

Life Church hosts class

Life Church is hosting a free conversational Spanish/ESL class taught by a certified bilingual teacher Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at 9901 Windmill Lakes Blvd. Email JoAnna De la Garza at islasdelagarza@gmail.com for information.

Beltway closures planned

At least one inside lane of the westbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Scott Street/Fellows Road to SH 288 nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Monday, March 23.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Tuesday, March 3.

At least two alternate southbound frontage road lanes on Beltway 8 from Crenshaw to Grayson will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Tuesday, March 3.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 from Vista to SH 225 will be closed daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Sunday, March 1.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 from Vista to SH 225 will be closed nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, March 1.

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

Knights to hold fish fries

Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fund-raising fish fry dinner Friday, Feb. 28; Friday, March 6; Friday, March 13; Friday, March 20; Friday, March 27; and Friday, April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu includes breaded catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea or lemonade. Cost is \$10 eat-in or take-out. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities. Profits will go toward local and community projects.

Gulf Freeway closures set

The southbound entrance ramp on the Gulf Freeway will be completely closed at NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 until further notice.

The southbound entrance ramp on the Gulf Freeway will be completely closed at FM 518 until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound 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. through Saturday, Feb. 29.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Feb. 29.

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

Lasso events planned

There will be a series of mandatory events for those wishing to join the Dobie Lasso JV dance team, including: a parent meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the school cafeteria; Lasso clinics to be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. March 30, March 31 and April 1 in the school's Lariat Room. The mandatory Lasso tryouts will be held Thursday, April 2, in the school's Lariat Room beginning at 4:30 p.m. The program is open to all incoming freshmen. For more information, email Chelsea Henning at chenning@pasadenaisd.org.

Mt. Olive holds craft show

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., will host its monthly craft vendor market Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include everything from A-Z and different foods and refreshments. To participate in the market, contact the event coordinator at 832-949-2504.

Kirkmont HOA meets 3-11

The Kirkmont 1 HOA will hold a board meeting Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m. at the MUD Building, located at 10102 Blackhawk. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

Moore offers scholarships

Moore Elementary Student Council is offering four scholarships to graduating seniors from Dobie and Lewis Career and Technical high schools who attended Moore in fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Thursday, April 9 to be considered.

Cabrini hosts blood drive

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook, will host a blood drive Sunday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Francesca Hall. For more information, contact Janie Perales at 713-503-9515.

JFD cheer meeting set

A mandatory meeting for all students interested in being a Dobie High School cheerleader during the 2020-2021 school year will be held at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the Dobie Main cafeteria. Students must bring a parent for necessary paperwork.

Primary elections scheduled for March 3

County, state and federal primary elections are set to take place Tuesday, March 3.

In addition to the highly publicized presidential race, voters will also decide who will fill a number of congressional and legislative seats, as well as many county positions, including that of

judge, commissioner and constable.

Races relevant to the South Belt community include U.S. House District 22, state Senate District 11, state House District 129, Harris County Precinct 1 commissioner and Harris County Precinct 2 Constable.

Republicans vying for the U.S. House District 22 seat being vacated by Pete Olson include Pierce Bush, Diana Miller, Troy Nehls, Brandon T. Penko, Shandon Phan, Howard Steele, Jon Camarillo, Douglas Haggard, Aaron Hermes, Greg Hill, Matt Hinton, Dan Matthews, Bangar

Reddy, Kathleen Wall and Joe Walz. Democrats competing for the position include Chris Fernandez, Nyanza Davis Moore, Carmine Petricco III, Sri Preston Kulkarni and Derrick Reed.

State Senate District 11 incumbent Larry

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Dobie recognizes 2020 Hall of Honor inductees

Dobie High School held its eighth annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony Friday, Feb. 21.

Four graduates and one former faculty member were recognized at the event.

Honorees included Sgt. First Class Chris Brewster, Class of 2006; Shane Nance, Class of 1996; Joe Olivarez, Class of 1984; Sgt. First Class James

Daigle, Class of 1983; and former faculty member Rhonda Foster.

The Dobie Hall of Honor recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions in the community and serve as role models to students. This recognition is the highest honor bestowed to Longhorn alumni or former faculty members.

Christopher "Chris" Brewster - Class of 2006

A devoted husband, loving son, brother, uncle, and friend, Houston Police Officer, Christopher Charles Lewis Brewster was known to his fellow Longhorns and colleagues as an eclectic individual with a wonderful sense of humor. While in high school, he took all honors math classes and also participated in the Dobie marching band. Considered as the class



Chris Brewster

clown. Brewster received an original "Most Memorable Band Student" award.

After graduating from Dobie High School in 2006, he attended Texas A&M University-Commerce, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership. Brewster graduated from the Houston Police Department Academy in November 2010.

Brewster was assigned to Southeast Patrol and later on advanced to the elite Gang Division, SWAT and Major Offenders Division. In February 2019, he was promoted to sergeant and served Eastside Patrol where he quickly became known as the "favorite sergeant" by his officers. Always wanting to

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JFD honors former alumni, staff



J. Frank Dobie High School held its annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony Friday, Feb. 21. Now in its eighth year, the event recognizes former alumni and staff who have made significant contributions to the community and serve as role models for current students. Dobie Principal Franklin Moses (right) is shown above presenting the awards to 2020 inductees, left to right, James Daigle, Class of 1983; Joe Olivarez, Class of 1984; Shane Nance, Class of 1996; and Rhonda Foster, faculty. Not pictured is Chris Brewster, Class of 2006, who was inducted posthumously. See related photos on Page 6A. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Kirkmont MUD to hold election

The Kirkmont Municipal Utility District will hold a board election Saturday, May 2.

Two positions on the MUD board are up for grabs. Incumbents Jean Ann Williams and Lonnie Piquiet are up for re-election, and both have filed to maintain their seats.

While former board member Bonnie Dimicelli missed the filing deadline to appear on the official ballot, she has filed the necessary paperwork to be a write-in candidate in the election.

Dimicelli shared her qualifications with the Leader staff.

"(I've) served 13 years from the beginning, saved the district from bankruptcy by the developer, saved reserve funds to build the community building and have stayed involved in Kirkmont

on all issues," Dimicelli said.

As a challenger, Dimicelli does not have to run for a specific seat, as the two open positions will be awarded to whoever receives the most overall votes. Terms are four years.

Early voting will take place April 20 through April 28.

No elections will take place in the Clear Brook City and Sagemeadow MUDs, as all candidates are running unchallenged.

On the Clear Brook City MUD board, incumbents David Flickinger, Chuck Tylka and Chris Clark have all filed to maintain their positions.

Likewise, Glenn Williams and David Montgomery have both filed to maintain their seats on the Sagemeadow MUD board.

Barber named principal of year

Streamers and balloons filled the air as Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell and other district administrators traveled to Beverly Hills Intermediate and Teague Elementary to announce the 2020 secondary and primary principals of the year.

Stacey Barber of Beverly Hills Intermediate was chosen as the Secondary Principal of the Year, while Valerie Morris of Teague Elementary was chosen as the Primary Principal of the Year.

Barber has spent the majority of her teaching career serving the students at Beverly Hills Intermediate. A graduate of Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) and the University of Houston-Clear Lake, she began her career with Pasadena ISD in 1999 as a special education teacher at Beverly Hills. Over the next 21 years, Barber went on to hold the positions of peer facilitator and assistant principal. In 2013,

she began in her current position as the principal of Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Morris, a graduate of Texas A&M University and the University of Houston-Clear Lake, has been the principal of Teague Elementary since 2006. Prior to her current position, she began her career in education as a teacher at Mathys Elementary in 1992 and served as the assistant principal at Golden Acres Elementary for seven years. Morris has dedicated an impressive nearly 30 years of service to the district as an educator and administrator.

Barber and Morris were selected for the honor based on their exemplary performance records and dedication to the students they serve. They will go on to represent Pasadena ISD in the Region 4 Principal of the Year competition by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Powell congratulates Barber



Beverly Hills Intermediate Principal Stacey Barber (left) was recently named Pasadena ISD's 2020 Secondary Principal of the Year. Teague Elementary Principal Valerie Morris (not pictured) was named the district's Primary Principal of the Year. The two will now advance to represent Pasadena ISD in the Region 4 Principal of the Year competition. Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell is shown above presenting the award to Barber at her home campus. Photo submitted

City to host annual CIP meetings

The City of Houston's annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) town hall meetings are set to take place in the coming weeks.

Passed by City Council each year, the CIP is a five-year plan that addresses the infrastructure needs for the City of Houston.

These meetings encourage residents to participate in the CIP process by contributing questions, comments and suggestions to the respective city department regarding project planning and delivery in each Council district.

Representatives from multiple city departments will be in attendance at each function to address questions and concerns from area residents.

The city will provide reasonable accommodations to citizens with disabilities and special needs by request in advance of the meeting date. To request accommodations, call the Department of Neighborhoods at 832-393-0955.

Of particular importance to South Belt residents are City Council districts D and E.

To see a complete list of CIP meetings, visit www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/2020/2020-cip-meetings.html.

District E

Houston District E City Council Member and recently selected Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin will host a CIP town hall meeting Thursday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Special Events Building at Space Center Houston, located at 1601 NASA Parkway.

The meeting was originally slated for Tuesday, March 3, but was rescheduled due to Election Day on Super Tuesday. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner is also scheduled to take part in this function. There will also be information tables available for those that arrive early, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or via email at districte@houstontx.gov.

District D

Newly elected Houston District D City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz will host her first CIP town hall meeting Monday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Jack Yates High School, located at 3650 Alabama St.

For additional information, contact the District D office at 832-393-3001 or districtd@houstontx.gov.

Work coming to Beamer, 2351

BEAMER ROAD AT FM 2351 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Harris County Precinct One will begin significant improvements to the intersection of Beamer Road and FM 2351 this March. These new improvements will improve safety and mobility in Southeast Harris County by:

- ▶ Adding left and right turn lanes from Beamer Road onto FM 2351
- ▶ Replacing and upgrading the traffic signal at FM 2351
- ▶ Easing bottlenecks and improving the flow of traffic during peak times

Construction should be completed summer 2020.

Construction on a long-awaited project to alleviate traffic congestion on Beamer at FM 2351 is set to begin in March. To be constructed by Harris County Precinct 1, the endeavor will add left- and right-turn lanes to both the northbound and southbound lanes on Beamer at the local intersection. The area crossing has long been a traffic concern during peak driving times. Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2020.

In My Opinion

Nieto's endorsement letter for Garcia

My name is Marcela Nieto I am a graduate of Texas A&M University. I have lived in Houston for the past 20 years along with my husband of 29 years. We own a small sign business, and I have three children. I would like to express my unconditional support for Lt. Jerry Garcia, whom I have come to know through my son, for the past two years.

My family is what is most important to me. I gave up my teaching career and became a stay home mom for the past 20 years. Although, it has been one of the most difficult decisions I have made, I know now that it was the best decision I could have made. The complicated challenges our children face everyday make it necessary to have at least one parent at home to help guide them into making the correct decisions. Aside from someone at home, I believe children need an outside influence to positively impact them.

My youngest son, Yusuf, is passionate about soccer and has always dreamed of becoming a Pro soccer player. I stood behind him and supported his wish of playing by enrolling him in Club teams. However, it was really difficult to find local teams that were near my home. Our first encounter with Coach Garcia happened to be as an opponent. My son and his former team played against Coach Garcia's Hurricanes in the State Cup. The Hurricanes were one of the most organized and qualified teams

they had ever played against. My husband immediately suggested to me that this could be our son's new team and that it could end our search for a permanent local team.

Immediately after the game we introduced ourselves to Coach Jerry and explained my son's situation. He told us to bring him to tryout and we did. On his first day of practice, my son came home extremely excited and impressed because Coach Jerry, "could recognize why his kicks were not as productive as they should be." He made my son feel welcomed and he had a very effective way of connecting with him. Even though he didn't charge a penny for enrollment he always showed to practice and he mentored the team to not only become better soccer players but better people as well. He befriended all his players while also giving them advice to make sure they stayed out of trouble and stayed in school.

I am so thankful to Coach Jerry for the world of a difference that he made in my son's life and I know many parents that feel the same way. He was not only an amazing coach but an excellent role model to my son and his team. This is the kind of selfless person that we need to help shape our youth and our community. I believe with his experience, knowledge, and dedication that he is the most qualified for the job. I would like to recommend Lt. Jerry Garcia of Pct 2 for the position of Constable in the elections of 2020 and encourage others to cast their vote for him.

Marcela Nieto

Hall of Honor inductees honored

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learn new things, Brewster was in the process of completing his master's degree. A nine-year police force veteran, Brewster's wife, Bethany said, "Heaven gained a hero," on Dec. 7, 2019, after he was fatally shot, while responding to a domestic violence call in Magnolia Park. He left behind his wife; parents Lewis and Doble alumna Cynthia (Rentz) Brewster; and sisters Renee Trager, Ashley Barrera and Lindsay Brewster.

Shane Nance, Class of 1996



Shane Nance

As resumes go, Shane Nance has knocked it out of the park. Nance was a member of the U.S. National baseball team from 1998 to 1999 and 2002, earning a silver medal in the 2001 championship.

Before heading to the pros, Nance played baseball for the University of Houston while working toward a bachelor's degree in marketing.

After obtaining his bachelor's degree in 2000, he was signed to the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 11th round of the MLB draft for a two-year stint, ending in 2002. Nance made his big debut on August 24, 2002 when he signed as a relief pitcher for the Milwaukee Brewers, from 2002-2003. He went on to play for the Arizona Diamondbacks from 2003-2005 and finally, the Kansas City Royals.

After five years playing for the pros, Nance hung up his baseball cap and pursued a career in management with Med-Inc of Texas from 2006-2008.

He went on to become the athletic director, while teaching baseball, along with government and economics at Brazosport Christian School, from 2008-2010. Nance left the education field to return to management in indoor and outside sales.

He currently serves as regional manager of Stryker Ent., where he has earned multiple awards including Regional Manager for 2017, the President's award each year from 2014-2016, the Crushed it Elite award for 2014-2016, while also achieving above quote sales in 16 out of 16 quarters. Nance has continued to serve this role since 2012. Nance resides in Pearland and is a member of New Hope Church.

Joe M. Olivarez, Class of 1984



Joe Olivarez

Joe M. Olivarez Jr. has been in the investigative and security business for over 30 years, protecting the interests of the U.S. government and multi-billion dollar corporations across the globe. Olivarez spent his first 10 years in government and government defense as a security analyst with General Dynamics and as a special agent with the NASA Johnson Space Center.

From 1997-2002, he served as the vice president of investigations of an international security firm. The company specialized in assisting Fortune 200 Corporations with solving and mitigating complex security and investigative challenges affecting their organizations.

From 2002-2013, he served multiple roles leading

to vice president, enterprise security and crisis management of the Western Hemisphere at Baker Hughes Inc., an oilfield services leader with over 65,000 employees operating in 80 countries. In 2012, the BHI Enterprise Security & Crisis Management Team was recognized as Security 500's best program within the oil and gas industry. In 2013, Olivarez was hired as the first Global Security Leader for Jacobs, a world premiere design, engineering, construction and technical services firm delivering end-to-end innovative solutions, in its 70-year history.

After 30-plus years as a security, resilience and investigative professional, Olivarez has enabled global businesses to navigate the risks of new country entry strategies, operate in high risk and emerging markets, assist businesses leaders to make informed decisions in merger and acquisition activities, solve, prosecute and recover millions of dollars from embezzled funds or theft of intellectual property and return businesses to normal operations after natural disasters or terrorist events.

Olivarez received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1988 and earned a master's degree in business Administration from the University of Houston's Executive Management Program in 1998.

Olivarez has successfully completed leadership programs at the Thunderbird School of Global Management and Yale Executive School of Management and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Domestic Security Executive Academy. He is a member of ASIS International (2020 international board member), ASIS Chief Security Officer Center (past chair), International Security Management Association, the U.S. State Department Overseas Advisory Security Council and FBI Domestic Security Alliance Council. In 2018, Olivarez was selected as the International SOS Ambassador Duty of Care Award winner.

Sgt. First Class James Daigle, Class of 1983



James Daigle

Sgt. First Class James Daigle is a war hero. He enlisted in the Army in 2004 after his son Alan Daigle, a U.S. Marine and Doble graduate, was injured in Iraq. Daigle has been awarded two Purple Hearts for wounds received during combat in Afghanistan.

President George W. Bush honored Daigle with a pinning ceremony of one of his Purple Heart medals in Dallas. He has also obtained the following awards: "V" Bronze Star medal with "V" device for valor; the Legion of Merit; two Meritorious Service medals; four Army Commendation medals; two Army Achievement medals; the Combat Medical Badge; Air Assault Wings; both Gold and Silver Spurs for service in the U.S. Cavalry; the National Defense medal; both Global War on Terrorism Medal and Expeditionary Service medals; NATO Deployment medal - the Presidential Unit citation; Valorous Unit citation; Navy Unit Commendation; and others.

Daigle and his son are one of only a few father-son teams with Purple Heart medals from being wounded in the same conflict. His goal while serving on the frontlines was to make sure everyone did their duty and made it home alive. Daigle was successful at accomplishing that goal with his team of

medics. In recognition of his valor, bravery and heroism, he was honored by the president of the United States, in addition to becoming a Kentucky Colonel by the state of Kentucky, a Jack Daniels Squire by the state of Tennessee and an admiral in the Texas Navy by Texas Gov. Rick Perry. He has been designated a "Hometown Hero" by the Houston Texans, Dallas Cowboys, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers, throwing out the first pitch at the Astros and Ranger games. Daigle has participated in more than 75 combat missions. After serving for 15 years and deploying to Afghanistan, Korea and Africa in the military, he retired in the fall of 2019.

Rhonda Foster, faculty member, 1983-2005



Rhonda Foster

With more than 20 years under her belt, Rhonda Foster has seen her share of wins. It all started when she joined Dobie High School in 1983. During her first semester at Dobie, Foster taught P.E., then health the following semester. In November 1983, under the helm of then coach Joan Walker, Foster coached track as an assistant. She also served as the head coach of the girls' cross-country team until 1992. One year into her coaching career, Foster coached the girls' cross-country team to state. From 1987 to 1994, Foster coached the girls' soccer and cross-country teams. In 1992, Foster switched teams with then coach Phil Reidel to coach boys' cross-country, while Reidel coached girls' cross-country. She continued to teach boys cross-country for 14 years.

Foster was certainly the coach of all trades. For the 1994-1995 school year, she decided to coach girls' softball until her departure in 2005. Her excellent coaching ability led to many successes for her students and teams. Under her leadership, Dobie alum Ras Bowman won the state title in the 800-meter run in 1998. Another Longhorn alum, Scott Lengfeld went to state twice as an individual in cross-country in 1995 and in 1996. The Dobie girls' softball team, under her leadership, knocked it out the park in 1995 and won the state championship in softball UIL, carrying with them an undefeated title of 33-0 all the way to state. Out of the nine starters on the team, five signed to play division I college softball.

In 1997, with a losing record of 11-13, the odds of going to state seemed unlikely for the Dobie girls' softball team. They made the cut to the playoffs anyway because during the late '90s, UIL took the top three teams to the state championship game, with Dobie being one of them. After advancing to the playoffs, the Longhorns flipped their losing streak to a six straight winning streak to capture the state title in 1997. The record-breaking 1997 Dobie softball team is the only third place finisher to win a state championship title in Pasadena ISD.

It's safe to say that Foster fostered a competitive spirit in students at Dobie like no other. In 2001, she coached Brian McKinstry to a 13-straight undefeated winning streak that pushed him across the finish line in the individual state cross-country championship for a title win.

In 2005, Foster hung up her coaching whistle and moved to Round Rock to teach P.E. at Union Hill Elementary School until her retirement in 2016.

Deaths

Frances "Franny" Joann Dilday Fuller



Frances "Franny" Joann Dilday Fuller, 81 of Houston, Texas died Feb. 23, 2020, at home after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Longview, June 18, 1938, daughter of Lutie and Claude Dilday.

She was preceded in death by her husband Hugh Lee Fuller.

Frances is survived by her sons Michael Andrew Fuller and wife Laurie Fuller of Guthrie, Okla.; Barry Lee Fuller and wife Michelle Fuller of Santa Fe, Texas; and daughter Sharon Rhoads and husband David Rhoads of Pasadena, Texas. She is also survived by her grandchildren (Barry Brad Fuller and his wife Theresa Fuller, Brady Fuller and wife Shawna, Mandi Elliott and her husband Matthew Elliot; (Andy) Shannon, Christopher and Ryan Fuller; and (Sharon) Andrew and Megan Rhoads. She also leaves behind five great-grandchildren.

Frances attended Pine Tree High School in Longview. She met the love of her life Hugh Lee Fuller Jr. at Harding College in Searcy, Ark. They were married in 1959 and enjoyed a loving marriage until his death in 1982.

She was a remarkably strong woman after Lee's death and her journey led her to several places of residence. She moved to Palacios in 2008 where she enjoyed living near the water and meeting some of the best people in her life. She loved Palacios United Methodist Church and singing in its choir. When health issues arose, she moved back to Houston where she reconnected with friends. She intended to join a Methodist church but found a nearby home at Clear Lake Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed singing in the choir there until her health did not allow it.

Frances retired from Stuchbery Elementary, in Pasadena ISD, where she worked with many wonderful friends. The Stuchbery staff was her second family and she was well loved there. She also enjoyed playing bridge until her death and gathered many friends along the way. Most family gatherings included a game of Oh Hell or Spades. Her hobbies also included watching movies, playing handbells, crocheting and shopping at thrift stores. She was an avid reader. She loved her dogs and cats and is survived by her precious Denver who refused to leave her side until her last breath.

She was a strong Christian and would often boast about having top scores in Texas for Bible knowledge on her Quizizz app.

Always cracking jokes, Frances made everyone smile and she never met a stranger. She radiated joy and light and was a second mom to many people. Her laughter could be heard miles away and even while battling cancer, she cracked jokes and made her caretakers laugh and smile.

A memorial service will be held at Clear Lake Presbyterian Church on El Dorado Boulevard in Clear Lake City Saturday, March 7, at 2 p.m.

Her wishes were to be cremated and her ashes scattered at Yosemite National Park where her husband's ashes were scattered in 1982.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fran's honor to the Palacios Food Pantry, Robert Duran Food Pantry, PO Box 374, Palacios, TX 77465.

Milton Walker



South Belt attorney Milton (Milt) Walker (aka Uncle Mitty), 76, died Feb. 19, 2020. He was born to Bob and Elvora Walker. He grew up in Carson County, Texas, and was raised on a farm a mile

west of Conway. He graduated from Panhandle High School in Panhandle, Texas in 1962 where he was in Ag and president of his senior class. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and history from West Texas State University in 1967. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Texas Tech Law School in 1972. At West Texas State he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Social Fraternity, Block and Bridle Club and T-Anchor Rodeo Club (2nd team bronc rider).

Milton practiced law for 48 years from 1972 until his death. He had practices in Lubbock (1972), Irving (1973-1976), Amarillo (1977-1982), Borger/Panhandle (1983-1992), and Houston (1989-2020).

Milton loved music and could play any song by ear on almost any instrument. He loved flying in private planes and could identify most of them by name.

He was saved and was a member of Sagemont Church of Houston and a dedicated member of The Word Sunday school class. He felt he was blessed daily for finding a church that did so much for so many people in the area as well as around the world. He found his calling there by using his skills as an attorney to write wills for church members for free. One year in 2014, in a period of just a few days, he helped 1,400 church members write their wills. He continued doing this from 2014 until 2019, for a total of 3,633 will packages for church members and said, he was "happy to work for Jesus."

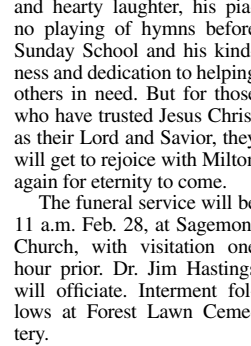
He is survived by his wife of more than 28 years, Mary House Walker; son, Clint Walker and wife Alyson of Panhandle, Texas; daughter, Sarah Walker Sturm and husband Matt of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; daughter by marriage, Erin House Schaefer and husband Sean of Cisco, Texas; son by marriage Ethan House and wife Wendy of Oklahoma City; grandchildren Mikemon Donovan, Colin and Luke Sturm, Christian and Kaitlyn Schaefer and Hadley House. He is also survived by his sisters Shirley Hunt and husband Frank and daughter Angela Apel of Denton; and Deborah Vassilev and husband Vassil of Austria and children Laura and Robert. He leaves a host of friends and clients who became friends.

Milton will be missed so much. Those who knew him say they will miss his smile and hearty laughter, his piano playing of hymns before Sunday School and his kindness and dedication to helping others in need. But for those who have trusted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, they will get to rejoice with Milton again for eternity to come.

The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Feb. 28, at Sagemont Church, with visitation one hour prior. Dr. Jim Hastings will officiate. Interment follows at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to the Sagemont Church Helping Hands Ministry at 11300 South Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, TX 77089 or a charity of one's choice.

Jerra Mae Baylis



Jerra Mae (Armstrong) Baylis, 85, of Houston, died Feb. 18, 2020.

She was born in Norphlet, Ark., July 18, 1934. She was preceded in death by her husband George Ralph Baylis; her son Dr. George Robert Baylis II; her parents V.L. and Retha Armstrong; her sister Helen Odum; her brother William Armstrong; and sister-in-law Robbye Baylis Rankin.

Jerra was raised in Norphlet, Ark. Growing up, she played the piano, was a cheerleader and played basketball in high school.

After high school, Jerra attended Louisiana Tech University. She married George, her high school sweetheart when they were 19 years old.

Jerra worked in banks in Smackover and El Dorado, Ark. The couple later moved

to Houston and George earned his MBA at the University of Houston.

The couple raised their children Deborah, Galyann, and Robert. Jerra retired after 40 years as an officer at Gulf Gate State Bank, which later became Chase Bank.

Jerra enjoyed sewing, traveling, shopping and eating out with her family and friends. She was a member of the Journey of Promise class at Sagemont Church in Houston, Texas.

She is survived by her daughters, Deborah Jo Lilley and husband Tom, Galyann Ann Crow and husband Chris, her daughter-in-law, Marcy Pittman and husband Randy; her brothers, Richard Armstrong and wife Charlotte and Carl Armstrong; and her sister Carolyn Sue Waller.

She was "Mimi" to her grandchildren Nathan Lilley and wife Melody, Cameron Crow and wife RoChelle, Connor Crow, Kristin Lilley, Channing Lobpries and husband Eric, and Abby Baylis; her great-grandchildren Braedon Van Slyke, Eden Fuentes, Caden Lilley, Evan Lilley, Everly Lobpries, and Elle Lobpries; her many nieces and nephews; and her beloved friend Felicia Valle.

The service celebrating Jerra's life was held at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Niday Funeral Home. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Donations may be made in memory of Jerra Baylis to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation-Gulf Coast Chapter at www.cff.org/txgulff/.

Catherine Ann Baughman



Catherine Ann Baughman 89, loving mother, grandmother, mother, and great-grandmother, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020.

She was born Aug. 19, 1930, in Clinton, Miss., daughter to Laura Amanda and Edward Sinclair Ryan. She was the youngest of 10 siblings, which, no doubt, contributed to her larger-than-life spirit. Her family made Vicksburg, Miss., their home. She attended Carr Central High School, where she excelled at basketball and was named the captain of her team. Not surprisingly, she was elected Miss Carr Central.

While in high school, Ann met her love, James (Tully) Baughman and the two spent 70 years together until his passing in 2018. She and her husband Tully would eventually make a home for themselves and their three daughters in the Houston area.

Ann was passionate about the outdoors. She was an avid hunter and out-hunted most of the men in her life, her husband included. Her hunting and fishing adventures spanned a great portion of the U.S. and parts of the world. Alongside her throughout these great adventures were her husband, family and dear friends. She loved sports, tennis and basketball, in particular.

She and her husband were members of Sagemont Church, where they practiced what it truly meant to be joyful givers. Her family was her greatest prize, and they all knew and felt it. She was present at all the family milestones. Nanny, as everyone knew her best, was there for it all with Paw/Paw in tow. The couple was present for graduations, games, recitals, births, hardships, etc. Also, to those who were so lucky to call her friend, they had no greater confidant and were considered family.

Ann is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law Pam and John Lewis, Donna and Bryan Willingham and Terri and Kevin Morrison; her sister-in-law Mona Dudley; grandchildren and their spouses Tammy and Randy Weisinger, Jim and Claire Dudley, Leigh Ann and Richard Mann, Jason and Mandy Willingham, Travis Lewis, Daniel and Kimberly Willingham, Jonathan and Savannah Morrison, Russell and Paige Willingham, Lauren and John Armstrong; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her father and mother; her three brothers; and six sisters.

The funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Sagemont Church. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

March 3 last primary voting date

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Taylor is running unopposed on the Republican side. Democrats competing for the nomination include Susan Criss and Margarita Ruiz Johnson.

In the state House District 129 race, Republican incumbent Dennis Paul is facing GOP challenger Ryan Lee. Kayla Alix is the lone Democrat in the contest.

Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis is being challenged by Democratic opponent Maria T. (Terri) Jackson.

In the race for the position of Harris County Precinct 2 Constable, incumbent Chris Diaz is being challenged by Democrats Jerry Garcia, George Goffney Jr. and Alberto "Bert" Rivera. Daniel Vela is

the sole Republican candidate in the race.

Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin and Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado are both running unopposed.

Early voting for the March 3 primary elections is currently underway and continues through Friday, Feb. 28.

Nearby early voting locations include the Harris County annex at 10851 Scarsdale; the east Harris County Activity Center at 7340 Spencer Highway in Pasadena; and the Freeman Branch Library at 16616 Diana Lane in the Clear Lake area.

Nearby Election Day polling locations include the Harris County annex, 10851

Scarsdale; Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes; San Jacinto College South Fine Arts Building, 13735 Beamer; Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer; South Belt Elementary, 1801 Riverstone Ranch; El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall; Genoa Staff Development Center, 12900 Alameda Genoa; Laura Welch Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk; and Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351.

Unlike in previous years, residents may now cast their ballots at any polling location, despite their specific precinct number.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. To see a complete list of polling locations or a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors Monday, March 2, 10:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. The classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Tuesday, March 3, 10:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Wednesday, March 4, 10:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime. Toodle with the library staff for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop a toddler's social, motor and literacy skills. This session is intended for children ages 6 months to 4 years and their caregivers.

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580. Bracewell hours are: Thursday noon - 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 - 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Parker Williams Library

Note: Income tax help by AARP Foundation is available at Parker Williams Library Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until April 13 with volunteer tax assistants. Bring all tax documents and Social Security card.

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Feb. 27, 2 - 3 p.m.; Computer class for adults. Learn how to use a mouse, keyboarding, basic internet skills and more. Due to limited space, registration is required.

Saturday, Feb. 29, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Leap Year! (ages 6 and older). Leaping and jumping are one of the things that frogs are known for. Spend a part of an extra day this year with the Harris County Precinct 1 Naturalists learning about amphibians and what makes them so neat.

Saturday, Feb. 29, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Shen Yun: History of Civilization Reborn, for adults. For 5,000 years, a divine culture flourished in the land of China. Humanity's treasure was nearly lost, but through breathtaking music and dance, Shen Yun is bringing back this glorious culture. Meet at the library to discuss the essence behind traditional Chinese culture and how it is revived through this grand performance.

Saturday, Feb. 29, 1:30 p.m. Learn Korean With Rhee, for adults. For those interested in learning another language, meet at the library and learn together! Registration is requested.

Monday, March 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. This is a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast. It incorporates strategy, mythical lore, and competitive community play. Meet in the community room for a few hours of game play. For those who would like to learn how to play, a staff member will be present for instruction.

Tuesday, March 3, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Texas primary election. Voting will occur in the Parker Williams Library meeting room D, located through the doors under the "County Clerk" sign. Sample ballots are posted at the library and county clerk entrances.

Wednesday, March 4, 6 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons. Character sheets and dice will be provided. Meet on the library floor to start an adventure. This program is open to patrons ages 16 and older. Space is limited, so registration is required.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mobile health clinic comes to South Belt

After Hurricane Harvey was officially over and people began the long process of clean up and assessment, the Pasadena Health Center was contacted by Direct Relief and asked what did they feel like was one of the greatest needs they had. John Sweitzer who has served as the clinic director for almost 16 years asked Direct Relief if they would consider funding a mobile clinic. The answer that came back was yes.

The advantage of a mobile clinic verses a stationary one may not be obvious to people who have never used one. Sweitzer was under a paramedic, and paramedic instructor at both San Jac College and

Alvin Community College. One of the largest issues that he had seen was the inability to move large groups of people to where help was needed. But issues that often exist include staffing, medicine and other resources.

The PHC mobile clinic is defined as a medical site. It can be sent anywhere within a defined service boundary and can provide medical services. PHC has added mental health counseling. The mobile clinic has two exam rooms, a lab, and waiting area. It has its own generator and plenty of storage for additional equipment. It also contains refrigerators and a freezer so that it can carry vaccines and

insulin for people who need help either during a

Dobie orchestra performs region concert



J. Frank Dobie High School Orchestra students recently performed in the Texas Music Educator Association's Region XIX Orchestra Concert held Jan. 18 at Deer Park High School. The Dobie Orchestra students earned a spot in the performance during Region auditions last semester. The Dobie Orchestra made up fifty percent of the Region 19 High School Orchestra. Shown above are, front to back, left to right, Milow Lozano, Hassan Gutierrez, Jeremiah Palma, Alyssa Bernal, Hailey Vu, Trisha Hoang, Amy Ngo, Kathleen Vu, August Backman, Alvaro Navas, Diego Escamilla, Caroline Orta, Sophia Colmenares, Leyna Pham, Jose

Saldana, Jennifer Nguyen, Emily Hernandez, Genisis Valtierra, Madeline Bui, Julissa Garcia, Mikayla Lagos, Vanessa Rocha, Kristyn Pham, Celene Duong, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Madisyn Munoz, Patricia Medina, Oscar Velasquez, Luke Auzenne, Andres Barrientos, Corey Britton, Tony Bui, Hussiel Arias, Ainsley Willis, Jayla Carmouche, Steve Hernandez, Michael Zambrano, Christopher Laygo, Jose Torres, Nicholas Keel, Derek Tran, Erik Hernandez, Patrick Ortega, Jennifer Ben-Smith, Ethan Hughes, Abel Limachi and Joshua Williams.

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CCISD wins Grammy Awards

The Clear Creek Independent School District is the proud home of two Grammy Award recipients. Clear Creek Intermediate's head choir director, Emily Premont, and assistant choir director, Clipper Hamrick, won the 2020 Grammy for "Best Choral Performance" with their fellow Houston Chamber Choir members.

The Houston Chamber Choir is a professional ensemble dedicated to increasing the awareness, appreciation and esteem of choral music and musicians through performance, outreach and education.

The choir was one of five nominees for the award, taking home top prize for its Signum Records recording of "Durufle: Complete Choral Works."

"This was the culmination of years of hard work, not just for our current members, but for those who came before us," said Hamrick, who has been a member of the CCISD choir since 2014.

"The standard of excellence grows each year, but we would be no where if not for those who built and grew this choir into the institution that it is in Houston, and now the world, today," continued Hamrick.

Both directors are in their fourth years of teaching in CCISD.

They each felt a calling towards education after initially choosing different career paths in college.

"Originally, I didn't plan

to be a teacher at all," said Premont.

"I ended up falling in love with my education classes in college and the energy of the choral music classroom. Ultimately, I chose to become a choir director because music has had a tremendous positive impact on my life, and I love being able to share the joy of music with my students."

The pair is dedicated to honing their craft, both

personally and professionally, through their weekly rehearsing and performing with the Chamber Choir and also inside the classroom.

"It's refreshing to go into rehearsals with other skilled singers and make music at a high-level," said Premont. "But it also gives me the chance to think about my music-making with my own students to help refresh and refine my own approach to rehearsals while working with them."



Shown above are Clipper Hamrick (left), assistant choir director and Emily Premont, head choir director.

Bynum, Beckworth to marry



Pat Bynum, wife of the late Milton "Pete" Bynum III of South Belt, announces the engagement of their son, Milton Craig Bynum IV (left) to Lauren Beckworth, daughter of Buddy and Janet Beckworth of Webster. Bynum, a graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos is a wealth strategy analyst for UBS Financial Services in Houston. Beckworth is a graduate of the University of Texas in San Antonio, and is a senior counselor at Deep Water Junior High in Deer Park ISD. A wedding is planned for March in Morrison, Colo.

Dual-credit provides engineering opportunities

Pasadena Memorial senior Abigail Escobar (shown below) is on the path toward becoming an engineer in process technology.

It all started when she was a ninth-grader. Abigail excelled in her core math and science classes while also maintaining an A-average in her intro-level engineering program. This continued into her sophomore year at Memorial. The school's college coordinator, Tara Evans, took notice and encouraged Abigail to pursue the CTE Process Technology engineering program.

"I was immediately impressed with Abigail's determination to not only be in the dual-credit program, but to pursue the process technology program," Evans said. "She knew exactly what she wanted and went for it."

The process technology program is offered through Pasadena ISD and San Jacinto College as a dual-credit option for students interested in gaining knowledge, skills and certification in the field.

The program, which started in 2011, is funded by Shell and offers free tuition and books for students, while also giving them a chance to gain insight to industry recruitment perspectives and gain soft-skills training. Students can earn up to 24 of the 60 credit hours toward an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in process technology.

Turning oil into gasoline, petrochemicals into fibers – process technology involves taking materials and turning them into something useful. Process technicians and operators manage and control the flows, levels, temperatures, pressures and analytical variables in refineries and petrochemical facilities to create the fuel, chemicals and plastic that make modern society possible.

Process technology is a widely recognized profession in petrochemical industries, but as baby boomers in the field start retiring, the demand for new process techs is on the rise and Shell is working with San Jacinto College and Pasadena ISD to raise awareness about this growing field for the new generation of engineers.

"The whole idea behind the program was for students to consider an alternative career path in a two-year education that pays well," said David Esquibel, Shell representative. "It helps students minimize their student debt."

Now in her second year of the dual-credit program, Escobar is not missing the chance to take advantage of this opportunity.

"We live in a place where chemical plants and refineries are a big deal. Pasadena has some of the major exports and imports, so there's so much opportunity here," Escobar said.

work in a refinery. While it didn't go as planned, Escobar decided that she would be the first in the family to become certified. Thanks to the process technology program offered, her goal is within reach.

"Process technology is exciting and new to most people in high school," Escobar said. "So to have a chance to take part in that experience is amazing."

While process technology organizers encourage students interested in STEM-based learning to enroll in the program, space is limited and entrance into the program is competitive. Eligibility is three-fold:

Shell requires that students have a minimum grade point average of 2.5;

San Jacinto College requires students to pass the Texas Success Initiative Assessment, which determines a student's college readiness levels in math, reading and writing; PISD requires students to have successfully passed their high school-level ninth- and 10th-grade core classes.

It's a process that is all too familiar to Escobar who was initially nervous about going into the program, then over time welcomed the challenge.

"I have to give a lot of presentations in my classes, so I feel like it's helped me become less shy and more confident talking in front of people," she said.

Escobar dedicates half of her school days to tak-

ing engineering classes at PMHS, under the instruction of Kyle Jurek, and the other half at San Jacinto. As an upperclassman, Escobar has been focused on learning rocketry through the SystemsGo curriculum, which promotes the study of engineering and the development of work force skills.

At San Jacinto, Escobar's schedule includes a general psychology course and intro to technical writing course. After she graduates this spring, she will be two years away from earning an associate degree.

"As of right now, I'm about 42 percent done with my degree plan," Escobar said. "From there, I plan to transfer to Lamar University for their engineering program or to Sam Houston State since they just built a new engineering building."

When Escobar graduates in May, she will be among approximately 40 students to have completed the program in the school district, according to CTE Coordinator Janna Martin.

"Each year, we have anywhere from 3 to 10 graduates in the program," Martin said. "About half of those students go on to finish the process technology associate degree program at San Jacinto College. The rest usually go on to a four-year engineering program."

Program organizers believe the low enrollment numbers are a result of the lack of awareness about process technology.

"We have trouble filling the spots that Shell is willing to pay for because many of our ninth- and 10th-grade students don't understand the process technology profession and what it has to

offer," Martin said.

"We have worked with counselors and teachers to get the word out about the program, but we usually end up with spots open each year."

One of the best enrollment years happened in 2015 and 2017, according to Esquibel. There were 11 students in the program and 10 of them went into process technology and I&E (Instrumentation and Electrical) after high school.

"There were some students who went into dual-credit programs and then went into apprenticeships with Dow Chemical or LyondellBasell," Esquibel said. "Our feeling is that we're producing talent for the industry and because of our scholarships and our programs, eventually, as they look out for more experience and they post out, they'll come back to Shell at some point."

The benefits of pursuing a process technology career are vast. Career opportunities are available at multiple locations worldwide, and especially in Pasadena. Some locations include chemical plants, refineries, wastewater plant operation, pharmaceutical plants, pipelines and many more. The process technology industry also offers a competitive average salary of \$68,922, according to texaswages.com.

Of course, getting an education in the field is half the battle toward being successful in process tech. The next step is to gain experience. Shell offers students the opportunity to apply for internships and scholarships.

"Some students have received Shell scholarships after going into this degree path after graduating high school," Esquibel said. "Some students are also working for Shell and have done internships with Shell. We even have some (Pasadena ISD) graduates who are working for contracts that support Shell assets and operations."

Escobar understands the value of the program and encourages more students to take part in engineering and process technology programs, stating, "We have amazing teachers. They guide you a lot. You work independently, but they help you find your way and give you a push in the right direction."

"With CTE in general, it means a lot because it is something that I love doing and learning about. To be able to go into a job and learn more about those aspects, it's a feeling that I want to experience for the rest of my life," said Escobar.

Whether students decide to pursue a career in process technology, Esquibel encourages them to seek STEM-based educational opportunities.

"We want students to get a four-year STEM degree because that's another area where there's a shortage. It's also an area where we're building a talent pipeline into the industry," said Esquibel.

Dobie Decathlon captures region match



The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon team recently won second place at the region competition and is advancing to state championships in March. Dobie also won second place in the Superquiz. To celebrate these outstanding achievements, Whataburger on Fuqua hosted an awards banquet for the Dobie team and the third-place Pasadena Memorial High School Academic Decathlon team. Dobie now advances to the State Academic Decathlon competition in San Antonio in March. Cameron Tobias, team captain won a gold medal for overall first-place varsity level gold medals in speech and economics, silver medals in literature and social sciences bronze medals in mu-

sic and art. Minh To won a silver medal for overall second-place scholastic level, gold medal in science, silver medals in literature, music and art and bronze medals in social sciences and essay. Raneem Shobaki, co-captain, won a gold medal in essay, silver medal in interview, bronze medals in literature and social sciences and fifth-place overall score, scholastic level. Amy Tieu won silver medals in art and music. Shown above celebrating the wins are, left circling to right, Raneem Shobaki, Sebastian Delgado, Ian Cisneros, Todd Gerles, Bob Daugherty, Minh To, Cameron Tobias, Amy Hoang, Amy Tieu and Trang Vu. (See related photo Page 6A.)

Photo submitted



Abigail Escobar is in her second year in Pasadena ISD and San Jacinto College's dual-credit process technology program, sponsored by Shell.

Medina wins seat in orchestra



Patricia Medina recently performed in the Texas Music Educator Association's (TMEA) All State Orchestra Concert held Saturday Feb. 15 in San Antonio. Medina earned a seat in the Sinfonetta Orchestra during all-state auditions last semester. Medina is a member of the Varsity Chamber Orchestra at Dobie High School and a member of the Virtuosi of Houston Chamber Orchestra. Her parents are Jose and Maria Medina.

Jessup students awarded for friendliness



Jessup Elementary students were recently awarded the Early Act First Knight Virtue of Friendliness award sponsored by Deer Park Rotary Club. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Vanessa Hernandez, Lorenzo Lafuente, E'nyah Nichols, Adriel Sandoval, Maybelline Mata, (middle row) My'randa

Davis, Jazmin Zavala-Reyes, Bryan Dominguez, Genesis Enamorado, Ivan Zavala, Luis Perez Cantu, Sir James, (back row) Adonis White, Dayra Luna, Yasmine Williams, Ana Pineda, Christian Trevino and Isaiah Roman.

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Boy Scouts of America meet

Calling all girls and boys from kindergarten to fifth grade, ages 5 to 11, to join the Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 773 and Boy Scout Troop 773.

The Cub Scout Pack 773 meets at Stuchbery Elementary School, 11210 Hughes Road, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For information about becoming a Cub Scout, contact Thomas Fitzgerald at rodeokids29@gmail.com or text 832-692-0672.

The Boy Scout Troop 773 meets at Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua St., Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. For information about the Boy Scout troop, email Scott Vackar at svackar773@yahoo.com or call 832-563-3751.

Lariaettes announce dance clinic

Area students are urged to come and dance with the Lariaette Drill Team April 4.

Each participant will have the opportunity to perform at the Lariaette Spring show "Lariaettes Gotta Jet" April 16, 17, and 18. It is open to pre-K - 12th-graders.

Clinic times are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; showoffs will be at 12:30 p.m.

Preregistration fee is \$40 or \$50 at the door. The preregistration includes a clinic T-shirt, certificate, snack and performance in the spring show. Preregistration ends March 18.

Anyone who would like to preregister may contact any Lariaette or Victoria Armenta, the director, at varmenta@pasadenaisd.org.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

BRAYDEN CELEBRATES 18TH BIRTHDAY!
 Brayden Espinosa turns 18 years old Sunday, March 1. Lots of hugs and best wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent from proud grandparents **Jannie** and **Robert Scarberry**, former longtime South Belt residents; mom **Jenny (Hayes)** and stepdad **Josh Laney**; sisters **Baylee Espinosa** and **Olivia Moreno**; uncle **Tyler Scarberry**; aunt **Stacey (Hayes)**, uncle **Stephen** and cousins **Kennedy**, **Owen** and **Evie Flowers**; uncle **Joseph Hayes**; and uncle **Austin**, aunt **Tiffany** and cousins **Jade** and **Lily Scarberry**.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR YOLANDA
 Best wishes from family and friends and her husband **Joe** are sent to longtime Sagemont resident **Yolanda Dominguez** who marks a birthday March 2.

MATT ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
 Best wishes for a happy birthday March 3 are sent to **Matt Walker** from friends and the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 27 through March 4, 2020.

Atkinson Elementary
 Sing two verses of a happy birthday song March 2 to **Monica Salazar** and **Tim Verden**.

Burnett Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles March 2 for **Connie Aviles**.

Bush Elementary

Celebrating a birthday Feb. 27 is **Kristi Emlier**. The day for a birthday gift for **Marilynn Beltran** is March 4.

Frazier Elementary
 Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Brooke DuPont** and **Maria Munoz** Feb. 27.

Genoa Elementary
 The day for a party for **Mirabel Garcia** is March 3.

Meador Elementary
 Marking a birthday March 1 is **Ashley Miller**.

Moore Elementary
 Celebrating a birthday Feb. 28 is **Adriana Ramirez**. **Priscilla Nguyen-Vu** was born Feb. 29 and gets to choose the day to celebrate. **Nayeli Rodriguez** enjoys a birthday March 1.

South Belt Elementary
 Break out the balloons and party favors for the March 3 birthday of **Candy Howard**, South Belt principal. Send a birthday greeting March 4 to **Kami Brown**.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Light the birthday candles Feb. 28 for **Alexandra Whited**. Marking a birthday March 4 is **Adriana Enriquez**.

Melillo Middle School
 Best wishes for a happy birthday March 2 are sent to **Maria Gonzalez**. Birthday wishes are sent March 4 to **Raven Lowe**.

Roberts Middle School
 Light the birthday candles Feb. 28 for **Gladys Segura**. The day for a birthday cake for **Kimberly Camfield** is March 2.

Thompson Intermediate
Katrina Morris enjoys a happy birthday March 1. Light the birthday candles March 2 for **Jill Butler** and **Cynthia Lozano**.

Dobie High
 The day for a triple-layer birthday cake for **Shay Woodruff**, **Zoila Salazar** and **Amada Tetuyev** is Feb. 28. Marking a special birthday March 1 is **Selene Reyes**. Happy birthday greetings are in order March 3 for **Erin Thompson**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to friends who have a birthday. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication. Thursday, Feb. 27: **Sarah Tremont**, **Cindy Barnhart**, **Miguel Villarreal**, **Jared Layne** and **Beth Northrup**; Friday, Feb. 28: **Jessica Shannon**, **Rudy Peralez**, **Kim Brown** and **James Myers**; Sunday, March 1: **Jacquie Farrey**; Monday, March 2: **Sunshine Lane**; Tuesday, March 3: **Craig Joseph**, **Kelley Pennington**, **Mike Chuter**, **Francesca Cash** and **Jonathan Herridge**; and Wednesday, March 4: **Susan Rogers**, **Vanessa Murillo**, **Leslie Lytle**, **Gigi Childers**, **Chaunte Harvey**, **Linda Eckerman**, **Michael Krafka** and **Nan Laux**.

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

BSA Troop 692 attends Engineering Day



Bechtel Oil, Gas and Chemicals hosted an Engineering Day Feb. 22. Thirteen scouts from South Belt's Scouts BSA Troop 692, chartered by the Catholic Community of St. Luke the Evangelist Church attended the event intended to expose scouts to STEM careers. Scouts BSA offers a unique merit badge program that encourages exploration in subjects ranging from arts, sports, careers, nature, STEM and many more. Bechtel volunteer merit badge counselors provided instruction in chemistry, digital technology, drafting, electricity, engineering and nuclear science. "Everything we do, including activities outdoors and camping, can be tied back to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The troop places an emphasis on keeping boys active, engaged in learning, playing

outdoors, developing leadership skills and building great character. The scouts learned about careers in STEM that pay a livable wage and are very fun," said Jaime Campos, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 692. For information on how to join scouting, visit https://beasout.scouting.org or email troop692scoutmaster@gmail.com. For information on Bechtel's Engineering Day, visit https://www.bechtel.com/engineering-day/boy-scouts. Shown above, left to right, (front row) Mauricio Campos, Jacob Guajardo, Cristian Tamayo, Frankie Chapa, Joel Chapa, Angel Trevino, Rolando Solorzano, Jacob Newton, (middle row) Nicholi Soto, Scoutmaster Juan Tamayo, Andre Le, Sebastian Tamayo, assistant scoutmaster Jaime Campos, (back row) Luke Auzenne and Benny Rodriguez.

PISD hosts See to Succeed program

Thousands of school-aged children in the greater Houston area lack access to vision correction services. In any given year 20,000 - 30,000 children go without the eyewear needed to succeed in school. The ability to see well has a direct impact on a child's academic performance, self-esteem and later functioning as an adult.

Approximately 90 percent of the information processed by the brain is acquired visually.

Vision screening is mandated for children in first, third, fifth and seventh grades, but resolution of detected vision problems is not addressed at the state level.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), approximately 30 percent of children require vision correction. Vision problems have been linked to anti-social/delinquent behavior; up to 70 percent of juvenile offenders have undiagnosed vision problems. Children who can't read by third grade are more likely to:

- drop out of school.
- earn 50 percent less annually as adults.
- be incarcerated.

With early detection and correction, 80 percent of childhood vision problems can be corrected and in some cases, prevented. See to Succeed (STS) is a safety net program for children that have failed mandatory vision screening in school, but who have not been able to receive vision care by other means available. These students attend schools with high participation in free lunch programs. The program is a metropolitan area collaboration among multiple organizations committed

to resolving this tremendous need, working hand-in-hand with area school districts.

See to Succeed removes the barriers children face to receiving vision correction, which will have a life-long impact on their success. Since the 2012 - 2013 school year, See to Succeed has served over 70,000 children throughout 13 school districts. Demand continues to increase. In the 2018 - 2019 school year, STS reached 11,600 students from 640 schools.

See to Succeed seeks to support children's academic success. In a study of at-risk HISD students, the following impacts were observed for participating students:

- 80 percent of students with failing grades saw improvements the next year.

- 68 percent of chronically absent students improved their attendance.

- 69 percent saw a significant reduction in disciplinary action.

See to Succeed has become an important resource to school districts. The program's ability to efficiently care for a high volume of students has increased the number of schools requesting assistance. With a growing need the Houston Health Foundation is working to develop a sustainable model to ensure that See to Succeed will be able to meet the needs of those students who have not been able to access essential vision correction by any other means. STS believes solving this problem is essential to the future success of an entire

generation of youth and their growth into mature, productive citizens.

See to Succeed consists of five week-long clinic missions on site in suburban school districts, as well as ongoing clinic days at the West End Health Center, which operates approximately 65 days during the school year. Children are bussed to the mission location where they receive a comprehensive, free eye exam, including more in-depth screening, such as stereo vision and color perception. The larger on-site missions in the districts serve 300 - 400 students per day, while the ongoing clinics host approximately 125 - 150 students. Over 90 percent of the students examined require glasses and receive prescription eyewear in high quality,

stylish new frames selected by the student. Glasses are delivered to the students at school by an optician who rechecks the glasses for fit upon delivery.

Pasadena ISD has been a long-standing school district partner.

Their proactive planning and well-organized approach have led to over 11,469 children provided full free eye exams to date. This past week, See to Succeed provided free full eye exams to 1,442 students, and 1,393 free pairs of glasses.

See to Succeed is administered by the Houston Health Department. Ongoing program partners include: University of Houston College of Optometry; Berkeley Eye Center; Essilor Vision Foundation; Walmart; and San Jacinto College. Funding for frames was provided by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



Shown above are (left to right), Carrol La Rowe, DC, Allied Health/Public Safety; Billy Burge, chairman of the board, Houston Health Foundation; and Debra Clark, program director and Eye Care Technology - CoA-OMP accredited. Shown top right is third-grader Ruby Dent who is in the Special Education (SPED) program. Shown right are sisters first-grader Janney and second-grader Aubrey Hernandez. Photo submitted

Remember When

40 years ago (1980)
 The Harris County Flood Control District questioned plans regarding a 133-acre development at Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway. The city had already given preliminary plans to that development.

County Commissioner Tom Bass and Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso met with Sagemont residents to discuss area flooding concerns. The *Leader* began a six-week series on teen pregnancies prompted by a previous article on alleged abortions.

Gulf Palms residents were working to permanently halt the construction of a nuclear facility.

One 17-year-old and two juveniles were picked up by Houston Police for allegedly discharging firearms on Sagemont Street.

35 years ago (1985)
 Eugene Tegeler was named interim superintendent by Pasadena school trustees following the surprise resignation of Dr. C. Lee Meyer, who was into his 10th year as district superintendent.

Dobie band parents scheduled a meeting March 4 to discuss the upcoming band banquet and band trip.

Weber Elementary School PTA sponsored a chili supper Feb. 28 that included chili, bread, a salad and ice tea. The adult cost was \$3 and a child's meal cost \$2.

30 years ago (1990)

Based on a report from then-Congressman Jack Brooks' office, it was discovered that there was a vinyl chloride contamination in the aquifer adjacent to Southbend, near the Brio superfund site.

25 years ago (1995)
Leader publisher Marie Flickinger was sworn in as the first female regent at the San Jacinto College System.

Parents and children praised the Clear Creek Independent School District's magnet science school.

J. Frank Dobie cheerleaders traveled from a competition at Grand Prairie High School to cheer the basketball team, which was playing a semifinal game at Hofheinz Pavilion.

20 years ago (2000)
 Residents of Sagemont Park asked local, county and state officials to help them keep the sound barrier wall up along Beltway 8 to protect them from the traffic noise. The Texas Department of Transportation originally built the wall.

Two of Dobie High School's three former principals were vying for the same Position 4 seat on the Pasadena Independent School District's board of trustees. Jerry Speer and Frank Braden both filed for the position to be vacated by Tom Sullivan.

Democratic candidates for retiring Judge Howard Wayland's seat were to speak at a South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

O'Reilly Auto Parts on Beamer was robbed by two males matching the description of area assault suspects.

15 years ago (2005)
 The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was finalizing details for their first-ever Fun Fest fundraiser.

Construction was under way on a new 100,000-square-foot professional building adjacent to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

Arrests were expected in the murder-for-hire case of Luan Cong Pham, 18, who was killed in his home by two acquaintances as he slept on the couch.

CCISD officials were shocked to learn that the League City Council had voted 4-3 against providing necessary infrastructure improvements which would lead the way to a fourth high school. The four city council members voting "no" said they felt no responsibility to provide services to a new school which would be built in a location not of their choosing. CCISD had already spent \$800,000 preparing the land on Palomino Lane for the school.

The mother of a 1-year-old toddler revived him with CPR after he fell into the family swimming pool on Sageglen.

10 years ago (2010)
 Rhonda Parmer, Frazier Elementary principal and Alyta Harrell, Beverly Hills Intermediate principal were named the

Pasadena Independent School District's Region 4 Principals of the Year. Region 4 began the Principal of the Year program in 2001, allowing each district in the area to select an elementary and secondary principal of the year.

Longtime Houston Police Department Sgt. Gregory Gillespie retired after serving more than 34 years on the force, 25 of which were spent in the South Belt area. Gillespie said he intended to spend the first year of his retirement traveling with his wife, who was also retiring.

5 years ago (2015)

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

fishermen near Pirate's Cove.

1 year ago (2019)

Three Dobie High School graduates and one faculty member were inducted into the Longhorn Hall of Honor, Friday, Feb. 22, during the school's annual induction ceremony. Honorees include Chip Hosek, Class of 1974 (business owner); Al Denson, Class of 1978 (Christian musician); Paula Herring Goodhart, Class of 1986 (judge, attorney); and former band director Bill Brawn.

A suspect wanted in the

fatal shooting of a man at an apartment complex in the 10200 block of Windmill Lakes on Monday, Feb. 11, was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Antoine Armstrong, 43, was charged with murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and felon in possession of a weapon in the 337th State District Court. Following the shooting, the victim, Samuel Phillips III, 26, was transported to Clear Lake Regional Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased later that day.



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PARSE donates books



Pasadena Area Retired School Employees (PARSE) donated more than 300 new children's books to The Bridge Over Troubled Waters Crisis Intervention Center. The children's book project is one of several annual projects undertaken by PARSE which meets monthly except June and July at the East Harris County Activity Center. Shown are, left to right, Letha Meier, PARSE book project committee member; Joel Meier, PARSE book project chairman; Kenessa Person, residential children's program manager; and Octavia Taulton, department director, residential/non-residential children's programs. Photo submitted

Mayor announces tuition-free training for entrepreneurs

Applications are now being accepted from small-business owners who are interested in growing their companies through a tuition-free program that Regions Bank is recruiting to Houston.

The program is called Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC). Since 2005, ICCC has worked with thousands of business owners from economically underserved communities across the U.S. The city's partnership with Regions Bank to launch this program is the latest development in Mayor Sylvester Turner's Complete Communities Initiative.

"While Houston's strong economy helps our city continue to grow on the global stage, we need to ensure this growth doesn't leave people behind," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "ICCC helps level the playing field for businesses in underserved communities. This is about more than training and education. It is about access to resources that can help entrepreneurs grow their companies and create more jobs. We appreciate Regions Bank for bringing ICCC to Houston for the first time in the program's history."

ICCC is part of the non-

profit Initiative for a Competitive Inner City, which was founded by Harvard Business School Professor Dr. Michael Porter to empower entrepreneurs in underserved areas through greater access to education and business training.

By connecting business owners with experts in the fields of strategy, marketing, small-business finance and more, ICCC helps entrepreneurs expand their companies through sustainable, long-term growth. The program is available to a wide range of business owners, regardless of whether they are Regions Bank customers.

"Over the last several years, Regions Bank has worked with ICCC in several major cities, and we've seen the incredible results this program delivers," said Mark Jacobs, Houston Market Executive for Regions.

ICCC training is provid-

ed tuition-free due to financial support from Regions and community partners. The training will be delivered, in part, through an all-day education event in Houston on June 17. Educators will include Dobbin Bookman, director of Harvard Business School's global Owner President/Management (OPM) program.

Additional professors and business coaches will be available to business owners throughout the June 17 event. Topics will be customized to the needs of entrepreneurs that are accepted into the program. Real-time Spanish-language translation services will be offered.

To take part, business owners need to apply directly through ICCC and meet various program criteria. Applications should be submitted by Friday, May 22. Additional information on ICCC criteria and an on-line application form can be found at www.icccapitalconnections.org.

After June, business owners will have access to several free, follow-up webinars and can receive additional coaching as they carry out their business plans.

Bay Area Genealogy change Feb. 28

The next Bay Area Genealogical Society meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. with BAGS member Nick Cimino presenting "Tips and Tricks for using City Directories in Genealogical Research." This is a program change from the original topic.

Meetings are held at the University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive, in the first floor chapel. For additional information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

Prayer walkers gather March 14

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Genoa Elementary, 12900 Alameda Genoa Road. This is a non-denominational gathering to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff. The community is invited to attend. For more information, call 281-484-0901.

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South Belt celebrates Muffins with Moms



South Belt Elementary hosted Muffins with Moms for first- and second-graders Feb. 13. Students celebrated the day to thank mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters for always being supportive of them.



Shown above (left photo) is Deanna Salazar (left) with Viviana Salazar, her daughter who is in the second grade. Shown above is Valerie Sanchez (left) with her first-grader son Jorge Sanchez.

Moore presents science fair winners



Moore Elementary recently announced science fair winners. The students received top honors in the fair presenting their projects and will represent Moore Elementary School at the district science fair March 24. Shown above with their projects are, left to right, fourth-graders Alfredo Gonzalez with "The Umbrellas as a Parachute"; Emmery Lynn with "Do My Earthworms Like Moisture"; Lilah Aguayo with "Slime Down"; Jaylyne Hernandez with "Borax Crystals"; and third-grader Natalie Dent with "Toothbrush Bacteria." Photo submitted

Metro provides free round trips to polls

METRO wants to help voters get to the ballot box during the Texas primary election. METRO is providing complimentary trips to polling locations throughout the service area on METRO Rail, local buses and METROLift. Free round-trip transportation to the polls will be available during Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters will need to inform bus operators and/or fare inspectors they are going to or returning from the polls. Patrons needing customized directions can map out their ride with the METRO TRIP app. METRO's customer service team is also available to answer questions and provide trip planning information. Contact 713-635-4000 for more information.

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Houston airports debut new app

Houston Airports rolled out a free app last October to enhance the airport experience for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers. After only a few months Access Houston Airports has proven successful. Since its launch Oct. 1, the app has received more than 2,400 downloads. "It's no surprise that families are finding the app useful," said Tim Joniec, the director of government relations and Americans with Disability Act coordination at Houston Airports. "With the app, families receive an array of tools to transition through all phases of the airport experience. From arriving to the airport, to departing the airport and everything in between, the app's comprehensive approach aids in improving passenger comfort." The app is embedded with research-based strategies proven to help individuals with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Specific app features include explorer guides, short picture stories that describe each space in the airport; schedule function, a visual checklist that can be customized; communication icons to assist those who are less verbal in talking or asking for help; and caregiver supports, including terminal maps, tips and more to help in planning a visit to the airport. Access Houston Airports is free to download, and available through the App Store and Google Play. Learn more about the app via the link with closed captioning at <https://vimeo.com/362869642>.

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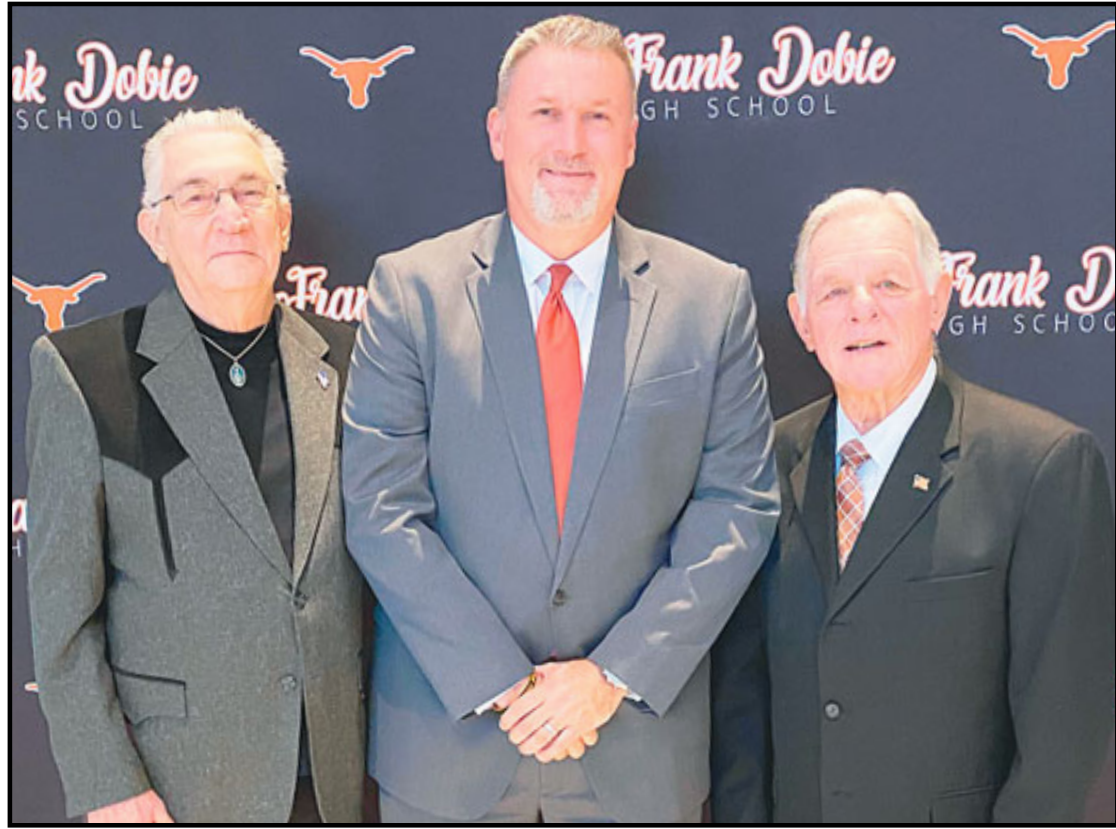


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Dobie holds 2020 Hall of Honor induction ceremony



Dobie High School held its eighth annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony Friday, Feb. 21. In all, four graduates and one former faculty member were recognized at the function, including alumni Sgt. Chris Brewster, Class of 2006; Shane Nance, Class of 1996; Joe Olivarez, Class of 1984; and Sgt. First Class James Daigle, Class of 1983; and lone faculty member Rhonda Foster. Shown attending the event are, left to right, (above left) Brewster's parents,

Cindy and Lewis Brewster, who accepted their son's award on his behalf; (above) former and current Dobie principals, Jerry Ross Speer, Franklin Moses and Frank Braden; Dobie 9 staff members Clinton Hopper; Jennifer Haynes; Leah Walker; Kristen Alexander, assistant principal; and Mike Van Essen principal. See related story and photo on Page 1A.

Photos by Marie Flickinger

Tobias wins gold at decathlon



Cameron Tobias (above) was awarded the first place gold medal for overall score, varsity level at the Region Academic Decathlon competition. Tobias was also awarded gold medals in speech and economics, silver medals in literature and social sciences and bronze medals in art and music. Tobias is a senior at Dobie High School and is the captain of the academic decathlon team. Being on the Dobie academic decathlon team is a family tradition. Tobias' sister, a 2000 Dobie graduate, was also on the academic decathlon team. Tobias and his family have been South Belt residents since 2003, and both siblings attended Moore Elementary, Melillo Middle, Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School. Tobias has been accepted at Texas A&M for classes this fall, and is planning to major in accounting. Tobias' future plans include joining the A&M Corps of Cadets and, following graduation, he will join the armed forces before embarking on a career with the FBI. (See related photos on Page 3A.)

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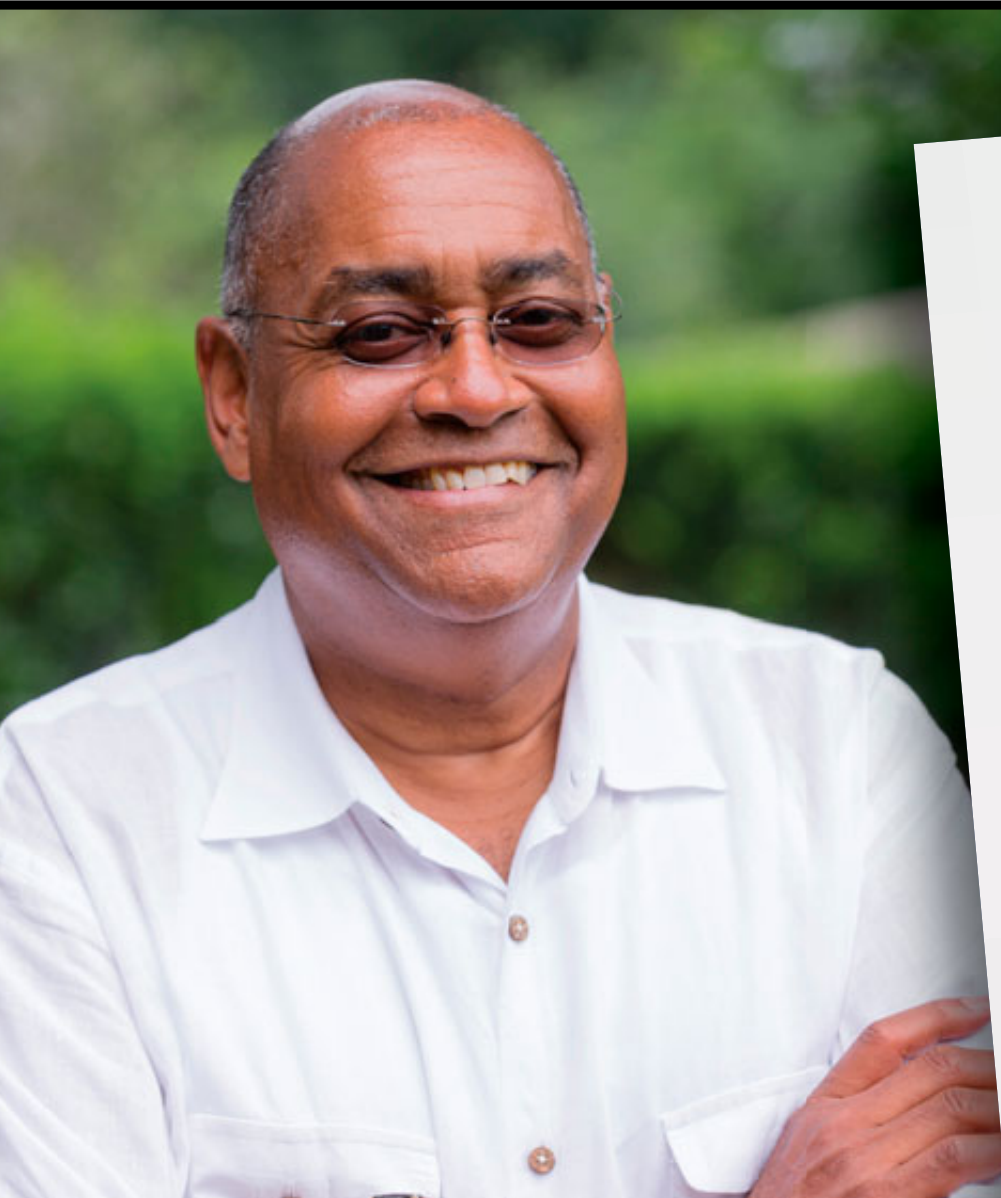
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SBGSA 10U Krush take 2nd place



The SBGSA 10U Krush participated in the 2020 Rookie Umpire tournament at La Porte. The girls went up against ten teams, including Deer Park, Pasadena, La Porte and Deepwater. Krush came in second place against SBGSA Dynamite. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row), Arianna Guajardo, Mayra Lira, Savannah Mueller, (middle row), Aveon Hickman, Lucia Gonzalez, Anelee Williams, Mikaela Torres, Cecelia Velasquez, Camila Padua, Molly Castaneda, (back row) Jr. coach Samantha Lira, assistant coach Carlos Padua, assistant coach Jonathan Williams, and head coach Salvador Castaneda.

Photo submitted

SBGSA Swing Queens 6U go unbeaten, take title



The 6-under Swing Queens went undefeated, taking first place at the Rookie Umpire Tournament in La Porte to highlight the South Belt Girls Softball Association's effort over the weekend. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Isabella Granados, Madeline Herrera, Sophia Paz, Audryna St. Romain, Sydney Logan, (middle row) Brianna Quiroga, Arianna Quiroga, Isabelle Gutierrez, Miranda Coronado, Zahriah Garza, Shannon Logan, Juliana Hinojosa, (back row) assistant coaches Armando Quiroga, Manuel Coronado, Jesus Paz and head coach Pedro Gutierrez.

Photo submitted



10U Dynamite claim title

The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 10-under Dynamite captured the championship at the Rookie Umpire tournament. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Jaylyn Torres, Destiny Sidiropoulos, Jazlynn Wim-bush, Aria Victorian, Trinity De Leon, (middle row) Emery Lynn, Andilyn Garcia, Makayla Lechuga, Alicia Diaz, Gisselle Morales, Samantha Uribe, (back row) coaches Juan De Leon, Ruben Garcia, Mark Victorian and April De Leon.

Photo submitted

SBGSA 8U Tigers take 2nd place



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under Tigers earned the second place finish in their age bracket at the La Porte Rookie Umpire event. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Khloe Dominguez, Kaliyah Shackelford, Jazelle Saucedo, Alissa Collinsworth, Gigi Gaytan, (middle row) Miia Soto, Sophia Robinson, Brooklyn Coronado (team captain), Adriana Robinson, Isabella Uribe, (back row) assistant coach Juan Saucedo, head coach Warren Robinson and assistant coach Osvaldo Uribe.

Photo submitted

SBGSA 6U Hustle bags second at Rookie Ump invite



The 6-under Hustle of the South Belt Girls Softball Association captured second place at the Rookie Umpire tournament as part of the league's impressive overall showing at the event. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Adalina Sosa, Aribella Esquivel, Liliana Márquez, Analise DeLeon, (middle row) Savanna Rodriguez, Adriana Rodriguez, Alyson Salazar, Esmeralda Marquez, Kendra Varela, Taylor Henderson, (back row) assistant coaches Arturo Esquivel, Eric Rodriguez and Eseneth Salazar and head coach Christina Mendoza-Marquez.

Photo submitted

SBGSA 8-U Hustlers second at Deer Park



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 8-under Hustlers squad placed second at the Deer Park Sweetheart tournament after a terrific performance. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Zuleigh Gaona, Victoria Tamayo, Avi Guerra, Chloe Vasquez, Jasmine Navarro, (middle row) Isabella Lara, Tori De Hoyos, Sophia Nava, Sophia Garza, Sofia Escobar, (back row) coaches Ralph Cruz, Aaron Vasquez and Danny Garza.

Photo submitted

SBGSA 12U Mambas capture 2nd place



The 12-under Mambas of the South Belt Girls Softball Association wound up with a second-place finish at the Rookie Umpire tournament after reaching the championship round. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Serenity Thomas, Mia Flores, Kaylee Guevara, Monse Pineda, (middle row) Patience Thomas, Lauren-Ann Daniels, Jenna Molina, Alice Villa, Yanelli Contreras, (back row) Grace Arriola, Karah Williams, coach Juan Molina and assistant coach Omar Guevara.

Photo submitted

Donaho still shines as Dobie Longhorns chase league title

One of the last remaining players from Dobie's 2017 Region III champion and subsequent state semifinalist varsity boys' soccer squad, senior Eli Donaho has entrenched himself as one of the program's greats of this era. And as he closes out his time at Dobie helping lead the Longhorns to what would be a fourth straight 22-6A championship on his watch, Donaho, a recent Colorado Christian University signee, deserves any credit he receives.

Dobie head coach Justin Manrique said he remembers Donaho once as a very quiet freshman who said little. "He's come a long way," Manrique says of a player who is now perhaps as important as any other on the 2020 team. "We do these group therapy sessions usually about three times a sea-

son, and we allow players to discuss themselves and others in a group setting. Eli never said much early on, but he's really been one of our leaders this season as a captain.

"On the field, I asked him to convert to a different role for him but one that is big for us, and he's just become a confident monster of a player for us in that spot. His play has really made a difference for us, really during his entire career."

Donaho himself feels as though he's just being himself. He volunteers of his time endlessly. The owner of a 4.9 grade point average, Donaho is thrilled to have the opportunity to play soccer collegiately but admits the primary focus will be getting his degree, which right now will lean to exercise science.

"I just think when you are a freshman it's hard to

come in with a lot of confidence or to say much at that time," Donaho said. "But the growth not only for myself but for a lot of us others is the coaches and what they expect of us and the program.

"I was asked to come in this year and play a new spot for me. It was not the easiest to adjust to, but I also realize it's an important role for me to play for this team."

And as the calendar turns to March soon and the Longhorns inch toward another league title and what they hope is a deep playoff run, Donaho knows the focus.

"Obviously winning another district title is the first goal," Donaho said. "I've been very blessed to be able to play this sport well and to have it allow me to get an education. I just want to keep doing my job out there."

Dobie soccer captain Donaho chooses Colorado Christian



Dobie senior boys' soccer captain Eli Donaho (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colo., after signing a letter of intent with the Cougars. Those with Donaho at the signing included his mother, Kristi Donaho (left) and his father, Lance Donaho.

Photo submitted

Dobie's runner-up at Spring Fling



Dobie sophomore Brian Nguyen highlighted the Longhorns' performance at the Corpus Christi Spring Fling Tennis Tournament as he was runner-up in the boys' singles "tournament" division earlier this month. Nguyen and his teammates have continued to excel this spring in bracket style play, with several singles, doubles and mixed doubles entries having high hopes as the 22-6A championships near. Dobie will be at the San Marcos Invitational next before hosting St. John's at Dobie as the season progresses.

Photo submitted

Beverly Hills Bears excel at Pasadena ISD track, field meet

The Beverly Hills Intermediate track and field squads appear ready for the task as the Pasadena ISD Championships approach at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

In a meet that pitted the Bears against Bondy, Park View, Southmore and San Jacinto, the locals more than held their own. Bondy ultimately claimed three of the overall team titles, while Beverly Hills was second in both the seventh-grade girls' and eighth-grade boys' divisions.

The Bondy squad posted 217.50 points for the overall crown in the eighth-grade boys' division, with the Bears second with 169.50 points.

The Bears' Damian Rosas was the winner of the 2,400 run in a time of 8 minutes, 37.55 seconds, with teammate Alejandro Lopez third at 8:41.70.

In the 4x100 relay, the Bears claimed first behind the effort of Adam Ray, Ethan Nguyen, Demarques Ross and Antwoine Wilson as they delivered a time of 50.11.

A third-place finish resulted for Ryan Le in the 100 hurdles as he clocked in at 20.25. As for the 4x2 relay, the Bears were third with Nguyen, Wilson, Dylan Jackson and Darrion Lewis as they combined for a time of 1:46.24.

Jackson also contributed a third-place effort in the 800 with his time of 2:25.68. Le also came up nicely in the 300 hurdles as his time of 50.20 was third, and Rosas was also third in the 1,600 run at 5:43.89.

Second place went to Ross in the 200 with his impressive time of 28.84, and Ray, Le, Jackson and Ross brought home the win and 20 big points in the 4x4 relay in a time of 4:06.30.

Rodrick Drumgo also did his part and then some, winning the discus with a great throw of 102.06, and his effort of 39-9 was second in the shot put.

The Lady Bears were third in the eighth-grade standings. The team landed 20 points for the win in the 4x1 as Layla Martinez and Shalaci Hollis joined Kobi Conaway and Rhema Sanni-Thomas.

Aylin Reyes was third in the 2,400 run with a time of 11:07.03, and Victoria Arns-worth placed third in the 100 at 15.18.

The Lady Bears' Nico Barr was key to the team's effort, winning the 300 hurdles at 56.70 and she also helped the team to second in the 4x400 as she joined Katarina Lopez, Matison Mitchell and Melanie Rodriguez for a time of 506.73.

The Bears' seventh-grade boys' team was fourth, with a second place finish at 1:52.64 in the 4x2 as El-vis Nguyen, Dakari Craig, James Taylor and Shadrack Allen teamed.

In the 300 hurdles, the Bears' Christian Oyervidez placed second at 54.11, and Christian Lopez's time of 6:19.42 was third in the 1,600.

Beverly Hills was third in the 4x4 relay in a time of 4:36.00 as Andie Williams, Caleb Romar, Brandon Nanez and Craig teamed. Lopez also took second in the 2,400 run in a time of 9:25.43, and Gabriel Sifuentes won the 100 in a time of 13.77.

Sifuentes then teamed with Nguyen, Chris Jones and Allen for first and 20 points in the 4x1 at 51.16.

The Lady Bears' seventh-grade squad had 142 points for second place to Bondy with plenty of great outings.

Sam Uribe was second in the 800 at 3:00.54, and Nevaeh Ben Smith placed third (3:01.33) with Ashley Hernandez fourth at 304.70.

Gators sweep Panola to open conference play

Defending Region 14 champion San Jacinto College is out of the gate quickly on the baseball diamond after a three-game sweep of Laredo to open conference play.

Antonio Valdez was the offensive catalyst for the Gators in the series, going a combined seven for 11 with six runs batted in and

six runs scored. The Gators rode staff ace Mitchell Parker in a 7-3 win to open the series as he improved to 3-0 this season after he punched out nine Palominos over five frames, overcoming six walks.

Valdez, meanwhile, tripled and doubled at the plate, scoring three times

and driving in a pair. Chase Townsend had two hits and scored a run as San Jacinto won the second game 8-6, and once again Valdez proved costly to Panola. This time, Valdez had two hits, driving in three runs and scoring a run.

Cole Turney had a hit and scored a run, and Evan Hiatt earned the pitching win in relief with four scoreless frames, including four strikeouts.

In sweeping the series 10-7, the Gators once again leaned on Valdez. He went 3 for 3 with two runs scored and knocked in a run, while Turney scored three runs.

San Jacinto pitchers combined for 13 strikeouts in the game, with Chase Wilkerson earning the win with five strikeouts over four frames.

Dickson paces Brook at Mosely Relays

Four sophomores, including 2019 state qualifier Camryn Dickson, led the way as Clear Brook's varsity boys' and girls' track and field teams took part in the Humble ISD Sam Mosely Relays at Turner Stadium Feb. 22.

Dickson, who advanced to state as a freshman in the 100, is off to a strong start this sea-

son. At the Moselys, she took second in the 200 at 24.98 seconds and was third at the 100 distance at 12.11.

Sage Marion, a sophomore for the Wolverine boys, placed eighth in the long jump at 20 feet, 5 inches, and Mark Campuano, also a sophomore, was seventh overall with his discus throw of 132-0.

Millender has big win



Atkinson Elementary fourth-grade student Shane Millender capped a terrific run in the Big Shoot Out competition, first winning his school's event for the second straight school year and then placing third at this school year's Pasadena ISD districtwide competition at Phillips Field House earlier this month.

Atkinson competes in district championship



The Atkinson Elementary Big Shoot Out winners competed in the Pasadena Independent School District championship Feb. 19 at the Phillips Field House. Shown above are, left to right, Natalie Esquivel, fourth-grader; Shane Millender, fourth-grader; Jacob Moreno, third-grader; and Liliana Solis, third-grader. Esquivel and Millender also won last year's contest.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
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.
7:30 a.m.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.
10 a.m.

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

Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. Call 713-686-6300.
7 p.m.

Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagemont Park and Community Center (new location), 11507 Hughes Road. For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.
7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. Visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church. For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
7:30 a.m.

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

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
8 p.m.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
1 p.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and

Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.
2 p.m.

Grief Support Group - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m.

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2
10 a.m.

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com 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, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. Call 713-686-6300.
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.
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.

Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/.
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 or call 832-416-1177.

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 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.
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 sessions for nonmembers. 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 Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com 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 details, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

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 drglanford@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

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 or call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 for information. Visitors may attend two meetings free. A Christmas party is in December.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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 more information, or drop in.

9:30 a.m.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 50 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Black Hills, Badlands and Legends of the West in South Dakota, July 15-21, 2020; and a Hawaiian Cruise on the Pride of America/Norwegian Cruise Line, Nov. 7-14 2020. For additional information, call Marilyn 713-444-6744.

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 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.

11:30 a.m.
Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at doverbookkeeper@aol.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has Hump Day Dance for free practice ballroom dances (not lessons) in a casual environment. A variety of rhythms are played from entry to advanced dancing levels at 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card (see Tuesday 12:30 p.m. dance for details). Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details on the activity card, call the city at 281-554-1180.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

7 a.m.
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10 a.m.
Fun Bunch - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.

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Clear Brook bowlers advance to regionals



Clear Brook girls' team bowlers Allison Lee (left) and Victoria Cybulski advanced to regionals as individual players after excelling at district for the Lady Wolverines. Lee, one of the program's all-time greats, is headed to her second regional as an individual qualifier and earlier this month signed a letter of intent to attend bowling power Midland University. Cybulski, a junior in her third season, has improved during her time with the team and has now achieved her first individual regional.



The Lady Wolverines' squad was second at district to make their way to regionals for a ninth time as a team in program history. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Abby Cisneros, Malaya Dionne, Muskaan Hussan, Hasuna Nishime, (back row) Ava Nutt, Kassandra Deleon, coach Cecil Rutherford, Ciera Montano, Allison Lee, coach Roxy Casas, Victoria Cybulski, Rebecca Cybulski, Isabelle Collins and coach Claudia Gentry.



With just three seniors on the squad, the Wolverine boys' team was third in district to qualify for regionals as a team for the eighth time in program history. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Dominic Dionne, Dakota Rodriguez, Nathan Galicia, Joshua Lastovica, (middle row) Isiah Collins, coach Roxy Casas, Jesse Gallegos, Eric Valle, coach Claudia Gentry, (back row) coach Cecil Rutherford, Carlo Vaccaro, Ethan Rodriguez, Joshua Berry, Eddie Canales, Marc Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez, Adrian Gonzalez, Eric Baker and Jake Gallegos.



Clear Brook bowlers Nathan Galicia (left) and Eddie Canales III are both headed to regionals as individual competitors for the Wolverines. Galicia, a sophomore, has made his way to the regional level in both of his high school seasons. Canales, meanwhile, has steadily improved over his three seasons and wound up fourth at district this season to make his initial regional appearance.

Dobie successful in soccer

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Manrique clearly is thrilled that his team has emerged as the frontrunner with six matches remaining. The Dobie program seems to automatically produce quality results no matter the competition, but the head coach promises it isn't that simple.

"We take it one day at a time, one practice at a time, one match at a time," he said. "We focus on practicing hard and preparing the best that we can for what we expect to see from an opponent, and then we try to go out there and execute it."

But for instance, while Dobie has scored a league-high 31 goals in 22-6A action and surrendered just nine, getting wins is tough each night. "We had a 2-0 lead over Pasadena at halftime and just couldn't put them away," Manrique said. "That forces you leave the starters out there longer, you can't sub as much and those things. Bottom line is it's hard to win each night."

Manrique does credit the team's few seniors for their leadership, and also praises the play of key sophomores and juniors for what they have delivered. With five programs seriously in the mix and others always threatening an upset, Manrique said it's an "every Tuesday and Friday fight" within the league. The Dobie kids have persevered to this point.

"We are not as talented as we have been in some years, and that's not a knock on the kids," the coach said. I knew how young we were going to be this season with sophomores and juniors, and really about only three seniors. But our seniors have really stepped up in a leadership role. Even though it may be a juggling act every week, the kids know what is expected. We want our school and our community to be proud of what we accomplish, and we go out there and do what we can to produce.

"To this point in the season, obviously we are so proud of the guys. They know we are out there working hard as their coaches, and they are putting in the work." So now a road game at Humble looms in what Manrique says is a hostile environment. Then a neutral site game against a Kingwood team that tied the Longhorns in the first round of play. For the locals, it's all about keeping it up. "It's a battle every night," Manrique

said. "There's no magic to 9-0-1 because it can go the other way. We just have to keep living up to the Dobie tradition we've built to expect and keep going."

Sports Calendar

SOFTBALL

Thursday, Feb. 27, through Saturday, Feb. 29
 Dobie varsity hosts Haynie Invit., TBA
 Dobie JV Orange at Pearland tourn., TBA
Saturday, Feb. 29
 San Jacinto College hosts Frank Phillips (2), noon
Monday, March 2
 Dobie JV Orange vs. Pasadena, PISD, 6:30
Tuesday, March 3
 Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, Dobie, 4:00
Friday, March 6
 San Jacinto College at Tyler (2), 3:00
 Dobie varsity at Humble, 6:00
 Dobie JV Orange at Humble, 4:30
Saturday, March 7
 San Jacinto College at Kilgore (2), 1:00
 Dobie varsity hosts Kingwood, PISD, 1:00
 Dobie JV Orange hosts Kingwood, PISD, 11:30 a.m.
Monday, March 9
 Dobie varsity at Atascocita, 12:30
 Dobie JV Orange at Atascocita, 11 a.m.

TENNIS

Friday, Feb. 28
 Dobie varsity at San Marcos Inv., TBA
Wednesday, March 4
 Dobie varsity hosts St. John's, Dobie, 2:00

BASEBALL

Thursday, Feb. 27, through Saturday, Feb. 29
 Dobie varsity at Laredo Border Olympics, TBA
 Brook varsity at La Porte Invit., TBA
 Brook JV at Clear Creek Invit., TBA
 Brook sophomores at Spring ISD Invit., TBA
Thursday, March 5 through Saturday, March 7
 Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena ISD Classic, TBA
 Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek Invit., TBA
 Brook JV at Dawson Invit., TBA
 Brook sophomores at Brazoswood Invit., TBA
Monday, March 9
 Dobie varsity hosts Clear Brook, Dobie, 4:00
 Dobie JV at Clear Brook, 6:30
 Dobie sophomores at Clear Brook, 4:00

22-6A Boys' Soccer Standings as of Feb. 26

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	9	0	1	28
Humble	8	2	1	26
Memorial	8	3	0	24
Kingwood	6	2	3	21
Atascocita	6	4	0	18
Pasadena	4	7	0	12
Soho	1	9	1	4
Rayburn	1	8	2	5
Summer Creek	0	9	1	1

Mobile health clinic comes to South Belt

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bile clinic does not require an appointment and insurance is not required. If the practitioner of the clinic decides to refer a patient, one

can be referred to the main center in Pasadena or one of the specialty referral places such as the Rose or University of Houston School of Optometry.

The center currently has a Memorandum of Understanding with Pasadena ISD and has been added as part of the Emergency Management Program for the City of

Pasadena. Guillermo Macias is the current family nurse practitioner who serves on the mobile clinic and he has worked in health care since 1994.

For more information about the mobile clinic, call 713-554-1091 or access the web page for PHC at <https://www.pasadenahealthcenter.com>.

Horns win 2-0 over SoHo for 9-0-1 record



With a 2-0 win over South Houston Feb. 24 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, five-time defending District 22-6A varsity boys' soccer champion Dobie is once again leading the pack with 28 points, having gone 9-0-1 to this point. Six tough games remain, including a road test at Humble Feb. 28, but the locals have met the challenges to this point. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) seniors Julio Martinez, Adrian Garcia, Eli Donaho, Imanol Pena, Anthony Nery, Manuel Trejos, Jonathan Mendez, Oscar Beltran, (back row) Jonathan Torres, Jean Arreguin, Eris Acosta, Sergio Tenchon, Alan Lopez, Issac Cortez, Nathaneal Delgado, Daniel Blanco and Oscar Medrano.

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