

### Tamale scammer arrested

A woman who claimed to be affiliated with Grace Church in order to steal money from victims has been arrested. Police had dubbed Blanca Delarosa "The Tamale Scammer" because she allegedly told area residents she was taking tamale orders for a Grace fundraiser, then never returned with the food after collecting money. Delarosa allegedly targeted the elderly and disabled in Houston, Pasadena, La Porte and Deer Park. She reportedly also stole jewelry and other small belongings from some victims. See related entry in the social media report on Page 2A.

### I-45 closures scheduled

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

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

### Beltway 8 closures planned

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

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

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

Two inside lanes of eastbound and westbound at Beltway 8 East at Genoa Red Bluff will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Feb. 11.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Feb. 11.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Preston will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Feb. 11.

The northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Fairmont Parkway will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Feb. 11. The southbound U-turn lane at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Feb. 2.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

### Dobie presents musical

The Dobie Department of Fine Arts will present *The Addams Family* musical Jan. 31 - Feb. 2. Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31, and Friday, Feb. 1, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

### Football, cheer to register

The South Belt Alliance will hold open registration for football, cheer and mascots from 4 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Sagemont BBQ at 12132 Sabo Road. Registration is open to youths between ages 4-13 years. Registration fees are \$200 for football, \$500 for cheer and \$300 for mascots. Information is available on sibling and early bird discounts. Original birth certificate or state-issued identification is required. For more information, call 346-229-7707. Information is also available on Instagram and Facebook.

### E-recycling scheduled

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

### Heavy trash pickup set

City of Houston residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Feb. 14 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, Feb. 8 (second Friday of the month). February is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste.

### Black belts teach self defense

The American Society of Karate is offering free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for ages 13-80 at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes, on Fridays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The courses are taught by experienced black-belt-degree martial arts instructors. For additional information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com, call 281-788-5930 or arrive at the class early.

# Dobie names Hall of Honor inductees

Three Dobie High School graduates and one faculty member will be inducted into the Longhorn Hall of Honor, Friday, Feb. 22, during the school's annual induction ceremony.

Honorees include Chip Hosek, Class of 1974; Al Denson, Class of 1978; Paula Herring Goodhart, Class of 1986; and former band director Bill Brown.

The Dobie High School Hall of Honor recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions to society and serve as role models to Dobie students. This recognition is the highest honor that can be given by Dobie High School to one of its alumni or former faculty members.

The induction ceremony will start at 7 p.m., to be followed by a reception.

**Hosek - Class of 1974**  
President of Brickfield Builders, Hosek runs a successful longtime masonry business and has been part of many international projects. He served as president of Pearland Little League for several years and regularly donates his time and talents to the community. Hosek has amassed an impressive art collection, *An American View: The Hosek Collection of American Art*. His art collection has been on loan to several prominent

museums and galleries, including The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. Artwork includes works by Norman Rockwell, Jamie Wyeth and Grandma Moses. Hosek's generosity in sharing his passion provide a rare opportunity to view these American masterpieces in the Greater Houston area.

**Denson - Class of 1978**  
Inducted into the Christian Music Hall of Fame, Denson is both a successful Christian recording artist and international humanitarian. As of 2005, he has written 19 top-10 Christian radio songs that have flooded the airwaves nationwide. Seven of his songs have reached the No. 1 spot on the Christian radio charts, including *Peace Be Still, Shine Out the Light, To Forgive, Be the One, Take Me to the Cross, Be and Come and Fill This Place*. Denson has been nominated for five Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, winning Song of the Year. He was a fea-



Chip Hosek



Al Denson



Paula Goodhart

tured performer for Billy Graham's crusades and hosted a weekly television series called *The Al Denson Show*, which aired on TBN. Denson started a program called *The Parent Factor*, a radio show geared toward helping parents and children. He also developed a line of curriculum for students, teaching character education and emphasizing character skills.

**Herring Goodhart - Class of 1986**  
The daughter of a retired law enforcement officer, Goodhart graduated from the University of Texas and the University of Houston Law Center. From 1992-2007 she served in the Harris County District Attorney's Office. She has tried over

100 jury trials, including capital murder, human trafficking, aggravated robberies and sexual assaults. She taught criminal law at the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Houston Fire Department and the Pasadena Police Department. Goodhart also served as a defense attorney from 2007-2010.

As a judge 2010 - 2018, she has presided over one of five specialty SOBER (Saving Ourselves By Education and Recovery) DWI court dockets. SOBER court is a multi-stakeholder collaborative team effort designed to target high-risk DWI

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## Firefighters mourn Davalos



Longtime South Belt resident and Houston firefighter Bobby Charles Davalos died Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the age of 60. He was a 1977 Dobie High School graduate. Fellow Houston firefighters are shown above on Monday, Jan. 28, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, paying their last respects, as Davalos' uniform and boots are on display. He had been with the Houston Fire Department for 36 years and planned to retire in August. See related obituary on Page 2A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Taylor to speak at chamber gala

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its 35th annual gala on Friday, Feb. 8, at Golfcrest Country Club, located at 2509 Country Club Dr. in Pearland. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will follow.

Attendees should plan to be entertained throughout the evening, beginning during the cocktail hour, by three "mystery celebrities."

State Sen. Larry Taylor will serve as guest speaker at the event. A lifelong Texan, Taylor was raised in Friendswood and attended Baylor University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1982. While there, Taylor met and later married his wife Kerri. Together, they have three adult children, Trudy, Carly and Jake.

Taylor has served in his current position of District 11 senator since 2012. He presently serves as chair of the Education Committee and is a member of multiple other committees, including Business and Commerce, Finance and Higher Education.

The senator previously served as a state representative for House District 110 from 2002 to 2012. He also served as Republican Party chair for Friendswood and Galveston County, as well as a City Council Member and mayor pro tempore for the City of Friendswood. Taylor owns Truman Taylor Insurance Agency, a local, independent agency started by his father that has been a fixture in the area for more than 50 years.

The guest speaker also serves as a board member for the Hope Foundation and formerly served as president of both the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce and the Friendswood Rotary Club.

For additional information on the gala, as well as sponsorship opportunities, contact chamber President Kay Barbour at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Sponsorships for the event are still available. Tickets to the gala are \$75 each. To register, visit the chamber website at southbeltchamber.com or contact Kay Barbour at the chamber at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

## Leader remembers 2018

The year in review is continued from the last issue. Stories up to Oct. 4 can be found in the Jan. 24 edition of the *Leader*.

**Oct. 4**  
Deputies with the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office continued their pursuit against illegal gambling in the South Belt community, conducting two more raids on suspected establishments. On Friday, Sept. 28, deputies targeted an alleged illegal game room in the 11400 block of Hall Road. The nondescript game room was located in the building that once housed Smart Choice Plumbing. Now located in the 11600 block of Fuqua, the plumbing company is in no way associated with the illegal activity, deputies said. While Smart Choice was not affiliated with the game room, the building had caused much confusion to area residents over the past 15 months, as the company's sign was never removed, despite multiple attempts from the origi-

nal owner to do so. In fact, Harris County Judge Jo Ann Delgado had recently visited the facility to inquire about legitimate plumbing work, only to discover the hidden gaming machines. Deputies seized approximately \$28,000 during the raid. A second game room was raided on Wednesday, Oct. 3. The establishment, located in the 10800 block of Hughes Road at Beamer, reportedly housed 46 gaming machines.

Lutheran South Academy crowned its 2018 homecoming king and queen at its football game against Legacy Prep Friday, Sept. 28. Dylan Sprott was crowned king, while Ashley Witson was crowned queen. Sprott is the son of Les and Amy Sprott, and Witson is the daughter of Clarence and Anne Witson. Additional seniors of Lutheran South Academy's homecoming court included Madison Ford, Madison Louvier, Alyssa Penney, Chad Allen, William Bradshaw and Jeff Marcum.

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## Special election heads to runoff

The Jan. 29 special election to fill the state House District 145 seat being vacated by Rep. Carol Alvarado will head to a runoff between Democrats Christina Morales and Melissa Noriega.

In the crowded race of eight candidates, no one candidate received 50 percent of the vote, necessitating the runoff election, to be held on a date to be determined.

Leading the field, Morales got 36 percent of the vote, (1,238 votes) while Noriega received 31 percent (1,077 votes).

Morales is the president and CEO of the East Side funeral home that bears her family's names. Noriega is a former Houston City Council member, who temporarily held the District 145 seat in

2005 while her then-husband Rick Noriega was deployed to Afghanistan as a member of the Texas Army National Guard.

The sole Republican in the contest, Martha Fierro, finished third with 25 percent of the vote (872 votes). None of the remaining candidates - four Democrats and a Libertarian - received 3 percent.

The race marked the latest in a string of elections triggered by former U.S. Rep. Gene Green's retirement from Congress last year. U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia won the race for Green's seat, leaving her state Senate seat vacant. Alvarado claimed that position in December, prompting Tuesday's special election for her seat in the state House.

## County weighs countywide polling

The Harris County Clerk's Office is seeking public input as it considers applying to the Texas Secretary of State to implement a countywide polling place program in Harris County.

Such a program would allow constituents to vote at any county polling place on Election Day, rather than just the one for their specific precinct. While Harris County voters may cast their ballots early at any of the 46 early voting locations

in the county, Election Day voting must currently be done at one of the more than 700 individual precincts.

The measure was proposed by new Harris County Clerk Diane Trautman, who campaigned on the issue. She contends voters are more likely to participate when they can cast ballots on Election Day near their work or school, which may be

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## Serial bank robber arrested

A woman was arrested by the FBI for allegedly robbing half a dozen Houston-area banks - including two in the South Belt area - in just five days between Jan. 18 and Jan. 22.



Surveillance footage

Lores Clay was identified and apprehended after surveillance photos of her were released to local media. She had been dubbed "the Hairy Heister" because she wore colorful wigs during the robberies.

The first robbery happened at approximately 1:38 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, at the Chase Bank located at 1337 Gessner Road in southwest Houston. The suspect, later identified as Clay, approached a teller, displayed a note taped to her purse saying that she was armed with a gun and demanded cash. The teller, in fear for her life, gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of mon-

ey. Clay fled the bank in a white Chevrolet Malibu with a missing right rear hubcap. She was seen traveling south on Gessner. No physical injuries were reported.

That same day, at approximately 3:48 p.m., the female suspect robbed the Chase Bank located at 10420 Westheimer Road.

On Saturday Jan. 19, at approximately 9:30 a.m., she hit the BBVA Compass Bank located at 1218 Spencer Highway in South Houston.

Two hours later, Clay robbed the Capital One Bank at 11408 Gulf Freeway near Almeda Genoa.

On Tuesday Jan. 22, 2019, at approximately 11:27 a.m., the suspect entered the Bank of America located at 1127 Edgebrook near the Gulf Freeway.

Then at 12:10 p.m. she allegedly robbed the Comerica Bank at 9100 Airport Blvd.

During her first court appearance Sunday, Jan. 27, Clay was ordered to undergo a mental evaluation.

## BAHEP recognizes Bush



At its 26th Annual Quasar Award Banquet on Jan. 25, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership honored Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush (left) as its 2019 Quasar Award recipient. Bush is shown above at the event with San Jacinto College Chancellor and BAHEP Chair Brenda Hellyer. See additional photos and related story on Page 6A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

# In My Opinion

## Hannan expresses several concerns

The January 17th issue of the *South Belt Leader* had an article about the start of construction of a gas station and washeteria on the north side of Sagetree up to the intersection with Sabo Road.

My thanks to Council Member Boykins for coming out to look at the site with a resident from the Sagemont Park Townhouses to the north of the site.

This site has a linear detention ditch on the north side which routinely overflows in heavy rains, during Hurricane Harvey many townhomes got flooded, most for the first time.

The plan for the site is a commercial gasoline station at the corner with a washer and dryer facility between the gas station and an existing church.

My concerns are many (and I recognize the land has been zoned commercial for many years). Building the pad for the operations will raise the land and will pave over open area that has in the past absorbed rainfall. This water now has to go somewhere else. Since the inadequately sized, and restricted linear detention A-119-00A routinely overflows in heavy rains this will just make the flooding in the area worse.

Since the station will be open 24/7 there will be light pollution, vehicle and pedestrian traffic 24/7 in the area, as well as changes in traffic patterns, which should be looked at. These do not upgrade the quality of living for the local residents.

Maybe the restrictors in the ditch could be removed to compensate for the increased water runoff.

Unfortunately, none of these problems is new in a city like Houston, which has to keep growing faster and faster to stay financially afloat, and tends to lead to problems in the older areas.

Jack Hannan

## BAHEP makes new website available

As you well know, the government shutdown is now in its 33rd day, and the frustration has continued to grow. As a first step to respond, we have created the website below to facilitate communication between frustrated citizens and their elected officials. We have plans to continue to ramp up pressure on the president and Congress in the coming days. Please feel free to share this link with friends, neighbors and co-workers so they may also voice their concern. Thank you for your continued support of BAHEP.

https://endtheshutdown.rallycongress.net

Jimmy Spence

Marketing Manager  
Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership

## Castellano states shutdown too costly

We are glad the shutdown and national crisis has a short-term break till February 15, 2019. We are glad people, business, churches and community helped the workers affected by the government shutdown. The nation has seen a 35-day shutdown till a continuing resolution passed to fund the agencies affect. The nations media reported on the dysfunctional government and party power plays between the U.S. President, Senate and House of representatives. The nation cannot afford this type of governmental dysfunction. If public servants fight for party and power over principals the people suffer greatly from this type of dysfunction. The people have two options they can exercise to correct the current dysfunction in the nations capital. They both are in love and a constitutional solution which needs local and even greater national support.

The first is the long-term idea of a Convention of States to require Congress to

pass a balanced budget. This is currently being worked on still some time away. The second options is for the local Chamber of Commerce, Churches or Colleges to hold the first of many debates so the people can begin to support the idea of a Non-Member of Congress as its first House Speaker. They can invite the media so it can begin to get national attention. The idea of non party member as house speaker means they can be held accountable to the nations people not a single state or elected district of either party. It can restore balance and functionality to the current dysfunctional U.S. Government in Washington D.C.

We the people of the nation give the power to be governed to elected public servants, so we control the power of correcting the dysfunction. If we do nothing our nation faces another government shut down either partial or full. If we do not correct the dysfunction before the September we may see as a nation greater amounts of suffering people. This shutdown was about last years budget so we still have not begun considering next years budget due in 9 months. The continuing resolutions are no way to run our nation military, park services, NASA, home land security, airports or federal agencies whom many people depend upon. We know that in history Good people who do nothing suffer equally with those who warn us of the consequences. The ones who suffer are children, elderly, religious, workers and all people who form the government elect public servants. I ask the editor and the people to support both ideas presented lets begin the debates for who the people believe can be a genuine arbitrator for all people in the community and nation.

Pablo Castellano

## Sosebee reports tree limb dumping

On Saturday morning, two or more individuals pulled up in front of my house and dumped a pickup load of tree parts in the street in front of my house. Strangely, the same thing also happened to my mother just before Thanksgiving. A big pile of cut tree branches appeared in the street directly in front of her house. When I arrived at her house for Thanksgiving, there it was blocking one whole side of the street. Since she lives in the City of Houston, all we had to do was get help pulling them up onto the grass, and the pile was picked up on heavy trash day. For me though, since I live in Harris County (only three streets over), the dumping was a larger issue. Our tree branches have to be cut and bundled, etc. Plus, many of these branches were so large I was unable to move them, at all. I had to pay someone else to come haul it off.

I think it is likely that others in the area have also had truckloads of cut trees dumped in front of their houses. (What are the odds that it has only happened to me on Sageking, and to my mother on Sageburrow?) My suspicion is that these are guys out going door to door offering to cut people's trees and haul off the branches. By loading the branches in their truck and then just dumping them somewhere, they can just keep going and hit the next house that gives them business. It's faster, and they can potentially make more money.

I reported the dumped trees in front of my house to the Constable's office on Saturday, and they came out to investigate. Later in the day on Saturday, I learned that my neighbors' security camera caught the whole thing (except the license plate on the truck)! I again called the Constable's office, and another officer came to investigate. I showed him the video and the still photographs of the truck, and he said he'd keep an eye out for the truck.

Sharon Sosebee

**Publisher's note:** If anyone else has had problems with similar illegal dumping, please email the *Leader* at mynews@southbeltleader.com. Marie Flickinger

# Elected officials share their words

## Olson releases statement, fund government through Feb. 15

Rep. Pete Olson released the following on statement Jan. 25, after President Donald Trump's announcement about an agreement to fund the government for three weeks through Feb. 15:

"After 35 days of a partial government shutdown, an agreement has been reached

to allow over 800,000 federal employees to get back to work or receive pay for work they have been doing. While this is an important step, it does not resolve the underlying issues that we still need to fully address. Over the next few weeks, Congress and the president MUST come together and find a permanent solution to secure our southern border. We have to stop hostile drug cartels, violent criminal gangs and abusive human traffickers from entering our country while keeping our government funded and operating. Failure is not an option."

## Garcia applauds new Port of Houston appointment

Harris County Commissioners Court and Houston City Council jointly appointed Ric Campo as the new Port of Houston commissioner.

"Ric Campo is a great choice for the Port of Houston. He understands this region and what priorities it takes to move it forward," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

Campo has been chair and CEO of Camden Property Trust since May 1993. He serves on the board of directors for organizations that focus on economic development and the future growth

of Houston, including the Greater Houston Partnership.

Campo replaces Janice Longoria who served in the position of chair since 2013 and whose term ends this month.

Garcia is looking forward to seeing more doors opening to small businesses working hard to grow and expand.

"It is important we continue to support area businesses through an expanded Minority/Women Business Development Program," Garcia said.

Among several of Garcia's priorities related to the Port of Houston is to focus on the

environment and holding industry accountable for abuses while at the same time supporting their economic contributions to the region.

"We have to work together and make a commitment to recognizing that Precinct 2 has among the highest rates of cancer in children and adults in Texas. Our families deserve better and we need to give them better. I look forward to working with the chairman and the other port commissioners to work towards a green port as other areas have done so," said Garcia.

## Business review

### Burleigh cuts ribbon



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for Burleigh Chiropractic on Jan. 24. Shown above at the event are, left to right, (first row) Camila Maza, Eleanor Burleigh, Denise Burleigh, Dr. Barry Burleigh, Dr. Michael Stokes, Kay Barbour, (second row) Ava Castro, Amanda Castro, Margie Brock, Richelle Grice, Dave Matthews, Larrol Burleigh, Crystal Willis and Bob Gebhard. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Local library events set

### Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Jan. 31, 12:15 – 7:45 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors

Monday, Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime and playtime

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 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: Thursday, noon – 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 1 – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### Parker Williams Library

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

Thursday, Jan. 31, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. GED class registration. Plan to obtain a GED and sign up for the sessions. There is no charge for the classes. For more information, call the library.

Thursday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Texas Bluebonnet Award Voting, for ages 6 – 12. The library will host voting for the Texas Bluebonnet Award. Voting will be available to all children who have not yet been able to vote at either their elementary school or through a homeschool group. Pick up a ballot at the circulation desk.

Thursday, Jan. 31 at 10:30 a.m. Computer Basics: Free Online Classes

It's a new year and a great time to take a class to help you with a skill for work, to gain understanding of a topic, or to learn a language. There are many free classes available online at the library website or on the internet, through universities or other sources. We will practice navigating the internet to learn about these, or sign up if you find one you like.

Friday, Feb. 1, 4 – 6 p.m. Gaming: Fortnite Tournament, for ages 8 and older. Meet at the library computer lab for a 2V2 playground match versus players. There will be times rotations based on the number of players. Players with a USB Xbox One or PS4 controller can bring it and hook into the library computer if it has the USB cord attached or USB wireless charging cord.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Meet in ESL Room 3 to learn about essential oils which are natural solutions with many benefits. The presentation is given by Francisca McMurray.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunar New Year Celebration, for ages 6 and older. In partnership with the Parker Williams Friends of the Library and the Vietnamese Language Learning Community is hosting the annual celebration with a variety of activities including folklore of the origination of the Lunar New Year, a craft, games and a variety of food.

Monday, Feb. 4, 2 – 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Feb. 4, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast, for ages 8 and older. For those wanting to learn, a staff member will be present for instruction. A special thank you is given to Strike Zone for the generous donation of Magic: The Gathering cards. For more information, visit http://www.hcpl.net/sites/default/files/Feb - MTG-1.jpg.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed:

Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies 0 to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

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

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

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

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

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.

Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 – 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

# Deaths

## Bobby Charles Davalos



Bobby Charles Davalos, 60, was born Oct. 8, 1958, in Port Arthur to Rudolph and Carmen Davalos. He died peacefully on Jan. 22, 2019, in Houston. Bobby moved to Sagemont in 1968. He graduated from Dobie High School in 1977.

Bobby was a career firefighter, an avid fisherman and a diehard Houston Texans and Astros fan. He enjoyed golfing, skiing and bowling and was a bonus father figure to many.

He started his career as a firefighter at Station 29 and worked 36 years with the Houston Fire Department. He was scheduled to retire on Aug. 31.

Bobby is preceded in death by his father and his brother Ronald P. Davalos.

He is survived by his loving wife of 19 years Martha Rodriguez Davalos; his mother; mother-in-law Minda Dominguez; sister Gina Wilcox and husband Bubba; sisters-in-law Linda Rodriguez and Minerva Davalos; nieces Amber Mackechney, Angelique Garcia, Danette Locher, Minda Puente and Brianna Rodriguez-Hernandez; nephews Lance Wilcox and David Villarreal; and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews and extended family. He will also be missed by his loyal dog Mako and his amazing friends – who were more like family members.

The family received friends on Sunday, Jan. 27, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, followed by the recitation of the rosary. The funeral liturgy was held Monday, Jan. 28, at St. Luke followed by interment at South Park Cemetery in Pearland.

Donations may be made to any of Bobby's preferred organizations including Firefighters Helping Firefighters P.O. Box 773, Houston, TX 77002; or to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, 10900-B Stonelake Blvd. Suite 320, Austin, TX 78759.

## Gere Deane Korenek

Beloved mother, grandmother and friend Gere Deane Korenek, 78, died un-



## Reba Cuave



expectedly Jan. 18, 2019. She was born to Lawrence A. and Mavis Smith Hale on Dec. 5, 1940, in Baytown.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother Robert Hale; and husband of 41 years Victor J. Korenek Jr.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Amy and Rob Licciardi of Schertz, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Robert V. and Challi Korenek of Tyler, Texas; granddaughters Aurea and MaryAnna Licciardi; and grandsons Patrick, Braden, Nathan, Benjamin, Peter and Blaise Licciardi, and Krew, Kage and Kord Korenek.

Gere graduated from St. Joseph School of Nursing at Sacred Heart Dominican College in Houston, graduating cum laude in January 1964.

She was a lifelong nurse, serving in many capacities in the Houston area, including the director of nurses at Bayshore Hospital.

She was active in the Catholic Daughters of America, and volunteered hundreds of hours annually to various charities.

As a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church for more than 40 years, Gere was very active in the Charity Guild and served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Upon retirement, she traveled extensively nationally and internationally, visiting holy sites and nearly all 50 states, while going to see family.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Niday Funeral Home, with the recitation of the rosary led by brother-in-law Deacon Beck Knox.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, Jan. 30, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, and a reception followed the service. A Rite of Committal followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Crosby. She was laid to rest beside her husband.

Those honored to serve as pallbearers were Rob and Joe Korenek, Rob, Patrick, Braden, Nathan and Benjamin Licciardi and Mike Knox.

Memorial donations may be made to the ministries of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road.

## Hall of Honor inductees named

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offenders. The mission of SOBER court is to increase public safety while reducing recidivism. She has earned many awards for her efforts, including 2013 MADD Judicial Service Award, 2014 Texas Center for the Judiciary Spotlight on Success Award, 2016 MADD Award, 2017 Texas Center for the Judiciary Faculty Award, 2018 President Award by Houston Bar for Excellence in Service during Harvey and 2018 MADD Policy Setter Award.

### Brawn – former faculty

Brawn, the original band director at Dobie, molded Dobie's band into a state-recognized powerhouse. Through his innovative leadership, Dobie earned many accolades, including UIL Sweepstakes, TMEA Honor Band semi-



Bill Brawn

nalist, while also, notably, being the first band in the Greater Houston area, and one of the first in the state to convert to corps-style marching. Under Brawn's leadership, Dobie became the pioneer school for participation in Drum Corps International – the first Houston-area school to host a DCI contest, the Lone Star Brass

Spectacular, while also encouraging Dobie band members to seek membership. Dobie's 1981-82 band remains the only one to represent the school at the UIL State Marching Contest, barely missing a spot in the AAAA finals. After leaving Dobie, he formed the band program at Terry High School in Lamar CISD and also served as band director at East Bernard High School. Brawn's teaching philosophy was to enrich students not only in music but everyday life skills. Brawn holds several professional memberships in various organizations, including Texas Bandmasters, Texas Music Educators and Texas Music Adjudicators Associations. In 2018, Brawn was inducted into the 2018 Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame.

## Leader checks out social media

### By Laura Benavides Scallan

A member of the *Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook page reported that her father's Chevy Camaro was stolen on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 24, behind the Beamer Place Apartments. The member did not provide any other details to identify the stolen vehicle.

On the *Pets of Southbelt* Facebook page, a member posted that an English bulldog escaped from the owner's home. The dog's name is Pharaoh and he is tan with white markings. According to other community Facebook group members, the dog was picked up by a person near Scarsdale and Sageglen on Jan. 27 around 4 – 5 p.m. The post regarding this dog has been shared to several community Facebook groups. To contact the owner, call 832-776-8430.

A member of the People of Sagemont 2 Facebook page posted a photo of the dog, Riley, that escaped the morning of Jan. 29. The dog was in the area of Fuqua, Monroe and Alameda Genoa. If found contact the owner via Facebook.

Another member of the same Facebook group posted a flyer about the Sagemont Cowgirls registration. The member stated that registration will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the football field at El Franco Lee Park. For more information, contact Jemyre Felton, drill director, at sagemontcowgirls@gmail.com or text 832-309-7133.

There is a post circulating the local community Facebook groups regarding a woman who has been arrested for pretending to sell ta-

males. The woman arrested, Bianca Delarosa, was wanted for scamming elderly and disabled individuals in Deer Park, La Porte, Pasadena and Houston. There is a possibility other surrounding cities could have been targeted by Delarosa. According to the post circulating on various local Facebook group pages, Delarosa pretended to sell tamales for Grace Church. After she would take the money, she never returned. It was also reported on the post that there were instances where Delarosa gained entry into the victim's homes and allegedly stole jewelry and other small items. If one believes they have been a victim or knows a victim, call the local police department to file a report. See related sidebar entry on Page 1A for additional information.

## Suspects caught dumping limbs?



The following is a still image from security footage that was taken on Saturday, Jan. 26 on Sageking. According to Sharon Sosebee, community member who wrote the *Leader* (see letter this page), the vehicle shown above was used to dump tree trimmings and limbs in front of her home. Sosebee did file a report with the Harris County Constable's contract office. Photo submitted

## Atkinson offers scholarships

The Atkinson Elementary PTO is offering two \$500 scholarships to any Dobie High School graduating senior who attended Atkinson at least two years, one being fourth grade.

Applications and requirement information are available through the college coordinator's office at Dobie High School. The application must be received by March 9, at noon in order to be considered.

## Valentine's dance date set

Everyone is welcome to attend the "Heart of Dance" on Saturday, Feb. 2, at Hometown Heroes park, located at 1001 East League City Parkway. The dance begins at 7 p.m. and music continues until 9:45 p.m. A special showcase will be presented by accomplished dance instructors and competition dancers Denis Kojinov and Jeanette Chevalier of DanceSport Club, 11758 Southwest Freeway. Refreshments are generously provided by The Delaney of South Shore, 2605 Marina Bay Drive in League City.

This dance is sponsored by Let's Dance, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, whose volunteer coordinators are Bill and Neva Schroder. Neva will play a wide selection of rhythms with love in the air. For more information, call 417-838-2204.

Dancers without partners are welcome and tables are reserved for those who choose to sit with others who might share partners. There will be a mixer dance to assure everyone an opportunity to dance. All ages from teens to elderly as well as dancers at all levels of ability are encouraged to attend. The admission is \$8, payable at the door. There are no reservations necessary and membership is not required.

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# Frazier lists perfect attendance, honor, merit rolls

Frazier Elementary has named its perfect attendance, honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks.

**Perfect Attendance Pre-K**

Mia Sophia Amaro, Scarlett Reagan Arrambide, Chloe Kalay Baldauf, Laila Isabella Bogany, Andres Ismael Bonilla Aguilar, Gael Cervantes, Myles Ritchie Flowers,

Hayden Dante Harvey, Raul Jimenez III, Jude Robert Jones and Ximena Navarrete. Arcelia Lourdes Punzo, Christian Mikhal Renfro, Gabriella Rivas, Evan Ele-

no Rodriguez, Dylan Mateo Romero, Olivia Marie Rucker, Victoria Athena Salazar, Jorge Osvaldo Sanchez, Khloe Rae Voss and Ashlyn Louise Wieberg.

Kaylee Eliana Yaguas.

**Second grade**

Emily Alexis Armenta, Alexandra Adamari Betancourt, Louis Betancourt Mejia, Nevaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Emily Olivia Campos, Cruz Matthew Castillo III, Antonio Castorela, Addisyn Marie Castorena, Samuel Espino IV, Shaikh Ashhar Faizan, Khloe Adazel Garcia, Abdiel Juan Hernandez and Isabel Lynn Irizarry.

**Kindergarten**

Samantha Olea Arriola, Logan Betancourt, Natalia Celeste Betancourt, Eurydice Cervantes, Gregory Alexander Garcia, Jeremy Gonzales, Adelyn Faith Guillen, Luke Maceili Irizarry, Etido Dennis Itina, Kameron Peyton Mitchell, Alberto Navarrete, Magdalena Nathaly Perales, Anthony Ramirez, Kevin David Richardson, Andre Romero, Piper Carker Stokes, Jayden Leonel Turcios and Scotlyn Rae Walker.

**First grade**

Mason Alexander Aguirre, Michael Asher Aguirre, Ethan Christian Alonso, Miguel Sebastian Armenta, Jarell Dante De'andre Arredondo, Reagan Skye Aziz, Cecilia Scottie-Marie Bogany, Adam Ras Bowman, Grace Fernandez, Talia Amarise Guerrero, Isabella Grace Guillen, Bella La'sha Diane Longoria and Emily Alexa Martinez.

Kayleigh Lynn Mitchell, Nyla Elizabeth Mitchell, Suri Ngoc Nguyen, Tyler Duc Nguyen, Alessandra Paz, Izaiah Alexander Rodriguez, London Elissa Rodriguez, Brianna Sanchez, Marie Elizabeth Sanchez, Kyle Allen Ruger Sciba, Aiza Inaaya Shaikh, Presley Kate Shelton, Lucian Anakin Williams and

Emma Nicole Longoria, Kayden Tyler Mitchell, Arra Lynette Munoz, Simon Ngoc Nguyen, Noah Maximiliano Perales, Armando Procoro Reyes, April Nicole Sample, Gabriel Angel Sanchez, Zion Anthony Taylor, Blake Walker Turnipseed, Abram Aryk Wright and Ephraim Patrick Wright.

**Third grade**

Abigail Lucia Aguilar, Joan Carmen Alvarenga, Yosselin Yudith Banegas, Abigail Marie Brooks, Israel Cantu, Naomy Castellanos, Annalee Jade Castillo, David Noah Corral, Draiden James Engle, Sara Jane Eschete, Yvette Loreto Franco, Danyel Eli Gonzalez and Oscar Ezekiel Guzman.

Jaelyn Symone Henry, Alyzza Merie Hernandez, Julian Cade Hinojosa, Jady Marie Jaso, Dez A'nya Johnson, Reagan Renee Kuhn, Sasha Maliya Lewis, Aaliyah Chanel Longoria and Emme Jeyssel Mejia.

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# Brook debate claims more qualifications



Clear Brook High debaters found themselves soundly ensconced in another academic competition the weekend of Jan. 18 and 19 at sister high school Clear Creek. It was here that the team realized two more state qualifications, this time in Public Forum Debate and Informative Speaking. The team of Fizza Dhanani and Christa Westheimer rose to the rank of quarter-finals where they achieved their state goal, besting all but seven other teams at the meet. The unique style and content-laden Informative Speech of Maryam Babar (above) on the history of the



hijab catapulted her to first place at the meet, giving her the first state qualification during her time on Brook's debate team. Babar's fellow teammate Yusra Ahsan took fifth overall in this same category. Fellow member Sarvesh Subramanian found himself once again in the out-rounds of the Lincoln Douglas Debate in which he placed in the top eight, while Rishi Bengani placed third overall in Impromptu Speaking. Shown above, members of the Brook debate team, Dhanani (left) and Westheimer are seen enjoying the event.

# Weber names top spellers



Weber Elementary held its annual spelling bee on Dec. 18. Shown above the top spellers with principal Cheryl Chaney (center) are Dominic Lara (left), fifth-grade runner-up; and Zaid Asad, spelling bee champion. See last week's Leader for more information about the spelling bee.

Photo submitted

# Leader remembers 2018 notable events as year fades into history

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## Oct. 11

Dobie High School star athletes Kris Morris and Taylor Pleasants were respectively crowned the school's homecoming king and queen at half-time of the Longhorns' big 70-20 win over Humble Oct. 5 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Morris was a standout football player at the school, and Pleasants is a Louisiana State University softball commit.

The 21st annual Evening of Cuisine, held at The Gardens on Thursday, Oct. 4, was a huge success, raising thousands of dollars for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. Savannah Cafe & Bakery once again took home the award for best of show.

## Oct. 18

The Dobie Longhorn Band won the Class 6A championship at the Channelview Marching Contest, held Saturday, Oct. 13, at Ray Madry Stadium, advancing them to the UIL Region 19 Marching Contest. The 230-member Dobie Longhorn Band and Colguard were led by Dobie Band Director Kevin Erickson.

John Morgan, senior pastor at Sagemont Church, married Kathie Reimer at a private ceremony in Dallas on Saturday, Oct. 13. The couple held a public reception on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Sagemont Church, where they renewed their wedding vows. The second ceremony was streamed live online. Reimer is the widow of Dr. Jim Reimer, who pastored in multiple areas including Texas.

## Oct. 25

Record numbers of Harris County voters cast their ballots early for the Nov. 6 general election. On the first day of early voting on Monday, Oct. 22, a record number of 63,188 residents went to the polls, smashing the previous record, set in 2010, by more than 35,000 votes. The following day on Tuesday, Oct. 23, a new record was again set when more than 64,700 voters cast their early ballots. At press time, at least another 54,000 voters had already returned mail-in ballots, bringing the total figure to more than 181,900. Countywide, the figures topped the corresponding early voting totals of both the 2008 and 2012 presidential elections, even though midterm elections typically draw far fewer voters. Locally, the number of residents who voted early on Monday at the Harris County courthouse annex on Scarsdale at Beamer was even higher than the 2016 presidential

election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. On the first day of early voting, 1,564 residents cast their ballots at the Scarsdale location, whereas only 1,488 did so in the 2016 presidential election. On Tuesday, Oct. 23, another 1,604 cast their ballots at the location. The corresponding day during the 2016 election drew 1,677 early voters to the location.

A man was fatally shot outside an apartment complex in the 9400 block of Clearwood early Sunday, Oct. 21. Houston police responded to the call at the Clearwood Villas apartments at approximately 3:05 a.m. to find the victim, Donald Ray Miles, shot multiple times. Miles, 27, was pronounced dead at the scene. The unknown suspects fled the scene in a white four-door vehicle with paper license plates, police said. No immediate arrests were made.

## Nov. 1

Christa Williams Yates, a two-time state champion with the Dobie softball program and a two-time Olympic gold medalist, was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 26, in Oklahoma City. A suspect who had escaped police custody just four days earlier was arrested again on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at an apartment in the 11700 block of Beamer. Originally charged with theft and evading arrest, Khaled Abdelrahman Azzeh, 31, now faces additional charges for the escape.

## Nov. 8

The results from the Nov. 6 general election were tallied, with Democrats making huge gains at the county level. Democrats swept all 59 judicial races in Harris County, unseating even longtime County Judge Ed Emmett. Political newcomer Lina Hidalgo assumed Emmett's role. Having already occupied the positions of sheriff and district attorney, Democrats now hold every elected position in Harris County and also control Commissioners Court. The victories were attributed, in part, to straight-ticket voting from supporters of Democratic senatorial candidate Beto O'Rourke. In that contest, O'Rourke was narrowly defeated by Republican incumbent Ted Cruz. Houston voters overwhelmingly approved both Proposition A and Proposition B. Proposition A, which asked voters to reapprove the city's existing ReBuild Houston street and drainage program, passed with 74 percent of the vote, while the more controversial Proposition

B, which asked voters to approve a minimum 25 percent pay increase for firefighters, putting their pay on par with Houston police officers, passed with 59 percent of the vote.

Kirsta Pauls Jenne, a third-grade math teacher at Genoa Elementary, was named one of six Texas finalists for the 2018 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) by Texas Education Agency Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. PAEMST is the highest recognition a mathematics or science teacher may receive for exemplary teaching in the United States. The award recognizes kindergarten through sixth-grade mathematics and science teachers whose innovative methods bring teaching to life in the classroom.

Leader publisher Marie Flickinger was among 15 individuals honored at the 2018 Governor's Volunteer Awards, hosted by First Lady Cecilia Abbott at the Governor's Mansion in Austin. Now in their 35th year, the awards honor individuals and organizations in Texas that have gone above and beyond to enrich the lives of those in their communities through volunteer work and service. Flickinger was presented the Governor's Commission for Women Disaster Relief Assistance Award in recognition of her volunteer work during and following Hurricane Harvey.

A man was accused of murdering his girlfriend after her body was discovered in the back of his vehicle on Saturday, Nov. 3, in the parking lot of an apartment complex in the 9900 block of Windmill Lakes. Houston police responded to the call after receiving a report of an unconscious woman in a black Chevrolet Tahoe. Emergency responders, however, were too late, and Ashley Palacios was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators quickly identified Palacios' boyfriend and father or her two children, Aldo Rodriguez, as their primary suspect. Rodriguez had allegedly kidnapped Palacios earlier that morning in Pearland, before abandoning her car in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. An arrest warrant for capital murder was issued for Rodriguez on Saturday, and the following evening, he turned himself in to police without incident. At the time of the crime, Rodriguez already had three open felony warrants, and records showed that he has a lengthy criminal history. Police believe

Palacios died from blunt force trauma, but her exact cause of death was not immediately determined. Media reports claiming Palacios was shot were unsubstantiated.

## Nov. 15

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called for a special election on Dec. 11 to fill the state Senate District 6 seat being vacated by Sylvia Garcia. The election was necessary because Garcia was elected to replace outgoing U.S. Rep. Gene Green, who resigned after serving for more than two decades in Congress.

## Nov. 22

Alameda Mall celebrated its 50th anniversary. Opened in October 1968, the South Belt community's flagship shopping center joined the Foley's that had already opened two years earlier at the site. When it opened, the mall encompassed 63 acres, housed more than 750,000 square feet of retail space and included parking spaces for 4,000 vehicles. Approximately 60 stores occupied the young mall. J.C. Penney served as the mall's second anchor store. In 2006, Foley's was purchased by Macy's, which changed the name of the store. That same year, J.C. Penney shuttered its doors, and was replaced three years later by Burlington Coat Factory. The mall celebrated throughout the holiday season with various activities and promotions.

Multiple suspects were arrested after the carjacking of a Lyft driver at the Clear Creek Landing apartments in the 11700 block of Beamer reportedly led to a crime spree that involved shoplifting from at least two local stores. Yisel Stubbs, 39, was charged with felony shoplifting; Carlos Allen, 18, was charged with felony unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; Brianna Damian, 17, was charged with Class B misdemeanor shoplifting; and an unnamed 15-year-old male juvenile was charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon and evading on foot. Stubbs is reportedly Allen's mother, and the two reside at the complex from where the vehicle was stolen.

## Nov. 29

A man was arrested after exposing himself to a woman in front of the Walgreens located in the 10800 block of Scarsdale at Beamer. Randy Bimel, 23, of Windmill Lakes Boulevard, was arrested and charged with indecent exposure.

## Dec. 6

Following a three-plus-month investigation by the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's

office, the former president of the Dobie High School baseball booster club was arrested Monday, Dec. 3, on multiple charges associated with missing funds from the organization. Christopher Anthon Escalera, 44, was charged with felony forgery and misdemeanor theft (aggregate > \$2,500 < \$30,000). The forgery charge carried a \$15,000 bond, while the theft charge carried a \$1,500 bond. According to court documents, the alleged crimes took place between March 31, 2017, and June 11, 2017, when Escalera was serving as president of the Dobie Diamond Club. Investigators said Escalera forged the name of the booster club's treasurer on eight separate checks during this time. The total amount of the checks was \$2,152.91. All checks were made out to Escalera. Also during this time, investigators alleged that Escalera racked up another \$13,174.96 in transactions through the booster club's bank account. Transactions involved Comcast, PayPal, T-Mobile and ATM withdrawals. The Dobie Diamond Club does not have Comcast, PayPal and T-Mobile accounts, and the ATM withdrawals were unauthorized and not used for booster club activities. The transactions were reportedly all done on a bank card, to which only Escalera had access. In September, an agreement was drafted between the booster club and Escalera, stating no charges would be pursued in the case if he paid back the money allegedly stolen from the organization. The Sept. 21 deadline, however, came and went without receipt of payment, prompting further investigation into the matter.

Police arrested a man for fatally shooting a woman who was found in the 10300 block of Ney, near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, around 1 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4. Guadalupe Toledo Vega, 37, was charged with murder in the killing of victim, Morgan Sproles, 20. According to police, a passerby found Sproles unresponsive lying in the street at the aforementioned address. She had sustained an apparent gunshot wound. Paramedics pronounced Sproles dead at the scene. Further investigation identified Vega as a suspect and, on Dec. 6, he was arrested and charged without incident.

## Dec. 13

State Rep. Carol Alvarado won the Dec. 11 special election to fill the state Senate District 6 seat being vacated by

Sen. Sylvia Garcia, who was elected to Congress. Alvarado took home 50.4 percent of the vote, narrowly avoiding a runoff. State Rep. Ana Hernandez received 24.3 percent of the vote, narrowly edging out Republican Martha Fierro, who finished with 23.2 percent of the vote. Mia Mundy received 2.1 percent of the vote. Gov. Greg Abbott was then forced to call a second special election to fill the state House District 145 seat that Alvarado previously held.

An armored car courier was robbed at gunpoint Monday, Dec. 10, at the Chase Bank at 10997 Scarsdale. The incident took place just after 11

a.m., as a Loomis courier was refilling an ATM at the local bank branch. One of two suspects allegedly fired shots during the robbery, prompting the courier to take cover. During the commotion, the courier reportedly dropped a money bag, which the thieves picked up. The suspects fled in a dark-colored SUV that FBI officials believe was driven by a third suspect. No immediate arrests were made.

## Dec. 20

Former Dobie student Reed O'Connor, now working as a federal judge, made national headlines for his ruling that determined the Affordable Care Act was

unconstitutional. A 1983 graduate from the area high school, O'Connor was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2007 to serve on the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Texas. In his ruling, O'Connor sided with the argument advanced by Republican-led states, including Texas, that the legislation, also known as Obamacare, could no longer stand now that there's no penalty for those who do not participate in the program. The U.S. Supreme Court had upheld the law in 2012 by classifying the law as a tax. Since Congress removed the individual mandate in 2017, how-

ever, the legislation can no longer be viewed as such, O'Connor ruled. The ruling is expected to be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to writing legal opinions, O'Connor worked as a sports journalist for the Leader while still attending Thompson Intermedi-

## Dec. 27

The Leader's 36th annual Christmas program was a huge success, providing assistance to dozens of area families in need. Several local organizations, schools, businesses and residents stepped up to the plate making the 2018 drive one of the most successful in the event's history.

# Atkinson students participate in spelling bee



Atkinson Elementary students participated in the school spelling bee on Friday, Jan. 18. Prior to advancing to this event, students competed in their individual classroom spelling bees. Shown above are the top three spellers, left to right, Yasmin Mendez, winner; Samantha Garcia, runner-up; and Minh Vu, third place. Mendez and Garcia participated in the B-Hive session on Friday, Jan. 25. The B-Hive was a three-hour study session with games and activities designed to help prepare Mendez for the elementary level Pasadena Independent School District spelling bee. The district elementary level spelling bee will take place Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 4:15 p.m. at South Houston High School Auditorium. The winner of

the elementary level will participate in the fifth-through eighth-grade district spelling bee on Tuesday, Feb. 26, also at South Houston High School Auditorium. Shown below are the fourth-grade participants of the Atkinson spelling bee, left to right, (first row) Vu, Jennifer Youngblood's class; Mendez, Nancy Vazquez's class; Garcia, Tracey Nguyen's class; (second row) Tatiana Rodriguez, Tulu Sarkar's class; Ruben Vasquez, Elsa Martinez's class; Aldo Reyna, Martinez's class; Vanessa Blanco, Youngblood's class; (third row) Brooke Kelso, Nguyen's class; Kaylee Etzel, Vazquez's class; Valeria Frias, Belva Alaniz's class; Tuyet Truong, Sarkar's class; and Carlos Zuniga, Alaniz's class.

Photos submitted



# Ramirez ready to lead SJC HR department



Sandra Ramirez

Sandra Ramirez has been appointed as vice chancellor, human resources, organizational and talent effectiveness at San Jacinto College. Ramirez replaces Stephen Trnack who retired from the college after 10 years of service.

"This appointment provides for continuity for the human resources senior leadership, and consistency in the pursuit of the 'Our People' strategic goal," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "Sandra has an extensive background in human resources, including eight years here at San Jacinto College, and she is dedicated to the success of our employees and the success of our students."

Prior to her appointment as vice chancellor, Ramirez served eight years as vice president of human resources at San Jacinto College. In that role, she was accountable for the oversight of recruitment, selection, employment, compensation, benefits, employee relations, performance management, HRIS, and records management. Ramirez was integral in the college's 10-year accreditation reaffirmation by serving as a Task Force lead to support and comprehensively document the college's compliance with The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges requirements. She led the enterprise wide implementation of a talent management system at the college that includes an applicant tracking system, onboarding and

performance management modules; and implemented process improvements through a team project affording a reduction in operating costs by revitalizing the college's Enterprise Resource Planning system through various technological enhancements in exit and transfer workflow and web-time entry.

Her experience also includes 17 years in the private sector as director of human resources with Metals USA, human resources manager at Schwan's Global Supply Chain, Inc., and senior human resources partner at Celanese Chemicals.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve San Jacinto College in this role," said Ramirez. "The focus for the human resources team will be to build on our current momentum with an emphasis on talent acquisition, retention, and development of our leadership and employees supporting the strategic goal of 'Our People' in the continued pursuit of student success. Together we will continue to strengthen our position as a national leader among community colleges."

Ramirez holds a Master of Arts in Human Resources from the University of Houston - Clear Lake and received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resources from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She holds both Senior Professional Human Resources and Senior Certified Professional certifications and is also a Six Sigma Green Belt.

## Israeli folk dancing continues

Israeli folk dancing will continue through the cold winter months. The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. February dates are 4, 11, 18 and 25. The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers to cover expenses. Everyone is welcome to join the group - even if one has not yet attended.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

## BAQG holds monthly meeting

The Bay Area Quilters Guild will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 2320 Hatfield Road in Pearland. Fellowship starts at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. This event is free and the public is welcome. This month is the annual auction of quilt-related items. Guests are encouraged to bring a friend and enjoy the live auction. There will also be a silent auction on a variety of great items, as well as books and patterns available for purchase. Only cash or check will be accepted. For information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or visit bayareaquiltguild.org.

## CCART schedules meeting

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

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

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

## Mobility plan meeting dates set

The Southeast Houston Mobility Plan public meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 9. One meeting will take place in District D and one meeting will take place in District I.

Community members can join in to provide feedback on recommendations to improve how one gets to work, school and other key destinations in the community. Refreshments will be provided.

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, the meeting will be held at Sunnyside Multi-Service Center, 9314 Cullen Blvd., from 6 to 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, the meeting will be held at Charlton Community Center, 8200 Park Place Blvd., from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Melissa Beeler, City of Houston transportation planner, at 832-393-6642 or at Melissa.Beeler@houstontx.gov.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**ANGELA ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
Bobby and Kenneth Griffin send birthday greetings to daughter-in-law Angela Griffin, who celebrates a birthday Feb. 2.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR KARMA**  
Birthday wishes are sent Feb. 2 to Karma Wright, former Leader staffer, from her family, friends and staff at the Leader.

**OWEN TURNS 10!**  
Owen Michael Flowers enjoys his 10th birthday on Sunday, Feb. 3. Best wishes and lots of love, hugs and kisses are sent to Owen from big sister Kennedy, little sister Evie, parents Stephen and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers; grandparents Robert and Jannie Scarberry, former longtime South Belt residents, and Mike and Karen Flowers of Dickinson; uncles Tyler, Austin, Joey, Wesley and Travis; aunts Jenny and Christine; and cousins Brayden, Baylee, Olivia, Jade, Lily, Sierra, Ryker, Connor, Jesse, Christopher and Mason. Owen's mom is a 2005 Dobie High School graduate.

**OLIVIA ENJOYS 6TH BIRTHDAY!**  
Olivia Moreno celebrates her sixth birthday Tuesday, Feb. 5. Wishing her a wonderful birthday with lots of love, hugs and kisses are her mom Jenny Hayes of Spring; big brother Brayden; big sister Baylee; proud grandparents Robert and Jannie Scarberry (former longtime South Belt residents) and Mike and Doris Hayes of Ada, Okla.; aunt Stacey (Hayes) Flowers; uncles Stephen Flowers, Joey Hayes, Austin Scarberry and Tyler Scarberry; and cousins Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers, and Jade and Lily Scarberry. Mom Jenny is a 1997 Dobie High grad.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANA!**  
Dana Lizik enjoys a birthday Feb. 6. Special

birthday wishes are sent to Dana from her family, friends and former co-workers at the Leader.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 31 through Feb. 6.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Blow out the candles on a double-layer cake Feb. 2 for Stephanie Covarrubias.

**Burnett Elementary**  
On Feb. 1, Kateri Williams celebrates a birthday. Send a birthday wish Feb. 4 to Lisa Baumann.

**Bush Elementary**  
On Feb. 4, birthday greetings are sent to Maria Palacios. Sing a happy birthday song Feb. 5 to Ixida Quintero.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles Feb. 2 for Anita Thibodeaux.

**Meador Elementary**  
Special birthday wishes are sent to Felipe Saucedo Feb. 5.

**Moore Elementary**  
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Debbie Pampell Feb. 4. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 6 are Angelica Perez and Gerri Watkins.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Jessica Arnold and Ma Cuevas De Vazquez Feb. 3.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Emma Tsikis enjoys a birthday Jan. 31.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Sing a happy birthday song to Kelly Jurek Jan. 31.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 5 is Nekia McAlpin.

# Morris Middle School releases honor, merit rolls

Morris Middle School has released its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks.

**Honor Roll Third grade**  
Jocelynn Kyra Adan, Leonela Aguilera, Dreaqon Alvinio Maximus Alexander, Angel Manuel Amador, Evan Amezcua, Hussai Arias, Alcyiana Katelyn Armelin, Diana Armenta, Yaretzi Gaspar Arredondo, Isabella Grace Avila, Brylon Cire Badger, Kaitlyn Alexandria Baines, Arihanna Larissa Berrones, Natalia Alexa Betancourt, Ethan Jordan Blandon, Tanner Van Bo and Brian Keith Bulluck.

**Julian Alejandro Calderon Vargas, Nicole Alexis Campos, Sophia Carbajal, Alanah Paige Carter, Dayami Enriquez Chavez, Aubri Leshay Cole, Malakei Isaih Contreras, Christina Dang, Jeremiah Deshaum'e Davis, Josselyn Maria Delgado, Darian Diaz, Hayden Thu Do, Chloe Delilah Estes, Norman Esteban Fabian Alba, Guillermo Fernandez and Glenn Leonard Fleming.**

**Fernanda Flores, Tatiana Celest Franks, Joselyn Unique Galvan, Edward Matthew Garcia, David Garcia, Thomas Jacob Garcia, Ethan Xavier Gomez, Louis Gonzales, Gianna Jade Gonzalez, Daniela Guerrero, Mia Angel Gutierrez, Luis Felipe Hernandez, Ashley Hernandez, Jose Bartolo Hernandez, Sydney Leeann Hile, Kiera Cheryl Inlouis, Starrilye Moon Jodway, Jordan Patricia Johnson, Marcus Conrad Jones, Gwendolyn Kay Jones, Cadyn Trevon Lagrone, Richard Le and Jayden Yun Lee.**

**Jandel Jael Leon Ortiz, Lauren Gianna Lewis, Peyton Evan Lynn, Lexie Marie Martinez, Xavier Martinez, Josiah John McZeal McCoy, Krista Alexis Mendez, Simon**

Montemayor, Jacoby Austin Muniz, Tommy Minh Ngo, Anthony Tan Nguyen, Gia An Tran Nguyen, Hoang Phu Nguyen, Minh Tuan Nguyen, Chloee Bao-Nhu Nguyen, Matthew Hien Nguyen and Daiyvynn Nichols.

**Jesse Nunez, Kamilah L. Olivia, Reid Emerson Oliver, Edgar Ariel Orozco, Waleska Michelle Palacios, Matthew Perez, Lindsey Angelli Perrett, Hannah Pham, Cynthia Pineda, Evan Lee Quinn, Jezreel Aaron Ramales, Joaquin Eleazar Ramirez, Saleh Abdullah Rasheed, Alexander Resendiz, Kayla Louvenia Reynaud, Tyson Marquis Ripley, Rachel Dahrrian Rivera, Camron Latrell Robertson, Isaih Anthony Rodriguez and Christina Temarie Rodriguez.**

**Jacob Alexander Sanchez, Aaron Sanchez, Alejandro Saucedo, Brianna Nicole Schulgen, Mario Jose Segovia, Dayana Serrano, Allon Michael Seymore, Josue Sotelo, Gabriel Lee Swann-Walker, Leonardo Torres Arteaga, Kaylanie Yen Nhi Tran, Khang Nguyen Duy Truong, Andres Valdez, Bao Hoang-Gia Vu, Clayton Elijah Washington, Yuliana Michelle Zambrano, Jose Eleazar Zambrano and Keyla Norelys Zeledon Moreno.**

**Sixth grade**  
Melina Marie Aguilera, Bryan Wayne Anderson, Tristan Avalos, Jaliyah Mon'ie Brooks-Ross, Jimmy Mai Bui, Mia Leonor Campos, Spencer Lawrence Cash, Kahliana Rianne Chahayed, Covan Li Chavez, Johan Delapaz, Anthony Thien Dinh, Bethany Alessandra Espinoza, Emir Jonathan Espinoza, Jose Luis Flores, Cesar Flores and Joshua Alexander Fonseca-Garrett.

**Brendan Allen Sebastian Foxx, Angel Gabriel Garcia, Anthony Garza, Jacqueline Gonzalez, De'leah Sanaa**

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Feb. 2 is the day for a celebration for Teresa Tran and Cynthia Wright. Join in the birthday fun Feb. 4 with Melanie Thompson.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Blow out the candles on a birthday cake Feb. 5 for Mark Varian.

**Dobie High**  
Special birthday wishes are sent to Laura Guerrero Jan. 31. The day for a double-layer cake for Frank Mora and Leslie Rustin is Feb. 1. Sharing a birthday Feb. 3 are Garland Ganter, Denice Ontiveros Valencia and Veronica Oyervides. Light the candles Feb. 4 for a birthday celebration for Chastity Hall, Shaqwan Scott, Kristi Vance and Sandra Villarreal. On Feb. 5, birthday cheers go to Geydi Bonilla and Nichole Kemp. Having a day of celebration Feb. 6 is Maria Rueda Navarro.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The Leader sends happy birthday wishes to friends who celebrate a birthday: Thursday, Jan. 31: Maria Olvera, Erica Bush, Veronica Tanguma-Elja, Ernie Banks, Josh Keim, Angeles Rios, Maria Zuniga and Craig Thompson; Friday, Feb. 1: Danice Oliver and Lee Terry; Saturday, Feb. 2: Lisa Upshaw and John Scheschuk; Sunday, Feb. 3: Garland Ganter; Monday, Feb. 4: Bobby Kramer and Deborah Carmona; Tuesday, Feb. 5: James Kelso; and Wednesday, Feb. 6: Lisa Jackson and Chastity Napper.

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# Frazier lists honor, merit rolls, perfect attendance

Dillon Thomas Steve, Cindy Su, Ashley Nicole Teruel, Andres Daniel Tolentino, Angelina Khanh Tran, Michael Jonathan Traylor, Sarah Thanh Trinh, Samantha Tam Nguyen Truong, Jazlynn Yvette Urban, Izaya Andrew Vasquez, Michael Anthony Williams, Michelle Zarate, Anthony Jose Zeledon Moreno and Juliana Zollocoffer.

**Merit Roll Fifth grade**  
Marianne Victoria Aiello, Kevin Orlando Argueta, Zareean Robert Barrientez, Sara Njitung Berinyu Nfor, Joshua Eli Berlanga, Alexis Bonilla, Raymond Lamar Cain, Alecia Genevieve Cardenas, Daniel Carrera, Aiden Diaz, Kenneth Josue Dominguez Gonzalez, David Godwin Ekong, Emily Flores, Ava Desiree Gonzalez, Michael Hernandez and Trinity Thy Hoang.

**Rosa Maria Jimenez Velasco, Alleciya Nicole John-**

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Moses Cassius Monarez, Hazel Nevaeh Nino, Bryan Josue Ojeda, Taylor Madison Palacios and Julie Noelle Pavalonis.

**Damian Paz, Adam Jesus Pulido, Alfredo Giovanni Ramirez Jr., Erika Azeneth Rivera, Shailla Genesis Riverara, Aysia Charlesteria Robinson, Nkiruka Eucharia Uzomah and Hyrum Geremia Wheeler.**

**Fourth grade**  
Steven Alexander Aguilar, Lali Gabrielle Bowman, Jasmine Loraine Cabrera, Christian Brian Carter, Javier Chavez Jr., Dylan Corpeno, Aidan Michael De La Rosa, Charles De La Rosa III,

Emma Grace Espino, Alina Iman Farooq, Xavi Leonardo Galvan and Gabriella Lisette Garza.

**Ezequiel Uriel Gonzalez, Alexander Cole Griffin, Alezey Cassidy Hernandez, Jimena Giselle Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Mia Raquel Hernandez, Jeremy Michael Jaso, Collin Sheppard Jennings, Julian Gabriel Jimenez, Rodrigo Martinez, Nikolai Mateo Miranda, Keithan Lawrence Mitchell II.**

**Evelyn Mia Ortega, Garren Wellington Parker, Geovanny Guadalupe Perez, Jaelynn Justine Perez, Cullen Dwayne Ponder, Julian Alexander Ricks, Syann Ivory Rodriguez, Audrey Lizette**

# Atkinson names rolls

Atkinson Elementary has named its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks.

**Honor Roll Third grade**  
Jahsai Burke, Jesus Carrillo, Natalie Esquivel, Shane Millender, Joshua Montes, Angel Myles, Khai Nguyen, Jonathan Nora, Harsh Rana and Rubi Reyes.

**Fourth grade**  
Vanessa Blanco, Henry Hong, Huy Le, Buy George Nguyen, Jocelyn Nguyen and Minh Vu.

**Merit Roll Third grade**  
Rafael Alcalá, Sasha Cepeda, Alondra Cruz, Dominic Fontalvo, Trinity Franks, Sophia Hewitt, Ineke Hicks, Jason Jasso, Ven Ngiyen, Cathy Nguyen, Kimberly Perez, Landon Ryans, Destiny Sidhiropoulos, Ariel Sierra, Shelby Talavera and Daniella Tamayo.

**Fourth grade**  
Cesar Calseron, Brooke Kelso and Luis Nuncio.

# Moore announces honor, merit rolls

Moore Elementary has announced its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks.

**Honor Roll Third grade**  
Lilah Aguayo, Giovannie Alvear, Zadié Battarbee, Elizabeth Hernandez, Leah Moreno, Sirena Thai, Ethan Tran and Khoai Tran.

**Fourth grade**  
Carlos Albarran, Hadassah Burgett, Alesi Estrada, Reina Estrada, Muzna Hasan, Michael Johnson, Anthony Le,

Grace Menahem, Charleston Nash, Chloe Nguyen, Cecilia Reyna and Ava Saucedo.

**Merit Roll Third grade**  
Samuel Barajas, Gracie Cooley, Spree Ediger, Alfredo Gonzalez, Jaylyne Hernandez and Martin Peng.

**Fourth grade**  
Carter Burback, Nicholas Cantu, Andilyn Garcia, Oniah Hernandez, Isaih Jones, Miah Martinez, Christopher Rubio, Marlee Tillman, Katie Tran and Nina Truong.

# Bush shares awards

Laura Bush Elementary has named its A's honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks.

**A's Honor Roll Third grade**  
Madison Lee, Steven Nguyen, Lucas Nguyen, David Ramirez, Alondra Silva, Kathleen Tran and Dawson Tran.

**Fourth grade**  
Asiel Basurto, Lyla Crake, Elizabeth Dinh, Devin Duong, Vanya Espinoza, Alfredo Guerrero, Oscar Hernandez, Kevin Hoang, Romina Ingram, Emma Jacob, Ariana Kainer, Huy Le, Juan Juandavid Hernandez, Hammad Matin, David Morgan, Ruby Reyes, Savannah Tellez and Gabriel Trevino.

**Fourth grade**  
Ariana Bermudez, Micah Daley, Daniel Escamilla, Joel Esparaza, Orlando Gomez, Kaylee Guevara, Javier Ibarra, Amaya Langellier, Adelyn Rincon, Eduardo Santos, Tiffani Tillman, Angel Trevino and Devon Vu.

# PARC "Souper" fundraiser set

Pearland Area Republican Club invites everyone to their annual World Famous "Souper" Saturday Fundraiser on Saturday, March 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. Guests are welcome to enjoy some delicious homemade soups, cornbread and desserts, as well as a silent auction. Ticket donation is \$15. Guests may come meet many of Pearland and Brazoria County elected officials. For ticket information, call Pat Smajstrla at 281-435-3097 or Cindy Simpson at 713-501-4123.

# HCMG announces events

The Harris County Master Gardeners has announced its upcoming events for February and March.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Lecture Series: "The Secret Life of Soil," by Sherri Harrah of Plants for All Seasons, will take place on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., at Genoa Friendship Gardens Educational Center Building, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road in Pasadena. Plants will be for sale in the greenhouse.

The Harris County Master Gardeners Fruit Tree Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until sellout at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff Road in Pasadena.

On Saturday, March 30, the Harris County Master Gardeners plant sale: tomato/pepper, herbs, vegetables and perennials will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until all produce is sold, at Campbell Hall, Pasadena Fairgrounds, 7600 Red Bluff Road. All these events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 713-274-0950 or visit hcmga.tamu.edu.

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# Remember When

**40 years ago (1979)**  
Two neighboring businesses, The Bottle Barn liquor store and Cullen Savings and Loan, were victims of criminal activities on separate occasions.

Vandals started a fire and opened the flush valves of a number of fire hydrants in Sageglen subdivision.

**35 years ago (1984)**  
Dobie High School was preparing for its first-ever soccer district game against Baytown Sterling.

Three Moore Elementary School students confessed to vandalizing the school. The boys turned over desks, wrote obscenities on the wall, spread glue on teachers' desks and damaged small items.

**30 years ago (1989)**  
Students' requests for the return of drug-sniffing dogs to Pasadena Independent School District schools received a resounding, unanimous yes as board trustees voted to change district policy allowing use of the dogs.

For the third consecutive year, Dobie High School's Academic Decathlon team qualified for the state finals held in Austin.

**25 years ago (1994)**  
Two men who were suspected of stealing mail, al-

tering checks and attempting to cash the checks at a local bank were arrested the same day as the theft occurred.

Houston police investigated a drive-by shooting in the 12000 block of Kirkholm.

**20 years ago (1999)**  
Dobie High School's Academic Decathlon team won first place at the large-school regional competition. Team members received 42 individual medals, and the entire team won gold medals for the Super Quiz.

Clear Brook High School senior Regan Schneider signed a scholarship to play tennis for Lee College.

**15 years ago (2004)**  
Plans were announced for a major shopping center which would be located on the north side of Beltway 8 at Blackhawk. The center would have one of Houston's largest H-E-B stores as well as a Walgreens and a Bank of America.

Beverly Hills Intermediate seventh-grade student Christopher Nguyen and his mother, Hue Nguyen, were killed in a car accident near Beaumont, Texas.

A police chase ended near Fuqua and Sabo when a red Blazer ran a red light and was hit by another car. Both suspects were ejected

from the Blazer. Two fatal accidents involving PT Cruisers were reported within two days.

**10 years ago (2009)**  
City of Houston District E Council Member Mike Sullivan hosted a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) meeting to discuss future improvement projects for the South Belt area. Improvements for the South Belt area included a new Bracewell Library, road repair and paving, sports field lighting and additional parking at Blackhawk Park and a new Sagemont Community Center.

Former South Belt resident Susana De Jesus was abducted at gunpoint in a Pearland parking lot. De Jesus, 37, was leaving a strip shopping center with a co-worker when a masked gunman forced De Jesus into her car and drove away with her. Her car was later found by Houston police, but De Jesus remained missing.

South Belt resident Guibaldo Perez, 31, died in a single-vehicle automobile accident at the Gulf Freeway and Beltway 8. Perez was southbound on the connector road from the Gulf Freeway to the westbound side of the South Sam Hous-

ton Parkway when he lost control, causing the pickup truck to roll over. A second passenger in the truck suffered minor injuries.

**5 years ago (2014)**  
Several community leaders and elected officials gathered at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 30th anniversary with a formal installation banquet. The guest speaker at the function was Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, who spoke on the growing challenges of keeping up with ongoing expansion in the area.

The lawsuit of Judge George Risner against the Harris County Republican Party led to the arrests of two campaign workers, with warrants being issued for two others. Ralph Basil Garcia, 57, and Iris Irgoyen, 28, were each arrested and charged with engaging in organized criminal activity and tampering with a governmental record. Annette Irgoyen (the mother of Iris Irgoyen), 53, and David Basurto, 55, were also indicted by a Harris County grand jury but were not immediately arrested.

**1 year ago (2018)**  
Dobie High School's Academic Decathlon team advanced to the state com-

# Martin announces overlay for Pizzitola, Rhea streets

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin has announced that Houston Public Works crews will be performing an asphalt overlay along Pizzitola Street, from Koenig Street to Debbielou Gardens Drive, and on Rhea Street, from the eastern dead end to Koenig Street. Construction is scheduled to begin the week of Feb. 11, and he is expected to be complete by the end of March 2019, weather permitting.

The project will start in two locations. Crews will start on Pizzitola Street at Koenig Street and progress toward Debbielou Gardens Drive. Construction on Rhea

Street is anticipated to begin at the eastern dead end and work toward Koenig Street.

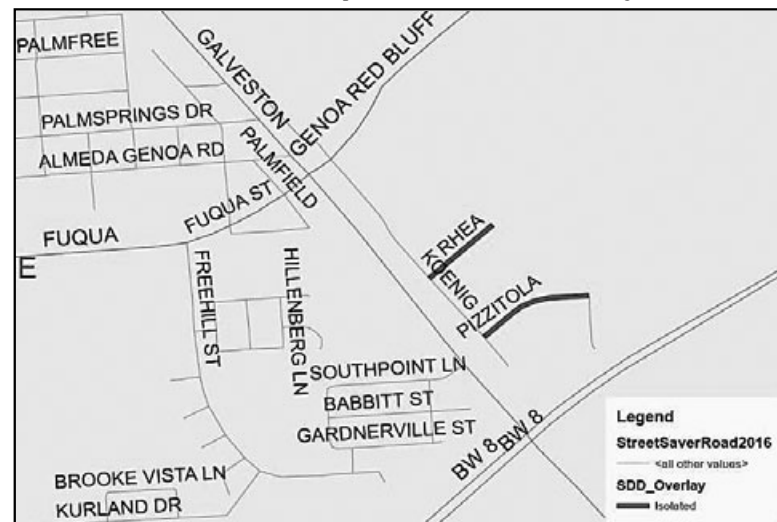
The project's scope of work includes resurfacing the asphalt street. This process includes milling off an approximate two-inch layer of old asphalt, repairing the base as needed, spraying tack coat and overlaying two inches of new asphalt surface pavement.

Crew staging activities are anticipated to occur between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., with work occurring between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Door hangers with project and contact information will be placed at homes and

businesses impacted by this project, Jan. 28, 14 days prior to construction. As a result of the construction activities, residents need to be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be on site to help with traffic flow through the construction zone as temporary lane closures are expected. Residents and businesses may experience temporary delays accessing both Rhea and Pizzitola Street as well as individual driveways, and may experience an increase in noise levels because of equipment.

For more information, contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or [districtc@houston.tx.gov](mailto:districtc@houston.tx.gov).



# Cosse' performs



Ava Cosse', a sixth-grader at Morris Middle School, performed in the Texas Music Educator Association's Region XIX Junior High School Orchestra concert, held on Jan. 19 at Deer Park High School. Cosse' earned a spot in the performance during the Region auditions last semester. She is 11 years old and ranked number two in the Region. She is also the youngest student in the Region Orchestra. Her orchestra directors are Michelle Ham and Laurie Arnold. Cosse' is also a student in the Medea Guldedava violin studio. She is also a Music Doing Good Scholarship winner.

Photo by Angela Badon

# Dobie orchestra performs at region



J. Frank Dobie High School Orchestra students performed in the Texas Music Educator Association's Region XIX Orchestra Concert held on Saturday Jan. 19 at Deer Park High School. The Dobie orchestra students earned a spot in the performance during the Region auditions last semester. Shown with their respective grade levels are, left to right, (front row) Lucas Nguyen, sophomore; Elna Nguyen, junior; Catherine Le, senior; (second row) June Santillanes, sophomore; Katherine Orta, senior; Alyssa Bernal, junior; Hailey Vu, freshman; (third row) Sophia Colmenares, junior; Alexis Tran, senior; Victoria Solis, senior; (fourth row) Stephanie

Photo by Stephen Payne

# Franklin will guest lecture at San Jacinto

Fans of the Houston band, The Suffers, will be able to learn about frontwoman Kam

Franklin's creative process at San Jacinto College's guest lecture event, "Game Chang-

ers and Box Breakers: Critical Thinking in Our World," on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the San Ja-

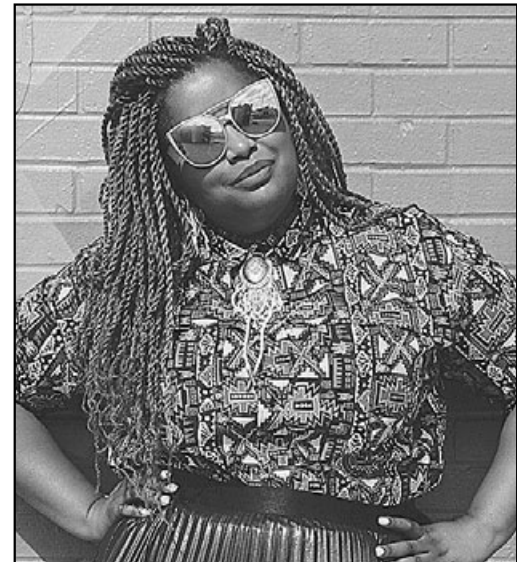
cinto College South campus. The event, sponsored by the College Lyceum Committee,

will feature Franklin and Kris Pierce, director of promotional video at Dallas-based anime distribution company, Funimation Entertainment. Both will participate in a panel discussion and give live presentations of how they use critical thinking in their respective artistic fields. The lecture portion of the event will take place at 10 a.m. in the Proscenium Theatre inside the Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Center.

Franklin will give a special performance in the Proscenium Theatre at 1:30 p.m., and following her performance, a reception featuring a film screening of Funimation's "Your Name" will be held in the fine arts center atrium.

The "Game Changers and Box Breakers: Critical Thinking in Our World" event is free and open to the public. The San Jacinto College South campus is located at 13735 Beamer Road.

For more information about Kam Franklin and The Suffers, visit [thesuffers.com](http://thesuffers.com). For more information about Kris Pierce, visit [krispiercedesign.com](http://krispiercedesign.com).



Houston's Kam Franklin of the band The Suffers will give a guest lecture and special performance at the San Jacinto College South campus on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Photo by Greg Noire



Kris Pierce, director of promotional video at Funimation Entertainment, will be a guest lecturer and host a film screening of Funimation's "Your Name" at the San Jacinto College South campus on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

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# CCISD hosts elementary robotics tournament

The Clear Creek Independent School District hosted the Space City VEX IQ Robotics Tournament for elementary students on Saturday, Jan. 19, where 10 teams advanced to the state tournament.

A total of 65 teams across each of the district's 26 elementary schools competed in the tournament where stu-

dents are responsible for designing, building and operating their robot systems.

"I'm very proud of what these students and coaches accomplished in such a short amount of time," said Andy Schaafs, robotics and engineering program manager. "They only had four months to create and program a robot

that could drive, lift, push, stack, hurdle and, at the end, perform a pull up of its entire body weight. You can imagine how exciting these challenges are year-after-year."

The VEX IQ Challenge is played on a 4-foot by 8-foot rectangular field. Two robots compete in the Teamwork Challenge as an alliance,

working collaboratively to score points. Teams also compete in the Robot Skills Challenge in which one robot takes the field to score as many points as possible under driver control; and the Programming Skills Challenge, in which one robot scores as many points as possible autonomously, without any driver inputs.

Armand Bayou Elementary, Brookwood Elementary, Ed White E-STEM Magnet School, Hyde Elementary, North Pointe Elementary and Wedgewood Elementary each had one or multiple teams advance to the next round of competition. The Ed White Team 821B was announced as the Excellence Winner for the day, which is highest award given to the best all-around robot.

"Exciting challenges aside, it is the coaches that

have made this such a rewarding experience," said Schaafs. "There has been a 33 percent increase in the number of teams over the last two years, and they definitely are a contributing factor. I'm excited for all 65 teams we had compete and am especially excited to see how well the 10 teams that qualified for state go and represent CCISD Robotics."

Clear Creek ISD will host the Texas State VEX IQ Tournament on March 2, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Clear Falls High School, 4380 Village Way, in League City.

CCISD intermediate and high school teams will compete for their spots in the VEX EDR State Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 9, at Bay-side Intermediate, 4430 Village Way in League City. The event is free and open to the public.

# Genoa Elementary shares honor, merit rolls

Genoa Elementary has released its honor and merit rolls for the second nine-weeks. The only class not included in this list is the third-grade class of Maria Duran.

### Honor Roll

Third grade  
Brandon Ingersoll, Giselle

Martinez, Mirella Victoria Sanchez and Thanh Tran.

### Fourth grade

Destinee Garcia, Alana Green, Brittany Llanas, Edith Lopez, Noelly Metiviet and Emma Torres.

### Merit Roll

Third grade  
Riley Blakely, Brian Dao,

Felix Gutierrez, Arlette Hernandez, Marquis Rodriguez, Rene Salinas, Selena Trujillo and Gracie Zamora.

### Fourth grade

Mia Allen, Daymian Alvarado, Daniel Arevalo, Cowan Banda, Jamie Brown, Mia Capps, Kayla Castillo, Abygail Chavez, Liz Domin-

guez, David Garcia, Amber Gibbens, Wendy Guerrero, Gloria Hernandez and Ayza Hernandez.

Mohammad Khan, Purvis Lee, Larissa Moreno, Huy Nguyen, Grace Ojeda, Raelynn Puga, Analia Rubio, Christopher Salinas, Yahya Sanjar and April Vazquez.

# UH-Clear Lake releases calendar

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

### UHCL physics lecture to discuss space debris

NASA tracks more than 21,000 man-made objects larger than 10 centimeters cast off from rockets, vehicle payloads, satellites and collisions with other detritus. Scientists calculate each piece's altitude, speed, when it will fall back to earth, whether it will burn up on re-entry or whether it's on a collision trajectory with active space flights. At 7 p.m. on Feb. 11, astronomical scientist James Frith will explain this work as University of Houston-Clear Lake's Physics Lecture Series continues.

Frith is the optical measurements lead for Johnson

Space Center's Orbital Debris Research and Science Operations. He works to characterize the present and future population of orbital debris. He will present the lecture "Ground-Based Observations of Orbital Debris and Their Applications to Understand the Near-Earth Space Environment."

The Physics Lecture Series is held each Monday through April 29. All talks are in room 1203 of UH-Clear Lake's new STEM and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The lectures are free. If pursuing continuing-education credits, each lecture is \$15; a group of three lectures is \$40; and the entire series is \$99. To register or for more information, visit <http://bit.ly/uhcl-physics-lectures>.

Friday Morning talks University of Houston-Clear Lake's Friday Morning Continuing Education winter series continues Feb. 8 with two lectures.

At 9 a.m., learn what pirate Jean Lafitte and moonwalkers have in common in the "History of the Clear Lake Area," with author Ruth Burke.

At 11 a.m., author Tina Farrell recounts the challenges her late father - and many other veterans - faced during and after WWII in "Miracles in the Pacific during WWII - A Prisoner of War's Survival Story."

The Friday Morning lecture series highlights unique topics in art, culture, social issues and more led by field experts. Register online and learn more at [www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-cc](http://www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-cc).

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### CADD lecture: How to deal with picky eaters

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities will present advice for managing picky eaters during mealtimes in a Feb. 16 lecture titled "Tips for Decreasing Challenging Behavior and Increasing Variety into Your Learner's Diet."

Presenter Sarah Williams will introduce strategies to decrease challenging behavior during mealtime. She will begin by discussing strategies aimed at what you can do before and after the first bite.

This presentation is ideal for parents, caregivers and teachers of children who are capable

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## Community leaders enjoy BAHEP gala



The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership recognized Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush (second from right) as its 2019 Quasar Award recipient at the organization's annual banquet, held Friday, Jan. 25. Pictured above with Bush at the event are, left to right, South Belt resident and BAHEP President Bob Mitchell, Houston City Council Member David Robinson and Houston City Council Member Dave Martin.

# BAHEP recognizes George P. Bush

Celebrating its 26th annual Quasar Award Banquet on Jan. 25, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership honored Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush as its 2019 Quasar Award recipient.

The black tie event was held at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City.

Bush has become the noteworthy champion of the coastal barrier system whose undiminished advocacy has been instrumental in moving the project forward.

In speaking of Bush, BAHEP President Bob Mitchell noted that the commissioner's grandfather, the late George

H.W. Bush, 41st president of the United States, often spoke of 1,000 points of light — "of all the community organizations that are spread like stars throughout the nation ... doing good work."

Mitchell said, "I want to sincerely thank and extend the heartfelt appreciation of the entire Bay Area Houston community to the brightest point of light here tonight — Commissioner George P. Bush. Knowingly or not, you have become the champion we needed for the coastal spine system. Know that you can count on every one of us to see this life-saving project through to completion. Thank you for your commit-

ment and for being here with us tonight."

**Bush credits work of GLO**  
Bush began his remarks saying, "Thank you all very much, and thank you for the kind introduction. It's always great to be with my friends at BAHEP."

"I particularly want to thank my friend, Bob Mitchell. For those of you who have never been on the receiving end of him bending your ear, know that he's a very effective advocate for the region."

The commissioner then gave credit to the General Land Office. He said, "I'm honored to receive this award, but I only do so sharing it with a few people. First, I have to thank the team at the GLO, several of whom are here tonight, for their exhaustive work over the course of really several decades to make this happen as the General Land Office is a unique agency that manages the Texas coast on behalf of its 28 million people."

"Secondly, I want to thank all the elected officials that joined us tonight from the city, from the county, from the state levels. You all are the ones that are the reason why we're at this stage of the process. This can't be done by one agency and one person alone."

**GLO enters into historic agreement**

Bush spoke of working with the Army Corps of Engineers explaining, "We found some savings in our budget to enter into an historic agreement with the Corps of Engineers. It's a \$20 million, five-year study that is a match with the federal government. It's the first of its kind in American history."

"I think as Texans we understand that this is an idea that is long past due, and it will protect us from a major storm. Some may argue that Hurricane Harvey was a precipitation event, but that doesn't lessen the risk of a storm surge event. That's why designing this system makes economic sense. When you look at Hurricane Ike causing \$32 billion in damage, the state gets reimbursed only \$3 billion with which to help our communities recover. It makes sense to take resource ahead of the storm and prepare for the next natural disaster."

The commissioner concluded his speech by saying, "So, with that I just wanted you to know that I'm committed to this project. I'm committed to the protection of our communities and our industries, and I'm committed to making this system a reality. I thank you for acknowledging our work

through this award. We look forward to continuing that work, but we will always be vigilant as it relates to coastal issues; we will remain your guardian for the coast."

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## UHCL calendar set

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of eating all foods but refuse to eat some foods.

The lecture is 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in UH-Clear Lake's Bayou Building. Cost is free but registration is required. To register, visit [www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/speaker-series](http://www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/speaker-series).

**Mercury to present Mozart's final three symphonies**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composed more than 600 works, including 41 symphonies, writing the last three within about six weeks of the end of his life.

On Feb. 7 at 7:30 at University of Houston-Clear Lake's Bayou Theater, the orchestra Mercury will perform its own special interpretation of these three masterpieces: Symphonies Nos. 39, 40 and 41.

To reserve tickets and to learn more about upcoming events, visit [www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/events-tickets](http://www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater/events-tickets).

**Artist hopes gallery exhibit will spark climate change conversation**

Artist Julie Heffernan's exhibition, "When the Water Rises," uses color and detailed imagery to support an introspective, passionate discussion for the message she wants to spread: Climate change is real. The traveling exhibition runs through March 21 in the Art Gallery, located in the Bayou Building.

Heffernan said she wanted to create a powerful body of work and tour it, to get a conversation going on the topic of climate change.

"I couldn't get it going in my own family," Heffernan said. "So I hoped to give visual aid to something that people couldn't imagine on their own."

Admission is free for everyone. Learn more at [www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery](http://www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery).

## Public Works applies for flood mitigation

The Public Works Department has submitted Houston's 2018 application for participation in FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.

This nationwide program selects flood-prone homes to be elevated, thereby decreasing flood risk for those

homes. Houston's application includes 85 homeowners who volunteered to participate, with 81 seeking home elevation and four requesting a buy-out. The announcement of which cities will be selected for this program is expected later this year.

## Countywide polling ...

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outside their local precincts.

In Texas, 52 other counties, including the neighboring counties of Fort Bend and Brazoria, already have such a program in place.

Trautman, who started in her new position Jan. 1 after defeating former County Clerk Stan Stanart in November's election, said she has extensively studied the countywide polling place program currently in place in Travis County.

Begun in 2011, the Travis County's program has increased voter turnout by more than 10 percent, while simultaneously closing approximately 20 percent of polling locations.

It is currently unclear how many polling centers would be necessary in Harris County, but Trautman said plans would call for initially using all current polling locations, including early voting sites and individ-

ual precinct sites.

Trautman further said the county would slowly roll out the plan, if approved, and would, by no means, be used yet for a major election, such as the 2020 presidential election. Harris County Precinct 2 will hold a meeting to discuss the proposal on Monday, Feb. 4, at the Leon Grayson Community Center, located at 13828 Corpus Christi St., from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Several elected officials were in attendance at BAHEP's 26th Annual Quasar Award Banquet on Jan. 25. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Sen. Carol Alvarado, who was recently elected to state Senate District 6; Rep. Greg Bonnen, who was recently elected to serve as speaker of the Texas House of Representatives; and Rep. Dennis Paul, who was recently re-elected to represent state House District 129.



Newly-elected Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo (second from left) was among the elected officials attending BAHEP's annual banquet on Jan. 25. Hidalgo claimed an upset victory against longtime County Judge Ed Emmett in November's general election. Hidalgo is shown in attendance with, left to right, Dan Mims, San Jacinto College board of trustees member; Larry Wilson, San Jacinto College board of trustees member; and Vicki Morgan, Pasadena ISD board member. Photos by Marie Flickinger

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## Lady Longhorns clinch playoff berth; other local teams could miss out

The District 22-6A varsity girls' basketball season has just two games remaining for most teams, yet the Dobie Lady Longhorns now know their season will extend longer than that. An easy victory

over Sam Rayburn Jan. 29 at home during Pink Out Night clinched a postseason berth for the locals, who currently sit fourth in the 22-6A standings.

Atascocita (14-0) and Summer Creek (12-2) have all but secured the top two playoff seeds, with Humble (10-4) holding off Dobie (9-5) for the third seed.

The kicker? Dobie closes out the regular season with games against South Houston and Memorial, while Humble must face Kingwood and Atascocita.

If the season ended today, Dobie would take on Beaumont United of District 21-6A, which has fashioned a 32-0 record, including 12-0 in league play.

## Bravo, Kristoff power San Jac

Three wins in four games against top-level competition has the San Jacinto College softball team off to a fast start to begin the 2019 regular season.

## Dobie soccer still unbeaten ahead of showdowns



Dobie junior midfielder Miranda Serrano (12) battles for possession of the ball against Pasadena's Giselle Farrara (11) while the Eagles Giselle Velasquez provides support in the second half of the Lady Longhorns' eventual 2-1 win Jan. 26, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Lady Longhorns scored twice in the first half, but a late goal from Pasadena kept

things tight the rest of the way. Dobie did, however, have an easier time of things Jan. 29, blanking visiting Humble 5-0 at San Jacinto College South to move to 3-0-0 in league play. On the boys' side of things, the Longhorns also stayed unbeaten (3-0-0) with a 4-1 victory over Humble at Turner Stadium. See more soccer on Page 6B.

Photo by John Bechtle

The Coyotes, looking to bounce back from an uncharacteristic rough 2018 run of things, beat the University of Houston-Victoria, Snead State and LSU-Eunice at the Whitecap Invitational in Galveston before losing their final game to North-

west Florida State College. In San Jacinto's season opener Jan. 25, two Dobie graduates played key roles in a 5-3 victory over UH-Victoria.

Michelle Kristoff, who has signed to play with the Jaguars beginning next season, provided a glimpse of the future as she fanned nine in a complete-game victory for SJC.

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## Thompson basketball dominates PISD action

The Thompson Intermediate boys' and girls' basketball teams put their dominance on display, winning seven of the eight Pasadena ISD tournament championships and walking away with several regular season crowns as well.

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## Schmitz Years reunion arrives Feb. 9

By John Bechtle Sports Editor  
The Dobie boys' soccer program celebrated new heights in 2017, winning the Region III championship and reaching the state tournament for the first time in history.

It was the 1983-84 school year, just one year after the University Interscholastic League had ushered soccer in as an officially-sanctioned sport.

Many of the Longhorn players had gotten their start in what is currently the South Belt Youth Soccer Club.

Former Dobie standout Ralph Barr, a onetime all-district recipient, established a Facebook page at J. Frank Dobie Soccer Alumni - The Schmitz Years. Additional details about the event will be available there.

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

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# Sports Calendar

## TENNIS

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1-2

Dobie varsity at Franklin/Kramer invit., TBA

Friday, Feb. 8

Dobie varsity at Ron Wesbrooks invit., TBA

## SOFTBALL

Friday, Feb. 1

Dobie varsity at Friendswood scrimm., Friends., TBA

Monday, Feb. 4

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Creek scrimm., PISD, 6:30

Saturday, Feb. 9

Dobie varsity hosts round robin, El Franco Lee, TBA

Monday, Feb. 11

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Brook, PISD, 6:30

Dobie JV hosts Clear Brook, PISD, 5:00

## SOCCER

Friday, Feb. 1

Dobie varsity girls at Kingwood, 7:30

Dobie varsity boys host Kingwood, Vet., 8:30

Dobie JV girls at Kingwood, 5:30

Dobie JV boys host Kingwood, Auxiliary, 6:30

## BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 1

Brook varsity boys at Alvin, 7:00

Dobie varsity boys host South Houston, 7:00

Dobie varsity girls at South Houston, 7:00

Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:00

Brook JV boys at Alvin, 5:30

Brook JV girls host Alvin, 5:30

Dobie JV boys host South Houston, 5:30

Dobie JV girls at South Houston, 5:30

Dobie sophomore boys host South Houston, 5:30

Brook sophomore boys at Alvin, 5:30

Dobie freshman A boys host South Houston, 4:00

Dobie freshman A girls at South Houston, 4:00

Brook freshman A boys at Alvin, 4:00

Brook freshman A girls host Alvin, 4:00

Dobie freshman B boys host South Houston, 4:00

Brook freshman B boys at Alvin, 4:00

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Brook varsity boys host Clear Lake, 7:00

Dobie varsity boys at Memorial, 7:00

Dobie varsity girls host Memorial, 7:00

Brook varsity girls at Clear Lake, 7:00

Brook JV boys host Clear Lake, 5:30

Brook JV girls at Clear Lake, 5:30

Dobie JV boys at Memorial, 5:30

Dobie JV girls host Memorial, 5:30

Dobie sophomore boys at Memorial, 5:30

Brook sophomore boys host Clear Lake, 5:30

Dobie freshman A boys at Memorial, 4:00

Dobie freshman A girls host Memorial, 4:00

Brook freshman A boys host Clear Lake, 4:00

Brook freshman A girls at Clear Lake, 4:00

Dobie freshman B boys at Memorial, 4:00

Brook freshman B boys host Clear Lake, 4:00

# San Jac softball off to 3-1 start

Continued from Page 1B  
a Dobie graduate, went 2 for 3 at the plate with two runs driven in.

Morgan Childs, Ashley Ramber, Lacey Gabaldon and Dalilah Bravo also smacked doubles for San Jacinto, and Kristoff allowed just two earned runs to get the win.

Later in the day, San Jacinto scored a run in the top of the sixth inning to deliver a 6-5 win over Snead State Community College (Ala.).

Lillie Grotenhuis homered for the locals, and Madelyn Tannery pitched 6 1/3 innings to get the win, with Meagan Smith getting the final two outs for the save. Allison Bravo had another double.

Going against JUCO Division II power LSU-Eunice to start the final day of action Jan. 26, SJC scored a pair of runs in the top of the eighth inning to come away with an 11-9 victory.

Ramber had three hits

and drove in four runs, and Samantha Martinez, Gabaldon and Dominique Garcia all drove in a pair of runs. Kristoff struggled, walking seven while failing to escape the second inning, but her teammates provided a lift.

Denisse Gracia pitched in relief and got the win as San Jacinto opened the season with three wins.

Northwest Florida State broke through for a 7-5 win in the tournament finale for both programs.

Martinez had three hits, homered a drove in four runs, while Gabaldon also went deep. Tannery allowed six earned runs in 1 2/3 innings of work as the locals could not overcome an early 7-1 deficit.

San Jacinto will be back in action Feb. 1-2, playing a weekend series at LSU-Eunice. The San Jacinto College Invitational at the Pasadena Girls Softball Association facility at Crenshaw Park follows Feb. 8-9.

# Area sports news, notes

## Rising Stars Track Club practicing, etc.

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's longstanding youth track and field organization, is set to begin practices and registration at Dobie High School. Returning team members are encouraged to join workouts beginning Thursday, Jan. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the JFD track.

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

## Sagemont Cowboys' returning player sign-up

The Sagemont Cowboys of the Bay Area Football League will be on hand Saturday, Feb. 2, as the organization accepts returning player registration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

Returning players ages 5 to 12 are eligible to rejoin the Cowboys for the 2019 season. Officials will also be accepting information for those youths who would like to play.

## Henderson, Pree gets started at UH

Dobie graduate Justice Henderson and Kenneth Pree of Clear Brook are off and running as members of the track and field program at the University of Houston. Henderson, now a junior at UH, scored a personal record of 7.50 seconds in the 60-meter dash to place third at the Houston Indoor Invitational Jan. 25-26 at Yeoman Field House. Pree, a freshman, was eighth in his debut in the men's long jump, going 22 feet, 4 1/4 inches. Former Clear Brook High School track star Brandon Taylor is also with the Cougars this season after previously attending the University of Miami.

## Sagemont Cowgirls seek participants

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

## PISD Intermediate Boys' Basketball Through Jan. 24

8A Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	8 0 0
San Jacinto	2 2 0	4 4 0
Miller	2 2 0	3 4 0
South Houston	2 2 0	3 5 0
Southmore	0 4 0	0 8 0

### Game Scores

Thompson 74, Jackson 32

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Bondy	3 1 0	6 2 0
Queens	3 1 0	5 2 0
Beverly Hills	2 2 0	5 3 0
Park View	2 2 0	4 4 0
Jackson	0 4 0	1 7 0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 67, South Houston 42

Bondy 47, San Jacinto 46

Park View 71, Southmore 24

8B Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	7 1 0
San Jacinto	3 1 0	6 2 0
South Houston	2 2 0	5 3 0
Miller	1 3 0	2 5 0
Southmore	0 4 0	2 6 0

### Game Scores

Thompson 72, Jackson 24

San Jacinto 42, Bondy 28

Southmore 34, Park View 23

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	8 0 0
Bondy	3 1 0	5 3 0
Queens	1 3 0	2 5 0
Park View	2 2 0	2 6 0
Jackson	0 4 0	0 8 0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 68, South Houston 33

7A Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
South Houston	4 0 0	8 0 0
Thompson	3 1 0	7 1 0
San Jacinto	2 2 0	4 4 0
Southmore	1 3 0	3 5 0
Miller	0 4 0	0 7 0

### Game Scores

San Jacinto 38, Bondy 24

South Houston 44, Beverly Hills 35

Thompson 45, Jackson 20

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	6 2 0
Queens	3 1 0	4 4 0
Park View	2 2 0	4 3 0
Bondy	1 3 0	3 5 0
Jackson	0 4 0	0 8 0

### Game Scores

Park View 47, Southmore 41

7B Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	8 0 0
San Jacinto	3 1 0	5 3 0
Southmore	2 2 0	3 5 0
South Houston	1 3 0	3 5 0
Miller	0 4 0	1 6 0

### Game Scores

Thompson 38, Jackson 11

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	7 1 0
Bondy	3 1 0	6 2 0
Queens	2 2 0	4 3 0
Park View	1 3 0	2 6 0
Jackson	0 4 0	0 8 0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 57, South Houston 10

Bondy 35, San Jacinto 32 (OT)

Park View 32, Southmore 25

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8A Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	7 1 0
Miller	3 1 0	6 2 0
Southmore	2 2 0	3 5 0
San Jacinto	1 3 0	2 6 0
South Houston	0 4 0	1 7 0

### Game Scores

Thompson 57, Jackson 22

Southmore 34, Park View 7

Miller 31, Queens 27

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	8 0 0
Bondy	3 1 0	5 3 0
Queens	2 2 0	4 4 0
Jackson	1 3 0	4 4 0
Park View	0 4 0	0 8 0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 37, South Houston 9

Bondy 42, San Jacinto 12

8B Records	District	Overall
Zone A	W L T	W L T
Thompson	4 0 0	8 0 0
Miller	3 1 0	5 3 0
Southmore	2 2 0	3 5 0
San Jacinto	1 3 0	3 5 0
South Houston	0 4 0	2 6 0

### Game Scores

Thompson 36, Jackson 10

Southmore 26, Park View 11

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Bondy	4 0 0	7 1 0
Beverly Hills	3 1 0	5 3 0
Queens	2 2 0	5 3 0
Park View	1 3 0	1 7 0
Jackson	0 4 0	1 7 0

### Game Scores

Queens 22, Miller 12

Bondy 24, San Jacinto 14

Beverly Hills 21, South Houston 11

7A Records	District	Overall
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Miller	3 1 0	7 1 0
San Jacinto	2 2 0	5 3 0
South Houston	1 2 0	3 4 0
Southmore	0 3 0	1 6 0

### Game Scores

Thompson 58, Jackson 10

Southmore 26, Park View 21

Miller 35, Queens 10

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Bondy	3 1 0	5 3 0
Queens	3 1 0	4 4 0
Beverly Hills	3 1 0	4 4 0
Park View	1 3 0	2 6 0
Jackson	0 4 0	1 7 0

### Game Scores

Beverly Hills 20, South Houston 13

Bondy 28, San Jacinto 27

7B Records	District	Overall
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Miller	3 1 0	5 3 0
Southmore	2 2 0	3 5 0
San Jacinto	0 4 0	2 6 0
South Houston	2 2 0	4 4 0

### Game Scores

Thompson 32, San Jacinto 6

Southmore 25, Park View 14

Beverly Hills 16, South Houston 12

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Beverly Hills	4 0 0	6 2 0
Bondy	3 1 0	6 2 0
Queens	1 3 0	4 4 0
Jackson	1 3 0	2 6 0
Park View	1 3 0	1 7 0

### Game Scores

Bondy 18, Queens 9

Jackson 15, Park View 14

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

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

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

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

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

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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9:30 a.m.  
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10 a.m.  
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11:30 a.m.  
**Local NARFE Meeting** - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For details, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.  
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**Trailmixers** - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome.  
1:30 p.m.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713.  
2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [dr.glandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dr.glandorf@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318.  
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**Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets the first Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 2320 Hatfield Road in Pearland. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit [www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild](http://www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild). February's meeting is the annual auction of quilt-related items. Bring a friend and have fun at the live auction. There is also a silent auction with a variety of great items, as well as books and patterns available for purchase. Cash or check only. For more information, call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or visit [bayareaquiltguild.org](http://bayareaquiltguild.org).  
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**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at [doverbookkeeper@aol.com](mailto:doverbookkeeper@aol.com).  
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8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
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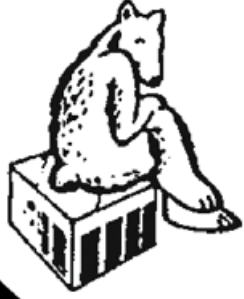
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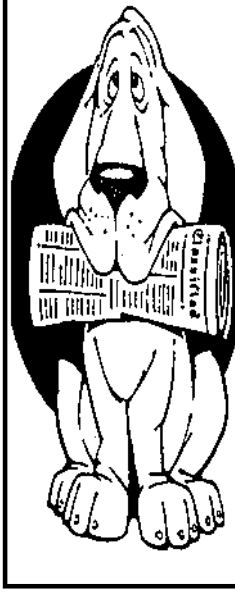


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# District 22-6A varsity soccer still features Dobie

Out ahead of a key District 22-6A soccer showdown with Kingwood, the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams have both opened league play at 3-0-0.

In the 22-6A boys' race, things are going to script

as the Memorial Mavericks are to a 4-0-0 start for a perfect 12 points, while four-time defending league champion Dobie is next at 3-0-0.

The Longhorns defeated Pasadena Jan. 25 at Veterans Stadium by a 3-1

count, and then traveled to Humble Jan. 29, where they downed the Wildcats 4-1 at Turner Stadium.

Dobie head coach Justo Manrique previously ticketed Memorial with having the top talent in the district, and the Mavericks

have held up their end of the deal.

Dobie, which will take on Kingwood Friday, Feb. 1 in the final match of a tripleheader at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena (8:30 p.m. start time).

For the Longhorns,

the coring is being paced by Bryan Nava with nine goals, and Christian Saldivar has six assists to lead the way in that category.

In the Longhorns' 4-1 victory at Humble, the team again jumped out ahead of its opponent, putting the Wildcats away for the win.

The Dobie girls, meanwhile, got first-half scores from Victoria Chu and Miranda Serrano, then held off Pasadena for a 2-1 win Jan. 26 at Veterans Stadium.

Then playing is frigid, windy conditions at San Jacinto College South Jan. 28, the Lady Longhorns blanked Humble 5-0.

The Lady Longhorns still have tough matches to come in the first half of district play against Kingwood and Atascocita, but the important thing is the locals have taken care of their business ahead of those games.

Kingwood, a winner of 28 consecutive district titles, is set to host

the Lady Longhorns in a Friday, Feb. 1 matchup at Kingwood. The match is at 7:30 p.m. Chu and Serrano continue to pace the Lady Longhorns in the scoring department, and Taiya Mitchell has been one of the most dominant stoppers in the region to this point in the season.

It's still relatively ear-

ly in the respective District 22-6A races, but it's hard to imagine the Dobie squads being worried about much.

Yet with district newcomers Kingwood to come at Dobie in girls' play and the Longhorn boys set for an eventual pair of showdowns with Memorial, the races are still on.



Dobie's Victoria Chu (right) works her way around a Pasadena defender during the Lady Longhorns' 2-1 win Jan. 26, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Chu, one of the team's leading scorers over the past two seasons, had a goal in the win. Dobie next faces Kingwood Feb. 1, at Kingwood, at 7:30 p.m.



Miranda Serrano (6) of Dobie scored a first-half goal as the Lady Longhorns defeated Pasadena Jan. 26. Now, after a 5-0 victory against Humble Jan. 29 at San Jacinto College South, the Lady Longhorns are 3-0-0. Photos by John Bechtle

### 22-6A Boys' Soccer Standings

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



From left, Dobie varsity boys' soccer assistant coaches Aaron Mathews and Jose Esparza as well as head coach Justo Manrique (right) have the Longhorns standing at 3-0-0 heading into a big showdown with 22-6A newcomer Kingwood as the two teams meet Feb. 1, at Veterans Stadium. Match time is 8:30 p.m.

### SJC baseball wins three

Camryn Williams had a weekend to remember as he led the San Jacinto College baseball team to three wins in four games at the Southern Nevada Invitational to open the 2019 JUCO regular season.

Williams had hits in all four games, getting his season off to a torrid start at the plate.

He homered and doubled, driving in a pair of runs in the season opener against Arizona Western, but a three-run ninth inning from Arizona Western led to a 4-3 loss.

Mitchell Parker and Dylan Lester combined to allow just three hits and no runs over the first eight innings before San Jac's bullpen faltered in the ninth inning.

Starter Dane Acker had eight strikeouts, and reliever Luis Quinones had seven more as the Gators defeated Southern Nevada 2-1.

Williams tripled in the game, and Braden Winget's RBI single in the top of the seventh inning allowed SJC to take the win.

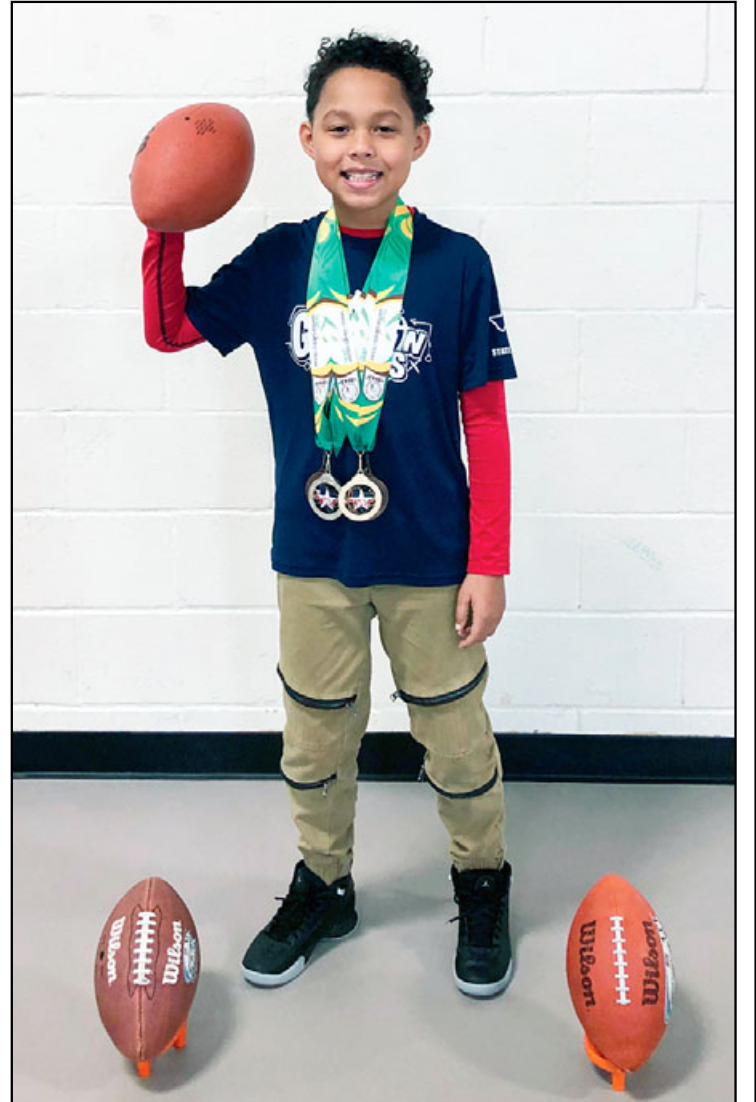
Williams tripled and doubled to lead the way to a 6-5 win over Central Arizona. Winget also doubled twice, and Jackson Rutledge was terrific on the mound.

Over five innings of work to start the game, Rutledge allowed two hits and no runs while fanning nine Central Arizona hitters.

San Jacinto closed out the tournament by downing Cochise 14-5 over seven frames. Andrew Papantonis went 3 for 4 at the plate, and Ryan Hernandez had three hits and drove in four runs.

Winget had three hits and Chase Ferem scored two runs and drove in three more. Adisyn Coffey tripled and drove in three runs in the easy win, getting the locals to 3-1 overall.

### Stuchbery's Britton excels at state Gridiron



Stuchbery Elementary student Branson Britton excelled at the Gridiron Skills State Championship competition held at The Rig in Pearland, placing second in his 8-to-9-year-old age group while taking part in events such as a 40-yard dash as well as a pass, punt and kick scored on distance. His pass of 43 feet, 3 inches was tops in the division. Britton previously qualified for the state competition by excelling at the Pasadena ISD's districtwide Texas Amateur Athletic Federation competition at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

### District 24-6A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Jan. 30)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	9	1
Clear Lake	8	2
Clear Falls	8	3
Clear Creek	5	5
Alvin	4	6
Clear Brook	1	9
Dickinson	1	10

### District 24-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Jan. 30)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	9	0
Clear Creek	6	2
Clear Lake	6	2
Clear Springs	4	5
Clear Brook	3	5
Clear Falls	1	8
Alvin	1	8

### District 22-6A Standings Varsity Boys' Basketball

(As of Jan. 30)

Teams	W	L
Summer Creek	12	0
South Houston	9	3
Humble	9	3
Atascocita	8	5
Kingwood	6	6
Pasadena	4	7
Dobie	4	9
Sam Rayburn	1	10
Memorial	1	11

### District 22-6A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(As of Jan. 30)

Teams	W	L
Atascocita	14	0
Summer Creek	12	2
Humble	10	4
Dobie	9	5
Kingwood	6	8
Memorial	5	9
Sam Rayburn	4	10
Pasadena	1	12
South Houston	1	12

- ### Auxiliary Stadium Pasadena ISD Intermediate Track & Field
- Feb. 12 – Beverly Hills, Thompson, South Houston, Miller and Bondy boys and girls.
  - Feb. 13 – Queens, Park View, San Jacinto, Jackson and Southmore boys and girls.
  - Feb. 20 – Beverly Hills, Park View, San Jacinto, Southmore and Bondy boys and girls.
  - Feb. 21 – Thompson, South-Houston, Jackson, Queens and Miller boys and girls.
  - Feb. 27 – Girls' meet, all teams.
  - Feb. 28 – Boys' meet, all teams.
  - March 6 – District championships
  - March 7 – District championships
  - All meets begin at 4:30 p.m.