala, Jayden Lee and Shawn Armstrong.

Principal's Award
Abigail Gutierrez, Aley Garza, Audrina Hernandez, Bao Ngo, Caleb Brown, Gavynn Trevino, Haley Nguyen, Haris Bhatti, Ivan Ayala, Jalen Tran, Jayden Lee, Jocelyn Garcia, Joshua Arredondo, Macy Cooper and Shawn Armstrong.

Good Citizen
Joshua Arredondo and Macy Cooper.

Amy Batson Honor Roll
Leila Reyes and Lenny Mendoza.

Merit Roll
Evalyna Gonzalez.

Perfect Attendance
Cy'moria Silas, Evalyna Gonzalez, Jennifer Nguyen, Khayden Davis, Leila Reyes, Lenny Mendoza, Max Perez, Ozzi Fuentes and Sheyanne Kellen.

Principal's Award
Adrian Arcoela, Brianna Tottenham, Carolina Rodriguez, Cy'moria Silas, Ethan Perez, Evalyna Gonzalez, Jakeida Cervantes, Jennifer Nguyen, Khayden Davis, Leila Reyes, Lenny Mendoza, Maddie Esposito, Max Perez, Mia DeAnde, Morgan McGe, Noah Villareal, Tiya Anderson and Sheyanne Kellen.

Good Citizen
Sheyanne Kellen and Noah Villareal.

Lily Campos Honor Roll
Alonzo Chapman.

Merit Roll
Surreal Alcorta, Sarah Massey and Makayla St. Roman.

Perfect Attendance
Anthony Aggire, Makayla St. Roman, Vanessa De La Fuente, Jessica Moise, Camryn Smith and Addison Taylor.

Principal's Award
Anthony Aggire, Surreal Alcorta, Makayla St. Roman, Cadence Braden, Alonzo Chapman, Vanessa De La Fuente, Cedric Gillespie, Belen Gomez, Ava Hernandez, London Herrera, Vi Huynh, Layla Jack, Michael Komi, Nicholas Lopez, Sarah Massey, Jessica Moise, Madison Moore, Camryn Smith and Addison Taylor.

Good Citizen
Michael Komi and Addison Taylor.

Estella Riley Montoya Merit Roll
Kylie Campos and Thu Vo.

Perfect Attendance
Davion Johnson, Emily

Golenko, Ja'Niya Coleman, Kayla Akinfenwa, Leon Nguyen and Thu Vo.

Principal's Award
Adam Gonzales, Alex Le Ava Castillo, Emily Golenko, Joseph Vivier, Kaila Baltzell, Kayla Akinfenwa, Kenzie Fernandez, Kylie Campos, Lauren Moore, Mario Martinez and Thu Vo.

Good Citizen
Kylie Campos and Mario Martinez.

Audrea Taylor Honor Roll
Kendall Ashworth, Michelle Nguyen and Mia Bella Sudario Garza.

Merit Roll
Minh Nguyen and Emily Taylor.

Perfect Attendance
Kendall Ashworth, Jonathan Garcia, Aiden Ho, Mia Mata, Michelle Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Mia Bella Suradio Garza, Mina Tran, Katia Vazquez and Noah Villareal.

Principal's Award
Leovanni Alvarez, Kendal Ashworth, Joseph Faz, Jonathan Garcia, Aiden Ho, Mia Mata, Michelle Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Chloe Nunez, Kinot-su Ploucha, Gia Rodriguez, Oscar Salinas, Aaliyah Soto, Mia Bella Suradio Garza, Emily Taylor, Mina Tran, Katia Vazquez and Noah Villareal.

Good Citizen
Emily Taylor and Joseph Faz.

Fourth Grade Natalie Boynton Honor Roll
Jabez Palma, Jonathan Alexander and Trish Nguyen.

Merit Roll
Aniya Flemming, Derek Rodriguez, Jacob Lam, Jake Joslin, Jayden Reimer, Madison Puente, Merab Saim, Nathan Bui, Nathan Le, Trish Nguyen, Victoria Byrd, Vvyv Do and Xavier Garcia.

Principal's Award
Andrew Ullman, Aniya Flemming, Derek Rodriguez, Jabez Palma, Jacob Lam, Jake Joslin, Jonathan Alexander, Jayden Reimer, Madison Puente, Merab Saim, Nathan Bui, Nathan Le, Trish Nguyen, Victoria Byrd, Vvyv Do and Xavier Garcia.

Good Citizen
Derek Rodriguez and Aniya Flemming.

Anita Francis Merit Roll
Iakovos "Jacob" Kostikoglou.

Perfect Attendance
Avageline Cosse, Dakota Garrison, Kiera Huynh, Jerry Ibarra, Isaiah Johnson, Maher Kothiya, Devaski Lane, Abrianna Reynolds and Diego Torres.

Principal's Award
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Hope Ortiz and Theodore Washington.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

LAILA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Dr. Laila Hassan celebrates a birthday Friday, Jan. 27. Best wishes are sent for a wonderful day from her family, friends, office staff, and the *Leader* staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVID!
Birthday greetings are sent to David Flickinger, *Leader* president, on Friday, Jan. 27. David is wished a great day by wife Ellie; daughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca; grandchildren Kelvin Lopez, Noah and Isabella Abarca; parents Marie and David Flickinger; brother Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger; niece Kimberly Flickinger; niece Courtney and husband Chris Durham and children Abigail and Jackson; and the staff at the *Leader*.

STUDENT NAMED ON PRESIDENT'S LIST
Congratulations to Monika Ruiz, a Schreiner University student who was named to the President's list for the 2016 fall semester, having a minimum grade-point average of 3.75 with a minimum of 12 credit hours for the term.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 26 through Feb. 1.

Atkinson Elementary
Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake Jan. 26 for Samantha Rhodes. Sing a happy birthday song to Jennifer Arcangeli Jan. 27.

Burnett Elementary
On Feb. 1, Kateri Williams celebrates a birthday.

Bush Elementary
Light the candles on a birthday cake Jan. 27 for Madelyn Pfeister. Cheers for a happy

birthday Jan. 29 for Brandy Viverette .
Frazier Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles on a double-layer cake for Ashley Jones and Janielle Wiley on Jan. 26. Enjoy a double-layer cake with Arianna Prado and Emily Steinmann Jan. 31.

Meador Elementary
The day for a celebration for Emma Estrada is Jan. 28. Special birthday wishes are sent to Courtney Kuhn Jan. 31.

Moore Elementary
On Jan. 28, Brenda Hallaron celebrates a birthday.

South Belt Elementary
Sharing a birthday Jan. 28 are Kayla Elmore and Jennifer Hernandez.

Stuchbery Elementary
Join in the birthday fun Jan. 28 with Donnette Williams. Sing a chorus of a birthday song Jan. 31 to Brianna Lee.

Melillo Middle School
Jan. 26 is the day for a party for Maria Rodriguez. Sing a happy birthday song to Kelly Schwenk Jan. 27. On Jan. 29, Bertha Sanchez is wished a happy birthday. Jan. 31 is the day for a celebration for Kelly Jurek.

Roberts Middle School
Celebrating a birthday Jan. 27 is Marie Juarez.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Jan. 26 is the day for a celebration for Jacqueline Resendez.

Thompson Intermediate
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Jan. 31 for Laura Guerrero.

Dobie High
Special birthday wishes are sent to Todd Geries Jan. 27. A double birthday is celebrated by Steven Casteel and Elke Cerre on Jan. 30. The day for a triple-layer cake for Frank Mora, Leslie Rustin and Keisha Williams is Feb. 1.

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

Thursday, Gene Webster and Craig Green; Friday, Jan. 27: Cheryl Arnesen, Nicole Crader, Raquel Jones, Derek Cooley, Donald Gillock Sr. and Solomon Ard; Saturday, Jan. 28: Daryn Edwards, Toni O'Bryan, Chris Valvaneda, Nealda Whitley, Lewis Cambiaso, Edgar Ramirez and Jennifer Hernandez; Sunday, Jan. 29: Stephanie Martinez-Hinton, Yvonne Moffitt, Margarito Rivera, Debra Dorn, Lauretta Massicott and Holly Conrad; Monday, Jan. 30: Bill Heavin, Karen Price, Kimberly Istre, Kristen Mata, Jennifer Miller, Christine Cline and Amy Reichelderfer; Tuesday, Jan. 31: Maria Olvera, Erica Bush, Veronica Tanguma-Mejia, Ernie Banks, Josh Keim, Angeles Rios, Maria Zuniga and Craig Thompson; and Wednesday, Feb. 1: Danice Oliver, Lee Terry and Stacy Lynn Knight-Wigington.

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

Brooklynn Nichols wins competition



South Belt's Brooklynn Nichols was named Miss Texas in the Princess of America 2016 Miss Texas Sweetheart competition and had the honor of taking part in the 39th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "Original" Parade in Houston. The parade was one of the first to recognize Dr. King's legacy. The parade took place downtown near Minute Maid Park. Nichols has been a South Belt resident since birth. She attends Goudeau Accelerated Preparatory Academy and her parents are Michael Nichols and Michelle Martin.

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)
Incumbents J.D. Bruce and Carl J. Schwartz were re-elected to the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees, in an election which came the closest in history and gave the South Belt area its first representative.

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Garner and Cecil Ghormley were defeated in their re-election bids. Denny Delafield defeated Ghormley in position 1 and John Elam won Garner's position 3.

A trial concerning alleged discriminatory hiring practices by PISD was expected to be wrapped up soon. The suit charged the district discriminated against the applicants by refusing to interview them.

25 years ago (1992)
CCISD trustees unanimously approved the closing of Weber Elementary in August. The approximately 440 students would be transferred to Brookwood Elementary during the next school year while a replacement campus would be built.

The Southbend Utility District won a \$350,000 settlement from Farm & Home and Ayshire Corp. A suit was filed on the developers due to falling property values. Under the settlement agreement, the district would not have to pay the \$3.5 million it owed for sewer, water and drainage improvements.

Democrat Justice of the Peace Molly Maness was virtually re-elected a year before the election since she drew no opponent.

20 years ago (1997)
Houston City Councilman Rob Todd braved tornado alerts, lightning and pouring rain to hold a Capital Improvement Project meeting. At the meeting, he announced that huge amounts of city money would be spent in the South Belt area on water and wastewater improvement projects.

The same rains caused the home of Sagemont Church's Emory Gadd to be flooded. Gadd and son John spent the next day removing wet carpeting and padding.

15 years ago (2002)
Mayor Lee Brown, Pasadena Independent School District officials and area residents joined the growing bandwagon against a proposed rail line that would transport toxic materials. The proposed rail line would run 13 miles from southeast Houston to the Bayport Industrial District.

PISD officials had to make changes in the athletic field of the new Dobie High School due to wetlands on the 80-acre Blackhawk tract.

10 years ago (2007)
Both Dobie High School and Clear Brook High School presented separate performances of L. Frank Baum's classic musical, *The Wizard of Oz*.

The Clear Creek Independent School District received a \$600,000 grant from the Texas Education Agency to support the district's Early College High School. The program would allow CCISD students to take courses at San Jacinto College South and graduate from high school with an associate degree.

The Dobie Forensics/Debate Team took home the first-place sweepstakes trophy from the Scarborough High School Tournament. This was the first time in Dobie history that the team won this award.

A town hall meeting was held that included state Sen. Mike Jackson and Reps. Robert Talton and John Davis at the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center. This was the first time that the three South Belt area representatives held such a meeting.

5 years ago (2012)
Eight current or former Dobie students were arrested for allegedly vandalizing and setting fire to a tractor at a Pearland construction site. The Pearland Fire Department responded to the blaze and reported the tractor, valued at more than \$200,000, was fully engulfed in flames. The adult suspects were identified as Treveon Belton, 18; Jack Moes, 19; Tom Moes, 17; David McGruder, 20; Alex Quinn, 19; Austin Abbott, 19; and Justin Chipman, 19. The juvenile suspect was not identified.

A suspect was arrested for a Nov. 18, 2011, shooting that took place at 10910 Gulf Freeway that left one brother dead and another wounded. The suspect, Jonathan Anthony "Rock" Franklin, 22, was charged with murder and aggravated assault. Xavier Rubio, 17, was killed in the shooting, while his brother, Ruben Rubio, 22, was wounded.

Five suspects were arrested following a home invasion in the 10800 block of Sagetrail. Police said one of the victim's sons then went downstairs to hear his brother shouting for him to retrieve a weapon of his own, which sent the suspects fleeing. One of the victims reportedly ran out of the house and flagged down a passing car and convinced the driver to chase the suspects while they called 911. Houston police caught up with the suspects and took them back to the scene of the crime, where they were positively identified by the victims. Joyce Rios, 22, along with Humberto Catteras, 23, Roberto Salazar, 34, Selvin Mejia, 25, and Valente Gomez, 24, were arrested and charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

1 year ago (2016)
Dr. DeeAnn Powell assumed the role of superintendent of the Pasadena Independent School District, replacing the outgoing Kirk Lewis. Powell began her career as an educator in 1991 when she joined the Jackson Intermediate staff as a history teacher. She was named the school's assistant principal in 1997 and principal in 2002. In 2005, she was named an associate superintendent of campus development for the district.

Houston city attorney Gene L. Locke was appointed to finish the late El Franco Lee's term as Precinct 1 Harris County commissioner. A long-time friend and counsel to Lee, Locke had previously served as city attorney from 1995-1998, general counsel to the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority and special counsel to the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Hart to speak Feb. 9 at SEEN-ABWA

South East Express Network of the American Business Women's Association (SEEN-ABWA) welcomes the guest speaker Amy Hart to the meeting on Thursday, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Spring Creek Barbeque (private meeting room), 9005 Broadway (FM 518), in Pearland.

Hart specializes in helping employers, large and small, to build stronger connections among employers and employees, between co-workers and with clients through leadership and professional development programs. She is an experienced marketer and training director in the insurance and financial services industries.

In the meeting Hart will present the educational and informative presentation, "Speaking the Client's Language." The cost of \$20 covers lunch and the meeting fee. For information or to RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 7, visit www.seen-abwa.org.

Free open discussions

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's Rabbi Stuart Fedorow will host free, open to the public, weekly discussions. Sessions are held the second Thursday of every month at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., in Houston (next to McDonald's) at 7 p.m.

Anyone can join the discussion and bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share with everyone present.

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

The entire community is invited to attend. For additional information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or email at esh@shaarhashalom.org.

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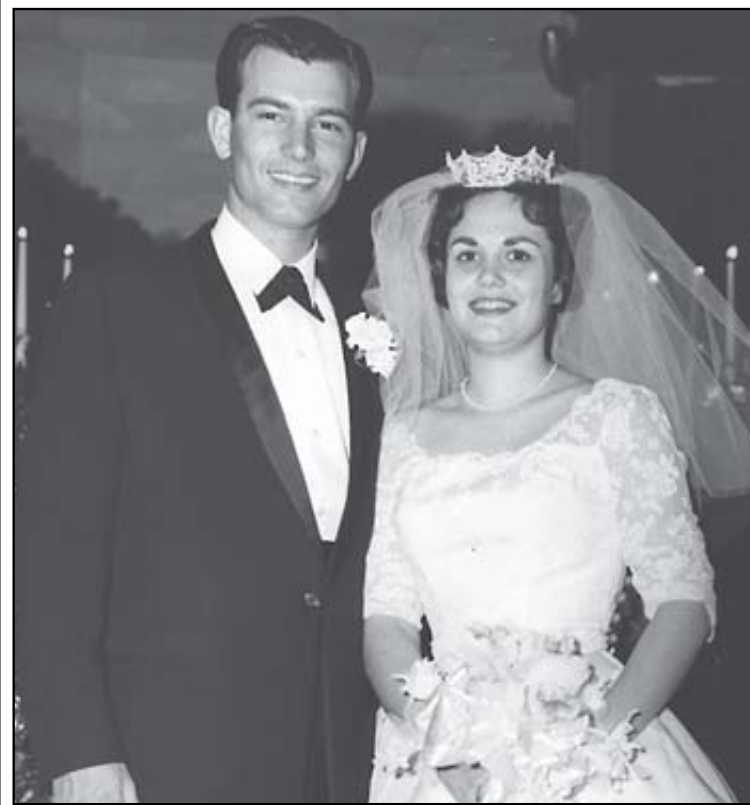
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Cody, Suzy Voss wed 55 years

Cody and Suzy Voss, longtime South Belt residents, celebrate 55 years of marriage on Jan. 27. They were married at Riverview Baptist Church on Telephone Road. The couple moved to Sagemont in 1974. They have three children. Daughter Codysue and her husband David Congdon live in Houston with their children Abigail and Grant; son Miles and his wife Julie Voss live in Pearland with their children Evan, Lexie and Maggie; and daughter Elindabeth and her husband Philip Kolar live in Pasadena with their daughters Aidenn and Chloe. Cody and Suzy enjoy spending time with all their family, playing a game of 42, relaxing at home with their cat, Annie, supporting Pasadena Memorial and Pearland High School sports and watching activities (where grandkids have played/attended), and worshipping together. The couple owns and operates AB Ladder Company, which has been in the family for more than 65 years. Cody is serving as music director at Forest Oaks Baptist Church where Suzy teaches a Sunday School class. Cody and Suzy's children are treating them to a special dinner at Taste of Texas to celebrate.



Cheryl, John Bolen celebrate 50



Longtime South Belt residents John and Cheryl Bolen will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Jan. 28. The couple were married at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church on Jan. 28, 1967. John has worked as a professor at San Jacinto College for 41 years and has worked at the South campus since its opening in 1979. Cheryl is the former news



editor of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, where she worked for 12 years. She currently authors historical romance novels. The couple have two children, Johnny Bolen and Bo Bolen. Both are Dobie High School graduates. Johnny, a 1986 graduate, is a practicing attorney, while Bo, a 1990 graduate, is a reporter for the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*.

CCISD students earn top music honor in Texas

Twenty-five Clear Creek ISD students, across all five comprehensive high schools, were selected as 2017 Texas All-State members through the Texas Music Educators Association. This is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive and earns these students a spot to perform in one of 15 ensembles throughout the band, vocal and orchestra divisions. The process began with nearly 70,000 Texas students auditioning for one of these coveted positions, with ultimately only 1,778 students being selected. The All-State students will now practice together over three days of rehearsals, directed by nationally recognized conductors. They will then perform before thousands during the annual TMEA Clinic/Convention in San Antonio

on Feb. 11, 2017. The students are: Caleb Drew, Clear Brook High School; Akhil Majmudar, Clear Brook High School; Carl Saad, Clear Brook High School; Vincent Thibodeaux, Clear Brook High School; Alyssa Estrella, Clear Brook High School; Kyle DuPont, Clear Falls High School; Christopher Layden, Clear Falls High School; Shane Stewart, Clear Falls High School; Samuel James, Clear Falls High School; Derek Marcum, Clear Falls High School; Hannah Killingsworth, Clear Falls High School; Samuel Enriquez, Clear Lake High School; Patrick Soisson, Clear Lake High School; Kevin Chan, Clear Lake High School; Kasun Raigama, Clear Lake High School; Yan Hao Wang, Clear Lake High School; Rahul Yesantharao, Clear Lake High School; Hannah Chuang, Clear Lake High School; Lydia Marshall, Clear Lake High School; Jhanvi Patel, Clear Creek High School; Sophia Sledge, Clear Creek High School; Katriel Velasco, Clear Creek High School; Travis Faulkner, Clear Creek High School; Zachary Hoover, Clear Creek High School; and Gilberto Torres Jr., Clear Springs High School.

Genealogy meets at PWL

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group will meet Feb. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the library at Scarsdale and Beamer. This group meets the first and third Mondays to discuss genealogy research. Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Griffins celebrate 55 years



Kenneth and Bobby Griffin, former Sagemeadow subdivision residents, will celebrate their 55th anniversary on Friday, Jan. 27. Bobby, a former co-owner of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* and South Belt Graphics is still working part time at the *Leader*. Kenneth is retired from Texas Marine Supply. They have two children. Their daughter Tracy Giles, son-in-law Jim, and children Kristen, Cody and Aaron live in Kirkwood South. Their son David and daughter-in-law, Angela, and sons Robert and Kenneth live in Plain City, Utah. The Griffins currently live in Pearland.

PISD seeks input for 2017-18 calendar

Pasadena ISD is seeking input from community stakeholders as the district develops the 2017-18 instructional calendar. A draft of the calendar has been posted to the Pasadena ISD website (www.pasadenaisd.org), along with a Google survey and a brief video explaining the process of creating the calendar draft. The proposed calendar was developed based on comments from students, staff and community members. The deadline to submit the surveys for input for the 2017-18 calendar is Sunday, Feb. 5.

After recommendations from community members have been gathered, the Board of Trustees will vote to approve the proposed 2017-18 school calendar in February. The calendar proposal includes:

- A full week off for Thanksgiving break.
- Two-day Christmas break for students.
- Teacher training days built around federal holidays, allowing for three 4-day weekends for students.
- Students concluding the year prior to Memorial Day.
- Two built-in in-clement

weather days with 10 additional minutes per day.

- One built-in in-clement weather day with five additional minutes per day.
- Campus flexibility with

professional development, planning and teacher preparation time.

- Breaks to allow for student respite and teacher collaboration.

Continuing ed at UHCL

What do dirt, finance and the Parthenon have in common? They're each topics of community courses on Jan. 29 as the University of Houston-Clear Lake's Friday Morning Continuing Education series continues through March 3. Each Friday, lifetime learners can choose from

among three events to attend. On Jan. 27, 9-10:30 a.m., "It's all about the Dirt: A Primer in Organic Gardening" will be presented, showing how to save money and restore the health of soil. UHCL lecturer Wanalee Romero will introduce basics of organic gardening and emphasize the importance of removing synthetic fertilizers, weed killers and pesticides from gardening. At 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., students may attend either "Empowering Women and Those Who Love Them" or "Tour of the Parthenon in Athens, Greece." In "Empowering Women," certified financial planner Elizabeth Soto will offer financial guidance and life planning and explain how to confront

financial challenges in a constructive manner. In the "Parthenon" lecture, Sarah Costello, UHCL professor of art history, will discuss the architectural and decorative aspects of this iconic structure and its historical importance to modern culture. Attendees will meet in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building at UHCL campus, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The cost is a one-time \$26 fall membership fee and an \$18 course fee for each individual class, which includes materials, borrowing privileges from UHCL's Alfred R. Neumann Library, discounts from the UHCL bookstore and more. To learn more or to register for the class, visit www.uhcl.edu/continuing-education, or call 281-283-3033.

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Mya Reyes, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Stephen Rodriguez, Carlos Salazar, Joanna Salinas, Jonathan Sanchez, Sheryl Sanchez, Camila Serrano, Vatana Sophal, Alex Sosa, Damian Torres, Hector Vela, Abisai Visuet, Marquise Williams and Jalen Young.



JFD Lariaettes name 2017 Royal Ball Court

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes recently held its annual Royal Ball Banquet at Golfcrest Country Club. The 2017 Royal Ball Court was recognized, and winners crowned. The court members are: from left to right, junior Adela Alanis, junior Princess Aleida Gonzalez, junior Itza Corral, senior Astrid Silva, senior Queen Alayna Cano, senior Naya Cooper, sophomore Gisselle Guerra, sophomore Duchess Zoe Vela and sophomore Corina Banda. Below, the winners of each class, voted on by their teammates are shown, from left to right: junior Princess Aleida Gonzalez, senior Queen Alayna Cano, and sophomore Duchess Zoe Vela.

Photo submitted



Frazier spelling champs



Frazier Elementary held its annual spelling bee on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Fifteen students participated in the bee but in the end, Angelina Cao, left, came out on top in the 8th round. The runner-up was Kaylie Bui, right. Angelina will represent Frazier in the district spelling bee on Feb 7. The final word was "dumbwaiter." Photo by Susan Blue

Atkinson Elementary names honor, merit rolls

Atkinson Elementary announces students named to the second ninth weeks honor and merit rolls.

3rd Grade Honor Roll
Victor Mejia and Edgar Orozco.

3rd Grade Merit Roll
Diana Armenta, Yarezi Arredondo, Guillermo Fernandez, Yuliana Zambrano, Miranda Medel and Emily Tang.

4th Grade Honor Roll
Thomas Castelan, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Samantha Truong, Elaine Nguyen, Thien Pham, Lizbeth Serrano, Jazlynn Urban and Sarah Trinh.

4th Grade Merit Roll
Maria Soler Rodriguez, Zander Schrijn, Isabel Juarez, Bianca Rubio, Raelia Pete, Andres Tolentino and Aryanna Sanchez.

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No Pasadena ISD AD as of yet

Pasadena ISD officials stated up front that its schedule as it relates to finding a new director of athletics was subject to change, and it has indeed changed.

Officials did not present a candidate to the district's board of directors for approval on Jan. 24 as per the original schedule. The search will begin anew for a new director of athletics. In turn, that person is expected to have input as to who becomes the eventual assistant director of athletics.

The district's top choice to replace Rodney Chant as director of athletics was, according to multiple sources, offered the role but declined.

The reasons he or she

declined are unknown at this point, and the person's name is being withheld out of respect to that person's current employer/employment.

Pasadena ISD's second choice was given consideration but also did not come to an agreement as to salary, per sources.

At this point, there is word that the district might in fact fill the director of athletics role on an interim basis while the new search is taking place.

There is a familiar name or two coming to the forefront as to just who that interim fill-in will be. However, at press time, Pasadena ISD officials had yet to make any firm move.

In terms of the Pasadena ISD facilities, where the athletic department is

housed, there is a string of upcoming track and field meets to get squared away. There is also District 22-6A soccer beginning Jan. 27, and baseball will be played at nearby Maguire Field.

Ideally, an interim AD would be able to ensure that scheduling issues and the like are handled for these upcoming events.

Meanwhile, Chant is still operating in his PISD role but is readying to become the athletic director of Fort Bend ISD.

Chant's final day at PISD is said to be Monday, Jan. 30. In addition, assistant director of athletics Jana Williams will assume the same role within Humble ISD.

She, too, remains on the job within PISD, presumably until Jan. 30.

The PISD athletic jobs were popular on the resume circuit, with some popular names entering themselves for consideration. For varying reasons, the district simply has not found its permanent successors.

If an interim person comes on board, as is speculated, there would be additional time to find the eventual full-time replacements.

There have been twists and turns during the process. But that is not uncommon during an undertaking such as this.

The important thing is that Pasadena ISD officials are committed to finding the best possible people for these roles moving forward. The search continues.

Basketball races heat up

Things are getting interesting on a number of high school basketball courts across the state.

From a local perspective, things couldn't be more exciting for the programs at Dobie and Clear Brook.

Both the Dobie varsity boys and varsity girls are locked in second place in their respective races within District 22-6A, and both still have serious championship aspirations in addition to future playoff hopes.

In fact, the Dobie boys are set to play what is the biggest game of their season Friday, Jan. 27 at South Houston.

The host Trojans, currently atop 22-6A at 8-0, can take a big step toward the first-place trophy, while a Dobie win will force a tie at the top. Game

time is 7 p.m. inside Trojan Gymnasium.

As for the Dobie girls, they are trailing only Deer Park in the 22-6A mix with just six regular-season games remaining. Deer Park hosts Dobie Feb. 7 to close out the regular season.

At Clear Brook, the varsity boys' team is at 6-2 in 24-6A, tied with Clear Lake for second and two games behind leader Dickinson, which is 8-0.

For more on the respective high school basketball races, including standings, see Page 6B.

March 4 event
SBHLL seeking vendors

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is seeking crafts, food and merchandise vendors to participate in the league's opening day carnival on Saturday, March 4, at El Franco Lee Park.

The cost per vendor spot is \$100. Those interested in participating or learning more information about the day-long event may direct email to league officials at sbhll@hotmail.com.

The league is also hosting tryouts and late registration Saturday, Jan. 28, and a few coaches are needed. See more information on Page 2B.

22-6A, 24-6A soccer tussles set to begin

Even after realignment has delivered Deer Park, La Porte and Beaumont West Brook, does Dobie still represent the cream of the crop in the varsity boys' soccer race?

Even with Deer Park seemingly poised to control the top spot on the girls' side of things, where do the Lady Longhorns fit in the 22-6A mix at season's end?

Clear Brook's varsity boys' team has shown some moments of brilliance during nondistrict play. What do the Wolverines have to do now in 24-6A as part of a loaded field?

These questions and still more will be answered beginning Jan. 27 and Jan. 28 as the 22-6A and 24-6A varsity soccer races get started.

The Dobie girls will begin league play by making the trip to Beaumont to take on the Lady Bruins Jan. 27, in a 7 p.m. game.

Meanwhile, the JFD boys will take on the Bruins Saturday, Jan. 28, at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium in a noon kickoff.

Clear Brook also kicks off play in the 24-6A ranks against the Clear Falls Knights.

The Wolverine boys will play at Falls Friday, Jan. 27, with the Lady Wolverines set to host Falls. Both varsity match-

es begin at 7 p.m.

Dobie boys 22-6A faves
There's no reason to even ask Dobie varsity boys' soccer head coach Justo Manrique where he expects to finish in the 22-6A this season.

With back-to-back undefeated runs through league play in 2015 and 2016, the Longhorns have to harken all the way back

to March 27, 2014, a 2-1 loss in the regular season finale against Deer Park, to uncover the team's last setback.

Yes, the Longhorns will eventually lose a league game. It happens to even the best of the best.

But there's little doubt Dobie has been one of the big players in the Region III ranks for two seasons

and counting.

Coming off a 4-1 loss at North Shore Jan. 23, the Longhorns are 5-1-1 entering league play this time around.

Dobie girls confident
There's no denying the theory that Deer Park is the overwhelming favorite to lead the way in the 22-6A girls' race.

Playing a very tough schedule and possessing a young and inexperienced roster, the Lady Deer are wireless heading into league play, but that will mean nothing when the chase to the playoffs begins.

That said, the Dobie Lady Longhorns certainly are aiming at a return to the postseason, and earning something better than last year's No. 4 playoff seed is an honest goal.

Dobie wound up fourth
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District Soccer Openers

Friday, Jan. 27
Brook boys at Clear Falls, 7 p.m.
Brook girls host Clear Falls, 7 p.m.
Dobie girls at West Brook, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 28
Dobie boys host West Brook, noon

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Loaded SJC softball opens on the island

A postseason run of success at the Region XIV tournament ultimately landed the San Jacinto College softball team in the national tournament in 2016. For 2017, there

doesn't seem to be any reason to expect anything less.

Sophomore starting pitcher Niki Gonzalez, who came through with a 25-10 record with a 1.98

earned run average a season ago, is back to once again carry a heavy load in the circle.

Offensively, Kaitlin Kerl (.415), Taylor Office (.398), Dani Damian (.347), Missy Hernandez (.337) and Alexis Deleon (.306) are all back to bolster the offense.

San Jacinto College enters every season with optimism, but this time around there are plenty of reasons to show sheer confidence.

It all starts Jan. 27-28 as San Jacinto makes another appearance at the Galveston College Invitational.

Over the two days, the Coyotes will play five games, including those against 2016 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I National Championship qual-

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San Jacinto College pitcher Niki Gonzalez finished tied for 13th nationally in 2016 with 25 wins to go with a 1.98 earned run average. She's back for 2017, ready to once again lead the pitching staff as SJC chases a second straight national tournament berth.
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Sports Calendar

Dobie girls' track and field team announces 2017 schedule

BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 27

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

Tuesday, Jan. 31

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

Friday, Feb. 3

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

Tuesday, Feb. 7

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

SOCCER

Friday, Jan. 27

Dobie varsity girls at West Brook, 7:00
 Brook varsity boys at Clear Falls, 7:00
 Dobie JV girls at West Brook, 5:00
 Brook JV boys at Clear Falls, 5:00

Saturday, Jan. 28

Dobie varsity boys host West Brook, Veterans, noon
 Dobie JV boys host West Brook, Auxiliary, 10 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 30

Dobie varsity girls host South Houston, Veterans, 5:00
 Dobie JV girls host South Houston, Auxiliary, 7:00

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Dobie varsity boys host South Houston, Veterans, 5:00
 Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 7:00
 Brook varsity girls at Clear Creek, 7:00
 Dobie JV boys host South Houston, Auxiliary, 7:00
 Brook varsity boys host Clear Creek, 5:00
 Brook JV girls at Clear Creek, 5:00

Friday, Feb. 3

Dobie varsity girls host Rayburn, Veterans, 8:00
 Dobie varsity boys host Rayburn, Veterans, 6:00
 Brook varsity boys host Friendswood, 7:00
 Brook varsity girls at Friendswood, Winston, 7:00
 Dobie JV girls host Rayburn, Auxiliary, 6:00
 Dobie JV boys host Rayburn, Auxiliary, 8:00
 Brook JV boys host Friendswood, 5:00
 Brook JV girls at Friendswood, Winston, 5:00

TENNIS

Friday, Feb. 3

Dobie varsity tennis at Westbrooks invit., Beaumont, TBA

SOFTBALL

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Dobie varsity hosts Dickinson scrimm., PISD, 6:00
 Dobie JV hosts Dickinson scrimm., PISD, 4:30

The Dobie girls' track and field program has set its 2017 schedule as interim head coach Mo Hickman gets set to lead the Lady Longhorns this season. As is customary over the past several seasons, Dobie will open things with an appearance at the Brown Relays, held annually at Pasadena ISD's Auxiliary Stadium. That meet is set for Friday, Feb. 17, with the field events to precede the running event finals. The Dobie varsity boys' program will

also open its season at the Brown Relays. In all, the Lady Longhorns will take part in six regular season meets before the District 22-6A Championships return to Auxiliary Stadium April 11 and April 13. Dobie is looking forward to competing in the revamped District 22-6A ranks, where Deer Park, La Porte and Beaumont West Brook have replaced the likes of Alvin, Dawson, state power Manvel and Pearland. The Lady Longhorns will have to find points from other sources after the graduation of state meet qualifier Justice Henderson, who was in the long jump final in Austin. Henderson also ran the 100-meter dash and was a big contributor in the sprint relays. But the Lady Longhorns also return Stephen F. Austin University

signee Camille Singleton (200-meter dash, relays) as well as Camryn Ridge (multiple events), Jade Giron (long jump, relays), LaDayyah Cook (multiple events), Victoria Onozie (weights) and Jamesetta Seals (weights), among others. Cook is the defending 22-6A champion in the long jump, and Singleton is the defending 200-meter winner of the 200-meter dash. The Lady Longhorns also won the 4x100- and 4x200-meter relays.



Preseason workouts are ongoing as the Dobie softball programs nears the start of the 2017 regular season. To get things going, Dobie will host Dickinson in a scrimmage set at the Pasadena ISD Complex, set for Tuesday, Jan. 31. The junior varsity game is at 4:30 p.m., with the varsity game to follow at 6 p.m. On Friday, Feb. 3, Dobie will be part of a three-team scrimmage at Friendswood. The game times are pending. Also on Feb. 3, Dobie's junior varsity team will scrimmage Friendswood at the PISD Complex, at 4:30 p.m. The Lady Longhorns will then have two other scrimmages before hosting Dawson in the regular season opener Tuesday, Feb. 13, with the varsity game at 6 p.m. Above, sophomore shortstop Taylor Pleasants is just one of several standout players set to lead the Lady Longhorns this season as they battle in District 22-6A play.

Dobie Lady Longhorns 2017 Track and Field Schedule Varsity Division

Date	Location
Feb. 17	Brown Relays (Pasadena Auxiliary)
Feb. 24	Clear Falls Relays (Falls High School)
March 3	Clear Lake Relays (Lake High School)
March 9	Bayshore Olympics (La Porte High School)
March 24	City Relays/Rice U.
March 31	Rockhold Relays (Stallworth Stadium)
April 11, 13	22-6A Championships (Pasadena Auxiliary)
April 21	21-6A/22-6A Area (To be announced)
April 28-29	Region III Champs. (Challenger Stadium)
May 11-13	State Championships (Austin, all classes)

Dobie Lady Longhorns 2017 Track and Field Schedule Junior Varsity Division

Date	Location
Feb. 9	La Porte Relays (La Porte High School)
Feb. 16	Pasadena Relays (Pasadena Auxiliary)
Feb. 23	Deer Park Relays (Abshire Stadium)
March 2	Eagle Relays (Pasadena High School)
March 8	Pas. Memorial Dual (Memorial High School)
March 23	Trojan Relays (S. Houston High School)
March 30	District Prep Meet (To be announced)
April 4	22-6A Championships (To be announced)

Area sports, news

SBHLL seeks coaches

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League is in need of coaches to work within the coach pitch and junior T-ball seasons beginning this spring. Late registration and the final days of tryouts are to be held Jan. 27-28 at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park. For more information about getting involved as a coach, direct email to sbhll@hotmail.com.

Dobie alumni softball Feb. 4

The Dobie High School softball program is celebrating the start of its season Saturday, Feb. 4, by hosting an alumni game at Lady Longhorn Field. Any former players interested in competing in the game may direct email to Lady Longhorns' head coach Robin Rackley at rackley@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie alumni baseball Feb. 11

The Dobie High School varsity baseball program will host its alumni game Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m., at Longhorn Field on the school campus. Any former Longhorn baseball player is invited to participate, and a barbecue lunch will follow the game. Those interested in competing may direct email to Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres at mitorres@pasadenaisd.org.

SBHLL late sign-up, tryouts

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League has completed regular registration proceedings, but there is one more late registration opportunity that will coincide with tryouts for the upcoming spring 2017 season at El Franco Lee Park.

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

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

Tryouts and late registration will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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

Rising Stars track registering

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

Youth Soccer Club online sign up

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

San Jac softball takes aim at national repeat

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 ifers Tyler, Wallace State as well as championship game finalist Chipola.

San Jacinto head coach Kelly Saenz said her team had a solid go of things during the fall season even if SJC didn't dominate in the win/loss columns. Now it's on to the real deal.

In terms of taking on three national qualifiers, Saenz is all for it. "I'm excited about that part," Saenz said.

"That's going to tell us right away where we stand. Especially Chipola (53 wins last season). Tyler lost their head coach and a great deal of their talent, and Wallace State is always tough. It'll be a good first weekend for us."

In terms of her own team, Saenz said indeed Gonzalez is likely to draw starts in at least every other game for the team.

Kaylee Ousman and

Katlyn Rivera figure to draw plenty of opportunities to show what they can do.

"Niki is very capable of getting it done on a consistent basis for us this season," Saenz said.

"She stepped up in a big way for us last season, and she certainly can do that again. We feel very good about where we are in the circle."

Offensively, Saenz knows full well that the offense has the capability to score runs in bunches. And she's added incoming freshmen to the mix who should contribute immediately.

In the team's final run at the national tournament, Deleon was the leadoff hitter, with Hernandez batting second.

The run producers from that point on included Kerl, Office, Damian and Doherty. Nakilah Robinson was a big contributor

as well, particularly in the running game.

Once conference play begins, Saenz again expects to battle Blinn and Galveston in the South Zone.

Overall, Saenz has the San Jacinto College program in great shape right now. This team certainly has the tools and capabilities to reach St. George, Utah for nationals May 17-20.

And next season, Saenz

has a very talented group of recruits set to come in, including verbal commits Michelle Kristoff and Bravo, both currently at Dobie High School as seniors.

Kristoff will be part of the pitching staff that will likely also include Pasadena Memorial's Dominique Garcia, who will miss this season after tearing a knee ligament in the fall season. As for Bravo, she can play either behind the plate or in the outfield.

The future looks bright, and it's going to be a lot of fun. It all starts Jan. 27-28 in Galveston.

"It's always fun to get started in Galveston," Saenz said. "It can be cold, and it can be windy, but we generally face some good competition."

"Prior to conference play, you want to be facing the best to find out where you are. This first tournament will help us in those areas."

San Jacinto at Galveston Invitational

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28

Jan. 27 – vs. Baton Rouge, Field 1, 11 a.m.

vs. Chipola, Field 1, 3 p.m.

Jan. 28 – vs. UH-Victoria, Field 1, 9 a.m.

vs. Tyler, Field 1, 1 p.m.

vs. Wallace State, Field 1, 5 p.m.



Kaitlin Kerl led the way for San Jacinto College a season ago, starting the season hot at the plate and keeping things going the entire way en route to a team-high .415 batting average among regular starters.



Dani Damian will return at third base for the Coyotes, who open the season Jan. 27-28 in Galveston. Damian hit .347 last season.

At right, Dobie varsity girls' tennis player Leilani Vargas figures to be a key focus during the spring tennis season in either singles or doubles as she leads a contingent of Longhorn players who eventually hope to advance to regionals in April. Over the course of the season, the Dobie team will also make a road trip or two while enjoying some fun along the way at stops such as Beaumont, Corpus Christi and Galveston. Dobie will play in the Lamar University Ron Westbrook Invitational Feb. 3, in Beaumont.



PISD hoops crowns champs in Dark division

It's a wrap on the seventh- and eighth-grade boys' and girls' Dark division basketball season, and several Thompson and Beverly Hills teams fared well. Thompson's eighth-grade Dark division boys' squad headlined things, winning the Pasadena ISD tournament title with a win over San Jacinto in the final. The Lions also scored tournament wins over Southmore and South Houston en route to the crown.

For the season, Thompson went a perfect 8-0, capping things off with a 55-22 trouncing over Miller to complete the run.

Beverly Hills' eighth-grade Dark division boys' squad opened the tournament with a win over Bondy but then lost to San Jacinto. Over the course of the regular season, the Bears went 4-4 overall.

The Bears' seventh-grade Dark division boys' squad wound up second in the tournament, dropping Queens and rival Thompson before losing to the Bondy Patriots.

For the season, the Bears were 7-1 overall, including a perfect 4-0 in zone play.

Elsewhere in seventh-grade Dark division boys' play, the Thompson Lions scored a tournament-opening win over Southmore but then lost to Beverly Hills. The Lions were 7-1 overall this season, with a 3-1 zone record.

In the girls' division, the Lady Lions of Thompson placed second in both tournament brackets.

During the eighth-grade girls' Dark division tournament, Thompson beat South Houston 34-12 and then downed Queens 28-22. In the championship game, Bondy scored a 23-20 victory over Thompson.

Beverly Hills lost its tournament opener to Bondy but then came back to beat Jackson 15-11. The Lady Bears then fell out of contention with a loss to Southmore.

As for the seventh-grade Dark division girls' bracket, Thompson got things going with a 32-10 victory over Park View before handling Miller to the tune of 24-20. In the final, Bondy won the top trophy with a 24-22 win over the Lady Lions.

Beverly Hills, meanwhile, lost to Miller and Park View in the event.

Dobie High School Spring Varsity Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 3	at Lamar U. tourn.	TBA
Feb. 10	at Franklin/Kramer Invit.	TBA
Feb. 17-18	at Corpus Spring Fling	TBA
Feb. 24-25	at Clear Brook tourn.	TBA
March 3-4	at Spring Branch tourn.	TBA
March 8	at Texas City Bash/Bay	TBA
March 23	at Peter Sunseri Memorial	TBA
March 31-		
April 1	at Beachcomber Classic	TBA
April 7-8	at 22-6A championships	TBA
April 18-19	at Region III champs (DP)	TBA
May 15-16	Dobie student/faculty	TBA
May 18-19	at state championships	TBA

JV tennis schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 1	at Humble tourn.	TBA
Feb. 7	at Pasadena ISD tourn.	TBA
Feb. 14	at Fort Bend tourn.	TBA
Feb. 28	at Baytown tourn.	TBA

Pasadena ISD Auxiliary Stadium Track and Field Schedule

Feb. 9 – PISD JV/Freshman Boys Meet
Feb. 14 – Intermediate Girls' Meet
Feb. 15 – Intermediate Boys' Meet
Feb. 16 – PISD JV Girls' Meet
Feb. 17 – Brown Relays (Varsity)
Feb. 22 – Intermediate Girls' Meet
Feb. 23 – Intermediate Boys' Meet
March 1 – Intermediate Girls' Meet
March 2 – Intermediate Boys' Meet
March 8 – Intermediate Boys' Champs.
March 9 – Intermediate Girls' Champs
March 24 – City Meet (Varsity)
March 10, 12 – 22-6A Championships
Meets have varying afternoon start times

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Through Jan. 16 games

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

Game Scores

Thompson 37, Bondy 33
 Southmore 31, Beverly Hills 25
 Miller 33, San Jacinto 22
 South Houston 36, Park View 10
 Queens 33, Jackson 24

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

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

Game Scores

Miller 15, San Jacinto 10
 Southmore 26, Beverly Hills 17
 South Houston 16, Park View 12
 Thompson 38, Bondy 34
 Queens 29, Jackson 10

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

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Girls' Hoops Through Jan. 16 games

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

Game Scores

Miller 31, San Jacinto 12
 Beverly Hills 36, Southmore 20
 South Houston 33, Park View 15
 Bondy 29, Thompson 21
 Jackson 19, Queens 16

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

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

Game Scores

Miller 16, San Jacinto 7
 Beverly Hills 19, Southmore 17
 San Jacinto 19, Park View 18
 Bondy 33, Thompson 18
 Jackson 40, Queens 24

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

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Through Jan. 23 games

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 63, Queens 40
 San Jacinto 61, Park View 29
 Southmore 40, South Houston 35
 Bondy 51, Jackson 21
 Thompson 69, Miller 44

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	7 1 0
Bondy	3 1 0	5 3 0
Queens	2 2 0	2 6 0
Miller	1 3 0	4 4 0
Jackson	0 4 0	0 8 0

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

Game Scores

Thompson 55, Miller 22
 Beverly Hills 44, Queens 25
 South Houston 57, Southmore 46
 Bondy 46, Jackson 12
 San Jacinto 53, Park View 14

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	8 0 0
Bondy	3 1 0	5 3 0
Queens	2 2 0	3 5 0
Miller	1 3 0	3 5 0
Jackson	0 4 0	0 8 0

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Through Jan. 23 games

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

Game Scores

Thompson 67, Miller 43
 Bondy 52, Jackson 20
 South Houston 28, Southmore 27
 Park View 47, San Jacinto 31
 Beverly Hills 48, Queens 23

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	8 0 0
Bondy	3 1 0	7 1 0
Miller	2 2 0	4 4 0
Jackson	1 3 0	2 6 0
Queens	0 4 0	0 8 0

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 50, Queens 13
 San Jacinto 36, Park View 2
 Southmore 27, South Houston 20
 Bondy 36, Jackson 2
 Thompson 38, Miller 23

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Bondy	4 0 0	7 1 0
Thompson	3 1 0	7 1 0
Miller	2 2 0	4 4 0
Queens	1 4 0	1 7 0
Jackson	0 4 0	0 8 0

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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.

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.

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

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

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Well Spouse Support Group – meets the last Thursday at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale, with the spouse of a chronically ill/disabled person, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Childcare is free. No meetings in Nov. or Dec. For details, contact Jennifer Miller at houstonwellsupport@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit http://www.wellsupport.org.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

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.

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.

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.

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

Bay Area Genealogical Society – Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in Nov. or Dec. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

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 28

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.

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

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.

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.

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Congregation Shaar Hashalom – Presents *Line with Line* with the *Prophets*, sessions by Rabbi Stuart Federow, 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., at 16020 El Camino Real, 77062, the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. Everyone is welcome. Previous classes are not required. Visit www.shaarhashalom.org or contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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

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.

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.

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

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

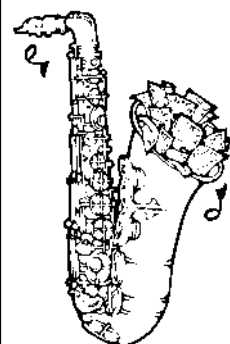
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Alcoholics Anonymous – meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

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

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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, JANUARY 30
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.

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

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

3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.

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

6:30 p.m.
ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

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

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 building). For information, call 713-856-1611.

Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For more information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365.

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 session for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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 - Sunday and Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For more information or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

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

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. Call 713-856-1611.

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Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.

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American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Meets at Bon Appetit Cafe, 18027 Point Lookout Dr., 77058, monthly, first Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. Professional speaker often present. For details, contact Christie O'Rear at christieorear@gmail.com.

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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.

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Alzheimer's Support Group - meets the first Wednesday, classrooms 3 and 4 (third floor), Bayshore Medical Center, 4000 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. For information, call 713-944-4782 or 713-266-6400. Free.

6:30 p.m.
ESL at CrossRoads UMC - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church - celebrates the Mass of the Sorrowful Virgin monthly at 11011 Hall Rd. There may be a special guest. For more information, call 281-481-6816.

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

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

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The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.

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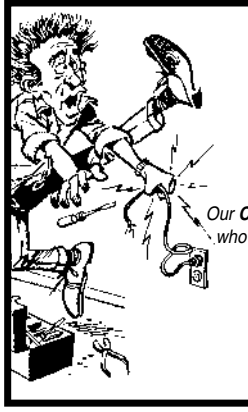
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Playoff basketball contenders begin to rise to the top

The Dobie varsity boys' basketball team is about to play South Houston for the top spot in the District 22-6A race Friday, Jan. 27, at South Houston's Trojan Gymnasium.

And it's become increasingly likely that Deer Park's varsity girls' basketball team will have to stave off Dobie for the 22-6A championship on the final day of the regular season, which comes Tuesday, Feb. 7.

In the District 24-6A varsity boys' title chase, Clear Brook would love a chance to get even with current leader Dickinson, but must first deal with Clear Lake.

There's just a handful of games in the respective races. The playoff repre-

sentatives are beginning to rise to the top. It's all a matter of seeding at this point.

Dobie/SoHo to do battle

South Houston and Dobie have clearly been established as the teams to beat at the top of the 22-6A varsity boys' race.

The Trojans, by virtue of a 47-37 victory over the Longhorns on Jan. 3, are sitting alone in first place at 8-0.

The Longhorns, clearly bouncing back from that defeat, have taken care of their business the rest of the way.

There are just six games remaining in league play. If the Trojans are able to defeat the Longhorns Jan. 27, the District 22-6A championship would al-

most certainly belong to them.

But Dobie, the winner of six straight games in its own right, could be poised to take charge down the stretch.

La Porte is third at 5-3 with Sam Rayburn at 4-4, so South Houston and Dobie have created some separation in the standings.

It's all a matter of deciding the eventual champion. Perhaps that answer comes sooner than later. Dobie hopes not.

The Longhorns have been able to keep pace with the Trojans with a steady string of wins. On Jan. 20, the Longhorns closed out the first half of league play by cruising past Memorial, 71-49.

Royce Hunter, the

Longhorns' leading scorer all season, paced the scorebook with 22 points. D.J. Garrett had 11, and Jeremy Davis ripped down 15 rebounds to go with nine points.

Dobie then defeated Beaumont West Brook for a second time this season, beating the Bruins 74-61 at home Jan. 24 as Hunter exploded for 33 points.

Dobie led 20-10 after eight minutes and went to the halftime break with a 39-25 edge. The locals led 56-35 by the end of the third quarter.

Garrett was next behind Hunter with 11 points. Davis, meanwhile, had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

A quick look at the District 21-6A race shows Atascocita out in front,

with Kingwood second.

Summer Creek, North Shore and Baytown Sterling are currently among those battling for the remaining playoff seeds.

South Houston and Dobie seem to be in good shape to avoid the 21-6A front-runners in the first round of the postseason, but there's still plenty of basketball left.

Dobie girls roll on

At 9-1 following a second win over Beaumont West Brook Jan. 26, Dobie's Lady Longhorns are mathematically one win away from securing a playoff spot.

Just one game behind Deer Park (10-0), the Lady Longhorns are in position for their best district finish in years.

On Jan. 20, the Lady Longhorns simply had too much offense for Memorial during a 51-35 victory over the Mavericks.

Dobie will secure a playoff spot with a win over South Houston Jan. 27, at Dobie. Game time is 7 p.m.

The Lady Longhorns still have some work to do, but many signs point to Deer Park and Dobie playing for the 22-6A title come Feb. 7.

Brook falls to Dickinson

Freshman Tramon Mark of Dickinson is making a name for himself in a hurry.

Pumping in 25 of his game-high 30 points in the second half, Mark helped the Gators defeat Clear Brook 60-58 Jan. 20, at

Wolverine Gymnasium.

With the win, the Gators moved two games in front in the 24-6A standings.

The Wolverines had a chance to tie the game with just under three seconds remaining, but David Azore, who scored 27 points in the game, missed the second of two free throws with the Gators clinging to a 59-58 lead.

Brook made just 12 of 22 free throws in the game, helping the Gators in their cause.

Shifting ahead to Jan. 24, the Wolverines rebounded with a 62-42 victory over a Clear Falls team that is winless in league play. Clear Brook, 6-2, is now tied with Clear Lake for second place.

District 24-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Jan. 25)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	8	0
Clear Brook	6	2
Clear Lake	6	2
Clear Springs	4	4
Clear Creek	3	5
Friendswood	3	5
Alvin	2	6
Clear Falls	0	8

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Jan. 25)

Teams	W	L
Deer Park	10	0
Dobie	9	1
West Brook	6	3
Memorial	5	5
South Houston	4	6
Sam Rayburn	4	6
La Porte	1	9
Pasadena	0	10

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Jan. 25)

Teams	W	L
South Houston	8	0
Dobie	7	1
La Porte	5	3
West Brook	4	4
Sam Rayburn	3	5
Deer Park	2	6
Memorial	2	6
Pasadena	1	7



At left, Dobie varsity boys' basketball player Joshua Cooper and his teammates have an ultra-important game coming up against the South Houston Trojans Jan. 27, at Trojans Gymnasium. At 7-1 in District 22-6A play, the Longhorns trail the Trojans by a game for first place in the standings. Six games remain in league play, and the Trojans and Longhorns have managed to distance themselves from the rest of the field.

At right, Clear Brook's David Azore had 27 points, but the Wolverines lost a tight 60-58 game to first-place Dickinson Jan. 20. Now with six games left in that race, the Wolverines are 6-2, tied with Clear Lake for second place.

Photos by John Bechtle



District soccer arrives: race to the playoffs now all that matters

Continued from Page 1B in 2016 and then was dumped by a 4-0 count, courtesy of Deer Park, in the bidistrict round of the playoffs.

But while the Lady Longhorns may feature several younger, less varsity-level experienced soccer players at a couple of spots, there is also plenty of talent within the group.

The Lady Longhorns had their scheduled Jan. 20 match at Dawson wiped out due to weather.

Thus heading to Beaumont Jan. 27, the locals will be healthy from a team standpoint, well-rested and prepared to get the race started.

Dobie head coach Bryan McDonald certainly is of the belief that his team is one of perhaps as many as five that will vie for the four available playoffs

spots.

Clearly, getting a win at Beaumont West Brook will give the Lady Longhorns an early advantage moving forward, and that is certainly the goal for Jan. 27. Dobie has faced Beaumont West Brook in the postseason previously, but that was too long ago to have any bearing on now.

McDonald got a chance to see the Bruins play once this season while at a tournament. But, with West Brook being in Beaumont, he admits the distance simply makes it difficult to get a solid ready on programs such as West Brook.

"We get to be the first team to face them in district, and we play them on the road," McDonald said. "We will probably be able to give other teams in our district a better idea

about West Brook.

"As far as us, we are continuing to develop kids within our system. I think we still have a lot of room to improve, but we are certainly progressing day by day.

"We are far from peaking, which always elicits some excitement. Given that we had the Dawson game cancelled, we are rested, healthy and ready to go."

Wolverines like chances

The Clear Brook varsity boys' team is also excited to get things going in District 24-6A, where the opening round of games pits the Wolverines against Clear Falls.

The Wolverines played with plenty of confidence and teamwork in the pre-season, and it paid dividends.

The Wolverines went

against two-time defending Region III champion Cinco Ranch and despite a 3-2 loss, felt great about their performance.

The Wolverines also played a very good Pasadena team to a 1-1 tie, so there is reason for optimism.

Dickinson is drawing interest as the frontrunner in District 24-6A, and Friendswood, Clear Creek and others expect to be in the mix.

Chris Stromeyer, Clear Brook's varsity boys' head coach, also expects the Wolverines to be in the hunt the entire way. It's all about playing solid soccer every night.

One thing is for certain in District 24-6A on a nightly basis in any sport. Every game, set or match is going to be competitive. There are very few

walkovers. Clear Lake is not the soccer power it has been in years past, but the Falcons will still be tough to handle. Clear Falls, Clear Springs, Alvin and others will also provide tough competition.

Stromeyer likes the way the entire team has come together quickly in all phases of the game. Kevin Vargas is a mainstay, and Amin Mizzy has also starred in a few games.

Cobi Marano and Jordan Greenshield have also stepped up big for the Wolverines.

"I just like this group of guys as a team and the way they have come together for the good of the team and each other," Stromeyer said.

"It's a great group of guys, and we really feel like we can compete with anybody on a nightly basis.

"That's the key. You have to make sure you beat the teams that you probably should, and then give yourself a great chance to win in the others.

"If we can do that, I think you'll see Clear Brook in great shape come time for the playoffs to be decided. It's a tough district all the way around, but it always is. We feel like we are right there. You just have to go out there and perform."

Perhaps Stromeyer said it best for all soccer coaches and teams across the board.

Whether it be the Clear Brook varsity boys' team or either of the Dobie teams, it's all going to come down to coming out every ball game and getting it done.

Obviously, the Dobie varsity boys' team has high expectations, and a wake-up call against North Shore will only serve to provide a sidenote to the future.

Dobie's varsity girls are looking forward to making their push in the District 22-6A standings as well, and while the Clear Brook varsity girls have had trouble scoring goals, the Lady Wolverines hope to surprise some teams in 24-6A. Let the matches begin.



After another strong nondistrict run through the schedule that came with a 5-1-1 record, the two-time defending 22-6A champion Dobie Longhorns are hoping for another big season from senior Edwin

Saldivar (right). The Longhorns, who have not lost a district game since 2014, will get the 22-6A race started with a home match Jan. 28 at Pasadena's Veterans Stadium. Match time is noon.



Alex Magana and the Dobie Lady Longhorns are intent on making a solid run through the District 22-6A race. A fast start would include a victory to open league play Jan. 27, at Beaumont West Brook.

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