

JFD meeting for 8th graders

A. J. Frank Dobie Early College High School information meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school's media room. The meeting is for any interested eighth graders and their parents who want to learn more about the early college high school program at Dobie. (See related editorial Page 2A.)

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to Fuqua will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 8. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed. At least two northbound and two southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to Fuqua will be closed from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 8. Alternate entrance/exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-528/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Dec. 31. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-518 to FM-517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 2. Alternate entrance and exit ramps will be closed.

Christmas parade coming

The Highland Meadow Christmas Light Parade is set for Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. First-, second- and third-place prizes will be awarded for the best entries in adult and children categories. For information, contact Rudy Alafa at 281-415-8003 or alafa20@yahoo.com.

Burnett holds winter fest

Burnett Elementary will host its free winter festival Saturday, Dec. 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day will begin with a fun run at 8:30 a.m., followed by raffles, games and the distribution of more than 1,000 Christmas gifts for children in the community who were impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Pasadena Mayor Jim Wagner will be in attendance at 9 a.m. to assist in the gift giving.

Kirkmont I election set

The Kirkmont I HOA will hold an election Wednesday, Dec. 13. Homeowners interested in running may submit to the nominating committee their name, address, telephone and address with a brief resume indicating education, qualifying experience and objectives to improve Kirkmont Section I. Submit resumes to msanchez@houcomm.com.

Melillo jog planned

The Melillo Middle School will hold its fourth annual Jingle Bell Jog on Saturday, Dec. 2. This is a community event aimed at helping local families for the holidays. All participants are asked to bring two nonperishable food items or one new unwrapped toy. All food and toy donations collected will go directly to the Leader's annual Christmas drive. Holiday dress is recommended, and the best youth and adult costumes will be awarded a prize. There will also be prizes for the first-place boy and girl joggers. The Melillo Band will perform and there will be a drawing for a free turkey. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the jog will begin at 8:30 a.m. For additional information, contact Kelly Jurek at 713-740-5260.

Beltway 8 closures set

At least one inside lane on the westbound frontage road of Beltway 8 will be closed from Beamer to Blackhawk continuously through 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8.

There will be a full closure of all northbound SH 288 main lanes at Beltway 8 from 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, through 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.

Monroe Boulevard will be closed north of Beltway 8 from the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 5, through the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Highland Meadow to meet

The monthly meeting of the Highland Meadow HOA is set for Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. Questions prior to the meeting may be directed to Alma Reyes with C.I.A. Services Inc. at 713-981-9000 or Custom erCare@ciaservices.com.

Christmas art show offered

The Christmas Art Stars silent auction and art show will take place Sunday, Dec. 3, at Popstars, located at 607 S. Friendswood Drive No. 17 from 3 to 6 p.m. The show will feature the works of South Belt artist Dana Schoppa and 20 of her students. Schoppa has been an artist for 45 years and the featured artist of Big Bend National Park since 1982.

The event will also feature refreshments and door prizes. Admission is one unwrapped toy that will benefit local children affected by Hurricane Harvey. For more information, call 713-944-1239 or 281-966-5224. See related ad on Page 4A.

SJC students participate in cancer study

Under the guidance of San Jacinto College science professor Christopher Wild, four students from the area school are on the cutting edge of cancer research, after participating in an exclusive study at the University of Iowa this past summer.

Trung Vu, Kenley Miller, Kevin Rodriguez and Simon Mendoza were four of eight students to be selected to participate in the summer program sponsored by the Continuing Umbrella of Research Experiences (CURE). They were the only ones from a community college to take part

in the study, which is open to minorities and first-generation college students.

Supported by the National Cancer Institute, the CURE program is a partnership between the University of Iowa and other participating academic institutions. The selected students spent eight weeks studying at the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Each student was assigned a mentor and given a specific lab project.

The students said the program was challenging but rewarding.

"It was like science boot camp," Rodriguez said. "On my first day, my professor gave me a textbook and told me to read it. I said to myself 'I guess we're going to hit the ground running.'"

Miller said he was humbled by the experience.

"I guess I'm not as smart as I thought I was," Miller said. "No matter how smart you think you are, there's always someone smarter. But I'm very competitive. I may not be smarter than you, but I'll work four times harder."

The students, none of whom have science backgrounds, were not always at the top of their class, however. Two of the students began their tenure at San Jacinto College taking remedial courses, while a third, Vu, moved to this country just four years ago.

"When I first started at San Jac, I didn't know my left hand from my right hand," Miller said.

Not all of the students' time in Iowa was spent studying, however, as they were entertained by other students, who took them to baseball games

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Hancock students enjoy new park



Hancock Elementary recently celebrated the opening of its brand-new SPARK playground. Students shown above enjoying the park on opening day are, clockwise from top left, Christopher Carranza, Dianelys Banda, Sismay Olivos, Chloe Simonton, Jazmin Fletes, Hecmarie Colon, Lilynhu Vu, Isaiah Romero and Heclimar Colon. See related photo on Page 2A.

Photo by Reesha Brown, Pasadena ISD

Hancock, Jessup get new parks

Students and staff at both Hancock Elementary and Jessup Elementary celebrated the opening of their brand-new state-of-the-art SPARK Park, a project that has been years in the making.

Joined by representatives from the U.S. Congress, Texas state Senate, Houston City Council, Pasadena Independent School District administration and South Houston High School, both schools marked the special occasion through student performances, a presentation of certificates by the Spark committee and a reception.

"We are so appreciative of the donors, the schools, and how hard the principals and staff have worked to make this a reality for our students," said Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Pasadena ISD superintendent. "We're looking forward to seeing the thousands and thousands of children take advantage of the new parks."

Hancock and Jessup are among seven schools in the Houston area that participated in SPARK (school park) Week, Nov. 13-17, which celebrat-

ed the transformation of public school grounds into neighborhood parks - a cooperative venture involving the City of Houston, Harris County, Pasadena ISD, campus parent-teacher groups and the community.

Each park is unique, with its designs based on the ideas and needs of each school and the surrounding neighborhoods. A typical park consists of modular playground equipment, a walking trail, picnic tables, trees, an outdoor classroom, and a public art component. The new structures include musical components, rock climbing, a seat wall and multiple slides. Several trees were planted around the parks to incorporate nature into the students' playtime.

The park at Jessup also features a new public art mosaic mural, designed by artist Rose Toro in collaboration with Jessup and South Houston High School art teachers Nataly Quiroga and Cristin Hlinak.

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Leader hunts storm information

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

The newspaper is particularly interested in hearing about residents who had no insurance and are still in need of assistance.

The Leader is also wanting to hear from South Belt residents who have yet to have their storm debris removed from their homes.

Affected residents are asked to email their information to the newspaper at mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Boykins mulls bid for governor

Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykins is considering a run for governor next year against Republican incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott.

Should he decide to run for the position, Boykins, whose District D includes much of the South Belt area, would be forced to resign from his Council seat.

Boykins, a Democrat, was first elected to Council in 2013, then re-elected in 2015 - the same year a city referendum extended terms from two to four years. Should he not seek the governorship, he would be eligible to run for Council one more time in 2019.

The council member has deferred any comments to a prepared statement he provided the Texas Tribune.

"I have had an opportunity to travel across our great state and meet a lot of hardworking people who feel no one is listening to their concerns or fighting for their families, and I am humbled and encouraged by those who have asked me if I would consider running for Governor of Texas," Boykins' statement read. "Like most people, I have noticed that our state is deeply divided over controversial social issues, while the major problems facing our state and

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Garcia to run for Green's seat

State Sen. Sylvia Garcia, whose District 6 encompasses much of the South Belt area, has announced she is running for Congress in Texas' 29th Congressional district. District 29 incumbent Gene Green announced earlier this month he is not seeking re-election after serving nearly 50 years in public office.

Within a week of announcing her run for office, Garcia has received a wide range of significant endorsements.

"My campaign and I have hit the ground running and I'm more than thankful for everyone

who has joined Team Garcia in the last week," Garcia said. "With this kind of momentum, it's clear that we all have one vision in mind - we must elect someone with experience ready to stand up against Trump and to fight for the people of CD29. I am not only a vote but a leading voice in issues that matter most to our community. Advocating for a quality education for our children and healthcare for all, standing up for immigrant rights, defending women's health and demanding social and economic justice isn't just

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Deputies seek robbery suspect

The CVS Pharmacy in the 10900 block of Scarsdale and the H-E-B on Blackhawk were robbed at gunpoint Monday, Nov. 27.

The suspect from those two robberies is suspected of robbing a Kroger store on Highway 6 in Missouri City six days earlier and Edgewood Pharmacy in Friendswood on Sept. 28. (See photos Page 6A.)

According to the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the suspect entered the CVS store around 1:45 p.m., approached the pharmacist and demanded a certain type of potent pain

-pills. He used similar tactics at the other locations he reportedly robbed.

The suspect reportedly told the CVS pharmacist he was willing to shoot anyone in the store if he was not given the narcotics.

The suspect is described as a thin male standing approximately 6 feet tall. He was wearing a shirt that said "police," battle dress uniform (BDU) pants, a baseball cap and sunglasses.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office Robbery Division at 713-274-9200.

Pasadena ISD honors Sweitzer

The Pasadena Independent School District recently named John Sweitzer its 2017 Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

The Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees, administrators and community members will honor Sweitzer at a reception Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Frank Braden Educational Center in the



Sweitzer

Carmen Orozco Professional Development Center in Pasadena starting at 5:30 p.m.

The Founding CEO of the Pasadena Health Center and a longtime supporter of Pasadena ISD, Sweitzer first aligned with the school district in 2014 when he joined the Pasadena ISD School Health Advisory Council, where he learned about the need for CPR training among students.

"As a member of the committee, he was aware of unfunded state mandates that required students in grades 7-12 to receive instruction in CPR, dental hygiene in addition to immunization requirements," said Pam Tevis, PISD health and wellness coordinator.

In response, Sweitzer donated CPR mannequins to each high school and organized the first mass CPR training for freshmen at Pasadena High - an effort that he continues to support each year.

"The great thing about it is they've had over 2,500 students learn CPR, and one little girl who saved her mom from choking," Sweitzer said. "It's turning into a very wonderful thing."

The donation was made in honor of Sweitzer's sister, Cindy, who passed away at age 49 from a heart attack.

For nearly three decades, Sweitzer's name has

been synonymous with humanitarian and volunteer efforts in Pasadena ISD.

Sweitzer continuously works with school nurses to provide medical and dental services for children in need, in addition to organizing health fairs where he provides backpacks, school supplies and health screenings for district families.

As a member of the Pasadena Noon Optimist Club, Sweitzer supports young tennis players during the annual Junior Open/Harry Taylor Scholarship Tournament by sponsoring T-shirts and helping to raise scholarship funds for Pasadena ISD students. During weekly Optimist meetings, Sweitzer sponsors outstanding high school students as a way of inspiring them to continue to be successful.

Sweitzer is a member of the Healthy Living-Matters-Pasadena Community Task Force, an organization comprised of business, school district, city and county officials, dedicated to increasing healthy behaviors in the area.

The task force is an active participant in the BUILD Health Challenge, a \$250,000 grant award given to Pasadena ISD to create a sustainable food system and eliminate conditions that lead to food insecurity. Sweitzer played a crucial role in receiving the award as a community partner.

Sweitzer was the driving force behind start-up efforts to build SPARK (school park) playgrounds at Hancock Elementary and Gardens Elementary. Hancock's SPARK Park opened recently with a dedication celebration. The Gardens will be built in the near future.

"We are so incredibly thankful for Mr. Sweitzer because now our kids have a safe and fun place to play," said Veronica Sandoval, Hancock principal.

Sweitzer, the CEO

Long before Sweitzer's involvement in the district, he served League City and the Houston

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Construction sparks curiosity



The Leader has received multiple inquiries about a new construction project that was recently erected at the intersection of Riverstone Ranch Road and Blackhawk. Some residents thought the new structure might be an apartment complex, possibly a low-income facility, while others thought it might be the long-awaited charter school to be built in the area. The construction, however, is a new three-story storage facility, set to open early next year. Construction has also begun on the charter school, but it is located a block away on Riverstone Ranch and Kirksage.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Baier gives thanks to Pct. 2 constable

I want to give a big thank you to our Precinct 2 constables. My burglar alarm went off while I was away from home and 4 officers came to my house within 2 minutes of receiving the call! I talked to one of the officers on the phone and it was a false alarm.

I'm very impressed with their quick response time and the number of officers that responded.

Thank you for your excellent service! I'd also like to thank my next door neighbor who waited for the constables to arrive and was my liaison while they were at my house!

Yvonne Baier

King claims DDSRF audit is a farce

In the 2015 mayoral election, all of the candidates except Steve Costello agreed that the drainage fee adopted by voters in 2010 had serious problems.

Each of the candidates had various prescriptions. Turner agreed, expressing his concerns about how the money was being spent and promised a complete review of the program. Two years later we are still waiting.

In response to some questions from Council, Controller Chris Brown has been promising an "audit" of the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund (DDSRF), which was finally released last week. It is a farce.

The audit examined three projects which totaled about \$44 million. Through the end of this fiscal year, about \$1.4 billion will have been deposited into the DDSRF. So, this audit covers a whopping 3% of the total.

The report includes an appendix which lists 35 projects that it indicates are completed "using the drainage util-

ty fee component" from 2014-2016 at a cost of \$246 million.

There is no explanation of that phrase nor are there any supporting schedules. Presumably, the report is suggesting that these are the projects that were paid for by the drainage fee.

Beyond that, there is no detail other than a general description of the location of these projects and no indication that the audits did any review of them.

Even if we accept that \$246 million was spent from the dedicated fund on these projects, that would only be about 76% of the drainage fee collected for those years and only 39% of the total amount deposited into the dedicated fund. Where was the rest spent? That was the question we were all hoping an audit would answer.

We used to have a better idea of how the money was spent. During the Parker Administration, the budget document available to the public had 13 pages of information that included a reasonably detailed description of the expenditures and a list of personnel paid from the fund by position type. It was from that detail that we were able to determine that most of the positions paid by the fund were office personnel. But since Turner took office, the budget document has only seven pages and omits most of that detailed information.

The drainage tax was sold to taxpayers on the promise it would be dedicated to alleviate flooding. Remember this guy telling that us, "The best part is that the politicians cannot divert a single cent."

Since the drainage fund was set up in 2011, Houston taxpayers have paid over \$750 million in drainage fees and an additional \$650 million has gone into the fund from other taxpayer sources.

Does anyone think we have gotten \$1.4 billion worth of value in flood control or street improvement projects?

Bill King

Elected officials share their words

Rep. Olson makes statement on Rep. Green's retirement

On Nov. 13, Rep. Pete Olson issued the following statement upon learning fellow Texan and friend Congressman Gene Green will retire at

the end of his current term: "Over the years, I have enjoyed working across the aisle with Gene to tackle issues facing Houston, the

State of Texas and our nation. I'm proud to call him a friend. I wish Gene and his wife Helen fair winds and following seas."

Sen. Cruz praises Justice Department's grant funding

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz issued the following statement praising Attorney General Jeff Sessions' \$98 million grant announced on Nov. 20 that provides funding for law enforcement agencies across the country.

Nine law enforcement agencies in Texas will receive grant funding, allowing them to hire an additional 98 full-time law enforcement officers.

Of those 179 law enforcement agencies across the country that will receive grant funding, 80 percent agreed to cooperate with federal

immigration authorities in their detention facilities.

"I want to thank Attorney General Sessions for his commitment to the rule of law, and community policing," Cruz said. "These funds will strengthen law enforcement officials' efforts to protect our communities. I particularly commend General Sessions for giving priority consideration to grant applicants that agreed to cooperate with immigration officers, cooperation that will be crucial in helping to end the violent crime that stems from illegal immigration.

"Just yesterday, our state faced yet another heartbreak with the attack on two of our border patrol agents in Big Bend that resulted in the death of Border Patrol Agent Rogelio Martinez. We are grateful for the incredible courage and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers, who have dedicated their lives to keeping us safe. I remain fully committed to working with the Border Patrol, and law enforcement agencies across our state, to ensure they are equipped with the resources they need."

Rep. Cornyn joins SBA to rally for tax reform

On Nov. 28 U.S. Sen. John Cornyn joined a press conference with Small Business Administration Administrator Linda McMahon and small business advocates to highlight the importance of tax reform for Texas job creators and families.

"Our goals, as we said at the outset, were to simplify

the tax code, to give people more take-home pay so they can save, they can spend it on their family, invest in their retirement or college education for their kids," said Cornyn. "So we want to get our economy growing again, and we think we've come pretty close to the mark.

As long as people are willing to work in good faith and come up with alternative solutions to try to address their concerns, I think we will have a great victory this week, and more importantly than that, the American people will see the economy take off growing again and allow them to pursue their American Dream."

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

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

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m. STEM Time: *Science of Milk and Cookies*, for ages 7 and older. Meet in the library community room for a presentation on the basic chemical process of baking cookies and the elements that make up milk.

Below are the programs that occur every week.

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

Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. Basic Computer Class. The December class emphasizes basic internet skills.

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

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

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

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Nov. 30, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Creative knitting

Saturday, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m. Citizenship class

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 10:30 a.m. Family storytime

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 11:15 a.m. Preschool playtime

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime

Bracewell hours are: Thursday, noon - 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Publisher's Opinion

Fantastic opportunity for high school students

There may be many parents of high school students who are not aware of a program called dual credit.

San Jacinto College has a program working with Clear Creek and Pasadena independent school districts which provides dual credit opportunities to students.

Basically, it involves students in the program to take classes which gives the students dual credit, credit for the ISD and credit for the community college.

The Clear Creek ISD program meets at San Jacinto College South.

For years now approximately 100 students graduate from San Jac with an associate's degree early in May and about three weeks later, they receive their high school diploma.

Many then enter a university as a junior.

This not only saves a lot of time, but also a lot of money.

Pasadena ISD began a pilot project at Pasadena High School.

There were a lot of skeptics. But, after

testing of the students was complete, the results were great.

Not only did the average grades surpass other students at Pasadena High, they surpassed the district and even the state average.

Pasadena has not fully gotten into the dual credit program, but it is being made available at all the Pasadena campuses.

Dobie High is holding a meeting for all parents and students interested in the dual credit program.

I know it is a busy time, but this can be very important for the education of high school students.

The meeting is definitely worth parents and students taking time to attend. Imagine finishing high school and the first two years of college at the same time.

Or even just one full year of college.

Our students deserve every extra chance we can give them. And this is a fantastic opportunity.

For more information, see Page 1A.

Marie Flickinger, publisher

New park opens at Hancock



Hancock Elementary recently celebrated the opening of its brand-new SPARK playground. Pictured above are, left to right, (front row) Hancock students Davien Sanni-Thomas, Gizelle Torres, Maverick Deleon, Lauren Penafior, Mykaela Cantu and Kaleb Okeke, (back row) Massoud Dioun, SPARK board member; Kathleen Ownby, SPARK School Park executive director; Mark Lee, SPARK board president; Derek Gillard, director of PISD Purchasing; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Pasadena ISD superintendent; Dr. Rhonda Parmer, PISD associate superintendent of campus development; Felicity Vernier, VP of Sales at McKenna Contracting; Israel Grinberg, PISD Facilities Contractor; Misty Harrison, a former Hancock Elementary nurse; Pam Tevis, Pasadena ISD health and P.E. coordinator; Amber MacNeish, health and P.E. specialist; Dr. Karen Hickman, Pasadena ISD deputy superintendent; and Veronica Sandoval, Hancock principal.

Photo by Reesha Brown

SPARK Parks come to area

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"This mural means so much to Jessup and South Houston students because the mascots from both campuses are depicted in the artwork," said Jennifer Chavez, Jessup assistant principal.

"The significance is really important to me and the kids at our school because it shows an Eagle (Jessup mascot) heading toward a South Houston High School Trojan who is holding a diploma," Jessup principal Ryan Pavone said. "We're connecting what you are doing here to the end of your high school career. The Eagle represents how our students are going to soar to success from now until high school and beyond."

Jessup's SPARK project cost roughly \$170,000, of

which \$150,000 was made possible from a grant by the Kinder Foundation and Houston Endowment, along with \$19,500 from campus-teacher funds and the school's budget.

The total cost of the Hancock project was \$140,000, of which \$130,000 was also made possible through a grant award by the Kinder Foundation and Houston Endowment. The Hancock community raised \$10,000 for the park fund by selling chocolate, T-shirts and concessions at school dances, hosting a trunk-or-treat night and a STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and mathematics) event.

"This was truly a group effort by the community and all of the departments in

our school district," said Dr. Rhonda Parmer, associate superintendent. "There is research that is decades old that talks about the correlation between playing and brain research. Thank goodness our teachers and principals support that."

In honor of the Spark Park dedication ceremony, state Rep. Garnet Coleman's office presented state flags to both school principals that have been flown over the Texas Capitol. Congressman Gene Green's office also presented a U.S. flag that was flown over the Capitol in Washington.

Each student at Jessup and Hancock received a new 2017 SPARK calendar, which features pictures of their respective park on the November page.

Lariaettes holds annual Winter Dance Clinic

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold its annual Winter Dance Clinic on Saturday Dec. 16. It will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dobie High School, with a parent show at 12:30 p.m. in the gym.

It is open to pre-K - 12, and is a great opportunity to let one's daughter or son spend a day dancing, playing games and doing crafts with the Lariaettes while one gets all the Christmas shopping done. Pre-registration is \$35 and due Tuesday Nov. 28, or \$45 at the door. Cash or money order only.

Participants of the clinic will also have the opportunity to perform in the Lariaette Spring Show scheduled for April 5 - 7, 2018. For more information, contact Victoria Armenta at varmenta@pasadenaisd.org.

Israeli Folk Dancing dates set

And the dancing continues. What meant to last only for four to five months is now in its eighth year, as the participants do not want to stop dancing. The sessions are not built on one another, so missing a few sessions or just starting still affords catching up quickly.

The dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom on Mondays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. December dates are 4, 11 and 18. There is no session on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmember will cover expenses. Dancing is an excellent cardiovascular exercise while having fun and everyone is welcome to join the group.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. The entire community is invited to attend.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarha.shalom.org.

Boeing gives \$50 million in grants to support nonprofits worldwide

On Nov. 2, Boeing announced support of more than \$50 million in grants to more than 500 nonprofit organizations across 50 countries. These annual contributions include a three-year commitment of more than \$25 million in support of veterans' recovery and rehabilitation programs and transitional services.

According to Boeing, charitable grants are geared toward developing tomorrow's innovators through

investment in the skills required in today's modern workplace, and supporting military veterans and their families transitioning into the civilian workforce. At a local level, Boeing investments address unique challenges and issues that are critical to those communities where our company operates.

Boeing's local community investor Dayni Alba said that in Houston, this includes partnerships with organiza-

tions such as Space Center Houston that is helping inspire the next generation of rocket scientists and engineers and Grace After Fire that is helping veterans in the community.

Alba also pointed out that Boeing's partnerships with these organizations go beyond financial support to include 3,800 Boeing employees in Texas who regularly give time to mentor kids and make an impact in their communities.

Deaths

Paula Elaine Ward Schuetz



Paula Elaine Ward Schuetz, 57, died on Nov. 25, 2017, after a long courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She was born on Nov. 22, 1960, was a longtime resident of Houston and lived in the South Belt area.

She is preceded in death by her husband Steven Schuetz, her father Norman Ward and her aunt Pat Richter.

She is survived by children Brandon, Kaitlyn and Megan Schuetz; sister Lisa Ward; mother and step-father Martha and Lynn Pippin; daughter-in-law Cassandra Hernandez; her only grandchild McKenzie Schuetz; and numerous family members, friends and loved ones.

Paula was an avid reader and loved crafts. She enjoyed crocheting, scrapbooking, photography and cooking. She also had a passion for live music and regularly attended concerts with her children. Her positive attitude and unconditional love will be remembered by all who knew her. She will be dearly missed.

A visitation will be Friday, Dec. 1, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Niday Funeral Home with a rosary being recited at 6 p.m. The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, also at Niday on Beamer Road. Interment will follow at Pippin Cemetery in Groesbeck, Texas, at 3:30 p.m.

Sara Campos Gonzales



Sara Campos Gonzales was born in Houston on Jan. 14, 1939. She died on Nov. 15, 2017. Sara was a longtime resident of the South Belt area.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother and one sister, Minnie Gonzalez. She is survived by her children Tina Taylor, Ernest Gonzalez, John Gonzales and Connie Keys; her grandchildren, whom she dearly loved, Jimmy Cuevas, Geneva Cuevas, Ernest Gonzalez Jr., Eric Gonzalez, Adrian Gonzalez, Aaron Gonzalez, Jadon Gonzalez, Beatrice Gonzales, Bianca Gonzales, Casti Olveras, and numerous family members, friends and loved ones.

She also leaves behind her sister Tencha Reyna and several nieces and nephews. Sara will be remembered for her incredible love for life and great sense of humor. She was known as a true woman of faith and a wonderful friend by many. The family expresses their gratitude for all the love, support and prayers that have been shown to them in their time of loss.

The viewing will be held on Monday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 7 p.m. at South Houston Funeral Home, located at 1506 Houston Blvd. A memorial service at 7 p.m. will follow the visitation.

Jerry Dan Randolph

The Randolph family announces the passing of longtime South Belt resident Jerry Dan Randolph. He was 83 years of age.

Randolph passed away from complications of a stroke on Thursday morning, Nov. 23, 2017. He was surrounded by his family as he passed peacefully and without pain.

The Randolph family moved to Sagemont in February of 1970 and have remained residents to this day. He is survived by Jerry Lea Randolph, his wife of 61 years; sister Judy Gardner; son and daughter-in-law Dan and Valerie Randolph; and grandchildren Emily and Jonathan Randolph.

A full obituary notice will run in the Dec. 7 issue of the *South Belt Leader*. A memorial service has been set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Nassau Bay Baptist Church.

Bill Doyle

Bill Doyle, longtime South Belt resident died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017.

The family has not yet set a date for services.

Grandview Funeral Home in Pasadena is in charge of the services.

The date for services will be announced in the *South Belt Leader* prior to the services being held.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge.

They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

Input meeting set for El Dorado project

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin and the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department (PWE) will host a public input meeting regarding the El Dorado Boulevard Widening Project.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the University of Houston - Clear Lake, Bayou Building, Garden Room, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

As development has increased in the area, Martin has received several con-

cerns from residents about increasing congestion on El Dorado Boulevard, from Clear Lake City Boulevard to Horsepen Bayou.

After conducting a study of this roadway, Martin believes the widening of El Dorado Boulevard is essential as the area continues to develop.

Partnering with Commissioner Jack Morman, the City of Houston and Harris County have identified three alignment options to improve current and future

mobility in this area.

The goal of this meeting is to offer residents the opportunity to provide input on the alignment options prior to finalizing the design.

There will be free parking for attendees in any open, unreserved spot from 5 to 9 p.m. Utilize Lot R as the primary parking lot, and Lots D1 through D4 as overflow.

For more information, contact the District E office at 832-393-3008 or via email at districte@houstonx.gov.

Leader checks out social media

By Kaitlyn Tran

A member of the *Pets of Southbelt* is missing a Holland Lop pet rabbit named Flops who was last seen on Sagegrove Lane. For information, visit the Facebook page. Another member of the *Pets of Southbelt* is missing a two-year-old male white poodle named Fozzie. There is a re-

ward for his return.

Adoptions at Petco Houston Humane Society will be on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 from noon to 4 p.m. Plan to stop by and see all the furry friends for adoption who are looking for their forever homes.

A ribbon cutting at Cornerstone Learning Academy was hosted by the South Belt-El-

lington Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

A member of the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page reported someone in a white van in the area of Beamer and Hughes trying to pick up a young girl walking alone Friday, Nov. 24. The girl made it safely to her aunt's home. Law enforcement was notified.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever



Kids' Backporch Productions Pearland Youth Theatre presents

THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER.

Directed by Mr. Stephen Hurst

7 p.m. showing December 8th & 9th
3 p.m. showing December 9th & 10th

Shadycrest Baptist Church,
3017 Yost Blvd in Pearland

Tickets: \$15 adults; \$12 seniors 65+; \$9 youth (children and students).

Tickets can be purchased at www.kidsbackporchproductions.org or 30 min before the show at the door.

For information, visit www.kidsbackporchproductions.org.

This is KBP's 65th production! Giving Kids a "little taste of Broadway" since 2005!

Thompson Intermediate announces second six-weeks honor roll

Thompson Intermediate has announced its honor roll for the second six-weeks. Students on the honor roll are:

Seventh Grade
Alexis Acosta, Zoe Marie Aguilar, Valerie Damiola Akinloye, Jose Roberto Alonso, Kevin Josue Alvarado, Alize Denai Alvarez, Christopher Israel Amezcua, Emelin Lisseth Andrade, Leonel Angel Araiza, Sidney Elise Armstrong, Jady Zane Arneson, Gabriella Kate Arredondo, Jorge Luis Arredondo, Allison Nicolt Arreola and Luke Jason Auzenne.

Jesus Avitia, Janelle Barreiro, Dynasti Rakhilla Benson, Ethan James Bishop, Yvette Alouette Boisseau, Domenick Adrain Brightman, Ebony Le'sabre Brooks, Honesty One Brooks, Kayla Jean Burton, Andrew Michael Cabrales, Jade Guadalupe Cabrera and Aaron Camacho.

Abraham Camacho, Dylan Mathew Campos, Kaitlyn Makenna Campos, Alexia Ariana Castillo, Kevin Joseph Cedeno, Aaron Thomas Charles, Bella Rein Cisneros, Kayla Jo'nae Coleman, Manuel Sebastian Colunga, Deandre Christian Cooper, Alexander Chase Couchman, Victoria Ann Couchman and Amy Elizabeth Cruz.

Sarah Abigail Cruz, Colin Dung Dang, Hieu Vu Minh Dang, Serenity Sierra Dedios, Daniel Anthony Delgado, Emily Danielle Delgado, Dezarae Honey Diaz, Raul Sebastian Diaz, Jenny Nhi Do, Nam Minh Duong, Nicolas Michael Edmondson, Juan Pablo Estrada and Hayden Thomas Feil.

Cristian Daniel Fernandez, Iveth Flores, Lyzbeth Flores, Kaylee Denise Frank, Evan Alexander Fraustro, Sophia Abigail Garay, Ashlee Monique Garcia, Jasmin Nicole Garcia, Jose Hilario Garcia, Marcus Aaron Garcia, Noah Heinz Garcia, Senecia Grace Garcia, Laci Janae Garrett, Lauren Marie Garza, Noah Seth Gaytan, Jacques Giron, Marcus Alexander Gomez and David Gonzales.

Juliana Rebecca Gonzales, Adrianna Marie Gonzalez, Alexa Gonzalez, Serenity Starr Govea, Natalie Ariel Graciano, Talayia Lamaya Hall, Ravin Leann Harvey, Martin Hernandez Huerta, Elizabeth Marie Hernandez, Fernando Alexis Hernandez and Jacob Matthew Hernandez.

Marianna Hernandez,

Natalie Paige Hernandez, Eleanor Herrera, Marissa Margaret Herrera, Russell Alan Horton, Chesymean Jean Howard, Elijah Howard, Ryan Janell Humphrey, Chance Alan Hurd, Daisy Lynn Irwin, Savannah Nicole Jalomo, Pedro Jimenez Berum, Edgar Javier Jimenez and Ian Sudario Johnson.

Justice Marie Johnson, Natalia Jenae Jones, William George Junkin, Caleb Kevork Khan, Bianca Nicole Kinder, Kareemah Mahendi Kothiya, Jonathan Gage Krenke, Evan Joshua Krustchinsky, Thalia Ngoc Diem Le, Mauricio Ngoc, Jocelyn Ann Limon, Alyssa Saige Lloyd and Antonio Lopez.

Ivan Lopez, Sean Edwin Lopez, Salet Esmeralda Lovo, Lilliana Michelle Mares, Ivan Ray Mariscal, Lluvia Daniela Martinez Martinez, Emily Annette Martinez, Emily Lylana Martinez, Martin Mateo Martinez, Melissa Brianna Martinez, Tashjae Breasia Mccann, Cindy Stephanie Medina, Aryana Estrella Mejorado, Danielle Jenae Mendiola, Isaac Mendoza and Paula Mendoza.

Eleese Nevaeh Miranda, Kaleb Nathaniel Mitchell, Connor Austin Mohwinkel, Maria Jose Monge Hernandez, Madelyne Viktoria Montes, Jer'keithric Antione Moore, Alena Amelia Morin, Andrick Justin Morin, Anthony Reyes Morin, Isela Viviana Munoz, A'myah Danielle Murray, Mia Renee Naranjo and Anthony Dwayne Newsome.

Ann Ky Anh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Thai Nguyen, Huyhoang Huy Nguyen, Landon Quang Nguyen, Steven Trieu-Phi Nguyen, Tyler Tran Nguyen, Vivian Mai Thanh Nguyen, Ginessa Maridel Olvera, Dominic Martin Ortiz, Janice Stepania Padilla, Samuel Paredes and Nathan Alexander Pavalonis.

Andrick Elian Perez, Angelina Sky Perez, Bella Grace Perez, Jocelyn Perez, Sofia Leonor Perez, Raul Perez-Rodriguez, Thu Minh Pham, Phung Kim Phan, Samuel Pineda, Alexander James Plegier, Nicholas Michael Ponce, Clarissa Grace Ramirez and Daniel Andrew Rice.

Fynnlan Isaiah Ridge, Ezequiel Rivera, Jeremiah Angel Rodriguez, Jordy Misael Rodriguez, Juan Francisco Rodriguez, Lauren Somer Rodriguez, Luis Ernesto Rodriguez, Manuel Rodriguez, Jessica Kaye Rohmfeld, Marissa Rojas, Emely Gissele Rosa-Velasquez, Emily Salazar, Leyla Rebecca Salazar

and Evelyn Sanchez. Christian Jordan Schmidt, Mable Lee Self, Julia Areana St Croix, Emilee Rayne Sulak, Sarah Marie Joy Tamez, Kennedy Dat Thai, Yvonne Thaoh Thai, Maria Avenelle Tipton, Tam Thanh To, Madeline Elizabeth Torres, Francisco Johnathan Urquieta, Vianca Victoria Valencia, Heaven Leigh Vargas, Christian Andrew Vega and Alexia Carolina Velasquez.

Robert Enrique Villatoro, Cardin Nguyen Vo, Kaylee My Tien Vo, Phu Ngoc Thien Vu, Tatyana Tanae Walker, Kaitlyn Elisabeth Webb, Maria Angelina Wence, Evelyn Paige Wheeler, Jacob Marcelus White, Gabriel Dwayne Wright, Aubrey Rose Zabrano, Antony Simon Zavala and Anthony Thomas Zepeda.

Eighth Grade
Victoria Elizabeth Acosta, Cesar Alexander Aguilar, Nadine Ajmeere Ahmed, Kemi Star Alade, Dominic Kiril Alanis, Eric Ivan Alvarez, Steve Alvarez, Abraham Raul Amaro-Diaz, Taelyn Lanea Ansoley, Dayyani Belisa Arboleda, Rafael Antonio Argueta, Jasmine Lizbette Arredondo, Keegan Neal Ashworth, Alexa Sakeena Avila, Marco Antonio Ayala, Andre A Barrientos, Miguel Angel Bazaldua, Caitlyn Rae Berkstresser and Catherine Marie Berkstresser.

Aqib Irahim Bhatti, Shelby Breanna Bourlier, Kendall Gisele Brown, Ashley Sumner Brown-Kalwuh, Alayna Nicole Calvillo, Gabriella Campa, Jacqueline Alazayee Canales, Kaitlynn Rae Cantu, Amy Thuy Cao, Ricky Cao, Sean Anthony Carmouche, Joshua George Raymond Carter, Ashley Castellanos, William Alexander Castillo, Anthony Rey Castro, Brandon Roy Cates and Izabella Xotchil Cavazos.

Alani Eloisa Chapa, Alyssa Brianna Chapman, Joe Kevin Chicas, Lydia Alena Chicas, Naphat Ki Chimjun, Dataysia Elaine Cisneros, Matthew Christopher Collins, David Garcia Constantino, Angel Alejandro Coreas, Isaac Anthony Corte, Diego Sebastian Cortez, Sebastian Alexander Cruz and Benson Carter Cubos.

Thomas Duke Cypert, Tara Dang, Fernanda America Davila, Lucinda Sunflower Davis, Karina Del Villar, Melina Phuong Mai Dongsi, Jessica Vanessa Flores, Sierra Yvonne Frost, Selena Abigail Galicia, Melanie Michelle Galvan, Alexis Julia Garcia, Adalie Garza, Sheryln Alexandra Gavidia, Timothy Quoc

Giang, Adrianna Michelle Golden, Alyssa Darlet Gonzalez and Jaqueline Abigail Gonzalez.

Lazarus Gonzalez, Mario Alberto Gonzalez, Yaslin Alize Gonzalez, Kaylee Gabrielle Goodrum, Cameron Joshua Gray, Melody Jade Guerrero, Dahiria Yosemeri Gutierrez Olvera, Eliza Emily Gutierrez, Hassan Alejandro Gutierrez, Davion Anthony Harvey, Hailey Beth Henderson, Alexis Henriquez, Clarissa Yvette Hernandez, David Alex Hernandez, Elijah Zavier Hernandez, Emily Brianna Hernandez and Guadalupe Lizbeth Hernandez.

Katelyn Renee Hernandez, Niklas Ricardo Hernandez, Annie Abigail Herrera Welchez, Pedro Angel Herrera, Kendra Denise Hopkins, Elijah Ja'nay Jackson, Kiera Diane Jackson, Kyra Nadine Jackson, Jaidyn Grayce Kelley, Ladarius Lawrence Kiel, Larry Darnelle Kirkwood, Anh Nhat Ky and An Nguyen Hong Le.

Nhi Hoang Le, Emily Legaspi, Laci Michelle Leija, Kevin Charles Lewis, Kimberly Lizardopuebla, Alyssa Luisa Loosa, Azzael Alejandro Lopez, Elissa Joely Lopez, Larry Anthony Lopez, Gabriela Nicole Lozano, Jadelyn Jewel Luna, Hailey Ann Machado, Keena Magana and Jasmine Marie Maldonado.

Trixie Amanda Martinez, Karizma Minnie Martinez, Lexi Martinez, Yaire Gerysand Martinez, Celina Mata, Cory'on Jerrod Matthews, Ashlyne Celest Medina, Jessica Suzanne Medina, Kadence Venus Medina, Ezequiel Isai Mejia Blanco, Crystal Mejia, Lauren Michelle Mendez, Nataly Vanessa Mendez, Matthew Thomas Mendiola, Jonathan Matthew Mendoza and Riley Aidan Mercer.

Tristan Lee Miller, Valerie Josephine Molina, Crystal M Morales, Devoon Jordan Moses, Avry Gail Munoz, Karissa Munoz, Ashley Michelle Napper, Brian Thai Nguyen, Grace Nicole My Hanh Nguyen, Kelly Han Ngoc Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Linh Ha My Nguyen, Tommy Tang Nguyen and Anthony Kevin Ochoa.

Natalie Onozie, Hailey Marie Ortega, Sebastian Ortega, Abigail Alicia Ortiz, Diego Osuna, Audrey Elizabeth Owens, Isabella Elida Padilla, Jeremiah La'don Paige, Jeremiah Neil Rabang Palma, Keith James Parker, Levani Tsoetne Pelayez, Ivana Alexa Perez, Jason Ray Perez, Oscar Fabian Perez, Jason

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Sweitzer honored by Pasadena ISD

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area as an EMT and a paramedic for about 30 years. As a passionate supporter of education, Sweitzer inspired the next generation of health care professionals while teaching EMTs at Harris County Hospital District for 15 years, along with other courses at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, San Jacinto and Alvin Community Colleges, in addition to the University of Phoenix.

Sweitzer's inspiration came from his parents and their love for missions and helping people through their church. As CEO, Sweitzer has helped countless uninsured

UHCL establishes calendar, deadlines

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has announced its calendar of events and deadlines.

Art Gallery - 15th Houston Area Community College Student Exhibition
Get a glimpse at the future of the art world at the 15th Houston Area Community College Student Exhibition at UH-Clear Lake Art Gallery. The exhibit will showcase Houston metro area students' art.

The exhibit runs through Dec. 14, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. The exhibit is located at the Bayou Building, Art Gallery, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. Free parking is available in the visitor lot or Student Lot D. For more information, contact Jeff Bowen, coordinator of audience development, at 281-283-3376 or visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

Spring open registration
Returning students can register for classes online for the spring 2018 semester through Jan. 12. Late registration runs from Jan. 13 through Jan. 23. Classes begin Jan. 16.

For course schedules or registration, visit www.uhcl.edu/academics.

2017 Fall Graduates BFA Exhibition
The original work of UHCL's graduating students receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts will be on display. Student artists will showcase a variety of works including paintings, drawings and multimedia pieces.

The exhibit runs until Dec. 8 at the Arbor Building, North, Artist Project Space, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. The exhibit is curated by Jeffery Bowen, director of the UHCL Art Gallery. This exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/art-gallery.

Bayou Theater 2017-2018 season tickets
Kick off the new year with performances at the Bayou Theater starting Jan. 11. Tickets for the second half of the 2017-2018 season are available for purchase.

Performers include folk band Bumper Jacksons, award-winning duo Dailey &

and underinsured residents receive primary health care at the Pasadena Health Center.

He's watched the facility grow from the ground up since opening 13 years ago, starting with a team of five and low patient turn out. That changed after Hurricane Katrina made landfall in 2005.

Drives of displaced families affected by the storm were based in from New Orleans and turned to the Pasadena Health Center for help.

Sweitzer said, "Folks lost their loved ones. The stories they were telling were horrifying. That set the pace for the clinic."

Word spread around town Vincent and the sibling singing trio from Texas, the Quebec Sisters.

Ticket prices vary with each performance, and student prices are available. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/bayou-theater.

"Skillfully managing change and conflict"
Change is inevitable in the workplace and today's successful managers need to know how to recognize and respond.

In this class, as part of Management and Leadership Certificate Program in UHCL's Center for Executive Education, participants will learn how to define change, manage change initiatives, strategies to respond to change and managing conflict.

The course will run from Dec. 1 through 15, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The course includes traditional instruction and interactive activities to help create real-world solutions. Current supervisors, managers and those moving into supervisory roles are encouraged to attend.

The fee is \$850 with group discounts available. Participants must attend both sessions to receive credit. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/center-executive-education or call 281-283-3120.

Saturday Campus Visit Day at UHCL
All prospective students and their families are invited to explore University of Houston-Clear Lake at Saturday Campus Visit Day on Dec. 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The campus is located at 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Attendees will be able to take campus tours and learn more about the admissions process and financial aid from campus representatives. Students can apply on-site at the event with help from admissions counselors. Applicants to select programs can receive on-the-spot admission decisions.

To register and obtain more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/admissions/events/campus-visit-day.

about the PHC following Hurricane Katrina and even Rita, which made landfall about a month later, and the facility became a go-to spot for affordable health care among Pasadena residents. Under Sweitzer's leadership, the center now has a staff of over 20 and provides services to thousands of patients each year.

PISD sets fine arts calendar

The Pasadena Independent School District has announced its fine art's performances for the months of December, January and February.

The performances are listed by name, date and time, location and ticket prices, if applicable.

High School Region Band auditions; Dec. 1 and 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Dobie High School.

Atkinson Elementary Third Grade Orff and Fourth Grade Choir Concert; Dec. 1 from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and Dec. 6 from 9:30 to 10 a.m.; Atkinson cafeteria.

Intermediate Region Choir Clinic and Concert; Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Deer Park PAC.

Pasadena Holiday Lighted Parade; Dec. 2 from 7 to 8 p.m.; Fairmont Parkway.

Christmas performances at the PISD Administration Building; Dec. 4 and Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 7 at 8:40 a.m., Dec. 8 at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 12 at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m., Dec. 15 at 9:30 a.m. and Dec. 18 at 9 a.m.; PISD Administration Building foyer.

South Houston High School and Elementary December Concert; Dec. 5 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.; South Houston High School.

Thompson Intermediate Choir - JV Boys performance; Dec. 5 from 11 to 11:30 a.m.; Brookdale in Pearland.

Moore Elementary Fourth Grade Choir Christmas musical; Dec. 5 from 6 to 6:30 p.m.; Moore cafeteria.

Roberts Middle School Winter Choir Concert; Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.; Aviator Stage.

Thompson Intermediate Christmas Concert; Dec. 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; Ledford Hall at Beverly Hills Intermediate Auditorium.

Thompson Intermediate Choir performance; Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon; PISD Administration Building.

Genoa Elementary cafeteria fourth grade Christmas program; Dec. 7 from 6 to 7 p.m.; Genoa Elementary cafeteria.

Roberts Middle School fifth grade Band Winter Concert; Dec. 7 from 6 to 6:30 p.m.; Roberts Middle School cafeteria.

Roberts Middle School sixth grade Band Winter Concert; Dec. 7 from 7 to 7:30 p.m.; Roberts Middle School cafeteria.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Winter Tour; Dec. 8 from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thompson Intermediate Bethlehem Project performance; Dec. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m.; South Main Baptist Church, located at 4300 Beltway 8 in Pasadena.

Beverly Hills Winter Band Concert; Dec. 12 from 7 to 8:15 p.m.; Beverly Hills Intermediate Ledford Auditorium.

Thompson Intermediate Holiday Concert; Dec. 12 from 7 to 8 p.m.; Thompson gym.

South Houston High School Holiday Concert; Dec. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Dobie and Elementary December Concert; Dec. 13 and 15 from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.; Dobie High School.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Orchestra Concert; Dec. 14 from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and 7:15 to 8 p.m.; Ledford Hall.

Roberts Middle School

Winter Orchestra Concert for all students; Dec. 14 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.; Fred Roberts Middle School cafeteria.

South Belt Elementary third grade program with choir and Orff; Dec. 14 from 7 to 8 p.m.; South Belt Elementary cafeteria.

Thompson Intermediate Choir Winter Concert; Dec. 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Thompson gym.

Melillo Middle School collaboration holiday concert with Thompson Intermediate; Dec. 15 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Stuchbery Elementary fourth grade musical *Forty Winks 'Till Christmas*; Dec. 19 at 8:30 to 9 a.m. and 6:30 to 7 p.m.; Stuchbery cafeteria.

Frazier Elementary third grade holiday program; Dec. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Frazier Elementary.

Frazier Elementary fourth grade holiday program; Dec. 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Frazier Elementary.

Melillo Middle School Holiday Tour at South Belt and Frazier elementary schools; Dec. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; South Belt and Frazier elementary schools.

Roberts Middle School Elementary Holiday Tour; Dec. 21 from 8:45 to 11:15 a.m.

Jessup Elementary fourth grade music program; Dec. 21 from 9:05 to 9:40 a.m.; Jessup gym.

Melillo Middle School advanced band, choir and orchestra Holiday Concert; Dec. 21 and Dec. 22 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.; Melillo Middle School.

Intermediate Region Choir auditions; Jan. 18 from 4 to 7 p.m.; Bondy Intermediate.

Intermediate Region Choir Clinic and Concert; Jan. 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Deer Park PAC.

High School Region Jazz Band Clinic and Concert; Jan. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Jan. 27 from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Lee College.

South Houston High School presents *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* musical; Feb. 1 through Feb. 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. each night; South Houston High School.

Intermediate Choir Pre UIL Festival; Feb. 3 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Dobie High School.

Intermediate Orchestra Pre UIL Festival; Feb. 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Intermediate Band Solo and Ensemble Contest; Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Park View Intermediate.

High School Choir UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest; Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Pearland High School.

Dobie High School Pre UIL Concert; Feb. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m.

High School Band UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest; Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Pasadena Memorial High School.

High School Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Contest for state qualifiers; Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Pasadena Memorial High School.

Moore Elementary Kindergarten Texas program; Feb. 27 from 6 to 6:30 p.m.; Moore Elementary cafeteria.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

CRYSTAL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Crystal Saucedo** who celebrates a birthday Dec. 4 from friends and the *South Belt Leader* staff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRANCES!
Frances Valigura celebrates a birthday Dec. 5. Best wishes are sent from husband **Carl**, children **David** and wife **Katha Valigura**, **Donna** and husband **Gary Whitted**, **Deborah Lea Tindall**, and **Carl Wayne** and wife **LuAnn Valigura**. Their 13 grandchildren and great-grandchildren wish their beloved **MeMaw** the happiest of all birthdays with many more to come.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 30 through Dec. 6.

Atkinson Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting to **Erica Salazar** Dec. 2.

Burnett Elementary
Jill Kennard enjoys a nice birthday Dec. 3. **Robert Hughes** is sent a birthday greeting Dec. 5. **Mary Davitt** celebrates a birthday Dec. 6.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Dec. 2 to **Alfonso Guajardo**. **Pam Williams** enjoys a birthday Dec. 2.

Moore Elementary
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake Nov. 30 with **Silvia Luna**. Blow out the birthday candles Dec. 1 for **Rita Reyes**.

Melillo Middle School
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 2 are sent to **Jamie Torres**.

Roberts Middle School
Jorly Thomas enjoys a birthday Dec. 5.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Dec. 5 is the day for a party for **Tracy King**. **Thompson Intermediate**
Maria Pena enjoys a birthday Dec. 2. The day for a celebration for **Sally Thacker** is Dec. 3. Send a humorous birthday card Dec. 5 to **Cynthia Mills**.

Dobie High
Sang Lee enjoys a birthday Nov. 30. **Sonja Mull** marks a birthday Dec. 1. A special birthday is celebrated Dec. 3 by **Eric Huysman**. Blow out the candles Dec. 4 on a birthday cake for **Megan Lambert**. Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Barrett Matthews** and **Miranda Sandlin** Dec. 5.

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

Thursday, Nov. 30: **Laurie Pena, Theresa Winters-McMurrugh, Chandra Storey, Sonia Martinez, Angela Kennedy, Kelli Lord, Kelly Allison, Patricia Shults, Keleigh Stacey and Marisol Phillips**; Friday, Dec. 1: **Jessica Bowlin, Miles West, Damon Griffin, Kim Middleton and Melissa Ray**; Saturday, Dec. 2: **Lenae Fowler and Aaron Herridge**; Sunday, Dec. 3: **Gaskill Sigsbee, Kyle Smith, Timothy Hardcastle and Allison Bobby**; Monday, Dec. 4: **Jackie Britton, Suzanne McGinnis, Nick Barnett, Nick Medina, David Miles, Mary Elliott and George Mejica**; Tuesday, Dec. 5: **Shawn Sims, Angela Domokos, Mandi Gullede, Angelita Negrete, Anna Cavazos-Cantu, Suzanne Pollock and Craig Williams**; and Wednesday, Dec. 6: **Natalie Saucedo, and Billie Benson**.

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

Mayor Sylvester Turner promoting support of 'Choose Local' campaign

Just in time for the holidays, Houston's collaborative spirit is in full force with the launch of the "Choose Local" campaign. Led by the City of Houston Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs and supported by partners in the arts, cultural and civic sectors, the initiative calls on residents of Houston and the surrounding areas, including Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Brazoria, Galveston, Liberty, Waller, Chambers, Austin and San Jacinto counties, to patronize local businesses and support the local creative community.

"Our communities are full of generous and civic-minded residents eager to help their neighbors," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "What might seem like a small impact by one individual, becomes monumental when we work together. If you have the means, I strongly encourage you to look for the 'Choose Local' logo and put your money where your heart is."

Partners in the initiative include East End Houston, Greater Houston Partnership, Greater Houston Restaurant Association, Harvey Arts Recovery Fund, Houston Downtown Management District, Houston First Corporation, Houston Museum District, Midtown Houston, Theater District Houston and Washington Avenue Arts District.

"The arts and cultural groups and artists in our region have done an amazing job ensuring we have all the great offerings we rely on each year as part of our celebration of the season," said Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs Director Debbie McNulty. "With your purchase of a ticket, locally made craft or artwork, you are accelerating the full economic recovery of the community. I promise, you're going to have fun and feel great when you do."

The impact of the arts and cultural sector is far reaching: they pay their employees, purchase supplies and acquire assets within the local community, and their audiences leverage significant event-related spending. A vibrant arts and culture industry enhances quality of life and helps local businesses thrive.

Prior to the storm, cultural nonprofits contributed more than \$1.1 billion and over 25,000 jobs to the local economy. In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, 71 cultural nonprofits alone reported a storm impact totaling more than \$56 million, with 25 percent of that cost coming from post-storm service interruptions.

The Houston-area small business community was similarly hard-hit by the storm. At the end of September, the U.S. Small Business Administration had approved nearly \$20 million in low-interest loans to businesses in Harris County alone.

For more information about the initiative or how to get involved, visit www.chooselocalartsandculture.com or follow along on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter at @chooselocaltx.

New bird joins Lone Star Flight Museum

The Lone Star Flight Museum announced the arrival of its newest warbird, a General Motors TBM-3E Avenger, also known as the "Turkey."

The nickname "Turkey" came from its gawky appearance and maneuverability while on the ground.

Avengers made their combat debut at the Battle of Midway and went on to equip every U.S. Navy aircraft carrier during World War II. These aircraft dropped more tonnage in bombs and torpedoes than any other Navy aircraft. Avengers are credited with sinking many enemy ships including the Japanese battleships Yamato and Mutsu.

"This model aircraft on its own adds tremendously to our collection," commented retired CEO Lt. Gen. Doug Owens, "but it has the additional recognition of being flown by President George H.W. Bush, a member of the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame."

President Bush flew Avengers during WWII and became the Navy's youngest pilot when he received his Naval Aviator wings in 1943, just three days before turning 19.

Avengers saw service through the mid-1950s and were supplied to allied nations such as Brazil, Canada, Cuba, France, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Uruguay.

A great number of the Avengers flying today, including the museum's newest addition, survived because they were bought by civilians for use as fire bombers and aerial spraying aircraft for which they were well suited due to their payload capacity.

The General Motors TBM-3E Avenger is available for viewing with the purchase of a general admission ticket. Admission and hours for the museum can be found online at www.lonestarflight.org.

Team Rubicon seeks veterans to lead pilot recovery program

Team Rubicon is encouraging Houston-area veterans to apply for its yearlong fellowship to help lead the disaster response organization's pilot recovery program in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. In partnership with SBB, Team Rubicon is committed to rebuilding 100 homes over the next two years along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Since Harvey made landfall in late August, Team Rubicon has deployed more than 2,000 volunteers from across the country and serviced over 1,000 hurricane-impacted homes. As the response phase of its operation will wrap up this month, the planning stage for its long-term recovery effort is underway and rebuilding is expected to begin in the spring of 2018. Houston area veterans are encouraged to learn more and apply for Cohort 6 of the Clay Hunt Fellows Program by Dec. 18, 2017 at TeamRubiconUSA.org.

"Our commitment to serve those affected by Harvey will also serve as a test to see if Team Rubicon can establish a model to apply in other disaster-stricken communities across the country," said David Burke, Team Rubicon's Vice President of Programs and Field Operations.

"We're leveraging the skills, passion, and experience of our military veterans to help residents rebuild, all while serving in the spirit of Clay Hunt."

Clay Hunt was a Houston native, Marine veteran, and original member of Team Rubicon who lost his battle with post-traumatic stress disorder in 2011. In 2012, the organization established the Clay Hunt Fellows Program, a yearlong fellowship for its veteran members, to develop competent professionals capable of competing in the civilian workforce and as leaders in Team Rubicon.

Team Rubicon seeks veterans to lead pilot recovery program

Team Rubicon unites the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy emergency response teams. Team Rubicon is a nonprofit organization offering veterans a chance to continue their service by helping and empowering those afflicted by disasters, and also themselves.

Programs and services are made possible by the support of individual donors, corporate partners, and the dedication of volunteers across the country. To join or support Team Rubicon's mission, visit www.TeamRubiconUSA.org.

Team Rubicon is a national force of over 80,000 volunteers, and approximately 70 percent are military veterans. Since the nonprofit's inception in 2010, Team Rubicon has responded to over 220 disasters across the world, 15 in Texas. Through

Remember When

40 years ago (1977)

J. Frank Dobie's Edward O'Brien was named Outstanding Running Back of the Year in the annual all-district coaches selection.

Residents of the subdivisions of Woodmeadow and Sageglen were without water service and electricity for a week after lightning struck near the Municipal Utility District 13 water plant.

35 years ago (1982)

A local 17-year-old was attacked by two other young males with a baseball bat. The two males asked the 17-year-old for a cigarette, and after he gave it to them they attacked him. He ran to a nearby neighbor to escape the males.

30 years ago (1987)

Call volumes north of Hobby Airport dictated the relocation of Houston Fire Station 61's advanced life support ambulance unit to Fire Station 36, located at 7220 Airport.

While state law as of Sept. 1, 1987, prohibited students from smoking on school campuses, Clear Creek Independent School District considered taking that restriction a step further to prohibiting smoking by faculty and staff at the new Clear Brook High School.

25 years ago (1992)

South Belt resident Roy Love was named Officer of the Year for the Clear Lake

division of the Houston Police Department.

The Pasadena school board selected Rick Schneider as interim superintendent of the school district to replace Larry Vaughn.

A bond sale was being negotiated to provide \$12 million for construction of three San Jacinto College buildings, including a library for the South campus.

20 years ago (1997)

Actor Bill Murray and Walt Disney film crews were causing excitement at Memorial Hospital Southeast while they were shooting scenes for the movie *Rushmore*.

Three Dobie students were assigned to Highpoint for possession of alcohol at school-related functions.

15 years ago (2002)

Two teens charged with the murder of 81-year-old Green Tee resident Veda Sutton were certified to stand trial as adults and were scheduled to be arraigned in court.

South Belt Sen. Mike Jackson filed Senate Bill 14 legislation granting the Texas insurance commissioner increased rate oversight on homeowners insurance.

10 years ago (2007)

1978 Dobie graduate Dianne (Jewell) Wheeler was named the principal of the future middle school on Hughes Road at the Pasadena Independent School District board meeting. In a

unanimous vote, the school was also officially named for Dr. Dixie Melillo, founder of the nonprofit organization The Rose. Begun in 1986, The Rose makes mammography available to any woman regardless of her ability to pay.

IBM officially opened the doors to its new South Belt location at 12301 Kurland, near the METRO Fuqua Park & Ride. The new location would house the company's Global Services division previously located in Nassau Bay.

5 years ago (2012)

Police responded to an aggravated sexual assault in progress call at Time Out Sports Bar on Fuqua at roughly 5 p.m. Upon their arrival, police were directed to the rear of the building, where they found a naked woman sitting on the ground. She had been badly beaten, as one witness had initially reported. A witness then spotted the suspect, Delvin Ray Morris, return to the scene on foot. After being positively identified by the victim, Morris, 41, was apprehended. According to police, the victim had been inside drinking with the suspect before going outside for a smoke. Once outside, the suspect reportedly told the female she would be allowed to leave only if she had sex with him, which led to an alleged assault. The victim,

who police describe as being disoriented, said she was unsure if she had been raped. Emergency crews responded to the incident and took the woman to a nearby hospital. The case was under investigation by HPD's Special Crimes Division. Morris could face additional charges if authorities determine the victim was also sexually assaulted.

The Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church officially broke ground on its future parish on Riverstone Ranch Road. The facility would replace the church's building on Hall Road. Construction was expected to be complete by November.

1 year ago (2016)

An attempted robbery at the Wendy's in the 10200 block of Alameda Genoa near the Gulf Freeway Monday, Nov. 28, escalated into a SWAT standoff that sent two Houston police officers to the hospital - neither at the hand of the suspect. One officer was injured when another officer's weapon accidentally discharged, and the gunfire reportedly frightened a K-9 unit, leading it to attack another officer. The two officers were taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital to be treated for minor injuries. The suspect, Brandon Ortiz, 22, was eventually apprehended without incident and charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

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J. Frank Dobie High School holds Homecoming parade, shows school spirit



The Dobie cheerleaders were ready to show their school spirit during the parade. Shown, left to right, are Maya Scott, Victoria Ayala, Bailee Dang, Reagan Razo and Briana Loreda.



The Dobie football players enjoyed the ride during the homecoming parade. Shown, left to right, are Anthony Major, Jake Perez, Wendy Childs, Calvin Williams, Josh Hernandez, Matthew Lopez, Dominic Pittman and Anthony Allen.



The Dobie Band marched in the parade and joined in all the festivities. Shown are members of the drumline, left to right, Marcos Rodriguez, Geovanni Luna, Jon Mokarzel.



The Dobie Theatre Department got all dressed up for the parade with *The Wizard of Oz* theme. Shown, left to right, Caitlyn Weitena, Felicia Burton, Emily Duren, Carlos Cantu, Julissa Davila, Elyssa Armenta and Chris Mendoza Garcia.



The Dobie Choir showed school spirit by displaying the Longhorn hand sign. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Jayne Humphrey, Brandon Huynh, Clinton Hopper, Rafael Coreas, Natalie Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Lauryn Lacksey, Nathan Le, Joel Erazo, Caesar Zamora, Franklin Moses, (second row) Angelina Dong, Thu Le, Kathy Flores, Mahogany Green, (back row) Shelby Couchman, Felicity Soto, Andrew Garcia, Ayanna Nguyen-Echeverry, Eric Sanchez and Justin Lavinier.

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SJC students study cancer

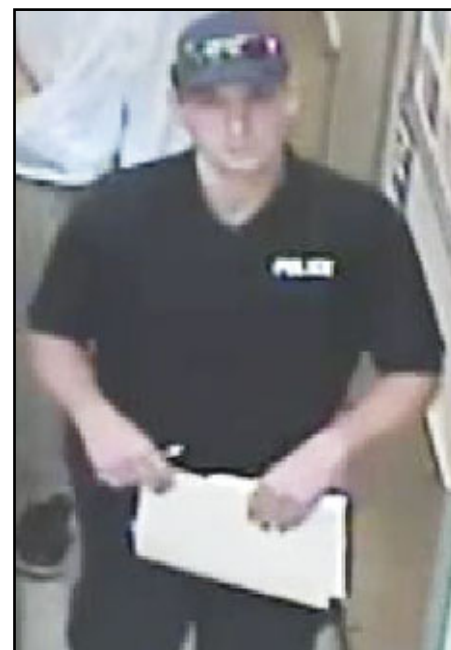
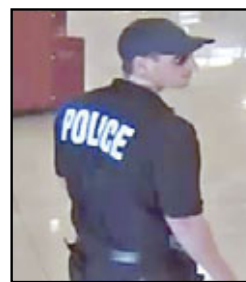
Continued from Page 1A regularly chatting with each other online. "We're great friends still," Rodriguez said. The students said they all intend to remain studying in Texas upon graduating from San Jacinto. (Mendoza was unavailable for comment.) "I'm very fortunate that Houston is in my backyard," Rodriguez said. Both Vu and Rodriguez said they hope to one day work in the medical field, while Miller said he plans to become a pharmacist. The students are all invited back to Iowa to take part in the study again next year, should they choose to do so. Each of the students expressed gratitude to San Jacinto College for offering them the chance to take part in the program. "I'm glad San Jacinto College gave me an opportunity like this," Rodriguez said.

Many plan to run for congress

Continued from Page 1A what I believe in but what I've tirelessly done for our communities day in and day out. A sincere and warm 'thank you' to everyone who has endorsed me so far. I'm excited for the months ahead of us." Current endorsements include state Sen. John Whitmire, state Rep. Jessica Farrar, state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, Mayor Esmeralda Moya (Galena Park), Mayor Anna Diaz (Jacinto City), City Council Member Jerry Davis (Houston), City Council Member Robert Gallegos (Houston), City Council Member Eric Broussard (Galena Park), City Council Member Oscar Silva (Galena Park), City Council Member Cody Wheeler (Pasadena), City Council Member Sammy Casados (Pasadena), City Council Member Don Harrison (Pasadena), City Council Member Willie Rios (South Houston), Trustee Viola Garcia (Aldine ISD), Trustee Diana Davila (HISD), Trustee Holly Flynn Vilasca (HISD), Trustee Zeph Capo (HCC), Trustee Eva Loreda (HCC), Trustee Erica Lee (Harris County Board of Education), Constable Chris Diaz, Constable Silvia Trevino and Constable Sherman Eagleton. While District 29 is predominantly Hispanic, it has never had a Latino representative. Former Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia ran for the position last year but lost to Green in the Democratic primary by roughly 19 points. He is rumored to be considering another run for the seat, but a formal announcement had not been made at press time. State Rep. Carol Alvarado, who ran against Garcia in 2013 to fill the District 6 seat vacated by the late Sen. Mario Gallegos, is also rumored to be considering a run for the position. At press time, however, only state Rep. Armando Valle, a former Green staffer, had filed to challenge Garcia.

Robbery suspect sought

These photos are of a suspect in multiple robberies including H-E-B on Blackhawk and CVS on Scarsdale in addition to a Friendswood Pharmacy as well as a Missouri City Pharmacy. Officers from Chris Diaz Constable's office and the Harris County Sheriff Department are working on the case. (See related story Page 1A.)



Boykins considers governor's race

Continued from Page 1A the people who live here continue to go unresolved. "As a member of the Houston City Council, I continue to hear from countless residents who are attempting to rebuild their lives and homes in the aftermath of the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. This is not a Democrat or Republican issue, and we must take politics out of the equation when it comes to the lives of the residents in the areas impacted by Hurricane Harvey." Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez and Andrew White, the son of late Democratic Gov. Mark White, are also said to be considering a run for the position. The filing deadline is Monday, Dec. 11.

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Boykins pitches in to help



Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykins, who recently announced he is considering a run for governor, is shown above and below helping clean up trash that was spilled in front of the *Leader* office this past June. Boykins was responsible for getting the city to pick up the loose debris, which presumably spilled from a commercial waste vehicle. Photos by Marie Flickinger

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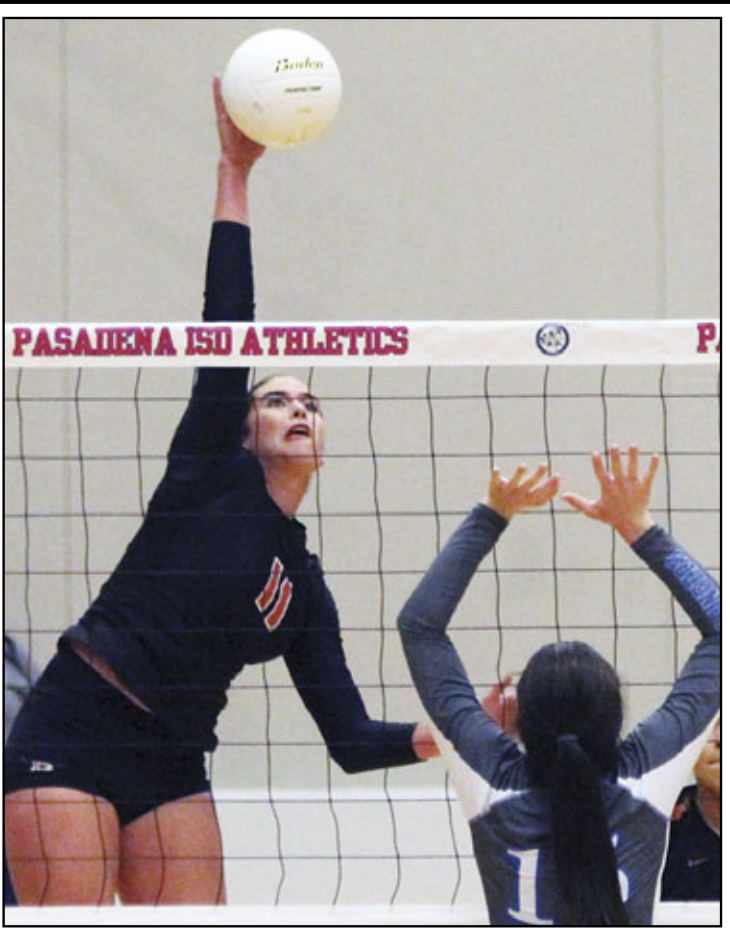
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District 22-6A Honors Dobie VB's Pleasants Offensive Player/Year

At right, Dobie High School varsity volleyball player Taylor Pleasants was one of the big winners as the District 22-6A head coaches decided on the league's all-district selections following the completion of the regular season. Pleasants, a three-year starter with the Lady Longhorns, was named the Offensive Player of the Year after registering 386 kills and 55 service aces this season as Dobie finished third in the standings. Several other Lady Longhorns were also recognized. Two other Dobie players, Yvonne Whaley and Victoria Onozie, were also selected to the first team honor squad. For more on the 22-6A selections from Dobie, see Page 3B. The District 24-6A all-league volleyball selections can be seen on Page 2B.



Taylor Pleasants



Norman appreciates Dobie's coaching opportunity

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
While the search for the next Dobie High School varsity football head coach is in its beginning stages, the dust has settled on what transpired shortly after the end of the regular season.
Days following a loss to La Porte that left the Longhorns at 2-6 this season, head coach Mike

Norman stepped down from his role, having gone 16-26 over three seasons.
Over the 2016 and 2017 campaigns, the Longhorns' varsity team mustered District 22-6A victories over Pasadena and Sam Rayburn in both seasons. That's simply not up to Dobie expectations.
Contacted following the Thanksgiving break,

Norman told the *Leader* he is thankful for his time at Dobie. He would have liked more time to get things going in the right direction, but also understands the business of coaching.
"I really enjoyed my time at Dobie, and I feel like we had some things going at the sub-varsity levels that will lead to

more success at the varsity level," Norman said.
After going 3-7 in 2016, the Longhorns entered this season with expectations of reaching the postseason.
While nearly every program in Houston was negatively affected by the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey, the event seemed to undercut the

Longhorns. The program's only scheduled scrimmage against Clear Brook was canceled. Dobie also had to cancel regular season games at Summer Creek in Humble and at home against Clear Springs.
Dobie was able to host a scrimmage against Summer Creek, but the team's starting quarterback was injured in that scrimmage and was hampered for a good bit of the rest of the way.
The team's back-up quarterback showed promise but was also injured and declared out for the season.
The Longhorns played the season finale against La Porte with a No. 3

Hoopsters visit tourneys

The competition figures to be at its best as the varsity boys' and girls' basketball teams from Clear Brook and the varsity boys' team from Dobie return to the tournament circuit Nov. 30-Dec. 2.
Both Clear Brook programs will play close to home, where the Krueger/Carlisle boys' event will play out at Clear Lake High School.
At Clear Creek High School, the Lady Wolverines will be part of the Peggy Whitley Classic.
Meanwhile, the Dobie varsity boys' team will make its annual pilgrim-

age to the Phillips 66 Invitational, hosted by Katy High School.
No matter the venue, there will be plenty of tough competition to go around.
At the Phillips 66 Katy Classic, the Dobie boys will open with a rematch against Katy Taylor, which handed the Longhorns a 69-51 loss on the opening day of the McDonald's Texas Invitational.
As if that weren't challenging enough, the Longhorns will then face Eisenhower, which, at 7-0, is ranked eighth in the current Texas Association of

Basketball Coaches Class 6A state poll.
The Katy event will also feature Katy Tompkins, the McDonald's Texas Invitational's Division I gold bracket boys' champion.
The Tompkins Falcons have started this season at 7-2 and are ranked No. 4 in the state in the latest TABC poll.
Looking for more? There's also Klein Forest, a 6-0 team that just earned the TABC's No. 6 spot in Class 6A.
In second-day action at Katy, Dobie will go against

Local teams get victories

In the winds of change that is the high school varsity boys' and girls' basketball seasons, three local squads are riding high after big wins Nov. 28 in nondistrict play.
Dobie got another huge

night from Brick Fosnight, who delivered 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Longhorns held off neighboring Clear Brook 82-73 at Dobie.
Sophomore Marquice Scott came up big,

too, making seven of eight shots en route to a 20-point night. Justin Thomas chipped in with 19 points and 10 caroms. Dobie took control using a 29-11 third-period run.
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At left, Dobie sophomore guard Kayla Hall (11) advances the ball up the court during a nondistrict game. At 3-5 to this point in the season, the Lady Longhorns are looking to find consistency prior to the start of District 22-6A action, which comes Dec. 12.

JFD baseball sets golf
The Dobie Diamond Club will host its annual golf tournament fundraiser Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Pearland Country Club. Individual players (\$80) and foursomes (\$320) may register prior to the tournament by calling Dobie booster club member Chris Escalera at 832-630-4007. Prices the day of the event increase to \$100 and \$400.

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Talented tournament fields await JFD, Brook hoops

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 any one of three teams, those being Tompkins, Houston Worthing or Cy-Fair.
 Entering play at the Katy tournament, Dobie will have played just three games in a 12-day span.
 Dobie closed out the McDonald's Texas Invitational Nov. 18 by defeating Baytown Sterling for the Division 2 bronze bracket championship.
 Two days later, the Longhorns lost at home to Clear Lake by a 65-50

count as D.J. Garrett had a game-high 17 points for the locals.
 Clear Lake has a pair of future Division I collegiate players, with Ajare Sanni having signed to play at the University of Pacific and Riley Abercrombie headed to Boise State University.
 Abercrombie had 10 points in the game, but Sanni did not play against Dobie nor the following day in Lake's 66-64 win over Deer Park.
 Dobie, now 3-4 after

facing Clear Brook Nov. 28 (see Pages 1 and 6B), will also go up against talented programs at Dawson, Pearland and Friendswood before starting District 22-6A action against Beaumont West Brook.
 The Longhorns have received consistent scoring from both Garrett and newcomer Brick Fosnight. Justin Thomas, who added 14 against Clear Lake, has also come up big to this point.

Brook boys adjust
 Clear Brook entered last offseason clearly looking to adjust to the loss of the program's all-time leading scorer.
 David Azore Jr., who had more than 2,000 career points over parts of four seasons, is now at the University of Texas-Arlington.
 Like Dobie, the Wolverines took things a bit lightly during the Thanksgiving break.
 In a Nov. 22 home game against South Houston, the Wolverines prevailed 79-75 as Kendrick Christian scored a game-high 31 points to go with 27 for Nakia Johnson.
 Early on, the Wolverines have been looking for some consistency in the win column.
 Host Humble scored a 73-62 victory over the Wolverines Nov. 14 to begin the season.
 Clear Brook won its tournament opener at the McDonald's Texas Invitational while stopping Baytown Sterling, but then lost three straight to sit at 1-4.
 Clearly, getting consistent scoring from Christian and Johnson will go a long way toward helping the Wolverines get where they want in a loaded 24-

6A alignment, with Dickinson state-ranked and Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Friendswood also possessing solid teams.
Brook girls even
 Much like the Brook varsity boys' team, the Clear Brook girls' team is looking to deliver on its promise on a nightly basis. To this point, it's been both an up and a down run for the locals.
 On Nov. 22, Clear Brook lost at Fort Bend Austin, 48-44, as Fort Bend Austin won the fourth quarter 17-11 to take the victory late.
 At the Peggy Whitley Classic, the Lady Wolverines will take on Goose Creek Memorial Nov. 30, at noon.
 The Lady Wolverines will then go against either Brazoswood or Hightower

in the following round. Tournament favorites? Midway is ranked No. 10. Clear Falls is ranked 21st in the state and will play Magnolia Ranch in a tournament opener. No. 25 Atascocita is also involved.

poll, while visiting Waco

Carlisle/Krueger Classic Nov. 30 Pool Play

Clear Brook boys vs. Hitchcock
 Clear Falls H.S. 9 a.m.

Clear Brook boys vs. Texas City
 Clear Falls H.S. 6 p.m.

Katy ISD Phillips 66
 Nov. 30 Pool Play

Dobie boys vs. Katy Taylor
 Katy Taylor H.S. 9:30 a.m.

Dobie boys vs. Eisenhower
 Clear Falls H.S. 1 p.m.

Sports Calendar

BASKETBALL

Monday, December 4

Beverly Hills 7th Dark girls vs. Thompson, Dobie, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7th Light girls vs. Thompson, Dobie, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 8th Dark girls vs. Thompson, Dobie, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8th Light girls vs. Thompson, Dobie, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 7th Dark boys at Jackson, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 7th Light boys at Jackson, 6:15
 Beverly Hills 8th Dark boys at Jackson, 5:00
 Beverly Hills 8th Light boys at Jackson, 6:15
 Thompson 7th Dark boys at Beverly Hills, 5:00
 Thompson 7th Light boys at Beverly Hills, 6:15
 Thompson 8th Dark boys at Beverly Hills, 5:00
 Thompson 8th Light boys at Beverly Hills, 6:15

Thursday, Nov. 30 through Saturday, Dec. 2

Brook varsity boys at Krueger-Carlisle invite., TBA
 Brook varsity girls at Krueger-Carlisle invite., TBA
 Dobie varsity boys at Katy invite., TBA
 Brook JV boys at Alief ISD invite., TBA
 Dobie JV boys at South Houston invit., TBA
 Dobie sophomore boys at Pasadena ISD invite., TBA
 Dobie freshman B boys at Memorial invit., TBA

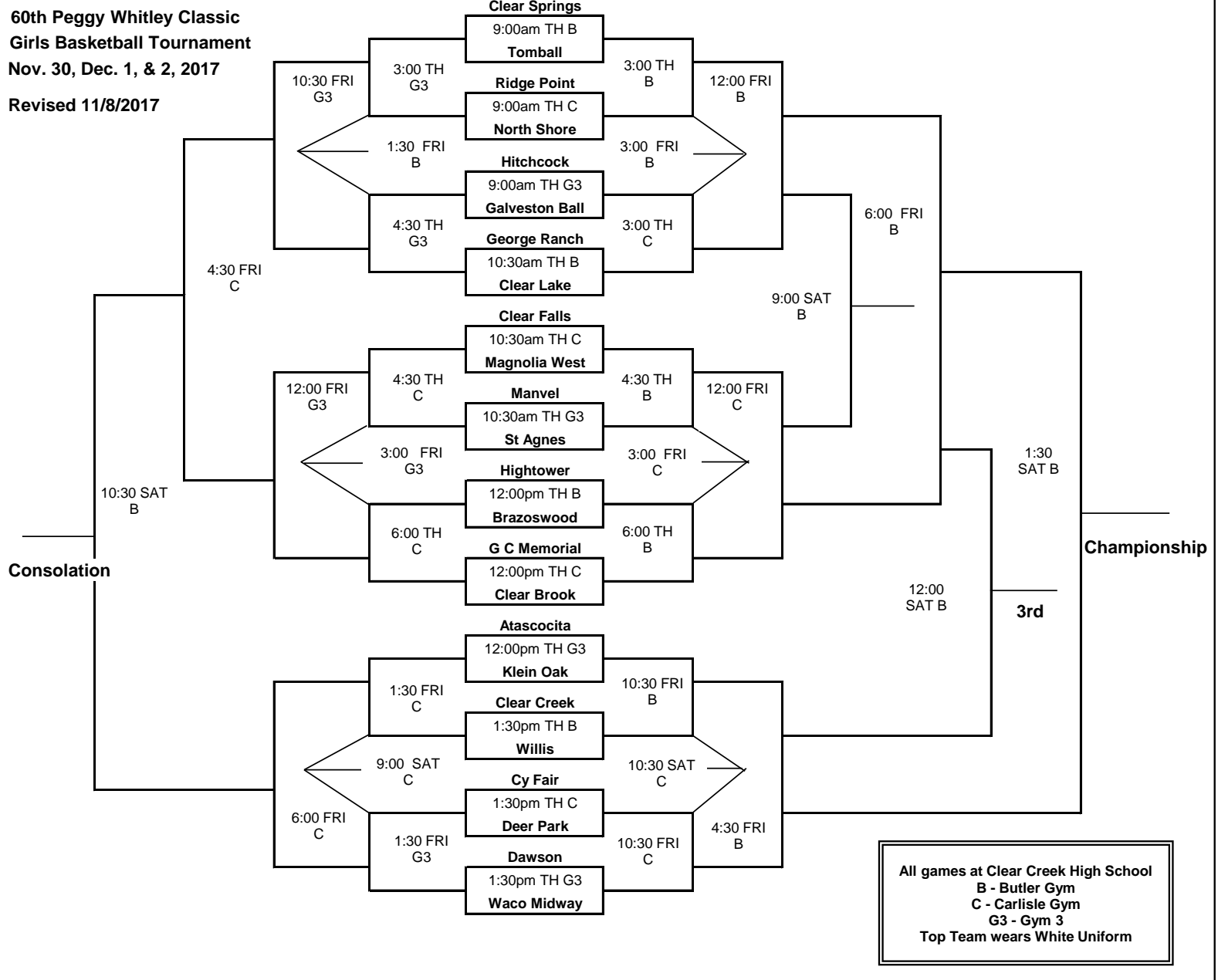
Tuesday, Dec. 5

Dobie varsity boys at Dawson, 7:00
 Brook varsity boys at Goose Creek Memorial, 7:00
 Brook varsity girls at The Woodlands, 7:00
 Dobie varsity girls host Dawson, 7:00
 Dobie JV girls host Dawson, 5:30
 Brook JV boys at Goose Creek Memorial, 5:30
 Dobie JV boys at Dawson, 5:30
 Brook JV girls at The Woodlands, 5:30
 Dobie sophomore boys at Dawson, 5:30
 Brook sophomore boys at G.C. Memorial, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A girls host Dawson, 4:00
 Brook freshman A girls at The Woodlands, 4:00
 Brook freshman A boys at G.C. Memorial, 4:00
 Dobie freshman A boys at Dawson, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B boys at Dawson, 4:00
 Brook freshman B boys at G.C. Memorial, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B girls host Shadow Creek, 4:00

Friday, Dec. 8

Brook varsity girls vs. Dobie, Phillips, 7:00
 Dobie varsity boys host Pearland, 7:00
 Brook varsity boys host Galveston Ball, 7:00
 Brook varsity girls vs. Dobie, Phillips, 5:30
 Brook JV boys host Galveston Ball, 5:30
 Dobie JV boys host Pearland, 5:30
 Brook sophomore boys host Galveston Ball, 5:30
 Brook freshman A girls vs. Dobie, Phillips, 4:00
 Dobie freshman A boys host Pearland, 4:00
 Brook freshman A boys host Galveston Ball, 4:00
 Brook freshman B boys host Galveston Ball, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B boys host Pearland, 4:00

60th Peggy Whitley Classic Girls Basketball Tournament Nov. 30, Dec. 1, & 2, 2017 Revised 11/8/2017



All games at Clear Creek High School
 B - Butler Gym
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 G3 - Gym 3
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SJC women chase nationals repeat

Perhaps the 2015-2016 season could have gone better for the San Jacinto College women's basketball program, but not by much.
 Led by freshman honorable mention All-American Eryka Sidney's performance, the Lady Gators reached the National Junior College Athletic Association's national tournament for the first time in the college's history.
 Fast forward to this season, and much has changed. Then again, quite a bit has stayed the

same.
 Former SJC head coach Mike Madrid moved on after the team's banner season and has been replaced by Kayla Weaver, who for two seasons had served as an assistant on Madrid's staff.
 The team is hoping to exceed last season's 24-9 record, and to this point Sydney and her teammates have gone 8-2 early on this season.
 Sydney leads the way at 17.6 points per game, while Alexis Bryant is just behind that at 16.9 points

per outing. San Jacinto is also getting 15.6 points per game from Alexis Jones.
 Current No. 2 national ranked Trinity Valley is the team to beat in the Region XIV ranks, but San Jacinto is looking to pick up steam. Unranked to open the season on the national scene, SJC has consistently scored points. Now comes the crux of Region XIV action, with Sidney, a sophomore from Houston's Wheatley High School, leading the way.



San Jacinto College sophomore guard Eryka Sidney, who led her team to a first-ever National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Championship appearance as a freshmen honorable mention All-American pick, is one of three players scoring in double figures (17.6) as the Gators are off to an 8-2 start this season.

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Boys' Hoops Through Nov. 13 Games

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball

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

Game Scores

Southmore 39, Miller 36
 San Jacinto 60, Queens 18
 Park View 52, Jackson 50

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Thompson	0 0 0	1 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 0 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 1 0
Miller	0 0 0	0 1 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 1 0

Game Scores

Thompson 49, South Houston 44
 Bondy 65, Beverly Hills 35

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

Game Scores

San Jacinto 49, Queens 15
 Park View 39, Jackson 36

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Thompson	0 0 0	1 0 0
Bondy	0 0 0	1 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 0 0
Jackson	0 0 0	0 1 0
Bondy	0 0 0	0 1 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 1 0

Game Scores

Thompson 44, South Houston 38
 Bondy 41, Beverly Hills 21
 Miller 31, Southmore 23

Pasadena ISD Intermediate Basketball

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 30, Bondy 24
 Park View 36, Jackson 31

Zone B	W L T	W L T
Thompson	0 0 0	1 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	1 0 0
Queens	0 0 0	1 0 0
Miller	0 0 0	0 1 0
Queens	0 0 0	0 1 0

Game Scores

Thompson 53, South Houston 13
 Miller 28, Southmore 21
 Queens 40, San Jacinto 28

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

Game Scores

Beverly Hills 30, Bondy 10
 Southmore 22, Miller 18
 San Jacinto 38, Queens 31

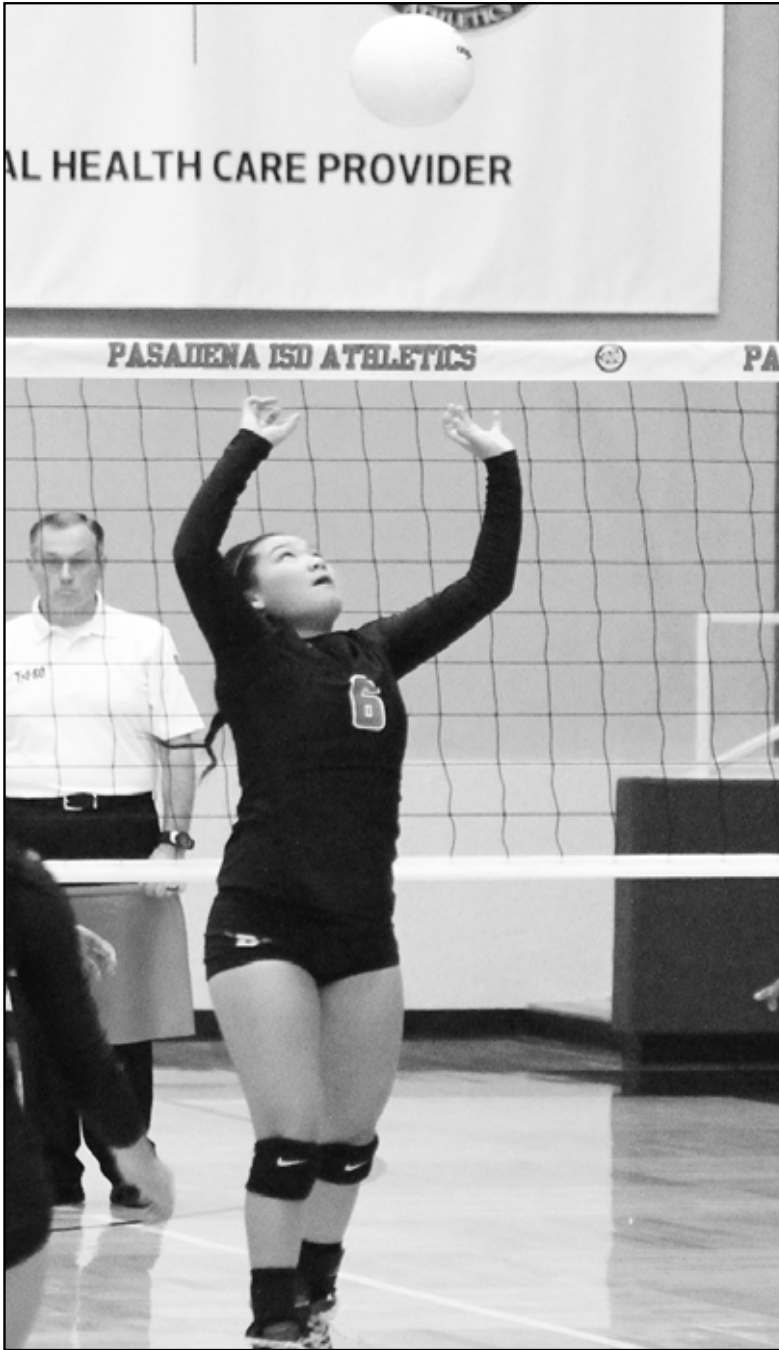
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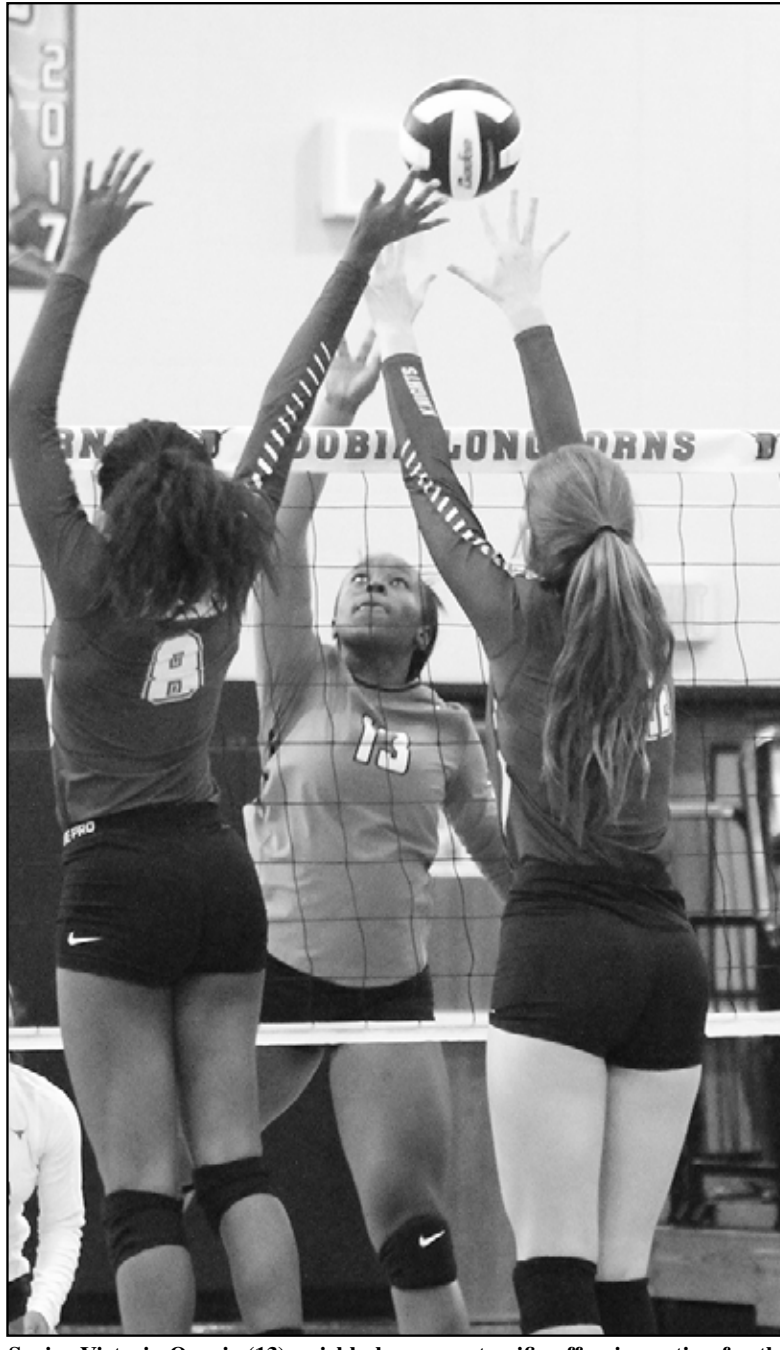
Thompson 39, South Houston 10
 Jackson 40, Park View 10

Lady Longhorns earn 22-6A all-district volleyball distinctions

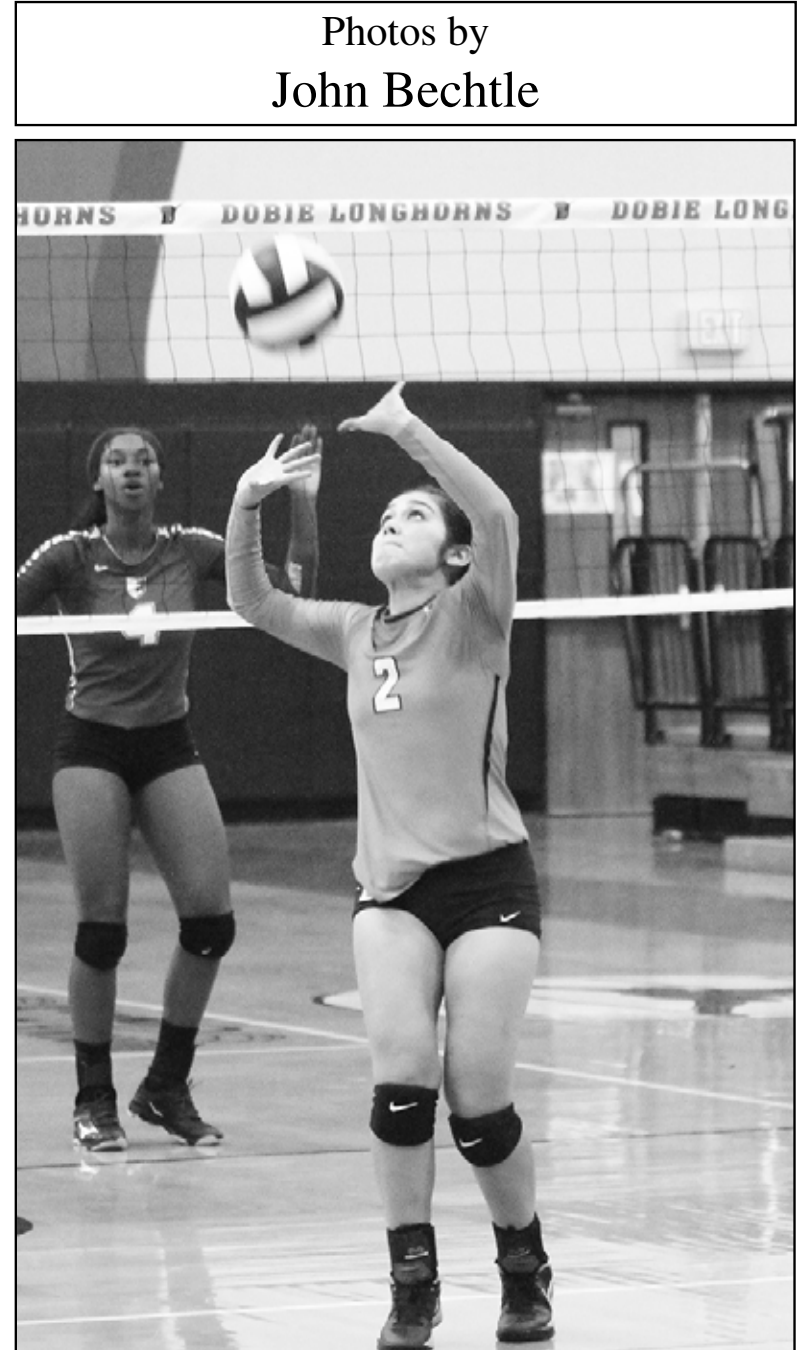
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Junior Melody Le led Dobie with 487 assists as she played in every match, helping lead the Lady Longhorns to a third-place finish in the district. At season's end, she was named to the 22-6A second team.

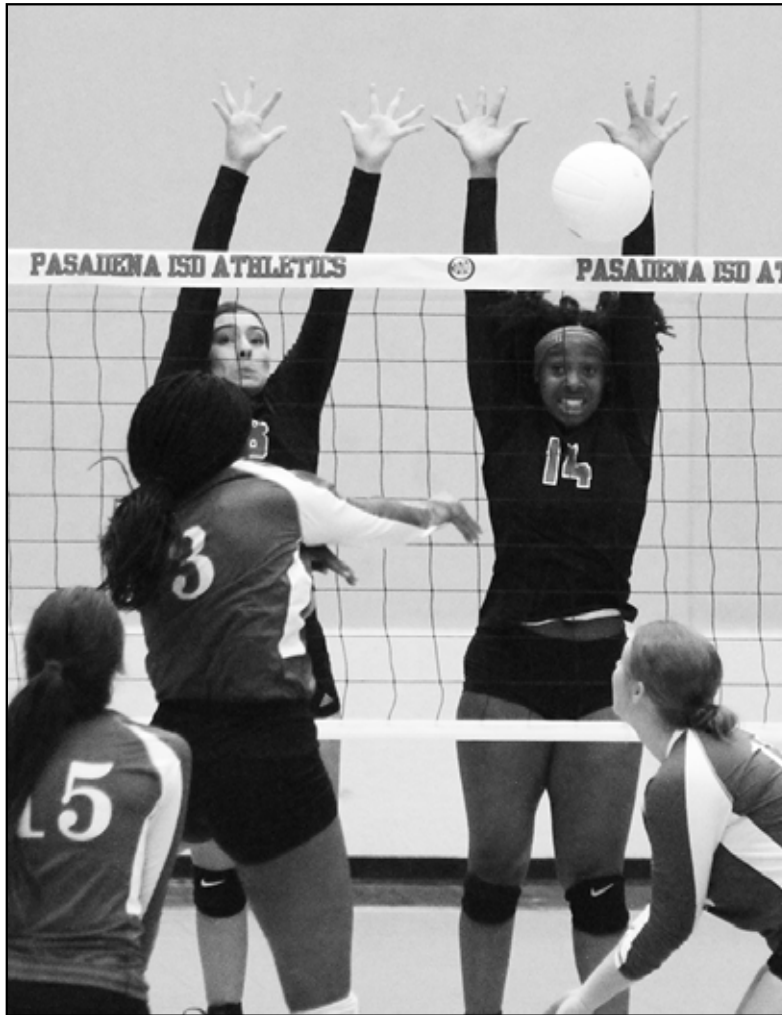


Senior Victoria Onozie (13) quickly became a terrific offensive option for the Lady Longhorns at the net, collecting 233 kills as she was named to the 22-6A first team. She finished second to teammate Taylor Pleasants in total kills for the season.

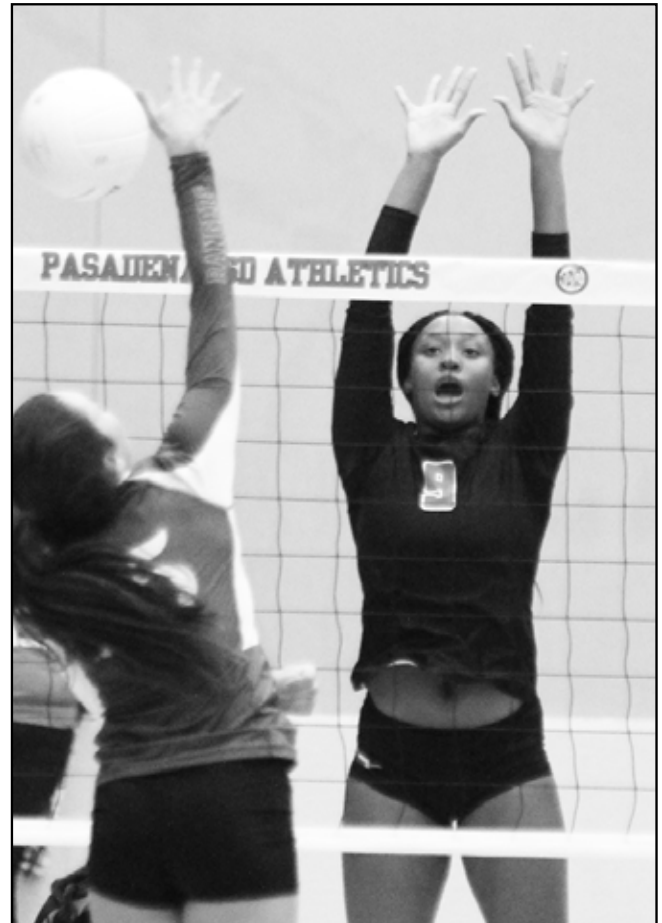


In her final season with the Lady Longhorns, three-year letterwinner Jacqueline Garcia had 455 assists and 224 digs on her way to second-team all-district selection.

At right, Lady Longhorns' senior Madison Taylor (8) excelled in a variety of roles for the Lady Longhorns this season, pairing 104 kills with 37 service aces, which was second on the team. Taylor was a 22-6A honorable mention recipient. Honorable mention status also went to Dobie senior Natasha Walters (14) as she had 102 kills and a team-high 65 blocks this season.



Yvonne Whaley was an easy choice for the first team within District 22-6A as she had a team-high 424 digs playing the libero spot for the Lady Longhorns this season.



In the second of her two varsity seasons, Dobie's Jakara Henry was an honorable mention pick in District 22-6A as she had 110 kills and 49 blocks while playing in 98 sets this campaign.

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) – West End Group, noon,

Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

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

The Red Door Theatre Company – *Busted Christmas*, a holiday tale by Josh Jordan shows Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1, 2, 8 and 9. Mama July, Cinnamon Boo-Boo and a host of other characters host an exciting night of homemade family entertainment. With situations such as no job, a disconnect notice and a lost checkbook, Mama finds a way to maintain her holiday cheer in spite of her desperate reality. Visit <https://red.ven.dini.com/ticket-software.html?tit&e=423d1e2bafd2df951d> f03be1da4b7963 to purchase tickets.

Harbour Theater – presents Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Bennie Nipper. The show provides heartwarming, lively entertainment for the whole family. Nipper has written in scenes for the award-winning Irish Dancers from the Richard Tew Irish Dancing Academy and ballerinas from Classical Dance Arts in League City. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 1-17, on the downstairs main deck of Bay Area Harbour Playhouse, 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. For details, contact 281-337-7469 or visit www.harbourtheater.com.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group – meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

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

856-1611.

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

Hometown Heroes Park – has a "Holiday Bright Dance" at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, Saturday, Dec. 2, from 7 to 10 p.m. at 1001 E. League City Parkway (Hwy. 96). Music will be provided by Neva Schroder. The Delaney at South Shore will treat everyone to Christmas refreshments free of charge. Tables are reserved for dancers without partners to make individuals feel welcome. Couples, dancers without partners, seniors and students are all encouraged to add to the fun. Photos of dancers will be taken to post on the *Ballroom Dancers of League City* Facebook page. The dress code is as one likes – Casual to Glitzy After Five. Cost is \$8 at the door. The event is smoke-free and alcohol-free, per city policy. For more information, call 417-838-2204.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

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

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Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

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6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, noon, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, call Monica Montoya at 281-794-5531.
American Business Women's Association Bay Area Vision Chapter - Meets at Bon Appetit Cafe, 18027 Point Lookout Dr., 77058, monthly, first Wednesday, noon to 1:30 p.m. Professional speaker often present. For details, contact Christie O'Rear at chrisiorear@gmail.com.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204.

3:15 p.m.
Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details.
6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 50 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
6:30 p.m.
Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org.

7 p.m.
Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.
7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - Israeli Folk Dancing Mondays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., 16020 El Camino Real, 77062. \$4/session or \$35/10 sessions for CSH members and \$5/session or \$45/10 session for non-members. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or csh@shaarhashalom.org.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
9:30 a.m.
Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
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 information, call Bob Mitchell at 281-333-2881.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texas.citizensbank.com.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has beginner ballroom lessons taught by Eileen Bauerlein on Tuesdays following the senior luncheon at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \$25 activity card is required for nonresidents (free to senior League City residents.)
1 p.m.
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 [8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.
10 a.m.
Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous \(AA\) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Park - has dance lessons Thursdays, following the senior luncheon. Lewis and Betty Whistler teach lessons in two-step, triple two-step, west coast swing and night club two-step at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. A \\$25 activity card is required for nonresidents which is free to senior League City residents.
6:30 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. This meeting is a combined event for November and December. Refreshments will be served. Plan to attend. For details, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous \(NA\) - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway \(FM 518\), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church \(youth building\). For details, call 713-856-1611.
The Bay Area Writers League - Meets the first Thursday monthly, Barnes and Noble, 1029 W. Bay Area Blvd., 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.
8 p.m.
Harbour Theater - presents Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, adapted by Bennie Nipper. The show provides heartwarming, lively entertainment for the whole family. Nipper has written in scenes for the award-winning Irish Dancers from the Richard Tew Irish Dancing Academy and ballerinas from Classical Dance Arts in League City. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 1-17, on the downstairs main deck of Bay Area Harbour Playhouse, 3803 Highway 3 in Dickinson. For information, contact 281-337-7469 or visit \[www.harbourtheater.com\]\(http://www.harbourtheater.com\).](mailto:drglandorf@</p>
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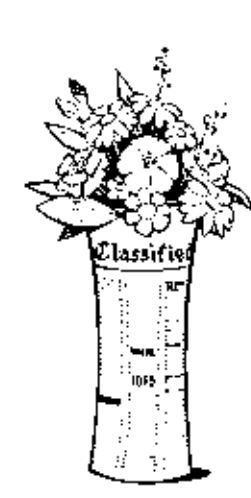
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Norman's tenure done, Dobie football looks ahead

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quarterback under center. But this change was not about any one player, one position group. While the Longhorns did produce 26 wins and a pair of co-titles in subvarsity play, the varsity group struggled to come up with wins under Norman.

"I'm ultimately responsible as the head coach, and I'm good with that," said Norman, who had spent 20 seasons as an assistant at Pearland High School under head coach Tony Heath before winning the Dobie gig prior to the 2015 campaign.

Norman said he tried to emulate and put into use many of the same things that had proven to be so successful with the Oilers. Ultimately, it simply did not come together as well as Norman had hoped at Dobie.

Dobie went 5-5 in 2015 under Norman and then was handed a playoff loss for the fifth consecutive season against North Shore.

The Longhorns have now lost in back-to-back seasons to both Memorial and South Houston while winning five overall league games.

But now much of the Norman talk will fade. It will be up to those who remain on staff and those hired to turn things around.

Perhaps most importantly, it will be up to the players to perform at a higher level moving forward.

Moses weighs in

With school back in session after the Thanksgiving break, Dobie principal Franklin Moses, who will coordinate the search for Dobie's new head football coach, has gone to work.

As for current operations, Dobie assistant coach Derrick Taylor will head the offseason program, ensuring all returning football players are continuing their development off the field.

Moses said he expects the job to be officially posted no later than Dec. 1, and that posting shall remain open until roughly Dec. 21 or thereabouts.

Factoring in the Christmas break that runs from

Dec. 22 to Jan. 8 in the Pasadena ISD, Moses said he expects to perhaps present a candidate to the PISD board by late January or early February. Certainly, "sooner" is better than "later."

There is not, according to Moses, an absolute set of parameters where it pertains to an ideal candidate.

Veteran head coaches as well as offensive and defensive coordinators will all be considered. In other words, the job is truly open to the person deemed best for the role.

What about Dobie's stable of assistant coaches, including several who were hired when Tommy Kaiser ran the program beginning in 2004, Moses has met with that group.

Clearly, the situation is a bit more complicated at the high school level than, say, in the collegiate or pro ranks.

High school assistant coaches also teach in the classroom, and most are responsible for more than one sport.

"I have told our assistants that I understand that when a new head coach comes in, there are usually changes made with regards to the staff of assistants," Moses said.

"Some will potentially elect to move on, and some will want to stay. I respect the fact that some of them will have to make a decision that is best for them and their families."

Moses concedes the 2017 season got off to a rough start with the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Dobie's on-field injuries also hurt the team's ability to win games.

Moses said he and Norman had some conversations about the state of the program, with Moses also looking at the process taken that leads to wins or losses. It was simply time for a change.

Moses also addressed where he feels like the Dobie football program stands today. Clearly, senior-to-be Kris Morris is the most gifted of the varsity bunch, having rushed for a District 22-6A best 1,200 yards in just eight games.

"I still think the Dobie

High School head football coaching job is a quality job, and I think it's an intriguing job with a player of Kris Morris' ability back along with some of the other talented young players and some of the kids at the subvarsity levels," Moses said.

"We want to find a person who can come in and coach our kids up, give them some direction on and off the field and to also develop the great group of kids we get from our feeder schools each year."

Dobie has not won a playoff game since 2004. The varsity team made six straight postseason appearances from 2010 to 2015 but lost once to Beaumont West Brook and five times to North Shore.

To start, Moses said he believes the football pro-

gram certainly has the talent to compete against and ultimately reach the playoffs on a regular basis in the current 22-6A alignment that includes Deer Park, La Porte, Memorial, South Houston, Pasadena and Sam Rayburn.

While the impending University Interscholastic League two-year realignment coming Feb. 1 could alter the playing field a bit, Moses expects Dobie to be competitive for a playoff berth regularly.

Moses understands that Dobie's current student enrollment figure of more than 4,100 means the Longhorns will likely have to play North Shore or Atascocita in the first round of the playoffs on an annual basis as it stands. That's simply how things shake out, he knows.

But little of this has to

do with the Longhorns being more competitive between the sidelines.

At the end of the day, those associated with the football program both past and present expect more.

It must be stated that only the players compete on the field, but belief in the system is crucial.

And so it begins. The list of all-time Dobie varsity football head coaches includes Sam Sailor, Buster Gilbreath, Buzzy Kieth, Stan Labay, Mike Stephens, Tommy Kaiser, Bobby Cotton, Jim Phillips and Norman.

Each of those coaches had a varying degree of success while leading the Longhorns, with the program logging more playoff berths than playoff misses. It's time for the Dobie program to catch its footing again.



Tailback Kris Morris (20), who rushed for 1,200 yards in just eight games this season and was the 22-6A rushing leader, will return in 2018 as a key piece to the offensive puzzle for the next Dobie varsity football head coach.

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Local basketball programs score big wins

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The Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team will now endeavor to get back on track at the annual Car-

lisle/Krueger Classic Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 (see Pages 1B and 2B).

The Clear Brook varsity girls' are now 5-3 over-

all heading into the Nov. 30 through Dec. 2 Peggy Whitley Classic at Clear Creek High School.

On Nov. 28, the Lady

Wolverines cruised past C.E. King 41-27 on the road. The Lady Wolverines also won both subvarsity games, giving the program a night to celebrate.

The Dobie varsity girls, which have experienced an up-and-down run of things to this point, got the ball rolling Nov. 28 with

a big 58-32 win over Fort Bend Clements.

Dobie is now looking forward to hosting Clear Brook in a set of non-district games Dec. 7, at Phillips Field House in Pasadena. The Lady Longhorns will also appear later this month at the Barbers Hill Classic.

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Co-Offensive Players of the Year

Faith Marabella, Friendswood

Briana Garcia, Clear Falls

Setter of the Year

Kelsey Childers, Clear Creek

Newcomer of the Year

Shyia Richardson, Clear Springs

Coach of the Year

Sarah Paulk, Friendswood

First Team Picks

- Natalie Abowd, Friendswood*
- Zeyanna Dhalla, Friendswood*
- Elle McGown, Friendswood*
- Naomi Jean, Clear Falls*
- Cassie Srb, Clear Falls*
- Mia Johnson, Clear Falls*
- Sydney O'Dell, Clear Creek*
- Riley Brantley, Clear Creek*
- Kenadee Poye, Clear Springs*
- Hannah Floyd, Clear Springs*
- Massiel Coronado, Clear Springs*
- Breana August, Clear Brook*
- Kennedy Crutchfield, Clear Brook*
- Kailin Newsome, Clear Brook*
- Brynne Blackmar, Clear Lake*

Second Team Picks

- Bri McGown, Friendswood*
- Lauren Hubbard, Friendswood*
- Savannah Schaff, Clear Falls*
- Erin Kearney, Clear Falls*
- Jordan Dortch, Clear Falls*
- Brianna Daphnis, Clear Falls*
- Anita Parrott, Clear Falls*
- Jenna Metzinger, Clear Creek*
- Emma Wagenknect, Clear Creek*
- Haley Moses, Clear Springs*
- Jordan Russell, Clear Brook*
- Sydney Saladrigas, Clear Brook*
- Claire Mills, Clear Lake*
- Amaya Young, Dickinson*
- Teresa Garza, Alvin*

Brook - All-Academic

- Kennedy Crutchfield*
- Gabby Wilcox*
- Victoria Pittman*
- Samantha McClary*
- Sydney Saladrigas*
- Kayleigh Schultz*

Brook - Honorable Mention

- Ysabella Lockwood - Gabby Wilcox*

Champ Friendswood rules honors

Coming into the regular season, Friendswood knew it had its hands full, what with Clear Creek returning to the varsity girls' volleyball court as the defending Region III champion.

In addition, Clear Falls was returning perhaps the top offensive player in the district, senior Briana Garcia.

Clear Brook was set to counter with senior outside hitter Jordan Russell, who will play collegiately at Rice University.

In the end, the Lady Mustangs came up big. Running the table with a perfect 14-0 record, Friendswood cruised to its first league title since join-

ing the Class 6A ranks. Well done.

Clear Creek and Clear

Falls also made the post-III tournament, coming season, with Clear Falls just one away from the advancing to the Region state tournament.

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