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Gulf Freeway to close

All southbound main lanes on the Gulf Freeway from Scarsdale to NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously from 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, through 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13. Motorists may detour using the southbound frontage road.

CrossRoads dance Feb. 11

The youth group of CrossRoads United Methodist Church on Scarsdale will be hosting a Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11. The evening will feature games and prizes, a silent auction, dinner and dancing. Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$10 for adults. \$6 children's tickets include complimentary childcare for young children of parents attending the dinner. For additional information or to purchase tickets, email events@crossroads-umc.org. Proceeds of the event will help fund summer camp and missions trips.

Cook-off date announced

The 21st annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off will be held Thursday, April 27, through Saturday, April 29, at El Franco Lee Park, 9400 Hall Road. See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information.

Free self-defense offered

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

Under the direction of fifth-degree black-belt instructor Michael Alonzo, the class is not only geared toward the aspiring martial artist; the self-defense portion will be structured so that someone participating for only one class will have a simple yet effective strategy against potential attackers. For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

Beltway closures planned

At least one inside lane on the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Beamer to Pearland Parkway will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, March 9.

At least one inside lane on the eastbound and westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads at Pearland Parkway will be closed daily (excluding Sundays) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Feb. 24.

The closures are associated with the widening of Beltway 8 from Beamer to Highway 288 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Sagemont Park to meet

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association will hold a homeowner meeting Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Items on the agenda include proposed deed restriction changes, deed restriction violations and community improvement issues and actions. This meeting is open for all Sagemont Park homeowners and residents.

Beltway 8 CPC fundraiser

Featured from the 2016 fall season of "The Voice," Whitney & Shannon will take center stage at the annual fundraiser benefiting Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center. The duo were recent participants on the 11th season of "The Voice." Their parents were traveling missionaries, and the girls began by singing and ministering to people on the street. Over the years their love of music and talent grew. "The Voice" gave them opportunity to come together and share their incredible harmony with an overwhelmingly receptive audience.

The sisters, whose sound draws from country and pop, earned chair turns from all four coaches. To date, the video of this performance has been viewed on YouTube 3,011,348 times at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnkF-PB9stlM>.

The event will be Friday, Feb. 17, at Grace Community Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway. The evening will include a silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a banquet from 7 to 9:15 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Beltway 8 South Crisis Pregnancy Center serving South Belt, Pearland, Ellington, Friendswood and Clear Lake women in unplanned pregnancies. The banquet is a great way to celebrate a choice for life, since the pregnancy center offers its clients a safe haven, respect, kindness and unconditional love.

Visit www.LifelineCPC.org (click "Love for Life Banquet" at the bottom of any page) to make reservations or get more information. On the banquet page, click program: information, for more details.

School start time meeting

StartSchoolLater.net will hold an informational meeting about teen chronic sleep deprivation and how it affects the community Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Parker Williams Public Library, Meeting Room E at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For information, email yenrabe@yahoo.com or call 281-229-1409.

Meeting targets area shopping center crime

In an effort to combat ongoing crime at businesses located near Beltway 8 at Sabo, officials from Kroger and surrounding stores met with community leaders and local law enforcement representatives at a meeting hosted by the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Thursday, Feb. 2.

The round-table discussion provided an opportunity for those in attendance to contribute input on possible ways to address the growing problem.

Many on social media have specifically targeted Kroger in their online complaints, and store officials are hoping local law enforcement agencies will assist in securing the area shopping plaza.

Representatives from the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, both in attendance at the meeting, seemed supportive of the idea and proposed multiple suggestions.

Both police entities said they planned to step up patrols in the plaza. Kroger officials also agreed to establish a designated parking space for police officers.

A similar agreement at the H-E-B on Belt-

way 8 at Blackhawk, which has had its own issues with thefts over the years, has reportedly been successful at reducing such crimes at the store.

Tenants also have an ally in the Brixmor Property Group, which owns and manages the strip center that houses the area store.

Brixmor officials in attendance said plans are currently in the works to install a state-of-the-art surveillance system on the local property, with cameras capable of rotating and zooming.

The issue of crime at the South Belt grocery store has been a hot topic as of late, as the frequency of such occurrences has increased sharply in recent months, drawing widespread criticism on social media sites.

According to Kroger Houston Operations Manager Troy Harding, crimes at the local branch account for a disproportionately high number when compared to the chain's other 112 stores located throughout the Greater Houston area.

In the past year, multiple robberies and burglaries have been reported as taking place both inside and outside the Kroger and the adjacent

service station. Most of the outside thefts have taken place within 50 to 100 feet from on-duty security, often an actual armed police officer.

"(The thieves) are not deterred," Harding said.

Despite the plans for increases in police patrols and security systems, store officials and law enforcement authorities warn supporters to

remain vigilant at all times. Police advise shoppers to not carry a purse if possible and avoid leaving valuables in plain sight.

Many of the suggestions are already being implemented, as multiple residents have reported seeing a significant increase in police presence in the area following the meeting.

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Capital improvement meeting set

Houston City Council Member Dave Martin will host a capital improvement project (CIP) and town hall meeting Thursday, Feb. 16, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Destiny Theater at Space Center Houston, located at 1601 NASA Road 1.

Residents are invited to attend to hear from city and community representatives about ongoing capital improvement projects, local issues and community news related to the Southeast Houston and Clear Lake areas of District E.

The meeting will include presentations from the City of Houston Public Works and Engineering and Parks and Recreation departments. Pub-

lic Works and Engineering will discuss various upcoming infrastructure projects, and Parks and Recreation will provide an update on Sylvan Rodriguez Park. Additionally, Chief Resiliency Officer Stephen Costello has been asked to provide District E residents a storm surge update.

Martin has also invited Houston Police Department Capt. Jerome Stevens to address the issue of panhandlers within the Southeast Houston/Clear Lake area. Lastly, newly appointed police Chief Art Acevedo will also be in attendance.

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

Residents continue to complain about soot

The *Leader* has received numerous additional complaints from area residents about soot dirtying their outside belongings.

The soot is the result of the burning of trees and brush at the site of the future detention pond near Beamer and Dixie Farm Road.

While the majority of the complaints involved soot collecting on motor vehicles, other residents complained of the debris on lawn furniture, sidewalks and driveways, pet bowls and even on the coats of animals.

The *Leader* reported on the problem in its Jan. 19 and Jan. 26 editions, but initial complaints date back roughly one week earlier than that and continued up through Monday, Feb. 6.

Complaints have been reported in at least

the Meadows of Clear Creek, Sageglen, Ashley Pointe and Blackhawk subdivisions.

"This morning, the soot is also on my patio floor, hammock, patio chairs, dog bowl ... everywhere," Blackhawk resident Keonsha Bernard emailed the *Leader* on Sunday, Feb. 5. I am not sure if there are any notices those involved in the project provided to the public, but it would have been beneficial to have been given forewarning about the upcoming issue ... and possibly even tips or materials to help prevent or lessen the impact of burning on personal property. Hopefully, there aren't any health ramifications, but I do worry about the potential that particles are in the air we're breathing."

According to Harris County Flood Control

District Project Manager Gene Rushing, who is overseeing the project to construct the detention pond, the soot was due to the fires not burning hot enough and likely posed no health risks. Rushing further said the burning at the construction site had ceased by Monday, Feb. 6.

Multiple calls from residents, as well as the

Leader, to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality had initially prompted TCEQ officials to plan a visit to examine the construction site out of safety concerns. At press time, however, it was unclear if such a visit was still going to take place, as the burning at the site had been halted.

Soot from pond site makes mess



Numerous South Belt residents have complained to the *Leader* about soot resulting from the burning of trees and brush at the site of the future detention pond near Beamer and Dixie Farm Road. Both the upper left and lower right photos shown above are from windows, while the upper right photo shows the hood of a car, and the lower left photo shows a dog's paws that have gotten dirty from the debris. Photos submitted

Lady Gaga hugs Dobie student



Dobie sophomore Ally Bellini got the thrill of a lifetime Sunday, Feb. 5, when she received a hug from Lady Gaga during the performer's Super Bowl halftime show. Bellini was among several Dobie Laraiettes who were invited to perform with the pop star. The drill team members were notified of the performance roughly a month before the event but were told to keep it a secret. Members of Clear Brook's Celebrities drill team also took part in the performance. Photo courtesy of Facebook

Martin, Boykins make for odd couple

By James Bolen

While all tradition signs would generally suggest otherwise, Houston City Council Members Dave Martin and Dwight Boykins, both of whom represent parts of the South Belt community, have become close friends in recent years, making for quite the odd couple.

The scenario is in stark contrast to that currently on the national political stage.

A black man well over 6 feet tall, Boykins towers over Martin, a white man of much shorter stature. And while local City Council members don't officially run by political party, Boykins is a staunch Democrat, while Martin is a dyed-in-the-wool Republican. Furthermore, Boykins' District D centers primarily around inner-city areas, such as Sunnyside and South Park, while Martin's District E includes more affluent parts of the city, such as Kingwood and Clear Lake.

Nevertheless, the two politicians have smashed stereotypes and become great allies inside and outside of Council, frequently playing golf and socializing with each other. Most recently, the two attended various Super Bowl events together, including the highly exclusive Maxim magazine party.

"It's a pure friendship," Boykins said. "We respect each other."

This sentiment is shared by Martin.

"I love him like a brother," Martin said. "He's fun to be around."

Each year, the pair jointly throws a crawfish boil, as well as a Christmas party called *Ebony & Ivory*, in which they distribute black-and-white cookies - not unlike the chocolate-and-vanilla

cookies featured in an episode of *Seinfeld* to represent racial harmony.

Martin, who grew up in a racially diverse community in Louisiana, attributes much of the unique relationship to their similar upbringings.

"There's two levels how I know Dwight," Martin said. "There's the personal level, and there's the business and political level. On the political side, we're on opposite ends of the spectrum, but on the personal level, we're very similar. We're both Christians, and we've both had the same wives for 30-plus years."

Despite their political differences, the two men often find common ground at the work place.

In 2015, Boykins broke with his fellow Democrats and Houston Mayor Annise Parker and sided with Martin and his Republican colleagues on the city's Houston Equal Rights Ordinance (HERO), aimed at prohibiting discrimination against people based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.

"I couldn't go against the churches," Boykins said.

Conversely, Martin said Boykins' senior program, designed to help area senior citizens make necessary home improvements, should be "the framework for every district."

While the two men sit next to each other on Council and work on multiple city projects together, they still don't necessarily always see eye to eye politically.

"We still argue left and right. He likes to spend money, and I like to save money," Martin said jokingly.

Councilmen share black, white cookies



In stark contrast to the current national political climate, City Council Members Dwight Boykins (left) and Dave Martin have become great friends, despite being polar opposites in many regards. The pair are shown above holding symbolic black-and-white cookies, which were distributed at their annual joint Christmas party titled *Ebony & Ivory*. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Abernathy urges all register to vote now

I'm one of the majority of Americans and of those in Harris County who voted against Trump. Trump presents a danger to our country and American values. Give him a chance? We may not survive his chance. He has alienated our country's friends and emboldened our enemies.

Many will lose their health care if Trump has his way. Public education will suffer if the voucher system is approved. I don't want my taxes to support the more affluent who want me to pay for their chil-

dren's private education. Will jobs count if you do not have clean water to drink or clear air to breathe? We must not let Trump bring to an end the separation of church and state. We must defend the freedom of the press. Don't be silent. Speak out.

Please register to vote now. Don't wait until the midterm elections in November 2018. If you will be 18 on Election Day, you can vote. Get your friends together now and go register. Help your neighbors register if they are eligible to vote. We must reverse course. Yes I'm hoping for a miracle.

Ann Abernathy

City leash laws explained

It is unlawful for any person owning or having in his possession any dog to allow the dog to be at large without the owner or person in charge having direct physical control over the dog.

An owner or person having in his possession a dog may allow the dog to be at large on property that does not provide the animal with access to a sidewalk, street, or common areas of apartment buildings, condominiums, retirement facilities, nursing homes, and other multiple-unit residential facilities.

It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (a) of this section that the dog was in an off-leash site established under section 32-11 of this Code.

It is unlawful for any person owning or having in his possession a dangerous dog, as defined in section 6-151 of this Code, to allow that dog to be at large. A person who violates this subsection shall, upon conviction, be assessed a fine of not less than \$500

nor more than \$2,000. Each day that any violation of this subsection continues shall constitute and be punishable as a separate offense.

It is unlawful for any person owning or having in his possession an aggressive dog, as defined in section 6-151 of this Code, to allow that dog to be at large. A person who violates this subsection shall, upon conviction, be assessed a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000. Each day that any violation of this subsection continues shall constitute and be punishable as a separate offense. (e)

It is unlawful for any person owning or having in his possession a public nuisance dog, as defined in section 6-151 of this Code, to allow that dog to be at large. A person who violates this subsection shall, upon conviction, be assessed a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000. Each day that any violation of this subsection continues shall constitute and be punishable as a separate

offense. (Ord. No. 2014-244, § 2(Exh. A), 3-26-2014)

The system information reads as follows:

The leash law applies to all dogs and cats in the City of Houston regardless of location. It is illegal to permit animals to be off-leash in city parks or any other area of the city where the animal can reach a public street or sidewalk.

There are very few areas in the city, except behind a fence or on a leash where dogs and cats cannot reach a public street or sidewalk. There is no ordinance that makes it illegal for one or more dogs to attack another dog or cat. The offense would be "running at large" but an animal control officer or police officer would have to observe that offense before citations could be issued. Please make a report to the Bureau of Animal Regulation and Control BARC at 713-229-7300, or a police officer if an incident of this nature occurs.

Bay Area Youth singers choral event features acclaimed musician

In honor of their tenth anniversary, the Bay Area Youth Singers will present an event for the community on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. that features performances, folk singing, audience participation and music education. The Bay Area Chorus helped to found the organization in 2007 and will also perform at the concert.

Joining both groups is internationally acclaimed composer and conductor Nick Page, who helped inspire the children's choir a decade ago, and directed their first workshops together. Page returns to Houston for the anniversary

celebration, and will lead both choral groups and the audience in song.

Page is based in Boston and has led the Emmy Award-winning Chicago Children's Choir, the Boston Mystic Chorale and guest conducted around the world.

He is the author of three books and close to one hundred published choral pieces, including many that will be performed during the event.

BAYS was formed in 2007 when the community identified a need to expand the programs of Houston's historic Bay Area Chorus to include children.

BAYS now functions as an independent, nonprofit organization and holds weekly rehearsals, performances throughout the year and an annual summer camp for children in the third through 12th grades.

The event will be held at Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, 1511 El Dorado Blvd. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at bayareachorus.seatyourself.biz or at the door for \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

For more information, contact info@bayareachorus.org or call 281-326-1286.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Library

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., Houston, 77089.

TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through April 18. There will be no assistance on Good Friday, April 14, since the library will be closed. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns. The service is free on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring a photo-ID, social security card and any other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements and other necessary forms.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be at the library on Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Feb. 4 - April 8. VITA offers free tax for those earning \$54,000 or less annually, persons with disabilities and taxpayers with limited English vocabulary. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2 p.m. eBooks and More. Harris County Public Library offers those with a valid library card a variety of downloadable digital materials including eBooks, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and music.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 3:30 p.m. Valentine Craft. Create your own Valentine card to give to that special person.

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 5 p.m. Name That Book Read Aloud. Continuing with the Pasadena ISD Name That Book List, Chris Barton's *The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch* will be read.

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5 p.m. Building Life Skills. The focus will be on the basic need for exercise and the different types of exercise.

Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays, Vietnamese Learning Time. Preregistration required. For information on this program, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on these programs, phone the library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingpoint:

Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. Knitting and Crochet

Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m. Spanish Computer Class

Saturday, Feb. 11, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. English Learning

Saturday, Feb. 11, 12:30 p.m. Lego Playtime

Saturday, Feb. 11, 3 p.m. Citizenship class

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime

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

Wednesday, Feb. 15: Computer courses:

2 p.m. Computer Basics - Course covers the main parts of a computer. Common computer terminology is defined and features of different computers and types of productivity, communications, educational, and entertainment programs are explained.

3:15 p.m. Internet Basics - Course explains the purpose of the Internet, what is needed to connect to it and important terms. Learn how to use web browsers and search engines.

4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint - Students learn basic functions of this program to create presentations, including adding graphics and multimedia. Students learn to identify the printing options for presentations.

For more information on these programs, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

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

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Elected officials share their words

Residents urged to report drainage concerns

By: City Councilman Dave Martin

Last month, Mayor Sylvester Turner and Chief Resiliency Officer Stephen Costello, announced the Storm Water Action Team (SWAT) Program and its efforts to reduce localized drainage problems throughout the City. The goal of this program is to rehabilitate and upgrade the existing drainage system to improve conveyance of day-to-day storm events.

The way that projects are going to be determined is through the review of 3-1-1 phone calls and structural flooding locations that are not related to or situated near a riverbank.

Projects will then be developed by investigating and inspecting the system to create an assessment or work plan to address the areas of highest need across the city. The SWAT is focusing on storm sewers and outfalls, roadside ditches, as well as off-road ditch and detention ponds.

Projects will range greatly across the needs of the City and with this new process I'm optimistic that the City is not trying to implement a one size fits all solution. As you all know the drainage issues in District E are as diverse as its population and SWAT is dedicated to creating individual solutions to yield the best results for each instance to reduce flooding and improve flow into our drainage system. The projects will include replacing collapsed outfalls and sewer components, upsizing inlets, replacing inlet plates with grates, re-establishing

roadway curbs and gutters to improve positive flow paths, regrading ditches, as well as clearing, de-grubbing, de-silting minor erosion repairs in off-road ditches and otherwise abandoned detention ponds.

The first two projects in District E will be located in the Southeast Houston area. One location will be near 2440 Al-bright Drive and will include clearing and de-grubbing as well as re-establishment of an existing City of Houston ditch.

The other location will be near 531 Keith Avenue and will also include clearing and de-grubbing, as well as, the re-establishment of an existing City of Houston ditch. These are just the first two projects in District E as I am currently working with Mr. Costello on identifying other project areas within the district.

I encourage residents to report all drainage concerns by contacting the city's 3-1-1 system by calling 3-1-1 or (713) 837-0311 or by emailing 311@houstontx.gov. Additionally, smartphone users can download the 311 app by visiting the iTunes App Store or GooglePlay.

As Mayor Turner and Mr. Costello continue to move forward with this new program, I look forward to working with them to address the needed repairs and improvements to District E drainage.

For more information, please contact my office at (832) 393-3008 or districts@houstontx.gov.

Republican party passes County tax resolution

By Sen. Paul Bettencourt

Citing the average Harris County's home 36.4 percent taxable value increase in just three years, the Harris County Republican Party's Executive Committee passed an uncontested resolution calling on the Texas Legislature to pass Senate Bill 2, by Sen. Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston).

The Harris County Republican Party's Executive Committee is made up of all of the Republican precinct chairs in Harris County. No one spoke against the resolution during the Executive Committee meeting.

"In just three years, the average Harris County home has seen a 36 percent, \$263 increase in just the county part of the property tax bill," Sen. Bettencourt said. "No wonder the largest Republican county party in the state endorses tax relief."

The resolution passed by the Executive Com-

mittee expressly calls for the rollback rate to be lowered from 8 percent to 4 percent, have an automatic taxpayer ratification election on a general election date if a taxing jurisdiction adopts a rate tax above a 4 percent rollback, and to bring much needed transparency and accountability to the appraisal process in Texas.

"Following the Watchdog.org report of Bexar County Democratic Party Chairman Manuel Medina endorsing SB 2 over the weekend, this proves that property tax relief, simply put, is an everybody pays issue," Sen. Bettencourt continued.

The Select Committee on Property Tax Reform and Relief held eight hearings in seven cities, heard 321 witnesses and visited with thousands of Texas property owners. An estimated 2,150 persons attended the hearings.

Taxpayers across the state testified against ever-rising tax bills and support the

Deaths

Elaine Emma Gardner



Elaine Emma Gardner, 87, of South Belt, died Friday, Feb. 3, 2017. She is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur F. Gardner Jr.; son Robert Protivinsky; great-granddaughter Erin Riley Phillips; and brother Robert Kapl.

Elaine is survived by her son Chris Gardner and wife Robin; daughters Diane Heathcock and husband Ron. Carol Phillips and husband Joel; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two nieces; and two nephews.

She was born in Cicero, Ill., on Jan. 2, 1930. She was a military wife and previously lived in France, Germany and Hawaii. She went on many cruises and she was an original homeowner in Sagemont.

The family will receive friends Friday, Feb. 10, from

11 a.m. to noon at Southpark Funeral Home, 1310 North Main St. in Pearland. The funeral service will follow in the funeral home chapel at noon.

James T. Duff

Longtime South Belt resident James T. Duff died Feb. 1, 2017. He was a resident of Houston for more than 50 years. He was born on May 18, 1918, in Fulton County, Ill., and was the eldest son of John T. and Anna (Heffren) Duff. He graduated from Havana Community High School with the class of 1937 and entered military service on March 5, 1941, by joining the Air Force.

He married Adelia (Billie) W. Davis on Feb. 21, 1947, in San Francisco, Calif.

James was preceded in death by his father, mother, sister Mary Elizabeth (Duff) Busby and brother George W. Duff. James is survived by his wife, three nieces and one nephew.

He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean war and was an engineer on a four-man flight crew.

James retired Aug. 31, 1962, from Hq. Squadron 340th Wing at SAC, Whiteman AFB, Mo., as a senior master sergeant (SMSGT). He was an aircraft maintenance supervisor.

He and his wife Billie moved to Houston. James accepted a civil service position as a quality assurance representative GS-11 with NASA, Johnson Space Center (JSC), in Houston. He retired from NASA on Dec. 31, 1987.

James was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge, specifically, Austin Lodge #12 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (AF & AM), Austin 2 R&SM and Lone Star 6 R.A.M. in Austin. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Temple Valley of Houston and a member of Arabia Shriners in Houston. James was a life member of Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) and Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Havana Food Bank, 215 S. Broadway St. Havana, IL, 62644, in memory of James T. Duff.

Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

Leader checks out social media

By Mary Doan

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, for residents and business owners in the Sagemont community to discuss local concerns.

For additional information on the local meetings, visit the *Sagemont Civic Club* Facebook page or sagemontcc.org.

Residents of the South Belt area express their astonishment and pride over Dobie High School Lar-

aettes performing alongside Lady Gaga during the Superbowl halftime show on various South Belt Facebook pages such as the *People of Sagemont* Facebook page, *The Mont!!* Facebook page, and the *Pasadena Independent School District* Facebook Page.

The Dobie National Honor Society has several volunteers that are eager to help at local community service events.

The NHS, one of the many prestigious organizations at Dobie High School, is committed to

community service, scholarship, character and leadership and is in need of suggestions of volunteer opportunities.

At each community service event, the NHS ensures that every volunteer earns their volunteer hours with integrity by sending a designated officer to each volunteer event.

If there are any suggestions on volunteer events, contact the National Honor Society community service coordinator An Duong, at angduong@hotmail.com.

PISD community gathers for donor appreciation



The McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament presented a check in the amount of \$153,415.14 to the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation. Shown above, left to right, Dr. Kirk Lewis,

McDonald's Texas Invitational chairman; Cindy Parmer, Pasadena ISD community relations director; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent; and Herman Williams, Education Foundation president.

The music of steel drums, performed by Park View Intermediate students, echoed through the halls of the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School as community members, school administrators and members of the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation gathered for a donor appreciation luncheon on Feb. 7.

Students and teachers from Sparks Elementary, Park View Intermediate and the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School were able to thank donors personally and demonstrate some equipment that was purchased through their donations.

"Teachers can sometimes feel lonely and isolated in our classrooms, but now I've realized we are not alone because you have our backs," said Andrea Nguyen, an audio and visual teacher at CTHS, as well as a mini grant recipient. "Through your hard work and donations, you've empowered me to better serve the needs of my students. And for my students, you've given them a lasting gift that will open many doors for them for years to come and for that I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

The luncheon was capped off by a presentation of the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament check in the amount of \$153,415.14 to the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation.

"Once all the tournament expenses are paid, all the remaining funds go directly to the Education Foundation," said Dr. Kirk Lewis, chairman of the tournament steering committee.

"Over our 14-year history, the tournament has raised just short of two million dollars for the foundation. We will definitely go over the two million mark this year."

During the presentation, Cristina Womack, president-elect of the Education Foundation, honored Kathy Bailey as the 2016 Volunteer of the Year.

Additionally, the Pasadena ISD Cornerstone Club presented a check for \$91,468.91 to the Education Foundation. The Cornerstone Club is composed of nearly 2000 district employees who contribute to the Education Foundation through payroll deduction.

Photos by Jade Wise



Kathy Bailey (center) was honored Tuesday, Feb. 7 as the 2016 Volunteer of the Year. Pictured with Bailey are Dr. Kirk Lewis, McDonald's Texas Invitational chairman; and Cristina Womack, Education Foundation president-elect.



Shown, left to right, Cindy Parmer, Pasadena ISD community relations director; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent; and Herman Williams, Education Foundation president, hold a check that was donated to the Education Foundation from the Pasadena ISD Cornerstone Club for the amount of \$91,468.91.

J. Frank Dobie High School releases names for third six-weeks honor roll

The following honor roll for J. Frank Dobie High School has been released for the third six weeks. Students on the honor roll are:

Ninth Grade
Alejandra Nicole Abascal, Gema Isabel Alanis, Ashley Lizbeth Amaro, Tamecia Nicole Anderson, Elian Adalberto Andrade Ortiz, Colby William Arnold, William Arnold, A'lexis La Sur Austin-Woodrow and Mario Daimian Barajas.

Danielle Munoz, Allison Neira, Hallie R Nelms and Alyssa Quynh Nguyen.
Ashley Nguyen, Bao Thien Nguyen, Daisy Thuy Tram Nguyen, Danny Thuan Nguyen, Donna Ngoc Nguyen, Duyen Chau Minh Nguyen, Elna Tu Thanh Nguyen, Hung Huy Nguyen, Jacob Buu Nguyen, Jennifer Han Nguyen, Jessica Tien Nguyen, Johnny Quang Nguyen, Le Thi Diem Nguyen and Ngan Pham-Thien Nguyen.

Lajay Davis, Oliver Delarosa, Yousef Arsan Diab and Aaron Quoc-Hung Dinh.
Kevin Dinh, Stephanie Lan Do, Dang Hai Doan, Jacklynn Le Duong, Kate-Lynn Nguyen Duong, Tiffany Tram Duong, Elizabeth Bettye Early, Osasere Edo-Ewanshia, Sean Garrett Ehlinger, Maritza Elizalde, Mariela Elizondo, Angela Escamilla, Eric Escobedo and Jonathan Caleb Escobedo.

Solis, Jocelyn Solis and Victoria Adelina Solis.
Ashley Lynette Sorto, Michelle Ta, Lance Logan Tanner, Michaela Cora Taylor, Christian Andres Tijerina, Autumn Celeste Tilley, Ariana Kaylee Toran, Fernanda Torres, Tien Hoang Tran, Alexis Hang Thu Tran, Dinh Phu Tran, Lily Ann Tran, Mary Tran, Patrick Tinh Tran, Taylor Tran and Dominic Nguyen Trinh.

Alena Hay and Jazlyn Lanae Henderson.
Jakara Dominique Henry, Amanda Nicole Hernandez, Maritza Janeth Hernandez, Michael Ismael Hernandez, Tommy Hernandez, Anaraly Vianey Hinojosa, Jimmy Noah Hinojosa, Alice Gia Ho, Lynn Tuyet Ho, David Vie Hoang, Chelsey Jean Holman and An Thien Huynh.

Kimberly Marie Padilla, Rachel Marie Pair, Ryan Edward Pair, Rosa Alicia Palencia, Victoria Palos, Ana Cecilia Parker, Hja'keiyman Kyree Parks, Priyal Patel and Kristen Dung Patton.
Maria Jose Pedroza Rodriguez, Aaron Oscar Perea, Andrea Carolina Perez, Danielle Ilyn Perez, Gisselle Perez, Jordan Renee Ashley Perez, Kenneth Angel Perez, Huong Quynh Le Pham, Jasmine V Pham, John Tran Phan, Noelle Ngoc Phan, Rosa Thao Phan, Tam Thanh Phan, Uyen Tran Khanh Phan, Letizia Jazmarie Philbert, Melanie Pineda, Lisette Adamaris Pitty, Christian Alex Ponce and Victoria Alayna Postel.

Leslie Magaly Rodriguez, Marcos Rodriguez and Mario Alberto Rodriguez.
Brianna Marie Rodriguez-Hernandez, Leslie Ashley Rodriguez-Rangel, Segdrick Spencer Romar, Xochitl Kimberly Romero, Malorie Jolynn Rosas, Erika Rubio, Anita Marie Rudon, Melissa Ruiz, Valerie Alexandra Sahagun, Megan Rae Salas, Stephanie Saldivar, Dominique Amber Sanchez, Eric Sanchez, Kazzandra Rico Sanchez and Noe Rolando Sanchez.

Luis Eduardo Tufino Berber, Mercedes Chanelle Turner, Joshua Valtierra, Leilani Isabel Vargas, Annette Vela, Cesar Rafael Villarreal, Michael Noah Villarreal, Marvin Roberto Villatoro, Nguyen Thanh Vo, Igor Zoyim Benoit Vouffo, Dmitri Minh Vu and Holly Thao Vu.
Nhi Xuan Vu, Johari Amira Weaver, Yvonne Anahie Whaley, Bryan Anthony Wheatley, Haley Machell Williams, Karyn GERALYNN Williams, Jacob Chase Wise, Joshua Patrick Woernley, Sami Lin Yu, Monica Aaide Zabala, Alaam Zamora, Cesar Refugio Zamora, Stefany Elizabeth Zamora and Stephanie Zarate.

Alanie Cano, Jennifer Noemi Cantarero, Nick Simon Carcamo, Elena Isabel Cardenas, Braden Elissa Carker, Nanci Carrera, Ronny Fernando Carrera, Delana Nicole Carrillo, Nyomi Marie Carrington, Thomas Harold Carte, Ashali Rena Carter, Joseph Adam Castaneda, Kristy Giselle Castellon, Clarissa Marie Castillo, Michael Lee Castillo, Andrea Guerra Cavazos and Andrea Chapa.
Diana Sarahi Chapa, Vanessa Vianey Chapa, Isabel Mercedes Chavez, Colton Pham Chu, Toneschara Marcaye' Lorna Clarke, Jarely Floreli Claros, Breanna Ja'sanay Coleman, Kenneth Wayne Coleman, Lacedrian Dominique Kaitli Coleman, Caleb Lee Conerly, Greysi Sarai Contreras, La-Dayjah Rykell Elise Cook and Naya Jamirra Cooper.

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Nguyen Phuong Thao Nguyen, Nhien Ngoc Nguyen, Thanh Phuong Nguyen, Thanh Pham-Thien Nguyen, Thuy Ngoc Nguyen, Tien Thi Thuy Nguyen, Xavier Deshawn Nunn, Santiago Ontiveros, Jose Jesus Ovalle, Tiffany Karely Oviedo, Allie Tae Parker and Christopher Jose Perez Medrano.
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Clare Aine Vampelt, Leslie Vargas, Luis Rey Vasquez, Cristian Everard Vela, Zoe Nicole Vela, Marco Antonio Velazquez, Melissa Vidal, Franklin Villalobos, Serena Michelle Villanueva, Izabelle Lee Villarreal, Monica Maria Villarreal, Haley Hong Vo, Hao Nhat Vuong, Ayanan Nate Williams, Kianna Tranee Williams, Kayla Danielle Wilson, Caitlyn Juliette Woitena, Jack Henry Yu and Jaime Yzaquirre.

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CCISD announces Science, Engineering Fair Winners

The 56th annual Clear Creek Independent School District Science & Engineering Fair exemplified the spirit of learning, creativity and innovation the Clear Creek ISD believes is at the core of student success.

More than 720 elementary and secondary projects were evaluated by volunteer judges from all across the community.

Top honors were awarded in grades four through 12 during the awards ceremony on Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the Bayside Commons at the Education Village in League City. In all, 366 students received recognition for their projects, which ranged from "Novel Blood Tests to Diagnose Preeclampsia: Saving Lives of Mother and Child" to "Dementia Detection Using Neural Networks."

There were 430 fourth- and fifth-graders who competed at the district level science fair in the elementary category. At the intermediate and high school levels, almost 300 students competed in four divisions and 20 categories.

The judges selected Grand Award winners and place winners. Now, 148 junior, ninth and senior division winners are eligible to advance to the Science Engineering Fair of Houston on February 24 and 25. A group of students were also awarded a special award, the Iyar Fine Arts Forum Sound Music Through Science - Universal Peace Through Music Award, which is presented to students with fine arts related science projects. The fine arts award winners received certificates and gift cards to Barnes and Noble.

The presenting sponsor of the district science and engineering fair is Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), a long-time supporter of the fair. The University of Houston-Clear Lake and the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake joined in this year as sponsors of the student reception. The audience of more than 1,000 students and parents had the opportunity to hear from Charlie Stegemoeller, SAIC vice president for program management and science and engineering fair enthusiast.

Stegemoeller encouraged students to stay involved in the science and engineering fair and to invite their friends

to participate in the years to come.

The 2017 CCISD Science & Engineering Fair Grand Award Winners are listed below by award, winner and project:

Jesse A. Dorrington 2017 Grand Award Life Science; Tanya Kumar, "Novel Blood Tests to Diagnose Preeclampsia: Saving Lives of Mother and Child."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2017 Grand Award Runner Up Life Science; Vaitya Parthasarathy, "The Effect of Dantrolene Sodium on Clarification of Porcine Aortic Valve Cells."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2017 Grand Award Physical Science; Nolan Wu, "Extracting Clearer Images in Genotyping: A Novel Approach Using the Ubc3A Gene."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2017 Grand Award Runner Up Physical Science; Adarsh Suresh, "Dementia Detection Using Neural Networks."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2017 Grand Award Engineering; Syamantak Payra, "A Novel Bionic Leg Brace: An Electromechanically Actuated Active-Assist Wearable Orthotic Device for Comprehensive Restoration of Gait Characteristics Across Various Mobility Scenarios."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2017 Grand Award Runner Up Engineering; Kavita Selva, "High Resolution Magnetic Resonance Imaging Using Superconducting RF Coils."

The Iyar Fine Arts Forum Sound Music Through Science - Universal Peace Through Music Award, which is presented to students with fine arts related science projects. The fine arts award winners received certificates and gift cards to Barnes and Noble.

Honorable Mention, Mahir Momin, "Bacteria in Instruments," Biochemistry, Seabrook Intermediate School.

Honorable Mention, Mallorie Mackay, "Coloring Conundrum," Behavior and Social Sciences, League City Intermediate.

Ninth/Senior Division Sulochana Pattabhiraman Award, Sherihan Jaouhari, "Music vs. Studying," Behavior and Social Science, Clear Brook High School.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

CHRIS CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Chris Clark celebrates a birthday Feb. 10. Happy birthday greetings are sent to Chris from wife Mary and "babies" Zeldia and Maude. Birthday wishes are sent from the Leader, and a big thank-you for all he does for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber and the community.

BOBBY ENJOYS 79 YEARS! Special birthday wishes are sent to Bobby Kramer from friends and the Leader staff who marked his 79th birthday Feb. 4.

SCHOOL DAZE The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 9 through Feb. 15.

Frazier Elementary Send a birthday greeting Feb. 14 to Linda Gasca. Maritza De La Garza enjoys a birthday Feb. 15.

Meador Elementary Sandra Richey is sent birthday greetings on Feb. 10. Light the birthday candles Feb. 12 for Erika Nava. Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to Yolanda Areballo Feb. 13.

Moore Elementary The day for a party for Thomas Durr is Feb. 15.

South Belt Elementary Enjoying a birthday Feb. 12 is Melissa Cerda.

Stuchbery Elementary Join in the birthday fun Feb. 10 with Lisa

Leos. Celia Espinoza is wished a happy birthday Feb. 11. Jean De Leon enjoys a birthday Feb. 12.

Meillio Middle School Maureen Howard and Dawn Tomlinson celebrate a birthday Feb. 9. Sharing a birthday on Feb. 12 are Alma Paredes and Michelle Rush. Enjoying a double-layer cake on Feb. 14 are Gabrielle Weber and Natalie Young.

Roberts Middle School Celebrating a birthday Feb. 10 is Lonnie Tanner. Sing a happy birthday song Feb. 11 to Elsa Chiachio. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 13 is Esmeralda Rodriguez. Feb. 15 is the day for a party for Rita Coulon and Angela Lopez.

Beverly Hills Intermediate Send a happy birthday card Feb. 10 to Tina Garza. Feb. 11 is the day to wish Ronnie Thomas a happy birthday.

Thompson Intermediate The day for a party for Bill Kirchman is Feb. 10. Kattilyn Clanton celebrates a birthday Feb. 13. Blow out the birthday candles for Sandra Garza Feb. 15.

Dobie High Celebrating a birthday Feb. 9 are Marissa Alexander, Kelli Brown, Richard Ortega and John Taylor. Special birthday wishes are sent Feb. 10 to Christopher Cisneros and Deborah Cortez. Cecily Haley enjoys a birthday Feb. 11. Blow out the birthday candles for Juan Fernandez and Steven

Long Feb. 12. Holly Peel enjoys a wonderful birthday Feb. 13. Light the birthday candles for Andrew Kirkpatrick Feb. 15.

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

Thursday, Feb. 9: Erica Rodriguez, Amanda Bergeron, Tracy Matthieu, Anita Nickelson and Tammy Schweigert; Friday, Feb. 10: Kathy Ramirez, Morgan Wingo, Angie Baucum, Jesse Chavez, Efrain Padua, Christina Parasco and Mike Huffman; Saturday, Feb. 11: Cesar Ramirez, Ron Martinez and Jennifer Zanders; Sunday, Feb. 12: Greg Banhart, C.J. Jareo III, Chris Smith, Melinda Poplawski, Cynthia Tavera, Clyde Jones, Lisa Jones, Jacqueline Preston, Alex Lerma and Robert Barbosa; Monday, Feb. 13: Celeste Beaty, Trisha Waguespack, Cristi Skerrett and Randy Harms; Tuesday, Feb. 14: Cathi Brockman and Jon Baker; and Wednesday, Feb. 15: Mark Wilson, Laura Allison, Gene Cernal and Kelley Huebner.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS Email birthday, anniversary, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line.

Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

PISD arts calendar announced

Fine arts performances are listed for upcoming events for the Pasadena Independent School District with event name, time, date, location and ticket price:

Miller Intermediate Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 14, at First United Methodist Church - Pasadena.

Sam Rayburn High School Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 16, at the Rayburn Choir room and auditorium.

Sparks Elementary First Grade February Celebrations Program, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Feb. 22, at Sparks Cafeteria.

Fisher Elementary Kindergarten presents The Little Engine that Could, 6 p.m., Feb. 23, in the Fisher Gym.

Bondy Intermediate Choir Concert performance at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 23, at Bondy.

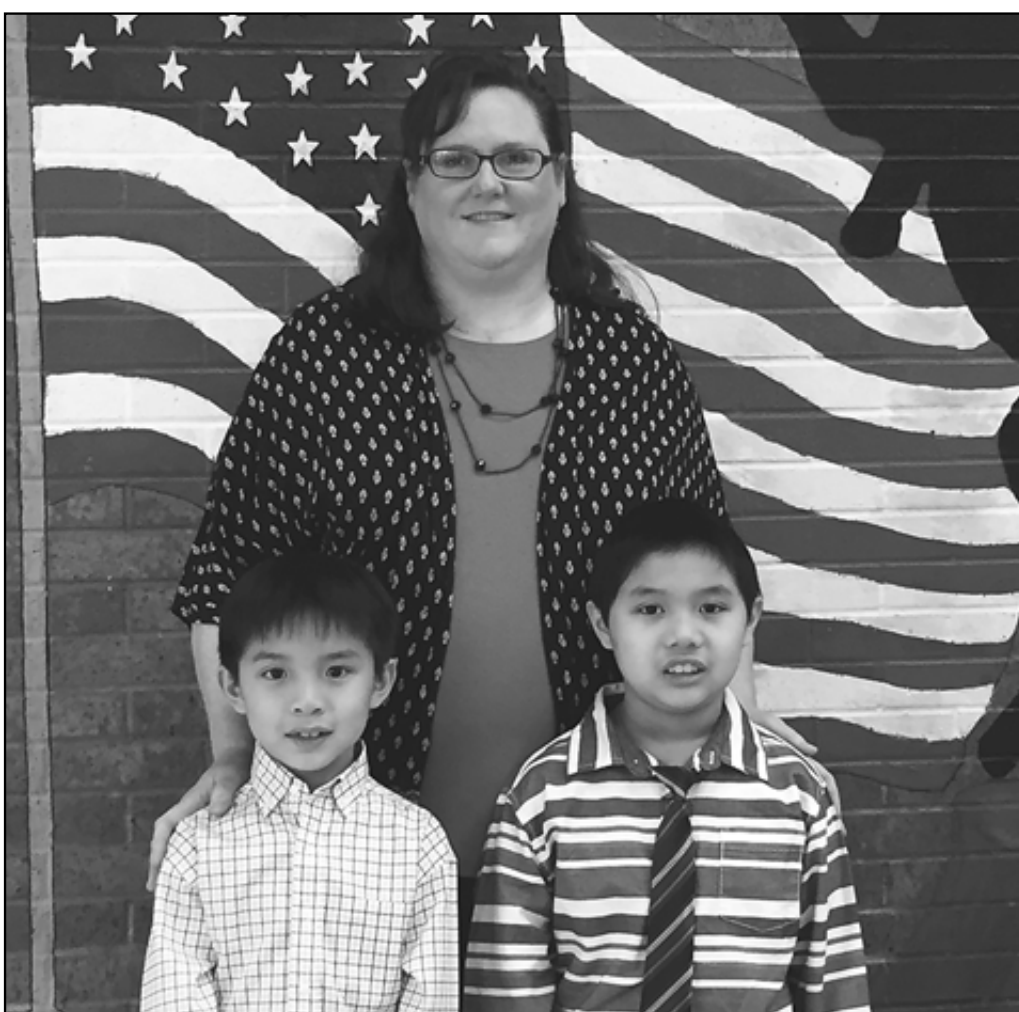
Shaw Middle School Band "Rock-A-Thon" Fundraiser, 4:30 p.m., Feb. 24, at Shaw Gym.

Golden Acres Elementary Second Grade presents Seussical Jr., 6 p.m., Feb. 28, at Golden Acres Cafeteria.

Moore Elementary Kindergarten Texas Program, 6 p.m., Feb. 28, at Moore Cafeteria.

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Stuchbery announces spelling champ



Stuchbery Elementary recently held its annual spelling bee. Nathan Tran was the winner and his cousin John Tran was the runner-up. Both students are in the third grade. Nathan Tran will compete in the

Pasadena ISD district bee. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Nathan Tran, John Tran and (back row) Lauren Nalepa, school librarian.

Photo by Kris Wallis

Nomination window open for CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor

Since 1948, Clear Creek ISD has been the home of outstanding athletes who have gone on to do great things in their careers and for their communities.

For this reason, the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor was created in 2016 and welcomed the first class of inductees on Sept. 23, 2016.

The nomination window for the 2017 class of the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor is open from Wednesday, Feb. 1 through Friday, April 28, 2017.

Due to the high volume of alumni worthy of this honor, nominations are sought annually and encompass a specific era, gradually adding in CCISD high schools in the order they were created.

For the current 2017 nomination season, only nominations for candidates active or enrolled from 1948 to 1972 and whose athletic career was linked to the former Webster High School or Clear Creek High School will be considered.

"It was a privilege to welcome home and recognize the 2016 Athletic Hall of Honor inductees, a group of extraordinary alumni and athletes," said Dr. Lynn Davis who chairs the Hall of Honor committee made up of CCISD employees and community members.

CCISD Director of Athletics Debbie Fuchs added, "We look forward to inducting the next class of remarkable athletes on Friday, Oct. 6, 2017, at Challenger Columbia Stadium."

The nomination package should include the nomination form, a letter(s) of recommendation and any relevant supporting materials such as newspaper clippings, statistics and photographs, for example.

Nominations are due to the following address by April 28, 2017:

CCISD Challenger Columbia Stadium, Attn: CCISD Director Athletics, Debbie Fuchs, 1955 W. NASA Blvd., Webster, TX 77598.

Bonjie Wernecke speaks at NASA Aglow Feb. 9

On Thursday, Feb. 9, Minister Bonjie Wernecke will speak to NASA Aglow on the topic "There is Healing for the Orphan Heart."

The community is invited to come to Praise Chapel at 9:30 a.m. for this event. After a time of worship, Wernecke will speak; then the group will go to a nearby restaurant for fellowship.

Those attending will learn about the orphan spirit and how to get it healed. NASA is part of Aglow International with groups in more than 170 countries around the world.

The group meets every second Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 15817 Hwy. 3 in Webster.

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40 years ago (1977) County Commissioner Tom Bass was the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Kirkwood South and Sagemont civic clubs.

Board members of the Kirkwood Civic Club investigated the possibility of using a citizens' alert program throughout the area as a deterrent to local vandalism and crime.

35 years ago (1982) Construction on a \$2.5 million, 2,500-seat auditorium at Sagemont Baptist Church began.

More than 30 homes in Kirkwood Section 3 off Sagemill had flooded three times in less than a year. Dobie freshman David Dinsmore, 16, died as the result of an accidental shooting in Manvel.

The San Jacinto College board of regents approved preliminary plans for two 50,000-square-foot wings to be added onto the main building at the South campus.

30 years ago (1987) Pasadena Independent School District (PISD) lost the case which had been filed due to alleged discriminatory hiring practices. A jury found the district engaged in disparate treatment against black teacher applicants on the basis of race.

Earl Neal Carter, who had shot his wife, Barbara, more than a year prior, pleaded guilty to attempted murder and aggravated assault of a police officer. Houston arson officials

were investigating a fire at the Sabo Townhomes which left two units severely damaged.

Christopher Ward, a 15-year-old Dobie band student, fell unconscious during class. Teachers began CPR; however, he did not regain consciousness and died later at Memorial Southeast Hospital. His mother, Sheila Halatsis, said he died due to an enlarged heart.

25 years ago (1992) Frank Anderade, 46, was stabbed to death by his wife as he beat her with a metal mop handle. The couple had reportedly stopped at a pub where he consumed a few drinks. As they arrived home on Sagebluff, they began arguing.

Grand jury indictments were expected against a contract employee of PISD for selling district-owned copper and depositing the monies into his personal account.

20 years ago (1997) Dobie all-state band members Daniel Stover, clarinet; Sarah Hughes, bass clarinet; and Carl Walter, trombone, were scheduled to perform at the Texas Music Educator's Association's state convention in San Antonio.

Dobie choir students Matthew Parker and Jennifer Bowman were selected to perform with the all-state choir in San Antonio.

Lockers and vehicles were searched by PISD and Pasadena police officers at South Belt secondary

schools. The sweeps were randomly and periodically done as a deterrent.

15 years ago (2002) Although South Belt community members were concerned about the traffic impact on Blackhawk Boulevard with the opening of the new J. Frank Dobie High School, school officials believed it would be manageable.

The city of Houston police and officials of the Pasadena Independent School District asked for help in identifying a woman who had been getting into schools and stealing credit cards.

10 years ago (2007) 2003 Dobie graduate William Anthony Gutierrez was reported missing. Last seen on Feb. 2 at his residence near Edgebrook and I-45, Gutierrez's disappearance was called mysterious by Texas EquiSearch representatives, who aided in his search.

The McDonald's Texas Invitational high school basketball tournament, founded and chaired by Ben Meador, donated \$165,000 to the Pasadena Independent School District Education Foundation.

House Bill 539 that would allow city and county officials to ban the shooting of fireworks 5,000 feet outside of the city limits was introduced in the 80th Legislature. This would mean that shooting fireworks would be illegal not only in the city of Houston, but throughout most of

South Belt's county area as well.

5 years ago (2012) The body of missing 82-year-old Lillian High was found in a retention pond at Freehill and Kurland near the intersection of Highway 3 and Beltway 8. The body was discovered inside the rental car, a black, four-door Dodge Avenger, High was last known to be driving when she disappeared last October. The car was spotted around 9:30 a.m. by a Houston Police Department dive team, which was training in the pond, as they refocused their search efforts in areas near High's home. High was last seen Oct. 2 around 7:30 p.m. at her home in the 200 block of Outlook in the Arlington Heights subdivision near Edgebrook and Shaver. She was reported missing the morning of Monday, Oct. 3, after she failed to show up for work at the Chase Bank at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway, where she had worked as a part-time teller for 20 years.

The vehicle was found approximately a mile from the bank and on the route from her home. Following High's disappearance, an exhaustive search, including the Laura Recovery Center and Texas EquiSearch, combed the Greater Houston area looking for the missing woman. No foul play was suspected by police.

1 year ago (2016) Two South Belt siblings

were killed early Sunday, Feb. 7, in a house fire that took place in Pasadena. Jesse Walker, 19, and Taylor Walker, 20, were pronounced dead at the scene. Both were Dobie graduates. A local man was killed Saturday, Feb. 6, in an auto-pedestrian accident at the corner of Scarsdale and Beamer. Cedric Roby, 59, was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Roby was attempting to cross the street when he was struck by a vehicle heading north on Beamer. Witnesses said the driver had a green light. No charges were filed.

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Hailey Nicole Tapia, Abigail Louise Taylor, Nathanael Christopher Taylor, Adriana Starshae Thomas, Zaria Shrone Thomas, Taja Imani Tillman, Erick Torres, Katharin Damari Torres, Vy Ngoc Yen Tran, Barbara Vy Tran, Danny Diep Tran, Jacklyn Cattien Tran, Johnny Tran, Kelly Mai-Tram Tran, Tracy Truc-Mai Tran, Vinessa-Vy Nhu Tran and Vivian Tran.

Samuel Trejo, Gilberto Trevino, Linh Huynh Phuong Trinh, Jennifer Truong, Ni Thai Truong, Gabriel Tristan Arcalas Unica, Kimber Sky Vanek, Destinee Irene Vargas, Vanessa Vargas, Julisa Naomi Vasquez, Ashley Vazquez, Jorge Alberto Vazquez, Julio Enrique Vela, Adrian Samuel Velasquez and Diamonndlee Alexandra Velez.

Diana Laura Vidal, Brianna Denise Villanueva, Lam D. Vo, Justin W. Vu, Khoa Manh Vu, Tam Vu, John Patrick Walker, Heaven Allenia Walker-Bullock, Monica Idella Watson, Kiara Julia Wells, Grant Alexander Wilhelm, Daniel Louis Williams, Macy Kate Williams, Vanessa Wanjiku Williams, Samaria Sasha Wilson and Natalie Michelle Zaragoza.

Meador Science Fair 2017 Winners



The 2017 Meador Science Fair winners are, from left to right, peer facilitator Connie Daumas; Ezequiel Villegas, third grade; Sarah Espinal, fourth grade; Xavier Martinez, third grade; Jessica Quiterio, fourth grade; Yaeisshya Ciudad, fourth grade; and Beverly Bolten, principal. These students and their projects will represent Meador at the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair in March.

Photo by Tara Merida

Stuchbery Elementary names honor, attendance rolls

Stuchbery Elementary listed students named to the second nine weeks honor and perfect attendance rolls.

Pre-K Perfect Attendance
Ximena Perez Cruz, Aydyn Davis, Denise Duong, Melenie Garcia, Alex Garza, Christiano Garza, Julie Lam, Izabella Lucero and Allison Quieno Martinez.

Kindergarten Perfect Attendance
Joel Arteta, Fernando Balanta, Layla Chaney, Dylan Chavarria, Kortezy Clay, Caylee Cowart, Ariana Gibson, Naomi Green, Prince Hubbard, Tristan James and Bryce Jost.

First Grade Perfect Attendance
Khai Le, Ronaldo Le, Emma Lopez, Carissa Mendez, Erick Montejano, Alejandro Montes, Khang Nguyen, Mmesoma Nwaodu, Victoria Obregon and Rubio

Second Grade Perfect Attendance
Kevin Alfaro, Judith Andrade, Danna Paola Vazquez Garcia, Stephanie Marquez, Samantha Moreno, Jean Perez and Nathalia Pineda.

Third Grade Perfect Attendance
Benita Abulu, Blessing Akinloye, Abel Antony, Avian Arredondo, Ja'kaelah Brown, Lilianna Cano, Rhiana Charles, Elena Charles, Ploypailin Cheawchan and Jaydon Chilo.

Fourth Grade Perfect Attendance
Benita Abulu, Blessing Akinloye, Abel Antony, Avian Arredondo, Ja'kaelah Brown, Lilianna Cano, Rhiana Charles, Elena Charles, Ploypailin Cheawchan and Jaydon Chilo.

Orantes-Rubio.
Christopher Reyes, Axel Rivas, Jade Rodriguez, Jace Scott, Kingston Steptoe, Ayden Sullivan, Dulce Tenorio, Jessica Tran, Madisen Valdez, Kathryn Williams, and Ashton Wilson.

First Grade Perfect Attendance
Gabriel Rincon, Lason Ray Rivera, Haylise Sanchez, Shai Silva, Reginald Smith III, Brianna Soto, Michael Spray, Adrian Milton Taylor, Tammy Tran, Marco Torres, Natalie Vazquez, Analiese Vela and Angel Vo.

Second Grade Perfect Attendance
Kevin Alfaro, Judith Andrade, Danna Paola Vazquez Garcia, Stephanie Marquez, Samantha Moreno, Jean Perez and Nathalia Pineda.

Third Grade Perfect Attendance
Benita Abulu, Blessing Akinloye, Abel Antony, Avian Arredondo, Ja'kaelah Brown, Lilianna Cano, Rhiana Charles, Elena Charles, Ploypailin Cheawchan and Jaydon Chilo.

Fourth Grade Perfect Attendance
Benita Abulu, Blessing Akinloye, Abel Antony, Avian Arredondo, Ja'kaelah Brown, Lilianna Cano, Rhiana Charles, Elena Charles, Ploypailin Cheawchan and Jaydon Chilo.

Garcia and Frank Gonzales.
Louis Gonzales, Abdalrahman Helal, Anthony Jimenez, Tristan Liceaga, Ra Lopez III, Kristin Madise, Bryan Quieno Martinez, Edgardo Mateo, Gabriela Matias and Isaac Mendez.

Rosalynn Molina, Jada Moore, Harry Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Henry Nunez, Robyn Ndidibueni Oba, Jordan Obregon, Tanya Palomino and Erubiel Perez.

Nelson Rivera, Dario Rodriguez, Carlos Salgado, Julian Salinas, Cielo Sanchez, Yvette Soloya, Nicholi Soto, Jayden Summerlin, Gabriel Swann-Walker and John Tran.

Keyli Vanhouten-Guerrero, Marissa Vasquez, Trae Vela and Dominic Vizcaino.

Third Grade Honor Roll
Benita Abulu, Blessing Akinloye, Xavier Almendarez, Abel Antony, Avian Arredondo, Ja'kaelah Brown, Lilianna Cano, Elena Charles, Rhiana Charles, Pailin Cheawchan, Jayden Chilo, Kordai Clay, James Constance and Devin Curry.

Anthony De La Rosa, Ricardo Delgado, Cheyenne Evans, Anthony Flores, Lexi Galindo, Madison Garcia, Xavier Garcia, Louis Gonzales, Frank Adame Gonzalez, Keyli Vanhouten Guerrero and Abdal Helal.

Anthony Jimenez, Nathan Le, Tristan Liceaga, Rafael Lopez, Kristin Madise, Bryan Martinez, Gabriela Matias, Edgardo Mateo, Isaac Mendez, Rosalynn Molina, Jada Moore and Harry Nguyen.

Tiffany Nguyen, Henry Nunez, Robyn Oba, Jordan Obregon, Tanya Palomino, Erubiel Perez, Matthew Perez, Natalie Rangel, Nelson Rivera and Gio Rodriguez.

Carlos Salgado, Julian Salinas, Yvette Soloya, Cielo Sanchez, Nicholi Soto, Jayden Summerlin, Gabriel Swann, John Tran, Marissa Vasquez, Trae Vela, Gustavo Vitela and Dominic Vizcaino.

Fourth Grade Honor Roll
Rigoberto Alanis, Alphin Antony, Hannah Castillo, Desiree Charles, Adriel Cruz, Daniel Davilla, Kaden Dillard, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Natalia La Goenga and Aden Miranda.

Aiden Narcisse, Huy Nguyen, Nhi Nguyen, Angel Padilla, Annalise Pate, Katherine Sabillion-Velasquez, Bella Sanchez, Tristan Tran and Jaiyah Zeno.

Evans, Anthony Flores, Lexi Galindo, Madison Garcia, Xavier Garcia, Louis Gonzales, Frank Adame Gonzalez, Keyli Vanhouten Guerrero and Abdal Helal.

Anthony Jimenez, Nathan Le, Tristan Liceaga, Rafael Lopez, Kristin Madise, Bryan Martinez, Gabriela Matias, Edgardo Mateo, Isaac Mendez, Rosalynn Molina, Jada Moore and Harry Nguyen.

Tiffany Nguyen, Henry Nunez, Robyn Oba, Jordan Obregon, Tanya Palomino, Erubiel Perez, Matthew Perez, Natalie Rangel, Nelson Rivera and Gio Rodriguez.

Carlos Salgado, Julian Salinas, Yvette Soloya, Cielo Sanchez, Nicholi Soto, Jayden Summerlin, Gabriel Swann, John Tran, Marissa Vasquez, Trae Vela, Gustavo Vitela and Dominic Vizcaino.

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Fourth Grade Honor Roll
Rigoberto Alanis, Alphin Antony, Hannah Castillo, Desiree Charles, Adriel Cruz, Daniel Davilla, Kaden Dillard, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Natalia La Goenga and Aden Miranda.

Moore Science Fair 2017 winners



The 2017 Moore Science Fair winners are, from left to right, (front row) Thalia Oddo, third grade; Dillon Steve, fourth grade; (back row) Victor Chapa, fourth grade; Jaiden Torres, third grade; and

Joselyn Benitez, fourth grade. These students and their projects will represent Moore at the Pasadena Independent School District Science Fair in March.

Photo by Angelica Perez

Bush Elementary honor, merit, etc. rolls announced

Laura Bush Elementary announced students named to the second nine weeks honor, merit and perfect and punctual attendance rolls.

Honor Roll Third Grade
Camilla Arguello, Kayleen Basurto, Thomas Garcia, Jordan Johnson, Cadyn Lagrone, Hania Martin, Hannah Nguyen, Alana Oliver, Ximena Rios, Sophia Sagastizado, Anthony Tinajero and Jolie Trejo.

Fourth Grade
Andrew Castillo, Anthony Dinh, Angelo Elizondo, Codi Hernandez, Michelle Pham, Timmy Pham,

Adam Rocha and Yahir Sanchez.
Merit Roll Third Grade
Daniel Chavez, Darian Diaz, Alyria Galvan, Jose Hernandez, Simon Montemayor, Sebastian Rodarte, Alejandro Serrano, Braden Smith and Angie Tinajero.

Fourth Grade
Addison Idele, Gisele Morgan, Bruce Nguyen Sophi Ontiveros and Isaiah Pineda.
Perfect and Punctual Attendance Kindergarten
Andrew Amezcua, Azaria Alanis, Natalie Bazan, Samuel Bonilla, Deegam Butcher, Ximena

Cabrera, Martin Diosdado, Adeleine Escamilla, Aliyah Francis, Emmamuel Guevara, Adrian Anthony Gutierrez, Noah Holguin, Arianna Lavergne, Mayra Lira, Isabella Martinez, Avery Mediola, Miranda Montemayor, Lyla Morris, Ella Morton, Robert Pheister, Luca Rodriguez, Daniella Saavedra, Ximena Serrano, Scarlet Tavares, Valeria Tinajero and Joaquin Trejo.

First Grade
Weston Barker, Javanni Capuchino, Briana Olvera and Christian Thumann.

Second Grade
Ester Avila, Asiel Basurto, Reggie Cameron, Melanie Chavez, Ashlyn Coleman, Christian Ellis, Hugo Escuadra, Aiden Garza, Victoria Garza, Isaiah Gay, Orlando Gomez, Roberto Gomez, Oscar Hernandez, Amaya Langellier, Edgar Martinez, Stefani Morales, Chloe Mejia, Emely Quijano, Isaiah Rios, Marcus Rodriguez, Eduardo Sanchez, Daniel Tran, Vy Tran and Eduardo Velazquez.

Third Grade
Salah Ben Achour, Camilla Arguello, Kayleen Basurto, Jaidyn Belgrave, Diana Bonilla, Demyan Borjas, Camden Butcher, Joaquin Caballero, Mark Chase,

Daniel Chavez, Jacob Davis, Mayra Gomez, Edward Guerra, Hunter Hamon, Jandel Leon, Abraham Martinez, Angel Martinez, Nicholas Martinez, Zachary Martinez, Isabella Peña,

Fourth Grade
Angelo Elizondo, Amberly Flores, Ke' myra

Green, Codi Hernandez, Addison Idele, Khang Ly, Bruce Nguyen, Elvis Nguyen, Thuy Nguyen, Michelle Pham, Timmy Pham, Diego Rios, Yahir Sanchez and Ulysses Valdez.

Aileen Rivera, Christina Rodriguez, Alejandro Serrano, Angie Tinajero, Anthony Tinajero and De'Quan Washington.

Fourth Grade
Angelo Elizondo, Amberly Flores, Ke' myra

Green, Codi Hernandez, Addison Idele, Khang Ly, Bruce Nguyen, Elvis Nguyen, Thuy Nguyen, Michelle Pham, Timmy Pham, Diego Rios, Yahir Sanchez and Ulysses Valdez.

Aileen Rivera, Christina Rodriguez, Alejandro Serrano, Angie Tinajero, Anthony Tinajero and De'Quan Washington.

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Aileen Rivera, Christina Rodriguez, Alejandro Serrano, Angie Tinajero, Anthony Tinajero and De'Quan Washington.

Fourth Grade
Angelo Elizondo, Amberly Flores, Ke' myra

PARC meeting

The Pearland Area Republican Club's meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Church of Christ annex, located at 2217 N. Grand Blvd.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to the public.

The special guest will be Texas Ranger Val Cenicerros, who will be providing up-to-date news in regards to Texas border security.

PISD fine arts dates set

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Bandy Intermediate Orchestra Concert, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 28, at Bandy. Dobie High School Percussion Concert, 7 p.m., Feb. 28, at Dobie.

Gardens Elementary Music Second Grade Program, 6 p.m., March 2, at Gardens Cafeteria. Fisher Elementary First Grade - Three Nannie Goats Gruff, 6 p.m.,

March 9, at Park View Cafeteria. The J. Frank Dobie High School Theatre UIL One Act Play Public Performance, 3:30 p.m., March 23, at Dobie Auditorium.

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Worship Service • 10:45 a.m.	

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AARP Webster area meeting on Feb. 17

On Friday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m., there will be dancing entertainment by the Classic Cloggers for the Webster area AARP at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (large building with blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on north side of NASA Parkway). Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors. Every two months the group has a pot-

luck lunch. The group also organizes day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next day trip will be a Houston city tour on a double-decker bus on Wednesday, March 15. Lunch will be at Treebeards, followed by a tour of the Houston Police Museum. For those interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. For more information, contact Quin Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

BHI, Thompson in Region XIX Concert



On Jan. 21, students from Beverly Hills Intermediate and Thompson Intermediate performed in the Texas Music Educators Association's Region XIX Orchestra Concert. These students are directed by Ana Payne, Sandra Shaffer, Dan Mullen and Wes Hardy at Beverly Hills; and Mark Varian, Erynn Foreman, James Sky Eagle-Smith and Greg Siegrist at Thompson. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Valerie Martinez, Emma Zapata, Jayla Arenas, Celene Duong, Elias Montez, Tony Bui, Carlos Hernandez-Chavarria, (second row) Megan Rodriguez, Alan Nguyen, DeeAngel Trinh, An-

drew Huynh, (third row) Evan Rodriguez, Christopher Acevedo, Ryan Nguyen, (fourth row) Tony Le, Hailey Vu, Christopher Laygo, (fifth row) Denise Rodriguez, Gail Affalo, Patricia Medina, (sixth row) Emily Gonzalez, Daniel Dinh, Lizbeth Flores, Kloe Smith, (seventh row) Aixa Guerra-Gomez, Husiel Arias, (eighth row) Asher Ridge, June Santillanes, Anthony Ho, (ninth row) Jordan Promise, Ethan Hughes, Zamira Lewis, (top row) Nick Cuya, Alejandro Melendez, Madeleine Bui and Abel Limachi.

Photo by Sandra Leal

Roberts names January Aviators



The Fred Roberts Middle School Aviators for the month of January have been selected. Shown above are, from left to right, Carlos Anaya, fifth grade; Alyson Schwaush, fifth grade; Ivan Martinez, sixth grade; and Sophia Ga-

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Chamber conducts crime meeting

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Chamber of Commerce Chair Marie Flickinger thinks the meeting went well.

"I think we made a lot of gains," Flickinger said. "We used the same procedure to address the homeless issue, and it made a huge difference. I'd like to commend Kroger and Brixmor for stepping up to the plate. I believe these ideas will help greatly. I'd also like to thank (Chamber of Commerce President) Kay Barbour for all of her hard work."

Organizers are planning a follow-up meeting in the coming weeks. See future editions of the *Leader* for additional information.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

Lady Longhorns drop Deer, claim top 22-6A hoops seed

It all came down to this one game, and the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team finished off its best regular season since 2009-2010 with a bang. Four-year starter Jade Giron, playing in her fi-

nal regular season game, had 28 points as the Lady Longhorns defeated Deer Park 53-46, Feb. 7, at Deer Park High School. With the win, Dobie tied the Lady Deer atop the 22-6A standings at 13-

1, with the two teams having defeated one another once each. Following the game, there was a coin flip to decide the top seed in District 22-6A for the playoffs that begin Feb. 13. Dobie won that flip and

will move on as the No. 1 seed, taking on the No. 4 seed out of District 21-6A. From a district record standpoint, the Lady Longhorns' 13-1 finish along with the co-championship is the program's best since the 2009-2010

team went 15-1 in District 22-5A, losing to Deer Park once at home (55-51). Dobie will now face Kingwood, which finished 8-6 in District 21-6A race for fourth place. But Dobie head coach Shane Brown

Dobie girls' basketball vs. Kingwood Mustangs
Monday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.
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Dobie, SoHo swimmers excel at district, beyond

In the big picture, the Dobie swimming program just came up with one of the finest seasons in school history. Meanwhile, South Houston's Alejandro Cruz showed the way for the Trojans, qualifying for a pair of regional finals. At Dobie, the Longhorns landed each of their six relay teams in the regional for the first time in program history. Dobie started its run at the District 22-6A

Championships at Deer Park, with the boys finishing second as a team behind Deer Park. The Lady Longhorns, conversely, finished third behind Deer Park and La Porte. At regionals, each of the school's relay teams bettered their previous best times of the season. Regionals a success There will be no Longhorns headed to the state swimming and diving championships, but

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Soccer programs face big-time matches

Things are going according to plan for the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' soccer teams, with both

having started the District 22-6A playoff chase with perfect 4-0 records and 12 points through the first four matches. However, Dobie faces a big-time

challenge from 22-6A newcomer Deer Park, and it remains to be seen how things will shake out. The Dobie boys' team has taken care of its busi-

ness with wins over Sam Rayburn and Pasadena, both by 1-0 scores. With 12 points in the standings courtesy of the four wins, the Longhorns are out in

front of second-place Deer Park (10 points) and Memorial (9 points), which is third.

In the 22-6A girls' race, the Lady Longhorns downed Pasadena 4-2, Feb. 6 and have also begun the district playoff chase with 12 points, yet so has Deer Park.

The Lady Deer came into the district as the favorite to win this season but struggled early against elite competition. Dobie has no doubt played exceptionally well to this point, and the team is about to see how it stacks up against one of the area's best.

The Clear Brook boys have stumbled a bit in District 24-6A action but have shown to be talented enough to be in the play-

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Dobie boys host Deer Park Veterans, 10 a.m.
Brook girls at Clear Springs Springs, noon
Brook boys host Clear Springs Brook, 2 p.m.



Clear Brook senior midfielder Cobi Morano (20) wins a 50-50 ball against Clear Falls' Alexis Allpio in District 24-6A action. Four matches into the 24-6A race, the Wolverines are having to battle each night for success. As for Dobie, both the boys' and girls' teams are playing very well with big outings against Deer Park coming. Photo by Alia Stromeyer

Franklin/Kramer tennis to honor greats

Bobby Kramer has had his name recently set to be etched in Dobie High School infamy, and perhaps one day Sam Rayburn High School will do the same for Jerry Franklin.

Regardless, both long-time tennis head coaches are again sure to be the topic of conversation at Pasadena ISD's annual Franklin/Kramer Invitational Tennis Tournament, set to play out at Dobie High School and nine oth-

er locations Friday, Feb. 10. The action at Dobie High School is expected to get underway by 9 a.m. At the various locations, varsity tennis players will compete in boys' and girls' A and B bracket singles, boys' and girls' A and B bracket doubles as well as mixed doubles.



Bobby Kramer

Franklin was the long-time head tennis coach at Sam Rayburn High School who was elected to the Texas Tennis Coaches Association in 1995.

Kramer, meanwhile, was

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What a fine recruiting score JFD football has 11 signees

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
Perhaps the 2016 Dobie varsity football season didn't go exactly as planned, but that did nothing to deter the just rewards for 11 and possibly more of the team's senior players. On Wednesday, Feb. 1, National Signing Day across the country, the

Longhorns entertained their largest signing class in school history. Eleven players and their families, the Dobie coaching staff and members of the school's administration were all in on the fun as the players inked their letters of intent, securing their collegiate future after high school graduation.

"It was an incredible and humbling afternoon to see these young men celebrate with their families," said Dobie varsity football head coach Mike Norman, who helped organized the big event. Continued on Page 6B

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Sports Calendar

Pasadena ISD to host Franklin/Kramer Invitational

BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 10

Brook varsity boys host Alvin, 7:00
 Dobie varsity boys host La Porte, 7:00
 Dobie JV boys host La Porte, 5:30
 Brook JV boys host Alvin, 5:30
 Dobie sophomore boys host La Porte, 5:30
 Brook sophomore boys host Alvin, 5:30
 Dobie freshman A boys host La Porte, 4:00
 Brook freshman A boys host Alvin, 4:00
 Dobie freshman B boys host La Porte, 4:00
 Brook freshman B boys host Alvin, 4:00

Tuesday, Feb. 14

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

SOCCKER

Friday, Feb. 10

Dobie varsity girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 8 p.m.
 Dobie JV girls at Deer Park, Abshire, 6:00

Saturday, Feb. 11

Dobie varsity boys host Deer Park, Veterans, 10 a.m.
 Brook varsity boys host Clear Springs, 2:00
 Dobie JV boys host Deer Park, Veterans, noon
 Clear Brook varsity girls at Clear Springs, noon

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Dobie varsity at La Porte, Bulldog, 7:00
 Dobie JV at La Porte, Bulldog, 5:00

TENNIS

Friday, Feb. 10

Dobie varsity at Franklin/Kramer invit., 9 a.m.

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18

Dobie varsity at Spring Fling tourn., Corpus Christi

SOFTBALL

Saturday, Feb. 11

Dobie varsity hosts scrimmage, El Franco, 9 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 13

Dobie varsity hosts Clear Creek, PISD, 6:00
 Dobie JV hosts Clear Creek, PISD, 4:30

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Brook varsity at South Houston, 6:30
 Brook JV at South Houston, 5:00

Thursday, Feb. 16

Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
 Brook varsity at North Shore tourn., TBA

Friday, Feb. 17

Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
 Brook varsity at North Shore tourn., TBA

Saturday, Feb. 18

Dobie varsity at Bryan tourn., TBA
 Brook varsity at North Shore tourn., TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Dobie varsity at Alvin, 6:30
 Dobie JV at Alvin, PISD, 5:00

TRACK AND FIELD

Thursday, Feb. 9

Dobie JV girls at La Porte Invitational, TBA

Friday, Feb. 10

Clear Brook varsity hosts Wolverine Winter Meet, 3:00

Tuesday, Feb. 14

PISD Intermediate girls meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Wednesday, Feb. 15

PISD Intermediate boys meet, Auxiliary, 4:30

Friday, Feb. 17

Dobie all teams at Brown Relays, Auxiliary, 2:30

BASEBALL

Friday, Feb. 10

Dobie varsity at Baytown Sterling scrimm., 3:30
 Brook varsity at Pas. Memorial scrimm., 3:30
 Brook JV hosts Pas. Memorial, scrimm., 6:00
 Brook sophomores host Pas. Memorial scrimm., 4:00

Monday, Feb. 13

Brook varsity hosts Santa Fe scrimm., 4:00
 Brook JV at Santa Fe scrimm., 6:00
 Brook sophomores at Santa Fe scrimm., 4:00

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Dobie varsity at Crosby scrimm, 5:00

Friday, Feb. 17

Dobie varsity at North Shore scrimm., 3:30
 Brook varsity at Manvel scrimmage, 4:30
 Brook JV hosts Manvel scrimm., 6:00
 Brook sophomores host Manvel scrimm., 4:00

Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 23-25

Brook varsity at La Porte tourn., TBA
 Brook JV at Clear Creek tourn., TBA

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 the head tennis coach at Dobie High School from 1977 to 1995.

While the Franklin/Kramer tennis event will feature 38 teams in all, the format boils down to players having individual success.

Dobie's varsity team made the trip to Beaumont for the Lamar University Ron Westbrook's High School Invitational Feb. 4-5. Several of the Dobie players fared well in Beaumont, leaving Dobie

head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. of the mind that his players can have similar success this week.

Boys' singles player Ricky Perez was second in boys' A singles in Beaumont and is looking for a repeat performance, or better, closer to home.

Alex Cuaping played in the boys' B singles bracket in Beaumont, winning the championship. Perhaps he can enjoy the same type of success as well.

"Big" Tommy Nguyen and Steven Phan reached

the quarterfinals in Beaumont, and they, too, have high hopes heading into this tournament.

Among the Lady Longhorns, senior Leilani Vargas was a semifinalist in girls' A singles during the Beaumont trip, and she figures to be one of the team's top hopefuls all spring.

In girls' A doubles, Hellen Le and Tina Ha were quarterfinalists in Beaumont, but Moreno said Ha will play girls' doubles with Vargas at the PISD

event. Bao Nguyen and Emily Nguyen are slated to play girls' B doubles.

Moreno, who is approaching Kramer's stay at Dobie in terms of number of years, is always more than happy to honor those who have helped PISD grow the game of tennis.

Kramer and Franklin have made guest appearances in previous years, and perhaps that will be the case this season.

Regardless, Moreno simply wants to see a

seamless event take place at each of the 10 venues.

"Our kids have been playing well so far this spring, and I think there's a good chance a lot of them can keep their momentum going," Moreno said.

"We have a strong field of teams coming in. I'm

excited to see how it all plays out. I do think it's kind of neat that this year coach Kramer was nominated to the Dobie Hall of Honor.

"He did so many great things to help promote these players and the game of tennis here at Dobie, and I'm just one of

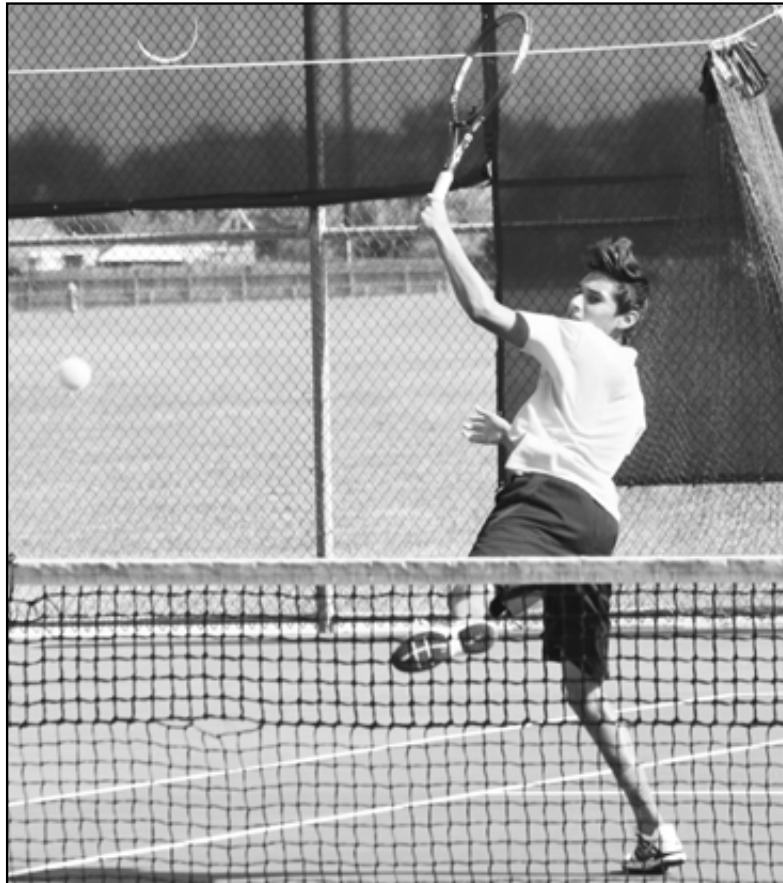
the guys who have tried to help extend some of that success."

Clear Brook is also one of the programs slated to play in the Franklin/Kramer event.

The Wolverines will also be one of the host sites, with play slated to begin at 8:30 a.m.

At right, Dobie varsity boys' tennis player Ricky Perez is coming off a second-place finish at the Lamar University Ron Westbrook's High School Invitational in Beaumont, giving him plenty of confidence as he heads into boys' A singles competition at the Franklin/Kramer Invitational Feb. 10 at 10 different sites across the area. The tournament is in honor of former longtime Sam Rayburn head tennis coach Jerry Franklin as well as Bobby Kramer, the head tennis coach at Dobie High School from 1977 to 1995 who was just last week named to the Dobie High School Hall of Honor class for 2017.

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San Jac women reach national poll

At right, a 10-game winning streak has the San Jacinto College women's basketball team enjoying a stay in the national rankings with the 2017 regular season winding down to the regional tournament. Ariona Gill (12) had 14 points as the Lady Gators defeated Panola 71-60 Feb. 4 for the team's 10th straight win. SJC now sits at 18-5 and in great shape to make a strong push once the Region XIV tournament arrives. Against Panola, Jasmine James led the way with 17 points, and Alexis Jones had 16 points off the bench. In the latest National Junior College Athletic Association national poll, San Jac is ranked 19th.



Dobie, South Houston swimmers stand out at district, regional meets

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 the Dobie team enjoyed plenty of success at the meet regardless.

Having the availability of a consolation bracket certainly helped some of the Dobie teams, but head coach Brad Nguyen said there is no mistaking the success of the Longhorns across the board this season.

"Our program sure has come a long way," Nguyen said. "We are not at the level of getting someone into the top two in the region and getting a state berth yet, but we continue to improve."

"With the realignment of our district and then the overall strength of Region XI, this was probably the fastest regional meet I've seen."

"Sometimes you have a year where the races are top-heavy in terms of the qualifiers and the top of

the list swimmers, but the overall depth of this year's regional meet in terms of performance and times was the best I've seen."

All along, Nguyen figured the Lady Longhorns could do well at district and regionals, and they certainly did that.

The girls' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Francesca Arellano, Madison Caballero, Allie Parker and Rebecca Shaffer, having placed second at district, wound up setting a new school record twice, first in the regional preliminaries and then again in the finals en route to 12th place.

The same four athletes competed for the Lady Longhorns in the 200-yard medley relay. Also second at district, Arellano, Caballero, Parker and Shaffer combined to place 13th at regionals.

In the girls' 400-yard

freestyle relay, the Lady Longhorns employed Lisa Luna, Jenna Rodriguez, Sophia Colmenares and Shaffer in finishing second at the 22-6A Championships and 14th at regionals.

From a regional standpoint, the Dobie boys also stood out in several events. The boys' 200-yard medley relay team of David Lukner, Samuel Parker, Joshua Woernley and Victor Nguyen, which took second at district, parlayed that into a 13th-place finish at regionals.

Dobie's 400-yard freestyle relay group, which included Alford Sears, Brian Sharpe, Daniel Shaffer and Matthew Willhoite at regionals, placed 16th. The group first took second place at the district meet.

And the Longhorns' 200-yard freestyle relay group, made up of Sears,

Sharpe, Shaffer and Willhoite, placed second at the 22-6A meet and then took 10th in the regional meet.

Individually, Dobie's Lukner was the District 22-6A champion in the 100-yard backstroke. At regionals, he went on to place 15th.

SoHo dual shine

South Houston's Alejandro Cruz was the District 22-6A champion in the 200-yard individual medley and placed 12th in the regional finals competition. Second at district in the 100-yard butterfly, Cruz was eighth overall in the regional finals.

Hugo Salazar placed fifth at district in the 100-yard breaststroke and qualified for regionals.

It is often tough for the South Houston program to get athletes qualified for regionals in swimming. Simply put, swimmers have to generally go very

fast to advance. Cruz has continually done that for his school.

"I have no problem saying Alejandro is the best swimmer in the district," Nguyen admitted. "Sometimes he gets overlooked, but there's no question that he had a remarkable season."

"He qualified 10th for regionals and then had to better that spot by two spots to make it to the finals, and he did that. Alejandro has so much to be proud of this season."

JFD at district

Dobie's banner season all came together first at the District 22-6A Championships as the boys' and girls' team scores combined to leave Dobie second behind frontrunner Deer Park.

Aside from the relays, the Lady Longhorns also came up with several great individual efforts.

Parker grabbed the team's top individual finish as she was third in the 100-yard fly, and she was also fourth in the 100-yard backstroke, with Arellano sixth.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Colmenares placed fifth, just one spot ahead of Caballero. Caballero was also fifth in the 50-yard freestyle, and Colmenares placed sixth in the 200-yard individual medley. Shaffer was also sixth in the 200-yard freestyle event.

Among the boys' individual finishers, there was Lukner winning a district title. In addition, Parker was second in the 100-yard breaststroke, with teammate Sharpe fourth in the same event.

Willhoite, taking part in the same 100-yard backstroke event won by Lukner, was sixth.

Parker claimed third place in the 100-yard free-

style, and Woernley was fourth in the 200-yard individual medley.

Lukner also stood out in the 200-yard freestyle, where he was fourth. Nguyen took fifth place in the 50-yard freestyle, and Woernley (fifth) and Nguyen (sixth) excelled in the 100-yard freestyle. Shaffer, meanwhile, was sixth in the 500-yard freestyle.

Dobie is set to lose some key seniors, particularly among the girls' squad. But Nguyen will welcome a very senior-heavy team back for 2017-2018, which could mean more big-time achievements in the pool.

"I'm just proud of the kids and what they have been able to do in the program," Nguyen said.

"All you want is a great effort, and my kids definitely give that for the entire season."



Dobie's 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle relay teams reached regionals this season, bettering their previous best times in both and setting a new school record in the 200-free. Those with Dobie head

coach Brad Nguyen (far left) include, left to right, Francesca Arellano, Madison Caballero, Rebecca Shaffer and Allie Parker. At district, the group placed second in both events.



Alejandro Cruz of South Houston High School certainly cemented his legacy as perhaps the Trojans' top swimmer in generations, reaching the Region XI Championships in two separate events and then placing eighth overall in the 100-yard butterfly.

San Jacinto hoops suffer first defeat

San Jacinto College's dream of an undefeated men's basketball season has ended. Jordan Duffy led San Jacinto with 23 points in the game, and Corey Davis added 18. Kabir Mohammed added 11 points in the game. While the Ravens' hope of an unbeaten season is finished, the team is still very much in control of its own destiny within Region XIV. The Ravens have seven conference games remaining before the start of the regional tournament. San Jacinto is trying to make its way to Hutchinson, Kan., for the national tournament in March.

SJC baseball splits four

Going up against nationally-ranked Chipola and Walters State in Marianna, Fla, the San Jacinto College baseball team split a series of four games. Jacob Cantleberry allowed just one hit over five innings, and Michael Smith homered and drove in a pair as SJC opened with an 8-0 victory over Chipola. San Jacinto's MacGregor Hines went one better in a 5-0 win over Wallace-Dothan, fanning 10 over his five innings of work.

Brook, Dobie set to open high school softball season



The Dobie High School varsity softball team is set to enter the 2017 season with very high hopes, which includes a roster laden with collegiate talent moving forward. As many as five starters have verbally agreed to play collegiately when their high school playing days are complete. The Lady Longhorns open the season Monday, Feb. 13, against Dawson at the Pasadena ISD complex. Above, junior Yvonne Whaley is entering her third season as a starter.

Brook High School Varsity Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 14	at South Houston	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Dayton (Galena Park)	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 16	MacArthur (Galena Park)	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 17	Orangefield (Galena Park)	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	North Shore (Galena Park)	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Elkins (Galena Park)	8:30 a.m.
Feb. 18	Lutheran South (G. Park)	12:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Katy Taylor	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	North Shore (CCISD)	10 a.m.
Feb. 24	Texas City (CCISD)	10 a.m.
Feb. 25	Nederland (CCISD)	10 a.m.
Feb. 25	Woodlands (CCISD)	2 p.m.
Feb. 27	Fort Bend Christian	6:30 p.m.
March 3	*at Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
March 7	*Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
March 10	*Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
March 13	*at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
March 15	*Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
March 21	*at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
March 24	*Dickinson	6:30 p.m.
March 31	*Clear Falls	6:30 p.m.
April 4	*at Clear Creek	6:30 p.m.
April 7	*at Friendswood	6:30 p.m.
April 11	*Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
April 13	*at Clear Springs	6:30 p.m.
April 18	*Alvin	6:30 p.m.
April 21	*at Dickinson	6:30 p.m.

Dobie High School Varsity Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 11	Multi-team scrimmage (El Franco Lee Park)	9 a.m.
Feb. 13	Dawson (PISD)	6 p.m.
Feb. 16-18	at Bryan tourn.	TBA
Feb. 23-25	Pearland tourn. (at Dobie)	TBA
Feb. 28	*West Brook (at Dobie)	4 p.m.
March 3	at Dawson	6 p.m.
March 7	*South Houston (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
March 10	*Sam Rayburn (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
March 11	*Pasadena	11:30 a.m.
March 21	*Deer Park (Dobie)	4 p.m.
March 24	*La Porte (Dobie)	4:15 p.m.
March 28	*at Memorial	4 p.m.
March 31	*at West Brook	6:30 p.m.
April 4	*South Houston (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 7	*Sam Rayburn (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 11	*Pasadena (PISD)	6:30 p.m.
April 13	*at Deer Park	6:30 p.m.
April 18	*at La Porte	6:30 p.m.
April 21	*Memorial (Dobie)	4 p.m.

Area sports, news

Rising Stars track registering

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

Youth Soccer Club online sign up

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

Ima's 5K, K runs Feb. 25

The fourth annual Ima's Home for Children 5K Run/Walk & Kids' 1K, will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, beginning at 8 a.m. on the Campus of Life Church at 9901 Windmill Lakes Blvd. This series of events represents the primary fundraiser for Ima's Home for Children in Angeles City, Philippines. Ima's Home became the vision of lead Pastor Jim Kilgore after he traveled through Manila, seeing just a portion of the 400,000 street children hungry and homeless. His passion and burden led to the creation of this incredible facility. Ima's Home is in its fourth year of operation and currently houses more than 75 children who are housed, clothed, educated and medically cared provided for by a professional staff. Officials are currently in Phase Two of their building program, which will provide room for another 50 to 75 children. To register for the 5K run, go to www.life.cc. Registration is \$35, and the Kids' 1K is \$20. For those who cannot participate but are willing to make a donation, go to www.life.cc.

San Jacinto College softball bats coming alive at right time

Some things still need to be cleaned up in various phases of the game, but the San Jacinto College women's softball team just may be finding its groove heading into the annual SJC Invitational in Pasadena.

The Coyotes split a pair of games against Odessa Feb. 3 and swept Howard in a pair Feb. 4 - all one-run games - and now stand at 5-4 this season.

Pitching and defense remain areas of a bit of concern, but the offense appears to be coming around just fine.

Missy Hernandez went a combined 7 for 7 in the two games against Odessa, and Kaitlin Kerl and Riley Bullen carried much of the load against Howard.

San Jacinto 6 Odessa 5
Hernandez went 4 for 4 with three runs driven in, and Alexis Deleon had a pair of hits as San Jacinto opened its home schedule with a 6-5 win over Odessa.

Kaitlin Rivera pitched into the sixth inning, allowing no earned runs.

San Jacinto 7 Howard 6
Hernandez had three

more hits, giving her 10 for the weekend. She also had two runs batted in, with Bullen, Kerl and Tori Ramirez driving in single runs.

Natalie Hoyt pitched the first three innings, and Gonzalez went the final four to give her a win and a save for the weekend.

Now it's on to the team's second tournament of the season, with more tough competition coming

to town. For San Jacinto, it's all about playing well in all phases of the game.

The pitching, defense and offense have all flashed signs of greatness at times, and there's still plenty of time for it all to come together.

If Hernandez and others stay hot at the plate, and Gonzalez and others keep it rolling in the circle, San Jac could put together a string of wins.

San Jacinto College Invitational Softball

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10-11

at Pasadena Girls Softball Association Fields

Feb. 10 - vs. Hill College, noon; vs. Temple College, 5 p.m.; vs. Murray State Univ., 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 11 - vs. Murray State Univ., 10:30 a.m.; vs. Temple 3 p.m.



At right, several members of the San Jacinto College softball program celebrated the start of the 2017 regular season with the college's Coyote mascot. Those players included, left to right, Madison Neal, Nakilah Robinson, Alexis Deleon, Mackenzie Kotrla, Riley Bullen, Dani Damion, Taylor Office, Shelby Doherty, Dominique Garcia and Katlyn Rivera.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. Public welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971.

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

ABWA - South East Express Network - American Business Women's Association SEEN meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and the cost of \$20 includes networking, lunch and program. February's guest speaker Amy Hart presents "Speaking the Client's Language." Women of all ages/occupations are invited. For more information visit www.seen-abwa.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.

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

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public, second Thursdays, at Victor's, 1425 NASA Pkwy., (next to "space" McDonald's). This is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the Synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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

Al-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each 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 just drop in.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.

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

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

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

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

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

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

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, FEBRUARY 12

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Saturday and

Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.

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

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

Scleroderma Support Group - Do you know someone with scleroderma? Join a support group on the second Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital in Humble. Bring a friend. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.

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 for RSVP for child care.

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

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

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

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

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call 281-480-1911 for details. 11:30 a.m.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 3:15 p.m.

Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's. 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for details. 6 p.m.

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

Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.

Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting - Monday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway, Pearland. Use door near recycling bins. Call 713-865-3668 or visit www.oahouston.org. 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Sagemont Civic Club - Meetings are held the second Monday, 7 p.m., Sagemont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.

Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365. 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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.

CCART - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$35.

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, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. 10:30 a.m.

Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Must have exact cash or a check. For reservations, call Laura Morgan at 281-484-8083. Noon

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

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For details, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com. 1:30 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787. 7 p.m.

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

Houston Space City Lions Club - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Luby's (11595 Fuqua). For details, call George Malone at 281-438-7243.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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.

Carmelites - welcomes all senior citizens in the community to the special travel presentation "Great Trains & Grand Canyons" by George Schmitt from Premier World Discovery, Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m., at St. Bernadette Church (corner of El Dorado and El Camino) in Clear Lake. Carmeliter meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month and are filled with fun, fellowship, and bingo. Anyone age 50 or older may be a member. Day trips and extended trips are available. Call Marilyn Roberts 713-947-2388 for more information. 9:30 a.m.

The Community Club - meets the third Wednesday of the month at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women that helps the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly and disabled people, children and the homeless, and provides a scholarship for a Bridge Over Troubled Water client. Day trips may be scheduled, after which will be a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For information, email jmopry@yahoo.com. 10 a.m.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.

Hometown Heroes Park - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ball-room dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. Call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 5:30 p.m.

StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter - informational monthly meeting about the link of teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. Public is welcome, 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday, Parker Williams Library, Room F, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., 77089. For details, call 281-229-1409. 6 p.m.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in. 6:30 p.m.

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

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Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit www.bayareaturningpoint.org for information. 8 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 10 a.m.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 6 - 8 p.m.

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

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture, music, heritage and language of Texas German immigrants. Meets the third Thursday, monthly, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for details. 7 p.m.

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

Al-Anon (English) - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.

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

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Brook, Lake tied in 24-6A Deer Park deals Dobie hoops costly loss

The Dobie varsity boys' basketball team will enter the postseason as the No. 2 seed out of District 22-6A, while Clear Brook is trying to achieve the same standard in 24-6A.

The Longhorns dropped a 57-49 decision at home Feb. 7 to the Deer Park Deer, ensuring that South Houston (11-1) will win the District 22-6A championship with just two games to go in the regular season.

The reality is that South Houston was likely going to win the crown anyway, but Deer Park's victory over the Longhorns made it official.

Tristan Ikpe had a game-high 19 points for Deer Park, which broke a tie through three quarters with a 17-9 push over the final eight minutes.

Dobie is now 9-3 in league play, with third-place Sam Rayburn at 6-6.

Meanwhile, Clear Brook bounced back from an 18-point loss to Clear Lake to defeat Clear Springs 67-48.

Dickinson will win the District 24-6A crown, and Clear Brook is tied

with Clear Lake at 9-3 for second place. Clear Lake and Brook have split wins

this season against one another. Brook has remaining regular-season games

against Alvin at home and against Dickinson on the road.



Deer Park guard Dylan Bradshaw (3) draws a double team from Dobie's Justin Thomas (center) and Jeremy Williams (11) during the Deer's 57-49 victory over the Longhorns Feb. 7, at Dobie. The Longhorns' loss clinched the 22-6A crown for South Houston with two games left. Photo by Nick Tamayo

Bidistrict: Lady Longhorns to face Kingwood

Continued from Page 1B cautioned against seedings meaning anything of value once the playoffs start. He knows the Dobie varsity boys' team made its way to the Region III semifinals a season ago out of a No. 4 slot. He simply wants his team to take Kingwood seriously.

"You have to believe Kingwood was battle-tested every night, and they have four seniors and seven juniors. That's a deep lineup of experience," Brown said.

"When the playoffs start, you cannot overlook anyone. You just have to bring it. Just bring it. We feel like we got a good taste of a playoff-like at-

mosphere at Deer Park, so hopefully that will help us moving forward against Kingwood. Our goal at this point is to go as deep into the playoffs as we can. That being said, we will worry about the second round when it gets here."

Adjustments beat DP
Brown said Dobie came away disappointed after the 57-47 first-round loss to Deer Park, and vowed to make amends. Did Dobie ever.

Dobie held Deer Park to 13 first-half points to take a 20-13 lead at the break. Deer Park closed to within four points late, but Giron made eight straight free throws to help

seal the deal. Brown also credited Victoria Onozie with defending Deer Park post Jaya George, holding George to just 10 points.

"The kids played hard all season, and last night was no exception," Brown said. "We knew Deer Park would be tough to handle on their floor with those great fans, and we came to play."

"We made some subtle adjustments on defense and preached patience on offense. We were able to execute very well for the most part, and eight different players scored for us."

"Victoria Onozie made four free throws and had no field goals, but her defensive job on George was a big factor in us winning the game."

"Coaches coach. Players play. It's that simple. All of the credit for this win goes to those girls out there on the court."

Flip goes Dobie's way
Having previously agreed to flip a coin for the top seed if Dobie defeated Deer Park, Brown used a "lucky" quarter to earn his team an edge.

As he drove across the Beltway 8 tollway, he received a quarter as change. He kept that quarter, handed it to Dobie principal Franklin Moses for safe

keeping, then ensured it heads, and the coins came was used to decide the up tails. Brown still has top seed. Deer Park chose the quarter in tow.

District 22-6A Standings Varsity Girls' Basketball

(Final as of Feb. 8)

Teams	W	L
Dobie	13	1
Dobie	13	1
West Brook	10	4
Memorial	6	8
South Houston	5	9
Sam Rayburn	5	9
La Porte	3	11
Pasadena	0	14

Soccer teams brace; slate to toughen up

Continued from Page 1B offs. Yet after a 2-1 setback against Clear Lake Feb. 7 at Challenger Stadium, the Wolverines are at 1-2-1 in what has become a very competitive District 24-6A race.

League favorite Dickinson has 10 points courtesy of a 3-0-1 record, while Friendswood is second with eight points at 2-0-2.

Three teams - Clear Lake, Clear Springs and Clear Creek - have six points, with Clear Brook and Alvin having collected four points through four games.

Dobie girls stand at 4-0
Granted, the upcoming road game against Deer Park Feb. 10 will be tough, but it's certainly not the end of the district race regardless.

In Dobie's latest two wins, the goals and assists have come from a variety of players.

Dobie defeated Sam Rayburn 6-1 in what was possibly the team's best overall performance this season.

Alex Magana, Lauren Escobar and Lesly Garcia

each scored two goals in the win. Assists came from Emily Hernandez with two and single assists from Escobar, Magana, Kimberli Izaguirre and Zithlali Medrano.

As important as that win was, the Lady Longhorns came up with another big one Feb. 6.

Going against a Pasadena team that pushed Dobie to the final game of the regular season for a playoff spot, Dobie again came up with a key win by a 4-2 count.

Garcia led the way with a pair of goals, and Laly Medrano and Magana also scored, with assists coming from Hilary Bazaldua, Garcia, Magana and Izaguirre.

To this point, Dobie is getting big plays from those who step on the field. Against Deer Park, a crucial mistake by either team could mean the difference in a win or loss.

Yet at 4-0, the Lady Longhorns have to love where they stand. Bring on Deer Park.

Dobie boys also 4-0
Dobie varsity boys' head coach Justo Manrique warned that this year's Dis-

trict 22-6A playoff race could be the tightest in recent memory.

It certainly appears that way. Dobie (4-0) and Deer Park (3-0-1) are about to play for the lead in the district race, with Pasadena Memorial right there.

Dobie has a district winning streak of more than two seasons to protect, but the most important thing is holding on to the lead as the race soon reaches the halfway point.

The Longhorns also have two remaining games against Memorial, so things are about to get interesting.

Sabino Lozano and Edwin Saldivar have led the way to this point, with other key performers stepping up at key moments.

At this point in the season, it's all about collecting three points for a win in the standings.

For the Dobie girls' and boys' teams, the 22-6A race has gone according to plan, but there's plenty more to determine just which teams prevail.



Senior midfielder Amin Mizyed (11) moves upfield against a Clear Falls defender during District 24-6A action. The Wolverines defeated the Knights but now have dropped consecutive league games. Photo by Alta Stromeyer

National signings: 11 Longhorns find collegiate homes

Continued from Page 1B travaganza, complete with cake and refreshments.

"The families had a good, front-row seat, and it was nice to see that the sacrifice that these parents and some of the faculty members have made pay off for these young men."

Norman began hammering home the importance of a solid education from the moment he arrived between the 2014 and 2015 seasons.

He credited Dobie assistant coach and staff recruiting coordinator Kenneth Foster with playing a big role in the process on behalf of the players.

It's been said time and time again, but a young athlete's collegiate opportunities are severely hampered or extinguished all together without the benefit of solid grades.

Obviously, these young men took the message to heart. "The first thing a lot of these recruiting representatives want to see is that transcript," Norman said. "Without that, there's really no place to start."

"We tell these guys that it's all about the education. Yes, it's great to have the opportunity to play football collegiately, but at the end of the day it's all about getting a quality education. These guys, and possibly even more, are going to get that chance."

There are no big-time

NCAA Division 1 names on the list of destinations for the Dobie athletes, but that doesn't matter. The most recognizable colleges include Hardin-Simmons University and Tarleton State University.

Three Dobie class of 2017 graduates are headed to Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo.,

Two Longhorns are off to Hardin-Simmons University, and two more will attend Nichols University in Dudley, MA.

"We've always told our guys, including the future high school graduates, that if you aim to do the right thing, combine that with hard work and sacrifice in and out of the classroom, there are colleges all over America who will extend you an opportunity," Norman said.

"And there is a combine coming up in a couple of weeks. We may see a couple of more guys get a chance to keep playing."

Among those who signed on the dotted line Feb. 1 were:
Keith Armstead, Jacoby Davis and Jeremy Davis (Missouri Southern State University) Located in Joplin, Mo., Missouri Southern State University is an NCAA Division II program.

The Lions went just 2-9 during the 2016 season but are looking for a return to winning ways in 2017. The Dobie trio is intent on

helping out immediately. Head coach Denver Johnson will enter his third season with the Lions at the start of the 2017 campaign, and he and his staff announced the arrival of 57 signees on national signing day, including the Dobie trio.

Missouri Southern went 1-10 in Johnson's first season in 2015 and improved by a game last season.

But with a solid stable of talent coming in for 2017 and beyond, the Lions have to like their chances in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Conference.

Jeremy Davis was a part-time starter at quarterback in 2015 at Dobie and became the full-time starter in 2016.

His twin brother, Jacoby, was a receiver at the varsity level but battled injuries both seasons. Both are also currently members of Dobie's varsity boys' basketball team.

When the Longhorns' basketball season ends, the Davis twins will look to excel in track and field, where they have been standouts on the summer circuit as well as at Dobie.

In 2016, Jeremy Davis was a Region III qualifier. Armstead figures to give Missouri Southern help on the defensive front beginning next season.

He was arguably the Longhorns' most consis-

tent defensive lineman as a senior, where he was a second team all 22-6A selection.

Westley Crooms and Breon Simmons (Hardin-Simmons University) Located in Abilene, Texas, the Hardin-Simmons program has had a great deal of success in the NCAA Division III ranks in recent years.

The Cowboys finished at 9-2 in 2016, losing in the first round of the Division III playoffs to Linfield College.

A member of the American Southwest Conference, the Cowboys are re-loading for another strong run in 2017, and Simmons and Crooms could help right away.

Simmons is a receiver who should also be able to contribute on special teams. Crooms, a defensive back, will bid for time in the Cowboys' secondary.

Simmons is the fourth brother in his family to have graduated from Dobie, joining Chad Johnson (2011) as well as former Longhorn football players Anthony Simmons Jr. (2012) and Darius Simmons (2015).

Kyle Saunders and Broderick Martin (Nichols College) Nichols College of Dudley, Mass., competes in the NCAA Division III ranks as part of the New England Football Conference.

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