

### E-recycling event canceled

The City of Houston's monthly electronic recycling event originally scheduled to take place Saturday, Feb. 12, was canceled due to staffing issues associated with COVID-19.

The collection events will resume March 12, taking place from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport. For additional information, visit [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) or call 311.

### SMF holds annual meeting

In accordance with its bylaws, the Sagemont Maintenance Fund (formerly known as the Sagemont Maintenance Committee) will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer and Hughes Road.

The meeting will be held to discuss SMF business and to elect two new directors.

### Major closures planned

There will be a total closure of all eastbound and westbound connector ramps from Beltway 8 to Interstate 45 nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Jan. 28.

Eastbound motorists should continue east on the main lanes of Beltway 8; exit Genoa Red-Bluff; continue on frontage road to the Genoa Red Bluff intersection; then U-turn to the westbound Beltway 8 to the I-45 intersection.

Westbound motorists should continue west on the main lanes of Beltway 8; exit Sabo; continue west on frontage road to the Sabo intersection; then U-turn and travel east on Beltway 8 to I-45 intersection.

### Kirkwood holds meeting

The Kirkwood Civic Club's January meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes. Meetings are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of the month.

For more information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

### COVID cases continue

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt at press time was roughly on par with the previous week, according to statistics from the Harris County Public Health officials.

As of Tuesday, Jan. 25, there were 11,237 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866) — up 565 from the previous week. Of those, 2,626 remain active — the same figure reported the previous week. To date, 105 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), there were 8,271 confirmed cases, up 453 from the previous week. Of those, 2,002 remain active, up 272 from the previous week.

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there were 7,926 confirmed cases, up 447 from the previous week. Of those, 1,595 remain active, up 288 from the previous week.

To date, 79 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 80 deaths the previous week.)

According to Harris County officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there have been 798,961 total confirmed cases, up 38,067 from the previous week. Of those, 631,387 have recovered from the disease, while 160,656 cases remain active, up 4,934 from the previous week. A total of 6,880 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-16-Coronavirus](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-16-Coronavirus).

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

Two outside northbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from West Medical Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday, May 5.

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, May 22.

The northbound entrance ramps from both FM 519/Main Street and FM 1765/Texas Avenue in La Marque will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the next available northbound entrance ramp.

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

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### Beltway closures planned

Two northbound frontage road lanes and two southbound frontage road lanes on Beltway 8 will be closed at SH 225 nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, Feb. 9.

At least one eastbound frontage road lane and one westbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed from Kirby to Bellfort daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Feb. 7.

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

## Local groups host pair of candidate forums

### All candidates running for Pct. 2 commissioner and Pct. 2, Pl. 2 J.P. invited to attend

In an effort to familiarize voters with candidates running for office in the 2022 Harris County primary elections, a group of local homeowners associations, led by the Sagemont Civic Club, will host a pair of candidate forums at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer.

One forum will feature candidates seeking the position of Precinct 2 commissioner, while the second forum will include candidates seeking the position of Precinct 2, Place 2 justice of the peace.

"We need all candidates to participate to provide voters the opportunity to evaluate all of the contenders answering the same questions," said Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour, the event's chief organizer.

All candidates in both parties in each race have been invited to attend.

Set to take place Tuesday, Feb. 1, the first forum will feature candidates seeking the position of Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner. A

meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the forum starting promptly at 7 p.m.

There are eight candidates vying for the position of Precinct 2 County Commissioner, including three Democrats and five Republicans.

Democrat candidates include incumbent Adrian Garcia, George Risner and Gary Harison.

Republican candidates include former precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman, John Manlove, Richard Vega, Daniel Jason and Jerry Mouton.

All of the candidates were invited to participate in the forum. All candidates but Jason responded. Mouton was the only candidate who declined to participate. At press time, Garcia was tentative.

Organizers said that candidates who do not take part in the event will still have a chance to answer the same questions and have their answers posted on Facebook following the forum.

Scheduled to take place Thursday, Feb. 10,

the second candidate forum will feature candidates seeking the of Precinct 2, Place 2 justice of the peace position being vacated by Risner in his attempt to become Precinct 2 commissioner. A meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the fo-

rum starting promptly at 7 p.m.

Two candidates are seeking the position, including Dolores Lozano and Blaise McClure — both Democrats. No Republicans filed to run for

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## Scarsdale bridge set to reopen

At press time, the Scarsdale bridge at Beamer was tentatively scheduled to reopen Tuesday, Feb. 1, according to Harris County Flood Control District officials.

The bridge was temporarily closed this past October so that channel improvements could

be made under the intersection. The Mud Gulley Channel Conveyance Improvements Project, also known as the Beamer Ditch Project, the county endeavor will provide concrete lining on the area ditch from Sagerock to near Dixie Farm Road.

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## Risner launches 2022 election campaign

Longtime area judge George Risner has officially launched his 2022 campaign to unseat Adrian Garcia as Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner. (See related letter to the editor in the Jan. 20 edition of the *Leader*.)



George Risner

Risner currently serves as Harris County Precinct 2, Place 2 justice of the peace, a position he has held since 1987.

"Risner is running for commissioner to create a difference in the Precinct 2 community by making neighborhoods safer, the criminal justice system more fair and the county's budget fiscally sound," the letter to the editor read.

A lifetime resident of Precinct 2, Risner was first elected to Galena Park City Council when he was

just 19 years old, seeking to improve recreation in his community.

At his current position, Risner presides over both criminal and civil cases, including traffic, public health, small claims and occupational driver's license hearings.

It is this variety of expertise that Risner says makes him the most viable candidate for the position.

"Risner's years of service as justice of the peace give him a unique perspective and knowledge of Precinct 2 and its needs," the letter to the *Leader* stated.

Risner said he felt compelled to run after seeing firsthand how the court system is failing under the current Democratic leadership.

"Over the last three years, I've watched my opponent, with the help of two others, almost destroy the Harris County justice system," said Risner. "Someone has to stop this from happening."

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## Chamber gala scheduled for Feb. 18

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will host its annual gala Friday, Feb. 18, at the Palms Banquet and Event Center, located at 15301 Gulf Freeway near FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road.

Now in its 36th year, the event is titled *Friday Night Fever* and will have a disco theme.

The last two chamber banquets have been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As the infection rate has recently increased, event organizers said they considered canceling this year's event, too, but chose not to, in part, because the location had already been financially secured.

Each year, the annual event honors a chamber member of the year and a citizen of the year.

Nominations for both categories may be submitted to [southbeltchamber.com/annual-gala](http://southbeltchamber.com/annual-gala).

The new chamber board members are also officially sworn in at the yearly function.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from \$800 to \$1,500.

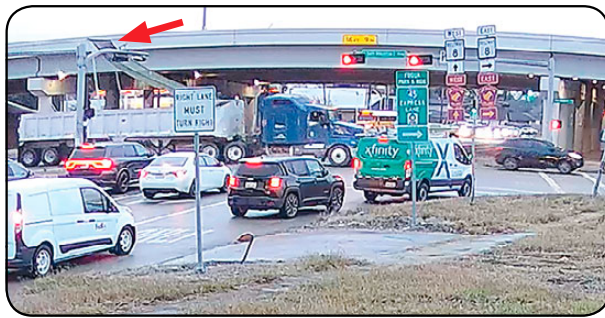
The Disco Inferno sponsorship package is available for \$800 and includes a table for eight; name recognition on all promotions; 10 drink tickets; name on event signage; name listing in event program; and name listing on chamber event page.

The Stayin' Alive package is available for \$1,500 and includes a table for eight; name recognition on all promotions; 10 drink tickets; half-

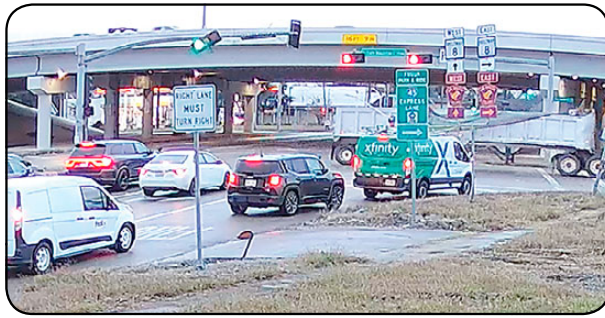
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## Leader cameras record crash

The *Leader* recently installed a new digital camera system that records all traffic at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Beamer. The new systems will allow the newspaper to have footage of all accidents that take place at the area intersection — determined by state statistics to be one of the 10 most dangerous in the entire state. One such accident took place early Monday, Jan. 24, when a truck shown below struck a traffic light at the intersection.



The top photo shows the truck as it passes through the intersection. A part of the truck's trailer (indicated by the red arrow) has come loose and strikes the traffic light that is hanging above the intersection. The bottom photo shows the truck as it leaves the intersection, having caused the traffic light to twist. The green traffic light in the bottom photo should be facing the other direction for eastbound drivers to see. The *Leader* has offered the surveillance footage to police. No identifying markings can be seen on the truck.



## Final look back at 2021 — a year to remember

The *Leader* 2021 Year in Review is continued from the previous issue. Stories up to Oct. 1 can be found in the Jan. 20 edition of the *Leader*.

Oct. 7

Five people were arrested the night of Sunday, Oct. 3, during what police described as a "street takeover" at the intersection of Dixie Farm Road and Beamer. According to officials from the Houston Police Department, officers responded to the incident at approximately 9 p.m. to find that a group of drivers had completely blocked off the intersection by parking their vehicles and leaving them unoccupied, allowing other drivers to do donuts and perform other stunts. As police arrived at the scene, the drivers in the parked

cars attempted to run to their vehicles and flee but were detained instead. At least one participant posted a video of the takeover to YouTube.

Two fatal auto-pedestrian crashes took place within blocks of each other in a two-day period near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. The first accident took place about 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, in the 9200 block of Clearwood Drive, while the second crash occurred around 2 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, in the 10700 block of the Gulf Freeway. In both cases, the drivers stayed at the scene and showed no signs of intoxication. No charges were immediately filed in either case.

Oct. 14

A grand opening ceremony was held Friday,

Oct. 1, for San Jacinto College's new EDGE Center, to be located adjacent to the Houston Spaceport. While San Jacinto students began using the new facility in 2020, the grand opening event was delayed due to restrictions associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The center will provide workforce training for jobs in the aerospace industry, including aerospace structure technician, aerospace electrical technician, composite technician, industrial automation technician and aerospace quality technician.

Oct. 21

Two fatal shootings took place at the same apartment complex near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway within four days of each other. The first

incident took place Friday, Oct. 8, in the 10900 block of Nathaniel. The victim was identified as Xavier Henderson, 28. The second shooting involved 24-year-old victim Sedrick Jones, who lived at the same complex. No immediate arrests were made in either shooting.

A man was fatally shot Sunday, Oct. 17, in the 9900 block of Bessemer. Adrian Delarosa was pronounced dead at the scene after being shot multiple times in a drive-by shooting at the above address. No immediate arrests were made.

Oct. 28

Deputies with the Harris County Precinct 2

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## Home COVID-19 testing now free

The Biden Administration recently launched a new website, [covidtests.gov](http://covidtests.gov), where residents can order four rapid antigen COVID-19 tests.

According to the website, orders are expected to ship within seven to 12 days, meaning residents may want to request them before feeling symptoms.

Testing is an important tool to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Public health experts

and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that Americans use at-home tests if they begin to have symptoms, at least five days after coming in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or are gathering indoors with a group of people who are at risk of severe disease or unvaccinated.

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## Spaceport gets \$10M in state grants

Gov. Greg Abbott recently announced \$10 million in trust fund grants associated with the Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport.

Of the \$10 million in grants, \$5 million will go to the Houston Spaceport Development Corporation, while the remaining \$5 million will go to the Cameron County Spaceport Development Corporation.

Administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism, the Spaceport Trust Fund is a financial tool to support the development of infrastructure necessary for establishing a spaceport in the state of Texas. The 87th Legislature appropriated \$10,000,000 in funds in fiscal year 2022 to provide grants, disbursed on a cost-reimbursement basis, to help support the creation of quality jobs and attract continuing investments that will strengthen the economic future of the state.

"For decades, Texas has been a trailblazer in space technology and we are proud to help cultivate more innovation and development in this

growing industry in Cameron and Harris County," said Abbott. "This investment in the Cameron County and Houston Spaceport Development Corporations will create even more economic opportunities for Texans across the state and continue our legacy as a leader in space technology."

Awarded through an application process and disbursed on a cost-reimbursement basis, Spaceport Trust Fund grants are available to any spaceport development corporation which has secured a viable business entity if that entity is capable of launching and landing a reusable launch vehicle or spacecraft and intends to locate its facilities at the development corporation's planned spaceport in the state.

A reusable launch vehicle is defined as a vehicle intended for repeated use that is either built to operate in or place a payload into space or is a suborbital rocket.

In June 2019, officials from the City of Houston officially broke ground on Phase 1 of the

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## Spaceport moving forward



The Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport is slowly moving forward, with the center's first dedicated office space now being fully leased out with no available space. Gov. Greg Abbott recently announced \$10 million in trust fund grants associated with the facility, one of only 10 approved in the nation. An artistic rendering of the future Houston Spaceport is shown above.

# In My Opinion

## Jackson shares thoughts on issues

We've all heard the old advice that, before judging someone, it would be good to "Walk a mile in their shoes." I believe this is still worth considering today.

Regardless of which side of the political spectrum we are on it might help us to try to look from the other side. Perhaps a good place to start could be to swap positions regarding January 6 at The Capital.

Let's assume, for the sake of this idea, that "The Left" view it as violent, destructive, instigated by Donald Trump and carried out by his followers. Moreover, that those responsible should be called out, tried, and punished accordingly.

Therefore, the question to them is: Would they continue to hold these beliefs and outrage if the roles were reversed and it was a Democratic lead-

er urging their "Left" followers to do the very same things?

Conversely, what if the Trump and Confederate flags had instead been Antifa and Black Lives Matter flags and the flag bearers did the same things as happened a year ago. Now the question: Would those presently on "The Right" continue to defend the participants actions and summarily dismiss the violence and destruction as that of a few misguided individuals? Would they continue to say, "Yeah, but that was then, and this is now, so we should just put it behind us and move on."

As the New Year offers a new beginning, maybe we could take a minute, "put on the others' shoes and walk that mile."

If we can try to understand each other on this, maybe we can come together on other things and begin to heal our differences. And our country.

**Ed Jackson**

## Dobie co-op hosting job fair

Local businesses are invited to participate in Dobie High School's Job Fair Wednesday, Feb. 16 in the school's gymnasium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Employers will have access to hundreds of high school students seeking opportunities in a variety of job markets. On-site interviews are welcomed and Dobie instructors will also be there to help establish connections. To get involved, contact Shane Brown at rbrown@pasadenaisd.org or call him at 713-740-0370 x 04350.

## Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.

### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingsport. For information, visit <https://houstonlibr.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibr.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580.

Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.

### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> or call 832-927-7870.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

### Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.

Have a library card number and PIN handy.

A pickup time and instructions will be given.

Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.

Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are: Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sundays. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Mean Girls Trivia. The limit does not exist on how much fun a person can have at Mean Girls Trivia. To register, all adults will sign up with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>.

Friday, Jan. 28, 5 p.m. Anime. Log onto <https://www.facebook.com/parkerwilliamslibrary> to watch Episode 30: Brotherhood.

# Local mayors endorse Bob Mitchell

A group of nine local leaders, including eight mayors and the mayor pro-tem of Houston, have endorsed Bob Mitchell, a proven conservative and trusted community leader, for Texas Senate District 11. The nine leaders have worked extensively with Bob in his mission to find the jobs of the future and bring them home to Southeast Texas and to create the education and job training opportunities to support those jobs.

"I am honored to have the endorsements of these passionate, dedicated public servants who understand the value of local leadership in sustaining and building upon the economic strength of the Gulf Coast and its crucial importance in the ongoing success of our state as a whole," Bob Mitchell said. "Bob Mitchell is by far the best qualified candidate for SD 11," said Michel Bechtel, Mayor of Morgan's Point. "No other candidate can truly claim the firsthand knowledge and leadership Bob has provided to the people in SD 11."

"Bob Mitchell gets things done!!!" said Pat Hallisey, Mayor of League City.

- Mike Bechtel, Mayor of Morgan's Point.
- Shawn Findley, Mayor of El Lago.
- Mike Foreman, Mayor of Friendswood.
- Pat Hallisey, Mayor of League City.
- Carl Joiner, Mayor of Kemah.
- Jon Keeney, Mayor of Taylor Lake Village.
- Dave Martin, Mayor Pro-Tem of Houston.
- Kurt Otten, Mayor of Clear Lake Shores.
- Louis Rigby, Mayor of La Porte.
- A strong conservative,

"Out of the diverse field of four candidates who are running for the District 11 senate seat, Bob Mitchell is, by far, the most qualified," said Mike Foreman, Mayor of Friendswood. "He has over 20 years of economic development leadership in the district where he has lived his entire life. The companies, jobs, and educational opportunities that he has helped bring to District 11 have improved all of our lives. Voting for Bob is voting for the continued economic growth of District 11."

The leaders endorsing Mitchell include:

- Michel Bechtel, Mayor of Morgan's Point.
- Shawn Findley, Mayor of El Lago.
- Mike Foreman, Mayor of Friendswood.
- Pat Hallisey, Mayor of League City.
- Carl Joiner, Mayor of Kemah.
- Jon Keeney, Mayor of Taylor Lake Village.
- Dave Martin, Mayor Pro-Tem of Houston.
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- A strong conservative,

Bob stands for limited and effective government, local control, the sanctity of life, and the importance of securing our border and protecting our ports.

Bob has been president of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership since 2007, playing an active role in creating and sustaining the region's success. He oversaw Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program, promoted the creation of the Houston Spaceport at Ellington, and worked to support Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base through BAH-EP's Ellington Task Force. Recognizing the need for local training programs to fill those jobs of the future, Bob also helped to develop and implement training pipelines on the high school, junior college, and college levels.

As a lifelong resident of District 11, Bob knows what makes this such a special place in which to live and work, and he is running for office to fight for the people whose hard work makes the Gulf Coast the heartbeat of Texas' success.

Bob is a father and a grandfather, and lives with his wife, Joan, in Pearland.

## Donna Shotwell Bullard



Donna Shotwell Bullard, daughter of the late Bill and Louise Shotwell was born July 29, 1949, in Hollywood, Fla.

Her family moved to Houston at a young age. She attended the public schools of Harris County and was a graduate of Jesse H. Jones High School.

Donna suddenly departed this life Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, while working at the restaurant, Dixie Deli, that she and David opened 15 years ago. She was united in holy matrimony to Charles David Bullard, on Oct. 15, 1976. Soon after they married,

# Deaths

Words cannot describe how much she will be missed.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her siblings William W. Shotwell; Harold L. Bullard and wife Cindy; Tommy Bullard and wife Donna; Gary Bullard and wife Louise; Becky Bullard Franklin and husband Jim; and Susan Bullard Rodgers. She was loved by many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her sister Linda Annett Shotwell; father-in-law Thomas H. Bullard; and mother-in-law Mildred M. Bullard.

## County: Scarsdale bridge scheduled to reopen Feb. 1

Future plans call for also closing the bridge at Astoria Boulevard. At press time, no dates were available for this. For additional information on the project and the county's traffic control plan, visit [www.hcfd.org/Mud-Gully](http://www.hcfd.org/Mud-Gully).

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the Leader are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the Leader style.

## Estate Sale

Lots of household items, decor and furniture.

Fri. Jan. 28th 8-12  
Sat. Jan. 29th 8-12

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# Biden adminisratin hosts free home COVID-19 testing now

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To help ensure Americans have tests on hand if a need arises, the Biden Administration is purchasing one billion at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests to give to Americans for free. A half-billion tests will be made available for order on Jan. 19 and were mailed directly to American households.

There will be free tests available for every household, and to promote broad access, the initial program

will allow four free tests to be requested per residential address.

The administration also launched a call line to help those unable to access the website to place orders, and work with national and local community-based organizations to support the nation's hardest-hit and highest-risk communities in requesting tests.

Also, the administration announced that private health insurance companies will be required to cover at-home COVID-19 tests for free – and made an additional 10 million monthly COVID tests available to schools nationwide.

There are many other options for South Belt residents to get tested for COVID-19.

### City of Houston

Houston Health Department-affiliated COVID testing sites are open across the city with capacity to test at least 19,000 people daily. Although demand is up, none of the sites have closed this week due to capacity. The department is monitoring demand and plans to scale up capacity if needed.

One can visit [houstonhealth.org](http://houstonhealth.org) or call 832-393-4220 to find a free testing site. If individual sites reach capacity, the website will update.

This week's schedule includes 28 free testing sites consisting of health department multi-service centers, Curative kiosks and United Memorial Medical Center sites. Getting tested or vaccinated at Houston Health Department-affiliated sites is free and does not require

proof of residency, citizenship or insurance.

Testing and vaccination schedules are updated weekly at [houstonhealth.org](http://houstonhealth.org). Call 832-393-4220 for assistance finding nearby free sites.

Health Department-affiliated sites are not the only places people can get tested for COVID-19. Testing is available at most doctor offices and many pharmacies, in addition to many independent providers across the city.

### Harris County

Adults and children can be infected with COVID-19 without having symptoms but are still contagious. One should get tested if they are experiencing symptoms or have been in contact with someone that has tested positive.

Testing is free at all Harris County Public Health sites. Appointments are not required but are recommended. To find a nearby testing site, visit [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-November-19-Testing-Information](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-November-19-Testing-Information) or call 832-927-7575.

Vaccinations are free at all HCPH designated locations, and appointments are not required, although recommended. To schedule an appointment, visit [vacstrac.hctx.net](http://vacstrac.hctx.net) or call 832-927-8787.

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
(Modified during COVID-19)

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.\*  
Sunday 1 p.m. Misa en Español\*

\*Also Available on Facebook Live

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.

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Adult Faith Formation: 713-538-2862

All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope.

# Final look back at 2021 – a year to remember

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Special Operations Unit made a prostitution arrest at a business posing as a massage parlor in the 10900 block of Scarsdale. Police were alerted to the business, located in a strip center at Beamer, by an area resident who noticed suspicious activity at the storefront while dining at the nearby Papagayo's Mexican Bar & Grill.

A man was fatally shot Oct. 19, in the 9800 block of Ledge. Patrick Fotso was pronounced dead at the scene after being shot multiple times. No immediate arrests were made.

Nov. 4  
More than four months after his death, the medical examiner's office ruled missing tattoo artist Julian Issac's death an accidental overdose. According to Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, his death was due to acute toxicity due to combined effects of cocaine and alcohol. Found Saturday, June 19, in the 11800 block Teaneck, Issac made citywide headlines after initially being reported as missing.

Harris County commissioners during a special session Oct. 28, approved new controversial precinct maps. Done

once every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the redistricting measure passed 3-2, along party lines in the Democrats' favor. Despite taking input from the community for several weeks, the approved maps – known as the Ellis 3 map after Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis who introduced the late proposal – were not made available to the public until the night before the vote. Under the new plan, the South Belt community will switch from Precinct 1, currently served by Rodney Ellis, to Precinct 2, currently served by Adrian Garcia. The South Belt area had been in Precinct 1 for at least 50 years. El Franco Lee Park, however, will remain in

Precinct 1, despite pleas from South Belt community leaders. Pasadena ISD officials broke ground on the future Thompson Intermediate campus Oct. 28. The \$39.5 million project is part of a voter-approved 2017 school bond issue. Located in the 8700 block of Hughes Road near Melillo Middle School, the 178,000-square-foot replacement school will be able to accommodate 1,200 students, roughly 200 more than Thompson's current enrollment. The school's existing campus suffered extensive flood damage during Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The new campus is expected to open in August 2023.

Nov. 11  
San Jacinto College was named one of 150 candidates for the prestigious \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. Awarded every two years, the prize is the nation's signature recognition for America's community colleges.

The Aspen Prize honors institutions with outstanding achievement in four areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, workforce success, and equitable outcomes for students of color and low-income students.

San Jacinto College was one of eight Texas community colleges to be among the 2023

Top 150 finalists. Sagemeadow residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of a \$25 million bond measure. According to Harris County records, 65 percent of voters favored the measure, while 35 percent opposed it.

Nov. 18  
Harris County began administering the COVID vaccine for children ages 5 to 11. This announcement comes following the approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 to be administered to children in this age range to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This version of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for young children is a smaller dose or

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## Home Grown lecture Feb. 3

The Home Grown lecture "Basic Grafting Techniques," will be presented at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 3, by Shannon Dietz, Texas A&M AgriLife Harris County Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

This is a free virtual lecture and one can register at [homegrown2022.eventbrite.com](http://homegrown2022.eventbrite.com).

## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca  
A member of Neighbor's app posted a photo of their missing dog Wilson last seen Tuesday, Jan. 11. Description: white 8 year old, medium size, mixed breed, black nose, nervous temperament and does not like being picked up. If any information call or text 832-294-1553. This post has been shared on other social media pages.

Another member of the same app posted a video of a person walking down Baywater Creek Lane in Enclave at Highland Glen subdivision. The person is seen trying to see what vehicles are unlocked. The incident took place Monday, Jan. 24, at 1:20 a.m.

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## PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021

| Data Control Codes                                     | General Fund          | Debt Service Fund    | Capital Projects Fund | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Revenue:</b>  |                       |                      |                       |                             |                          |
| 5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state             | \$ 177,461,756        | \$ 50,434,823        | \$ 212,704            | \$ 5,126,726                | \$ 233,236,009           |
| 5800 State program revenues                            | 328,867,129           | 4,878,291            | -                     | 4,203,306                   | 337,948,726              |
| 5900 Federal program revenues                          | 35,480,460            | -                    | -                     | 74,273,022                  | 109,753,482              |
| <b>5020 Total Revenues:</b>                            | <b>541,809,345</b>    | <b>55,313,114</b>    | <b>212,704</b>        | <b>83,603,054</b>           | <b>680,938,217</b>       |
| <b>Expenditures Current:</b>                           |                       |                      |                       |                             |                          |
| 0011 Instruction                                       | 320,244,731           | -                    | -                     | 39,836,373                  | 360,081,104              |
| 0012 Instruction resources and media services          | 7,233,294             | -                    | -                     | 100,376                     | 7,333,670                |
| 0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development    | 7,254,003             | -                    | -                     | 1,635,475                   | 8,889,478                |
| 0021 Instructional leadership                          | 8,067,152             | -                    | -                     | 2,591,688                   | 10,658,840               |
| 0023 School leadership                                 | 40,612,594            | -                    | -                     | 1,765,934                   | 42,378,528               |
| 0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services      | 22,867,407            | -                    | -                     | 6,856,436                   | 29,723,843               |
| 0032 Social work services                              | 167,296               | -                    | -                     | 198,179                     | 365,475                  |
| 0033 Health services                                   | 5,383,291             | -                    | -                     | 210,027                     | 5,593,318                |
| 0034 Student transportation                            | 16,802,869            | -                    | -                     | 362,126                     | 17,164,995               |
| 0035 Food services                                     | -                     | -                    | -                     | 26,557,837                  | 26,557,837               |
| 0036 Extracurricular activities                        | 7,536,907             | -                    | -                     | 1,361,777                   | 8,898,684                |
| 0041 General administration                            | 13,604,308            | -                    | -                     | 63,277                      | 13,667,585               |
| 0051 Facilities maintenance and operations             | 60,674,385            | -                    | -                     | 239,746                     | 60,914,131               |
| 0052 Security and monitoring services                  | 5,474,832             | -                    | -                     | 241,215                     | 5,716,047                |
| 0053 Data processing services                          | 9,291,089             | -                    | -                     | 248,660                     | 9,539,749                |
| 0061 Community services                                | 202,895               | -                    | -                     | 272,636                     | 475,531                  |
| <b>Debt Service:</b>                                   |                       |                      |                       |                             |                          |
| 0071 Principal on long-term debt                       | -                     | 22,900,000           | -                     | -                           | 22,900,000               |
| 0072 Interest on long-term debt                        | -                     | 28,729,466           | -                     | -                           | 28,729,466               |
| 0073 Bond issuance costs and fees                      | -                     | 33,603               | -                     | -                           | 33,603                   |
| <b>Capital Outlay:</b>                                 |                       |                      |                       |                             |                          |
| 0081 Facilities acquisition and construction           | 6,804,495             | -                    | 18,197,171            | 286,041                     | 25,287,707               |
| <b>Intergovernmental:</b>                              |                       |                      |                       |                             |                          |
| 0093 Payments related to shared services arrangements  | 1,219,990             | -                    | -                     | -                           | 1,219,990                |
| 0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt. Ed. Prgm.       | 39,600                | -                    | -                     | -                           | 39,600                   |
| 0099 Payments to Appraisal District                    | 1,597,903             | -                    | -                     | -                           | 1,597,903                |
| <b>2000 Total Expenditures:</b>                        | <b>535,079,041</b>    | <b>51,663,069</b>    | <b>18,197,171</b>     | <b>82,827,803</b>           | <b>687,767,084</b>       |
| 1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures | 6,730,304             | 3,650,045            | (17,984,467)          | 775,251                     | (6,828,867)              |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>                 |                       |                      |                       |                             |                          |
| 7915 Transfers in                                      | -                     | -                    | 27,000,000            | -                           | 27,000,000               |
| 8911 Transfers out                                     | (27,000,000)          | -                    | -                     | -                           | (27,000,000)             |
| <b>7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>      | <b>(27,000,000)</b>   | <b>-</b>             | <b>27,000,000</b>     | <b>-</b>                    | <b>-</b>                 |
| 1200 Net change in fund balances                       | (20,269,696)          | 3,650,045            | 9,015,533             | 775,251                     | (6,828,867)              |
| <b>0100 Fund Balance - Beginning</b>                   | <b>185,810,894</b>    | <b>29,680,603</b>    | <b>84,625,777</b>     | <b>5,617,276</b>            | <b>305,734,550</b>       |
| <b>3000 Fund Balance - Ending</b>                      | <b>\$ 165,541,198</b> | <b>\$ 33,330,648</b> | <b>\$ 93,641,310</b>  | <b>\$ 6,392,527</b>         | <b>\$ 298,905,683</b>    |

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The South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce is honored to be recognized as the Shell Federal Credit Union Business of the Month. Chamber board members appreciate all of their partnerships and will continue to work for the South Belt community to make

it a great place in which to live, work and play. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Stephanie Tanner, Emory Gadd, Kristi Konecaba, Marie Flickinger, Ezre-ral Garcia, (back row) Kenny Fernandez, Kenny Konecaba, Aaron Leteff, Graylin Beals and Trenton Vick.

## Stuchbery Stallions on the run



Stuchbery Elementary had an after-school running program for third- and fourth-grade students. For three months, the students met once a week to run for an hour. At the end of the program, they ran over 1,000 miles combined. Shown above, left to right, are (first row) Charlotte Kirby, Sophia Cavazos, Gift Obah, Melanie Amaya, Moriah Rodney (second row) Savannah Hernandez, Isaiah Andrade, Jayce Gutierrez, Sergio Maciel, Devany McVea, (third row)

Devonte Brown, Victoria Neira, Maria Ramirez, Cason Adkins, Hao Truong, Jorge Cardenas, Avarie Morgan (fourth row) Nevaeh Torres, Victoria Escamilla, Khanh Huynh, Matthew Pantoja, Jazlyn Villeda, Jean Cruz, Bella Galvan, (fifth row) Aaron Leyva, Kingston Adkins, Jessie Hernandez, Kion Swannegan, Savalas Holmes, Courtland Smith and Aiden Padilla. Not pictured are Nathan Gomez, David Colon, Moise Campos and Zoe Fernandez.

## Final look back at 2021 – a year to remember

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one-third of the version approved for adults and teens.

Republican county commissioners Tom S. Ramsey and R. Jack Cagle, along with a group of citizens, filed suit in state civil district court Tuesday, Nov. 16, challenging the redistricting maps approved during a special session in late October. The lawsuit alleges the new maps strip the right to vote in the 2022 county elections from more than a million residents.

**Nov. 25**  
Acting on numerous tips from the public, deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit recently executed a search warrant at the Shop n Save convenient store in the 12300 block of Scarsdale after an investigation into the business determined it was being used as a front for illegal gambling. Deputies seized numerous gaming machines and motherboards and approximately \$8,600 in cash, believed to be proceeds from illegal gambling. No arrests were, however, made.

**Dec. 2**  
A man was killed in an automobile accident Sunday, Nov. 28, in the 10700 block of Hughes Road. Alfredo Patino was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Patino was traveling at a high rate of speed when the driver of a Saturn pulled from the stop sign at Sagepark and entered into the intersection, causing a collision. The driver of the Saturn showed no signs of intoxication and agreed to a blood draw. No charges were immediately filed.

**Dec. 9**  
Dozens of South Belt community members gathered Saturday, Dec. 4, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. Originally called the Sagemont Volunteer Fire Department, the group changed its name in 1974 when the City of Houston annexed the Sagemont subdivision. The department is now responsible for covering the local communities in Harris County that remain unincorporated. This includes the municipal utility districts of Kirkmont, Sagemeadow and Clear Brook City. The area covers approximately five square miles and has roughly 25,000 residents. Two SVFD members – Jerry Terrell and Ed Baker – had been with the department since the beginning.

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The *Leader's* annual Christmas program was huge success, providing assistance to dozens of area families in need. Several local organizations, schools, businesses and residents stepped up to the plate, making this year's drive the most successful in the event's history. While donations were at an all-time all, the number of families seeking assistance was at a near record low, with only around 30 families taking part this year. This was due in part to some local schools providing their own assistance to needy families in the community. To account for the extra donations, the *Leader* reached out to other organizations in the area, such as St. Luke's Church, for family referrals.

## Risner launches election campaign

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not the other two Democrats on Commissioners Court.

"I'm not running against them," Risner said. "I'm just trying to eliminate one vote."

In addition to justice, Risner is also a strong supporter of efforts to widen the Houston Ship Channel. "It is the lifeline of Harris County," Risner said.

A candidate forum with the Precinct 2 commissioner contestants will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, at The Gardens. (See related story on Page 1.)

After graduating from Galena Park High School, Risner attended Houston Community College, Kilgore College and Lee College before enrolling at the University of Houston. Risner has served in many groups, including Pasadena Rotary Club; Waltrip Masonic Lodge; Harris County Mayor and Councilman's Association; Pasadena ISD; Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; and multiple chambers of commerce. The judge is married to Bobbie K. Risner and has four children and seven grandchildren. For additional information on Risner's campaign, visit [www.georgerrisner.com](http://www.georgerrisner.com).

# Pasadena Memorial HS announces third six-weeks honor roll

Pasadena Memorial High School officials announced their third six-weeks honor roll.

### Ninth grade

Estephania Abascal, Leila Affleje, David Aguilar, Kelly Agustin, Abigail Ake, Hepzibah Alaniz, Lidia Aldana Portillo, Brandon Alderete and Dashiell Allen-Smith.

Kimberly Amador, Joselyn Amaro, Raquell Amaya, Wilmer Amaya, Kemora Andrade, Keiley Anthony, Alphin Antony, Mia Arana and Vanessa Arana.

Janely Arias, Melissa Arizpe, Meteo Armstrong, Brisa Arredondo, Yazmin Arteaga Del Real, Yesenia Arteaga Del Real, Felicity Arteaga, Roselynn Aviles and Camilla Ayala.

Riyam Baba, Dawson Bagby, Diana Bahena-Rodriguez, Aldrin Baluyut, Andrea Banda, Sandra Barron, Mary Beard, Patrick Bernal and Daniel Berrones.

Emilio Betancourt Martinez, Edward Bionso Feliz, Brison Blankenship, Marycathryn Boyer, Aslyn Buenoastro, Allan Cabanig, Miguel Campuzano, Ellie Cantarero and Tommy Cao.

Geovanni Cardenas, Joshua Carrasco, Ellen Carrillo, Lilia Castaneda, Marcelo Cazares, Jesus Cazorla Di Geromino, Yulianna Cedillo, Omayra Cerda and Sarahi Chavez Martinez.

Ethan Chavez, Julian Clemons, Tiffany Cole, Javier Colin Luis, Kevin Colindres, Jacob Conado, Addison Cooper, Allison Cortazar Elizondo and Guliano Cuelar.

Kimberly Cuencas Carbal, Miranda Cuevas, Adam Daley, Shane Daley, Zophie Damian, Eric Danh, Elizabeth-Truc Dao, Levi Del Angel and Estrella Del Rio.

Abigail Denham, Charles Denham, Kendra Denoon, Carla Diaz, Mark Diaz, Vy Dinh, Jesus Diosabat, Kevin Drey and Alitzet Enriquez.

Jaime Escamilla, Marijah Escamilla, Yonis Escobar, Diego Escobedo, Isabel Espinoza, Julian Zavaleta, Joselyne Estrada, Delayna Fernandez and Kaysha Flores.

cia, Nahomi Garcia, Valeria Garcia, Arlene Garza, Gavin Garza, Victor Garza, Yanneli Garza and Mia Gomez.

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Kara Ingersoll, Elizabeth Interiano Madrid, Anyeli Islas, Eugenio Islas, Jeremiah Isom, Francisco Jimenez, Gisselle Jimenez, Rodrigo Jimenez and Axel Juarez.

Michael Judson, Keevin King, Natalia Le Goenaga, Britney Le, Ngan Le, Isaías Leal, Ileana Leija, Kwok Lin and Zairah Longoria.

Hector Lopez, Kennedy Lopez, Mario Lopez, Aliana Loreda, Miguel Lozano, Kimberly Luciano, Gabriel Marcos, Amanda Marler and Isabella Marshall.

Callie Martin, Danny Martinez Arjona, Carmelo Martinez, Kayla Martinez, Marie Martinez, Sean McCoy, Crew McDonald, Alondra Medelín Rodriguez and Karyme Medina.

Michael Medina, Isaiah Medrano, Yamileth Mendez, Ethan Mendoza Vazquez, Gabriel Mendoza, Juan Merino-Ruiz, Coy Middleton, Aiden Moes and Presslie Molano.

Grecia Monarrez, Ise-Maria Morales, Leonardo Moran, Gustavo Moreno, Ibtihaj Mubashir, Alan Navarro, Genesis Navarro, Emilly Neri and Tony Ngo.

Alex Nguyen, Christine Nguyen, Vinh Nguyen, Orlando Ochoa, Mauricio Olivares, Alan Olvera, Angela Orellana, Avril Ortega Arceo and Citlali Ortiz Pedrosa.

sandra Perez, Noah Perez, Rafael Perez, Kimberly Perla, Khang Phan and Luis Portilla.

Daniel Quezada, Diego Quezada, Angelica Ramirez Escobar, Mia Ramirez, Yaryssa Ramirez, Gabriela Ramos, Jayden Rangell, Emma Reeves and Amber Reyes.

Andre Reyes, Joshua Reyes, Christian Reyna Tomei, Jayme Reyna, Magally Reyna, Rey Rios, Erica Rivas, Aaliyah Robles and Anthony Rodriguez.

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Damaris Romero, Manuel Romero, Michael Romero, Sheyla Romero, Krisslynn Roque, Genesis Rosales Alfaro, Jena Rosas, Grace Rosenbaum and Alexander Rubio.

Ricardo Rubio, Andrea Saenz, Andrea Sagastizado, Christopher Sahagun, Isaac Salazar, Julissa Salinas, Elizabeth Sanchez, Karen Sanchez and Mia Santamaria Warehouse.

David Santos, Melvin Santos, Adrienne Smith, Jaylin Sosa, Marbella Sosa, Erick Soto, Megan Stuart, Eric Summers and Lena Swick.

Isis Talamantes, Makayla Talavera, Amayah Torres, Anthony Torres, Jalissa Torres, Maria Torres, Kevin Tran, Anh Truong To and AnaElizabeth Uriostequi.

Kianna Valadez, Nevaeh Valadez, Diana Valdez-Cano, Melissa Ventura, Silvia Vielmia, Isabella Villarreal, Joshua Villarreal, Angeli Villarreal Rivero and Ilyana Villasenor.

Paeton Walker, Daysha Ward, Madalyn Welch, Cheyenne Wetmore, Jo'anna Williams, Mikayla Williams and Vivian Wu.

Mariana Yado, Joan Zamora, Paulina Zapata, Cesar Zavaleta, Anthony Zeledon Moreno, Nadia Zetino-Valencia and Giovanni Zubia.

Vargas and Perla Amezcua. Chloe Anderson, Manlio Arango, Aimee Argueta, Diego Armenta, Leslie Arredondo, Rey Arredondo, Alize Arroyo, Maya Arteaga-Houjani and Aaron Avila.

Andres Avilez, Adrián Avina, Alejandro Avina, Dayana Bahena, Prabhleen Bains, Angelo Baluyut, Alex Bandería, Sindy Barrera Serrano and Lesly Barron.

Jazmine Bates, Yaretsi Beltran Lechuga, Giselle Beltran, Damian Benavidez, Christian Betts, Summer Billings, Judy Bittar, Lyanida Bonilla and Lesli Botello.

Gavin Braffett, Hannah Brooks, Ethan Burden, Destiny Calixto, Alexa Camacho, Caebell Canals, Fernando Cantu Lopez, Isaiel Cantu and Zachary Caracheo.

Kaitlyn Carr, Emelia Casteel, Karina Castro, Karla Chapa, Nathan Chavez, Sofia Chavez, Morgan Claxton, Isabella Condado and Daniel Contreras.

Ricardo Cordova, Cesar Cortez, Aileen Cruz, Ashley Cruz, Jason Cruz, Santos Cuellar, Graciela Del Toro, Alyyah DeLeon and Carolina Delgado.

Vedika Deva, Arlene Diaz, Oscar Diaz, Sophia Diaz, Herleen Dinh, Fatima Diosdado, Princess Edogiawerie, Samara Estrada Yanez and Madeline Estrada.

Hugo Flores, Isabel Flores, Carlos Funez, Rylan Garay, Alondra Garcia, Christopher Garcia, Cristofer Garcia, Julianna Garcia and Fabian Garza.

Helen Garza, Melanie Garza, Mauricio Gloria, Ashley Gomez, Eddelyn Gomez, Erin Gomez, Mia Gomez, Daniel Gonzalez and Frida Gonzalez.

Jasmine Gonzalez, Shailyn Gonzalez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Eddie Gutierrez, Saul Guzman, Yuri Guzman, Hanna Hagar, Alejandro Hernandez and Nicholas Hernandez.

Vivien Hernandez, Lan Hoang, Nguyen Hoang, Bella Isales, Francisco Juarez, Devin Lara, Anna Le, Uyen Le and Aleyna LeBlanc.

teos, Madusa Meite, Aaliyah Mendez and Nicolas Mendoza Moran.

Abraham Mercado, Casey Merlan, Samantha Montero, Bella Montes, Braulio Montiel, Kerem Morales, Sophia Morales, Marbella Navarro and Nazir Neri.

Anh Nguyen, Thu Nguyen, Kylie Obregon, Itzel Ojeda, Kaleb Ojeda, Axel Olmedo, Mindy Olvera, Maria Pedroza and Jaime Pena.

Mariana Perales, Cassandra Perez, Ruby Pineda, Wendy Quiroz, Krişlin Raju, Gisele Ramirez, Mariana Ramos, Jayden Rangell and Jose Rangel.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Brook, Dobie girls lead

One of the finest seasons in program history rolls on for the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball team, with the locals just a win away from a share of the District 24-6A championship.

Freshman Rezia Castillo had a game-high 23 points and Amanda Benjamin ripped down 12 rebounds as state-ranked Clear Brook won its 14th straight game Jan. 22, downing Clear Falls 71-

55. Clear Brook hosted second-place Clear Creek Jan. 25 after press time with a chance to secure no worse than a tie for the league title.

Whether it wins the crown in days or a week, Clear Brook, which had climbed to No. 15 in the Jan. 17 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class 6A state rankings, is set to end Clear Springs' 11-year stranglehold on the 24-6A championship.

At 26-4 overall, the Lady Wolverines have, quite honestly, come out of nowhere during the 2021-2022 campaign.

Castillo, an eighth-grade player at this time a season ago, and leading scorer Alyssa Berry, a senior, have led the way this season in the scoring column.

Meanwhile, the Dobie varsity girls' squad is riding a wave of momentum and entered a game at Channelview Jan. 25 after press time tied for first place with Deer Park.

Dobie, suddenly winners of seven straight games, beat Rayburn 65-6 and South Houston 70-9 to keep things rolling in league play with four key games remaining.



Dobie's Victoria Rivera (22) has led a recent surge for the Lady Longhorns, who are now atop the District 22-6A standings and very much in the running to repeat as league champion. The locals played at Channelview Jan. 25 after press time.  
Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## UIL set to announce biannual realignment

"The 2022-24 alignments will be released Feb. 3rd at 9 a.m. CST for football, basketball and volleyball. District alignments for other activities will be released by the middle of March, 2022. More information about UIL alignments can be found at <http://www.uil.texas.org/alignments>."

That's the albeit brief yet official announcement from the University Interscholastic League, the state's governing body of extracurricular public

school athletics.

Come Feb. 3, Dobie and the other four counterparts will learn which other schools/districts they will be aligned with for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

Ditto for Clear Brook and its Clear Creek ISD mates. Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. is it, and there's little sense in guesswork prior to that time.

It's biannually the best kept secret in high school sports, and the UIL prefers it that way.

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## Ultra-busy spring athletics scene under way

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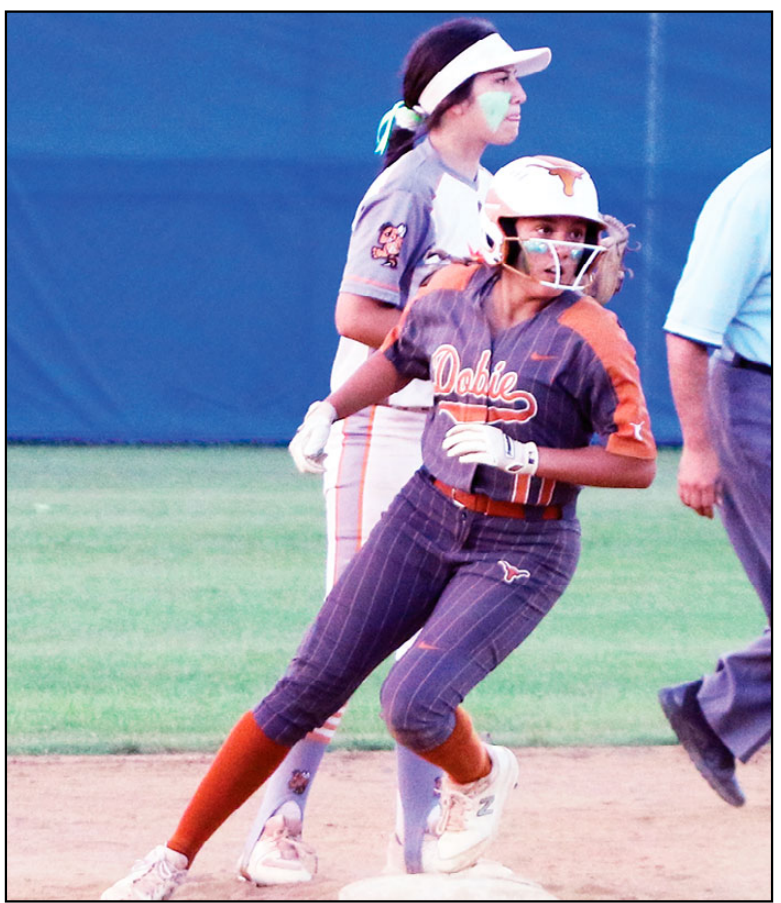
Quite simply, it's the busiest time of the calendar year within prep sports, and much of it is set to play out now and carry through the next several months.

With the basketball and soccer seasons already in full swing, track and field, softball, baseball, softball, golf and tennis will compete for a share of the spotlight.

**Tracksters prepare**  
Locally, the track and field programs at both Clear Brook and Dobie are gearing up for what they expect to be medal-bearing seasons.

The Clear Brook track program will begin its season Feb. 4 by hosting the Wolverine Winter Classic on campus at the high school.

Of interest, senior sprinter Camryn Dickson, who in November signed



At left, 2021 District 22-6A Most Valuable Player Marisa Perla (11) will lead regional quarterfinalist Dobie into the current softball season beginning Feb. 14 at Clear Brook as the Lady Longhorns figure to be one of the key stories of a busy spring athletics landscape.  
Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## 22-6A champs begin quest for another

J.P. Rodriguez had a goal and an assist and teammate Jordi Garcia added a goal as the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team

closed out a challenging appearance at the Battleground Invitational Jan. 22 with a 2-2 tie against Kingwood at Deer Park ISD's Abshier Stadium.

Going against a Mustangs' squad that eliminat-

ed them in the bidistrict playoff round in 2021, the Longhorns also got an assist from Alex Escobar to close out nondistrict play at 7-1-1.

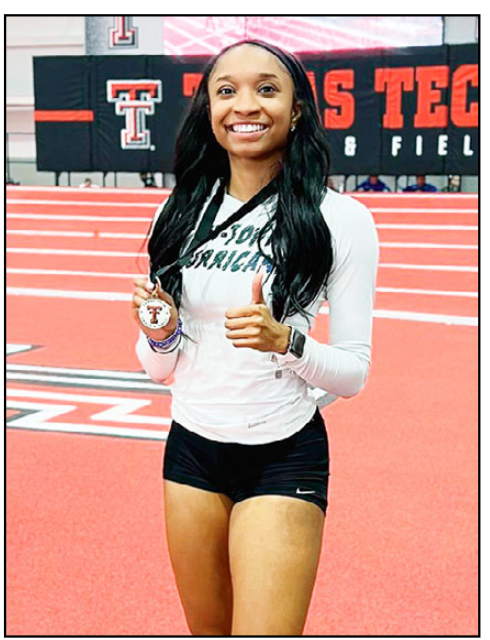
Junior Ronaldo Guzman scored both goals as

the Longhorns opened the event with a 2-1 win over Strake Jesuit. A day later, Bellaire handed the Longhorns their first loss of the 2022 campaign, 2-1, as Guzman scored for the locals.



At left, Dobie's Daniel Blanco (5) and his teammates are seeking an eighth straight 22-6A championship this season.  
Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## Dickson dominant



Clear Brook sprinter Camryn Dickson, ramping up for the start of the high school track and field season, turned in a dazzling performance at the indoor Texas Tech Under Armour Classic Jan. 21-22 in Lubbock. Dickson, a Texas A&M University signee who won a pair of state high school medals as a junior, dashed to the win at the 60-meter distance at 7.56 seconds and also won the 200 at 23.96 for a pair of golds. She did so while representing the Pearland-based H-Town Hurricanes. The Clear Brook girls begin the 2022 outdoor season by hosting the Wolverine Winter Relays Feb. 4 on campus.

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# Lutheran South Academy 2021 state baseball champions attend ring ceremony



Members of the 2021 Lutheran South Academy state championship varsity baseball team gathered for a title ring ceremony at halftime of one of the Pioneers' basketball games earlier this month. Those members include, left to right, assistant coach A.J. Bettcher, assistant coach Caleb Taylor, Davin Fulton, Perry Brown, Garrett Helpenstill, Tyler Helpenstill, Nikko Modica, Luke Harrison, head coach Aaron Schneider, Eagan Monahan, Easton Brenner, Andrew Jimenez, Logan Schmidt, Roth Rodrigue, Coby Newton, Christian Melillo, Syr Bailey, Wyatt Kuhlrow, Matthew Savala, Nelson Klein, Tyler Ehlinger, Axel DeJesus, Colt Powlidge, Rowdy Sowers, Roland Aguillon, Jacob Brown and assistant coach Tom DelaGarza. Dating back to 2019, the Pioneers have won three consecutive Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state titles.

## JFD, Brook boys are teams to beat

Midway through district play, the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity basketball squads find themselves in position to finish off league championship runs, yet both realize every night can bring a different challenge.

Dobie, having swept through the first half of District 22-6A with six consecutive wins, hosted Channelview Jan. 26 after press time intent on finishing what it started. The Longhorns, rising to 16-8 overall, topped

Sam Rayburn 67-42 Jan. 19 and then finished said first half of league play with a 62-47 win over South Houston Jan. 22 to maintain a two-game edge within 22-6A. Head coach Franklin Paul's team took second

place a season ago and endured a first-round playoff exit but has leapt to the forefront of 22-6A with Deven Lendsey and others leading the way.

Midway home in the race, Dobie is up on second-place Memorial by 2 1/2 games, with Channelview third at 3-3. Four other squads - Pasadena, Rayburn, South Houston and Deer Park - are 2-4 and at this point and battling for a lower playoff seeding.

Clear Brook saw its 10-game winning halted with a surprising 57-56 home loss to Clear Falls Jan. 22.

The loss dropped the state-ranked Wolverines, winners of 25 of 29 games overall, to 5-1 in District 24-6A, tied with Dickinson for first place.

The Knights, who built a 10-point lead over the Wolverines through three quarters, held on for the win and now sit in third place alone at 4-2. Clear Springs is fourth at 3-3.

The bottom of the 24-6A standings through Jan. 24 showed Clear Lake and Clear Creek at 2-4, with Brazoswood at 0-6.

On Jan. 19, the Wolverines got 21 points from Marcus Millender and 13 from Christian Bradshaw to defeat Clear Lake 78-57.

Despite the hiccup against Falls, the Wolverines own a head-to-head win over the Gators and therefore hold the top spot District 24-6A with six left.

Clear Brook, the defending IDistrict 24-6A league champion, began the second half of league play Jan. 25 after press time at home against Clear Creek.



With 73 total wins and counting over the past three seasons, Clear Brook head coach Nathan Janak (above) has presided over the finest three-year stretch in program history. Again in first place, the Wolverines are looking to add a second straight District 24-6A crown to their resume.

Photo by Andy Tolbert

## Spring sports scene offer many story lines

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softball champion Deer Park and Dobie tussle within the District 22-6A ranks.

The Lady Longhorns, winners of 24 games in 2021, advanced to the regional quarterfinals before falling to Clear Springs. With 22-6A Most Valuable Player Marisa Perla and others back this season, the locals are no doubt intent on another solid season.

Dobie will begin its regular season, Dobie will play at Clear Brook Feb. 14 to get things going before heading to the Bryan Invitational Feb. 17-19.

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Dobie's Shellie Ferguson (19), a San Jacinto College signee, will look to give the Lady Longhorns' softball team a power bat in the middle of its lineup. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



The Dobie varsity boys' team has gotten steady play from Dylan Jackson and many others while vaulting to the top of the District 22-6A standings. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## LSA swimmers set school records, reach state meet

Lauren Ferguson set a pair of school records and the Lutheran South boys' 200 medley relay squad scored another program record as the Pioneers' aquatics program excelled at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools regional swim championships Jan. 22 at the University of Houston.

At 2 minutes, 6.71 seconds, Ferguson was the regional champion in the 200 free while re-establishing a school record.

In the 500 free, a time of 5:39.16 gave Ferguson the regional win and another school mark as she led her girls' team to fourth place.

As for the Pioneer boys, a school record fell in the 200 medley relay as Bucknell signee Chase Ferguson teamed with Elliott Miles, David Hensley and Tristan Haver for a time of 1:41.29 and the regional

championship. The Lutheran South boys won the regional championship with a big team effort, led by Ferguson and Hensley, who also won a pair of individual events each.

Ferguson won the 100 free and 100 back while Hensley's wins came in the 200 free and 500 free. Miles contributed a win in the 100 breast and second place in the 200 individual medley.

Hensley, Luke LeBlanc, Hunter Nolen and Miles teamed for a win in the 400 freestyle relay, while Nolen came away with third-place finishes in the 100 fly and 100 breast.

The Pioneers also won the 200 medley relay (Ferguson, Miles, Hensley and Tristan Haver) and the 200 freestyle relay (Haver, LeBlanc, Nolen and Ferguson).

the 50 free and third in the 100 free, while LeBlanc scored third-place finishes in the 50 free and 100 back.

Ferguson and teammates Rylee Dean, Audrey Pfeiffer and Catie Hergenrader teamed for third in the 400 freestyle relay, while third place in the 200 free relay went to Pfeiffer, Haleigh Pham, Erin Donnelly and Dean.

In the 200 medley relay, sixth place went to LSA behind the combination of Ferguson, Hergenrader, Pham and Donnelly.

Dean was third in the 50 free with teammate Pfeiffer fourth. Hergenrader was fourth in the 100 breast with Donnelly sixth in the 200 free and Pham seventh in the 100 fly.

LSA will next swim at the TAPPS Division III championships Feb. 7 in Waco.

## Sports news, notes

### SJC baseball opens at No. 1

Powerhouse San Jacinto College, set to open the 2022 season Jan. 28-29 at the Grayson College Round Robin, has secured Prep Baseball Report's No. 1 ranking within the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I field of talent.

The Gators, fourth at the JUCO World Series in 2021, figure to make another run at the crown as head coach Tom Arrington, who also last season eclipsed 900 career wins, leads the locals into action.

Sophomore left-hander Hunter Hollan, a Texas Christian University commit who tossed a no-hitter in 2021, leads one of the nation's most promising pitching staffs, and the Gators' offense features several players who have secured Division commitments beyond this season.

### Local hurlers head to MMP

2021 District 24-6A baseball Most Valuable Player and Clear Brook High School graduate Aaron Calhoun and Luke Harrison of 2021 TAPPS state champion Lutheran South Academy could be pitching at Minute Maid Park in March.

Calhoun, a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, and Harrison, a freshman at the University of Texas, figure to be with their teams during the upcoming Shriner's Children's College Classic at Minute Maid Park.

Harrison's Texas squad has opened the 2022 preseason as the top-ranked program in the NCAA Division I landscape.

The teams involved include Baylor, Louisiana State, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and UCLA. For ticket information, visit [www.mlb.com/astros/collegelclassic](http://www.mlb.com/astros/collegelclassic).



Lutheran South's Lauren Ferguson set school records in the 200 free and 500 free to lead her team at regionals, and she will now chase state gold.



The regional champion Lutheran South boys' swim squad scored a school record in the 200 medley relay and punched its ticket to state with a dominant performance. Those qualifying for state included, left to right, Tristan Haver, David Hensley, Chase Ferguson, Luke LeBlanc, Elliott Miles and Hunter Nolen. Ferguson and Hensley also won two individual events each.

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Know someone who's contemplating suicide? Visit <https://afsp.org> or call 800-273-8255.  
NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - Activities daily. Visit <https://clearlakebridgeclub.org/> for face-to-face and virtual games. Email [jpochnsr@aol.com](mailto:jpochnsr@aol.com).  
Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach dance lessons Mondays, 1:30 - 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate the Humpday Dance on Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. for casual ballroom dancing. Park activity card holders attend free. Call 281-554-1180.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.

7:30 a.m.  
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.

Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," See Thursday's notice. 6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Genealogical Society - meets either online or at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Virtual attendees need to register for each webinar session. Visit [www.TxBayAreaGen.org](http://www.TxBayAreaGen.org).

7 p.m.  
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.  
NA - Vigilance Group meets at First

Presbyterian Church, 2930 E. Broadway in the youth building. Call 713-661-4200. 8 p.m.  
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**  
7:30 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," See Thursday's notice. 9:30 a.m.  
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice. 11 a.m.  
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787. 1 p.m.  
St. Paul's Anglican Church - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**  
8 a.m./10:15 a.m.  
St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. Call 281-479-7285. 2 p.m.  
Grief Support Group - Meets Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787. 5:30 p.m.  
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635. 8 p.m.  
AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 31**  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice. 6 p.m.  
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923.

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6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Toastmasters - meets virtually, except the second and fourth Mondays (in person), at <https://youngprofessionaltoastmasters.com/>. Call 281-467-1880. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
AA - St. Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801. 7 p.m.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," See Thursday's notice. 11:30 a.m.  
St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice. National Association of Retired Federal Employees - meets at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. Call 713-944-2461. Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice. 6:30 p.m.

Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 713-253-2521. Visitors may attend two meetings free. 7 p.m.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," See Thursday's notice. 9:30 a.m.  
Carmelites - meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Meetings are open to those 55+, with no dues. Call 713-444-6744. 9:30 a.m.  
Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Call 832-298-9480. Noon  
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7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," See Thursday's notice. 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
7 a.m.  
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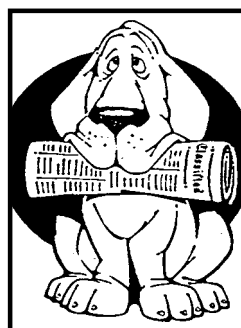
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# Coyotes to host Feb. 3-6 tourney at Crenshaw

This year, the Galveston College Island Invitational will be held a little further inland and the San Jacinto College softball team has stepped in to help host the tournament.

The event, slated to be held Feb. 3-5, will take place at Crenshaw Park in Pasadena. Staffing changes at Galveston College resulted in the Coyotes taking over the tournament for 2022.

"We wanted to be able to still play a talented group of teams, so we decided to help host," said Kelsey Walters, assistant coach for the Coyotes.

Sixteen teams from across Texas and Louisiana will take to the field in this weekend-long tournament.

The Coyotes will play six games against such teams as Vernon College, Grayson College, Connors State College and Mississippi Gulf Coast Commu-

nity College.

"Our team always looks forward to a good game and starting the year without this contest just wouldn't be the same," said Kelly Saenz, head coach.

"We appreciate the dedication and time Galveston College has put into formulating this tournament. We are honored to help keep this tradition alive." All of the tournament games will be played on the softball fields at Crenshaw Park.

"Thank you to the Pasadena Girls Softball Association, who was gracious enough to offer up their fields for our use," added Walters.



Coming off a program-best third place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Softball Championships, the San Jacinto College program will open the 2022 regular season Jan. 28-30 at the Chipola College Invitational in Youngsville, La. The Coyotes, aiming for a return trip to nationals, will host the Region XIV postseason tournament in May.

## San Jacinto College 2022 Softball Schedule

|            |                       |        |
|------------|-----------------------|--------|
| Jan. 28-30 | at Chipola tourn.     | TBA    |
| Feb. 3-6   | San Jacinto tourn.    | TBA    |
| Feb. 11-12 | at McClennan tourn.   | TBA    |
| Feb. 18    | at Kilgore (2)        | 1 p.m. |
| Feb. 19    | at Tyler (2)          | 1 p.m. |
| Feb. 20    | at Trinity Valley (2) | 1 p.m. |
| Feb. 25    | Indian Hills (2)      | 2 p.m. |
| March 5    | Bossier Parish (2)    | 2 p.m. |
| March 6    | Navarro (2)           | 1 p.m. |
| March 11   | at LSU-Eunice (2)     | 2 p.m. |
| March 16   | *Blinn (2)            | 3 p.m. |
| March 19   | *at Alvin (2)         | 1 p.m. |
| March 23   | *Angelina (2)         | 4 p.m. |
| March 26   | *at Lamar-P.A. (2)    | 2 p.m. |
| March 30   | *at Coastal Bend (2)  | 2 p.m. |
| April 2    | *at Galveston (2)     | 3 p.m. |
| April 9    | *at Blinn (2)         | 2 p.m. |
| April 13   | *Alvin (2)            | 3 p.m. |
| April 15   | *Trinity Valley (2)   | 2 p.m. |
| April 20   | *at Angelina (2)      | 4 p.m. |
| April 23   | *Lamar-P.A. (2)       | 3 p.m. |
| April 27   | *Coastal Bend (2)     | 4 p.m. |
| April 30   | *Galveston (2)        | 3 p.m. |
| May 1      | *LSU-Eunice (2)       | 1 p.m. |
| May 13-16  | Region XIV tourn.     | TBA    |
| May 25-28  | at NJCAA nationals    | TBA    |

\*Region XIV games

## Coyotes at Pasadena

|         |                               |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Feb. 3: | Vernon College, noon          |
|         | Grayson College, 2:30 p.m.    |
| Feb. 4: | Connors State, 10 a.m.        |
|         | Jones College, 3 p.m.         |
| Feb. 5: | Mississippi Coast, 12:30 p.m. |
|         | Temple College, 5:30 p.m.     |

All games at Pasadena GSA facility  
Crenshaw Park, Pasadena

## Dobie's Martinez fights at Toyota Center Feb. 12

Dobie High School graduate Mana Martinez will fight on the UFC 271 undercard Feb. 12 at Toyota Center as the Israel Adesanya versus Robert Whittaker middleweight championship bout headlines the card.

Martinez played baseball at Dobie before he turned to mixed martial arts shortly after graduation. He fought his way through the ranks before signing with the world renowned UFC affiliation last year.

Martinez, 9-2 in his career, will go against Ronnie Lawrence (7-1) in a bantamweight (135 pounds) bout at Toyota Center, with event doors set to open at 5:30 p.m. For tickets, visit [www.toyotacenter.com](http://www.toyotacenter.com).



## Brook High School Varsity Baseball Schedule

|         |                         |           |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Feb. 5  | at Shadow Creek scrimm. | 11 a.m.   |
| Feb. 7  | La Porte scrimmage      | 4 p.m.    |
| Feb. 11 | Pas. Mem. scrimm.       | 5:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 14 | at Santa Fe scrimm.     | 4 p.m.    |
| Feb. 18 | Dobie scrimm.           | 5:30 p.m. |

Regular Season

|             |                    |           |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Feb. 21     | Pasadena Memorial  | 6:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 24-26  | at La Porte tourn. | TBA       |
| March 1     | at St. Thomas      | 6 p.m.    |
| March 3-5   | at CCISD tourn.    | TBA       |
| March 7     | Bay Area Christian | 7 p.m.    |
| March 10-12 | at GCISD tourn.    | TBA       |
| March 15    | *at Clear Lake     | 1 p.m.    |
| March 18    | *at Clear Falls    | 1 p.m.    |
| March 22    | *Clear Creek       | 6 p.m.    |
| March 25    | *at Brazoswood     | 7 p.m.    |
| March 29    | *Dickinson         | 6 p.m.    |
| April 5     | *at Clear Springs  | 6 p.m.    |
| April 8     | *Clear Lake        | 6 p.m.    |
| April 12    | *Clear Falls       | 6 p.m.    |
| April 14    | *at Clear Creek    | 6 p.m.    |
| April 19    | *Brazoswood        | 6 p.m.    |
| April 22    | *at Dickinson      | 6 p.m.    |
| April 29    | *Clear Springs     | 6 p.m.    |

\*District 24-6A games

## Dobie High School Varsity Baseball Schedule

|         |                          |           |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Feb. 5  | at Alvin scrimm.         | 11 a.m.   |
| Feb. 7  | Angleton scrimmage       | 4 p.m.    |
| Feb. 11 | at Bay. Sterling scrimm. | 5:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 15 | at La Porte scrimm.      | 4 p.m.    |
| Feb. 18 | at Clear Brook scrimm.   | 5:30 p.m. |

Regular Season

|             |                        |         |
|-------------|------------------------|---------|
| Feb. 21     | Galveston Ball         | 2 p.m.  |
| Feb. 24-26  | at Texas City tourn.   | TBA     |
| Feb. 28     | Clear Falls            | 4 p.m.  |
| March 3-5   | at PISD tourn.         | TBA     |
| March 7     | at Dawson              | 7 p.m.  |
| March 10-12 | at GCISD tourn.        | TBA     |
| March 15    | *at Channelview        | 2 p.m.  |
| March 17    | *Channelview           | 11 a.m. |
| March 21    | West Brook             | 4 p.m.  |
| March 29    | *Pasadena              | 4 p.m.  |
| April 1     | *at Pasadena (Maguire) | 6 p.m.  |
| April 5     | *at Deer Park          | 7 p.m.  |
| April 8     | *Deer Park             | 4 p.m.  |
| April 12    | *Memorial              | 4 p.m.  |
| April 14    | *at Memorial           | 4 p.m.  |
| April 19    | *Rayburn (Maguire)     | 6 p.m.  |
| April 22    | *Rayburn               | 4 p.m.  |
| April 26    | *South Houston         | 4 p.m.  |
| *April 2    | *at South Houston      | 6 p.m.  |

\*District 22-6A games

## Pleasant's LSU squad ranked 17th

Dobie Class of 2019 graduate and current Louisiana State University redshirt sophomore Taylor Pleasants (29) and her Tiger teammates open the 2022 season ranked 17th in the NCAA Division I poll, with defending national champion Oklahoma at No. 1 and 2021 national semifinalist Alabama at No. 2. At right, Pleasants (29) was in Florida earlier this month as she was selected to the USA Softball Women's National Team, which will compete in the World Games in June. Pleasants is a 2021 National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American shortstop who had a .316 batting average with 56 hits, 49 runs batted in, 37 runs scored and 13 home runs in her first full season with the Tigers. Pleasants' 13 home runs are the ninth most in a single season in school history. LSU, which reached the NCAA Super Regional round in 2021, opens the 2022 season by hosting the Tiger Invitational Feb. 11-13 in Baton Rouge.



## Houston Spaceport receives \$10M in state grants

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Houston Spaceport at Ellington Airport.

The first new construction since June 2015 when the FAA approved the application for the 10th commercial spaceport license in the United States, work already is underway. The project scope includes providing streets, water, wastewater, electrical power distribution facilities and fiber optic and communications facilities necessary to attract future development.

"When complete, Phase 1 will provide the ground work to support the companies that produce the cutting-edge innovations needed to take commercial space travel and aviation into the sub-sonic, supersonic and hypersonic realm," Houston Aviation Director Mario Diaz said

at the time of the groundbreaking.

As the first dedicated facility for Houston Spaceport, the Houston Aerospace Support Center provides 53,000 square feet of laboratory and office space for its tenants. It is located on Space Center Boulevard, immediately adjacent to NASA's Neutral Buoyancy Lab. Current tenants include Intuitive Machines and San Jacinto College. It is currently fully-leased, with no available space.

This past October, San Jacinto College held a grand opening ceremony for its new EDGE Center, located at the support center. The center will provide workforce training for jobs in the aerospace industry.

By housing organizations from across several industries and disciplines

on one campus, the "innovation incubator" concept will foster and accelerate key aerospace engineering activities, including the following:

- Component and composite development and fabrication;
- Space vehicle assembly;
- Zero-gravity scientific and medical experiments;
- Microsatellite development;
- Astronaut training and development; and
- Space tourism.

Eventually, when all 450 acres at Ellington Airport available to the project are fully developed, the Houston Spaceport will become a focal point in the region for aerospace research, manufacturing and commercial space operations.

To learn more about Phase I, visit [www.fly2houstonspaceport.com](http://www.fly2houstonspaceport.com).

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## SB Chamber gala set for Feb. 28

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page ad in event program; name on event signage; promotional e-blast sent to membership; and logo on chamber event page.

The Friday Night Fever sponsorship is available for \$3,000 and includes a premium table for eight; logo on all promotions; 20 drink tickets; signage at event; logo in event program; full-page ad in event program;

recognition by master of ceremonies during event; promotional e-blast sent to membership; and logo on chamber event page with 50-word description.

Individual tickets are \$75.

To purchase tickets or to become a sponsor, visit [southbeltchamber.com/annual-gala](http://southbeltchamber.com/annual-gala).

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