

### Beltway closures planned

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

The northbound U-turn lane at Beltway 8 and Genoa Red Bluff will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, Jan. 30.

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Thursday, Jan. 30.

At least two alternate southbound frontage road lanes on Beltway 8 from Crenshaw to Grayson will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, Jan. 30.

At least one alternate lane of the northbound and southbound Beltway 8 frontage roads will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, Feb. 2.

At least one alternate lane of the northbound and southbound Beltway 8 frontage roads will be closed from Vista to SH 225 nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Feb. 2.

The eastbound entrance ramp to Beltway 8 located just west of Genoa Red Bluff will be closed Friday, Feb. 7, from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The westbound entrance ramp to Beltway 8 located just west of Genoa Red Bluff will be closed Saturday, Feb. 8, from 4 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

### Beverly Hills to meet

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 30, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bracewell Library, located at 9002 Kingsport Dr. All Beverly Hills subdivision residents are urged to attend.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 31.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Jan. 31.

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.

### Candidate luncheon Feb. 11

The Tri County Republican Women group will host a luncheon Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Golfcrest Country Club, 2905 County Club Drive in Pearland, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., allowing attendees to meet Republican candidates running for Congressional District 22.

Candidates will take questions on why they are the best person for the job. Networking will begin at 10:30 a.m.; the program is from 11 a.m. to noon; lunch will follow. Those wishing to stay for lunch must RSVP by noon Friday, Feb. 7. Lunch is \$15, payable at the door by cash or check only. For information, call Gaylyn DeVine at 832-250-8901.

### Frazier honors Walton

Frazier Elementary will celebrate the opening of its Little Free Library Thursday, Jan. 30, from 10 to 11 a.m. The space will be dedicated to former teacher Barbara Walton, who died in 2018 after a long battle with cancer. A reading teacher, Walton loved books. Her friends and family helped fund the Little Free Library, which will be on the front porch, accessible to children and families anytime. The school will also recognize a special Girl Scout and special volunteers that have supported the library.

### Toastmasters set open house

The Young Professionals SE Toastmasters Club will host an open house Monday, Feb. 3, at Parker Williams Library, located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., at 6:30 p.m. The goal of the event is to promote the development of communication and leadership skills. Pamela McCown, Distinguished Toastmaster, will be the guest speaker. McCown is the 2009-2011 Toastmasters International director and 2006 district governor for District 56. The entire community (18 years and older) is invited to attend this free event. Visit youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com for more details, or text 832-736-9702 for additional information.

### Dobie College Now meets

Dobie College Now will host a parent meeting to discuss enrollment for dual credit for the 2020-2021 school year. Any 10th- or 11th-grade parents are welcome to attend. Representatives from San Jacinto College will be in attendance to answer any questions. The meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. in the Dobie cafeteria. For additional information, contact the College Now office at 713-740-0370.

# PISD, developers OK Thompson relocation

At its monthly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 21, the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees approved an agreement providing for the relocation of the future Thompson Intermediate campus to a site less contentious than its initial nearby location.

The new campus is now to be constructed on Riverstone Falls Drive near Hughes Road, district officials said.

The property originally planned to house the

school, located on Highland Meadows Drive in the Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek subdivision, had been met with opposition from residents of both the Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek and Green Tee Terrace subdivisions, the two neighborhoods which would have bordered the new campus.

Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek homeowners, led by resident Elizabeth Drake, contended the initial proposed location presented a safety

hazard, as it was to be located deep within the subdivision, with the school's only entrance being within a 90-plus-degree curve with limited sight of oncoming traffic in both directions.

Drake said the campus would also have had a very narrow school frontage on Highland Meadows Drive, the only street adjoining the proposed property.

Green Tee Terrace homeowners further complained the original proposed site of the campus would have contributed additional traffic to their community. Despite Pasadena ISD not having the property rights to construct an entrance/exit

onto Country Club Drive, which was initially designed to border the campus on one side, some Green Tee Terrace residents were still concerned about parked vehicles and foot traffic.

Tuesday's agreement was the culmination of months of talks between the homeowners, Pasadena ISD, the City of Pearland and Meritage Homes, the company responsible for developing the Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek subdivision, where the new campus is to be located.

As part of the arrangement, Meritage agreed to swap the new piece of land on Riverstone Falls

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## BAHEP honors SJC's Hellyer



San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer (second from right) was presented the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's prestigious Quasar Award at the group's Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's annual Quasar Award banquet Friday, Jan. 24. Shown above with her at the event are, left right, Robert McAfoos, president, Barrios Technology and 2020 BAHEP board chair; Todd Caliva, CEO, HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake and 2019 BAHEP board chair; and Bob Mitchell, president, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Hellyer receives Quasar Award

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership honored one of the region's most highly respected, accomplished, and gracious citizens on Friday evening, Jan. 24, when the organization presented its renowned Quasar Award to Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor, San Jacinto College, an institution with 42,000 students and four primary campuses.

Bob Mitchell, BAHEP president, began the evening's festivities by welcoming the overflowing audience of more than 600 attendees and commenting on the work of BAHEP.

"Good, strong relationships take years to build, and it is through good, strong relationships with our membership, elected leaders, and leaders in business and industry that BAHEP has been able to accomplish so much over 43 years. As dynamics change and opportunities emerge, we are quick to form new relationships that will make a positive

difference in the lives of those we serve," Mitchell said.

Mitchell spoke of current initiatives that are central to the path forward for Houston and NASA Johnson Space Center saying, "Houston is where the institutional knowledge, the technical expertise, and the program management skills are all located—each of which is so necessary for U.S. human lunar and Mars exploration to succeed." "I have highlighted NASA, but please know that aerospace is just one of the important industry clusters that BAHEP supports in this region. Industries like aviation and the great work that occurs at the Houston Airport System, healthcare, specialty chemical, maritime, logistics, retail, and recreation and tourism are all so important in their own right and each serves to beneficially diversify our economic base."

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## Local HOAs host candidate forum

A group of local homeowner associations, led by the Sagemont Civic Club, are hosting a candidate forum Wednesday, Feb. 12, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer, to educate voters about candidates running for the position of Harris County Precinct 2 constable.

All five candidates running for the position have been invited to participate in the event. At press time, all but incumbent Chris Diaz had agreed to take part. Also running for the position are Jerry Garcia, George Goffney Jr., Alberto "Bert" Rivera and Daniel Vela. All but Vela are Democrats.

Other participating homeowners groups in-

clude Ashley Pointe, Glenbrook Valley, Gulf Freeway Oaks, Kirkwood, Meadowbrook Freeway, Rainbow Valley, Riverstone Ranch, Sagemeadow, Sagemont Park, Skyscraper Shadows, Park Place, Park Place Reveille and Scarsdale.

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

Candidate questions are to be submitted in advance to Sagemontcc@gmail.com.

Primary Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, with early voting beginning Tuesday, Feb. 18. The general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 3.

## San Jacinto College welcomes Keller

San Jacinto College welcomed newly appointed Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Texas Dr. Harrison Keller during a whirlwind visit Friday, Jan. 17.

Keller took the helm of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) in October 2019. He joined San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer, members of the board of trustees and strategic leadership team, and Texas Association of Community Colleges President Jacob Fraire for a private luncheon at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy and

Technology (CPET).

San Jacinto College officials shared the college's history, achievements and priorities and learned about the commissioner's vision for higher education in Texas.

Hellyer highlighted board initiatives to reduce costs for students and increase their chances for lifelong success—such as the Open Books program that has eliminated \$6.5 million in textbook costs to date and a simplified tuition model that creates one tuition rate based on residency.

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## South Houston presents play



The South Houston High School Theater will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" in the campus auditorium, located at 3820 Shaver, Thursday, Jan. 30, through Saturday, Feb. 1. Showtime is 7 p.m. each night. General admission is \$10. Tickets will be available at the door. Shown above are, left to right, Denisse Herrera as Sally Brown, Malory Howard as Lucy Van, Samantha Moreno as cast member, Sincere Sinegal as Schroeder, Damien Sluder as rerun member, Julian Chavez as Charlie Brown and Jessie Villa as cast member. Photos submitted

## Tyer bids HFD farewell



A retirement celebration was held for longtime South Belt resident Clennis Tyer (center) Saturday, Jan. 25, to honor his 35 years of service with the Houston Fire Department. Tyer will continue to serve with the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. The longtime fire-fighter/paramedic is shown above at the event with, left to right, daughter, Kellie Tyer; mother, June Tyer; wife, Pam Tyer; daughter, Katie Tyer; father, Ben Tyer; and son, Jeffrey Tyer. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Annual cook-off set for April 23-25

Organizers are already gearing up for the 23rd annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, set to take place Thursday, April 23, through Saturday, April 25, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. (Thursday will be for cooks only, while Friday and Saturday will be open to the public.)

Cooking teams that participated in last year's event have first dibs on available spots.

Organized and operated by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the event is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park. In

recent years, the event has also provided funds for local scholarships and various youth organizations.

While evenings at the function are geared more for adults, Saturday afternoon is intended for families, with kids 12 and under being admitted for free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

Children's activities at past events included moonwalks, rock climbing, an obstacle course, a giant trampoline, pony rides, a petting zoo, a train, face painting and hair braiding.

For more information or to get on the waiting list, contact Linda Arnone at 281-484-4325.

## False alarm leads to SJC lock-down

San Jacinto College South was temporarily placed on lockdown Tuesday, Jan. 28, after a student reported seeing someone armed with a knife in the school parking lot.

Campus police investigated the incident and

determined the person with the alleged knife was actually a contractor with a pair of pliers.

After deeming the situation to be safe, college officials lifted the lock-down, and classes returned to their normal schedule.

## Police chase ends with drug bust

A police chase that began in Sagemont led to a large drug bust the evening of Saturday, Jan. 25.

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office, the incident began around 11:30 p.m. when Deputy M. Self observed a white Ford pickup truck backing onto the roadway in the 12200 block of Hughes Road near Beltway 8.

Self initiated a traffic stop on the truck and made contact with the male driver. A strong odor of marijuana was noted to be emitting from the vehicle, and Self ordered the driver to exit the vehicle multiple times. The driver refused to comply and instead fled the scene. Deputies pursued the vehicle as the driver

continued east on the beltway to the Gulf Freeway service road. He attempted to make a U-turn at Dixie Farm Road, where he lost control of the truck and struck a concrete support pillar.

Deputies were able to apprehend the driver following the crash. A search of his person yielded the discovery of a plastic bag containing a white crystal substance, later determined to be cocaine, hidden in his boxer shorts. The suspect admitted to having more narcotics hidden between his buttocks, and deputies removed three more baggies from this area. Two of the baggies contained cocaine, and one contained an assortment of various pills believed to be Ecstasy. He

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# San Jac College welcomes higher education commissioner



At a recent luncheon, San Jacinto College officials welcomed Dr. Harrison Keller (fifth from left) as its new commissioner of higher education. Shown above with Keller at the event are, left right, Teri Zamora, vice chancellor of fiscal affairs; Van Wigginton, central campus provost; Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor of strategic initiatives, workforce development, community relations and diversity; Marie Flickinger, board of trustees chair; Dan Mims, board of trustees member; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor; Jacob Fraire, TACC president; Dr. Laurel Williamson, deputy chancellor and president; and Teri Crawford, vice chancellor of marketing, public relations and government affairs. See related story on Page 1A.

Photo by Courtney Morris, San Jacinto College

## SJC hosts new commissioner

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She also described major achievements in the past five years, including the Maritime Technology and Training Center, the EDGE Center for aerospace training, a coming Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, and CPET, the Gulf Coast region's largest petrochemical training facility.

about completion intensity, Hellyer explained that the 168 percent increase in awards over the last 11 years correlates with about a 20 percent increase in enrollment. This has resulted from the college's focus on credential completion, university transfer, and workforce preparation.

excited about his vision for higher education in Texas and look forward to working together to better the higher education landscape across the state." A sixth-generation Texan, Keller has more than 20 years of experience in higher education partnerships, budget, policy and administration. Before THECB, he most recently served at The University of Texas at Austin as the deputy to the president for strategy and policy and as a professor of practice.

## In My Opinion

### O'Brien seeks aid on abandoned site

I know that I can't begin to tackle the homelessness problem in the US (>half million in 2018) or in Houston (5,351 in 2014), and data indicate that the homeless population is declining.

What I do know is it isn't restricted to Downtown. The problem is visible in the South Belt, specifically on the recently-cleared esplanades at Scarsdale and I-45.

There is a tent on the east-side esplanade, but the west-side esplanade appears to be abandoned now. What remains is a lot of trash.

My husband and friends have convinced me that it's not a job for one woman (even if I am willing and able to tackle an environmental issue), so I'm reaching out to the *Leader*.

Can you put me in touch with an agency that can help restore the entrance to our community?

Catherine O'Brien

### Hernandez writes on Constable race

I have lived in the South Belt area for over twenty years. When my family and I arrived here, the area was nice, quiet, and I loved it. Over the past few years I have noticed a trend. Crime seems to be on the rise and instead of more police patrol, I see less. Unfortunately, I admit, I have never really paid much attention to the Constables who patrol our area. Recently however, one of my neighbors informed me that I should really start paying attention. After thinking about what she said, I agreed.

I am very concerned about the crime in our area. I saw that there is a candidate forum coming up here in the South Belt. Every candidate accepted with the exception of the Constable himself. I don't understand why he would not come. As our elected official, I believe he should be there. After doing some research, I noticed that he has been in the news a lot lately. Eleven former employees are suing him in federal court

for things if true, he should be arrested. He also got his wife's cousin to enter the race because his cousin has the same name as South Belt resident and candidate Jerry Garcia to confuse voters. These are the types of things that have always made me hate politics. I researched Jerry Garcia after reading the articles in the *South Belt Leader* and *Houston Chronicle*. I also saw the news clip on Channel 2.

Jerry Garcia, the lieutenant who lives in South Belt, has 20 plus years experience in law enforcement, shows to be a Master Peace Officer and a soccer coach at South Belt Youth Soccer Club for 18 years. From what I have seen, he seems to be the type of leader that this community could use. Residents of South Belt, please do your research. These local elections have great impacts on our lives. Our safety and security is at stake. We need to elect "real people" who truly care about our community. I'm choosing Jerry Garcia, the lieutenant.

To the incumbent Chris Diaz who refuses to take part in the forum. I am a tax-paying citizen and I demand that you attend. What is your experience as a police officer? We have questions and we want answers. Crime is up. What are you doing about it? I haven't found anything to indicate to me that you should be Constable. I looked you up on Facebook and see that you have been attending things in North Channel, Galena Park, and everywhere not South Belt. Come to the forum and tell us why we should vote for you. As of now, Jerry Garcia the lieutenant, not your cousin, has my vote. Come tell me why I should vote for you instead.

Editor, is there a way you can do a comparison piece on all the candidates, including the incumbent? I am very impressed with the resume of Jerry Garcia, the lieutenant. I would love to see what type of experience the other candidates have. I think this comparison piece is very important so that we can make a good choice as to our next constable. Please put a comparison piece in your paper. Early voting starts soon.

Thank you,  
Roy Hernandez

## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group posted a photo of an incident that took place Jan. 25 at 2:35 p.m. The member states that the alleged suspects tried to take a pressure washer from their spouse's truck, but were not able to steal it since it was chained. It is reported that there were three suspects in a tan Chevrolet truck; the driver's side of the truck is black and the vehicle has paper plates.

A member of *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group posted that their mother has owned the home for more than 49 years and someone

broke into their house for the first time. The incident happened Jan. 22 on Kirkhall Drive. The member states that their rings and some coins were taken from the home.

On the same Facebook page a member posted that the tailgate of their truck was stolen. The member noticed that it was taken Jan. 27, around 7:40 a.m. The incident happened in Olivewood and Scarsdale area. The incident was reported to the local police. The member just wanted to notify others and to keep a look out.

On the same Facebook page there were several posts that stated of hearing gun-

shots near Beverly Hill Intermediate Park in the evening of Jan. 27.

A member of *People of Sagemont* Facebook group posted about being stopped by a police officer near Melillo Middle School. The post received the attention of other parents in the area. The member states that he was on his way to take his son to school, when a van sped through the school zone, but the member was the one who was pulled over and received a ticket. There were other members that commented that they were pulled over as well. To read more about this post, visit the Facebook page group.

## BARC shares meeting dates

The Pearland Area Republican Club announced its February meetings. The annual PARC Souper Saturday fundraiser is Feb. 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Church of Christ Annex, 2217 North Grand Blvd. in Pearland. One can meet local Republican candidates and elected officials while enjoying homemade soups, cornbread and desserts. A donation of \$20 per person will be taken. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information, Pat Smajstrla at 281-435-3097 or Cindy Simpson at 713-501-4123.

Join the group for the "Paint Pearland Red" social Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Al-lendale's Kitchen and Cocktails, 5010 Broadway. If one has not registered to vote, this is an opportunity to do so.

## Publisher's Opinion

### Starting our 45th year!

With this issue of the *South Belt Leader* we are starting our 45th year of publication as of Feb. 5. Our first issue was in 1976.

Wow, it just doesn't seem possible. When we started the paper I would have never believed it would be around this long. Bobby Griffin and I started it together in our homes. My son Davy was nine at the time. Bobby works part time now, and Davy is now our company president. The area has grown tremendously. At that time Beamer Road ended at the Sagemont subdivision, and no one ever imagined the construction of a beltway.

One thing that still remains constant is that this is a community that cares about its neighbors. The growth has not changed

the caring nature of the community.

One sad change is our obituaries. They use to be very rare; now they are quite common and many are of longtime friends. Working with the *Leader* has given my life tremendous joy. This community has been a fantastic place for us to raise our family, build many friendships and get true satisfaction from community involvement.

Thanks to all who pick up the paper, or now read it on line. Thanks to our advertisers and those who contribute news.

Look at the front page of this week's issue. On the masthead you will see Vol. 45, No. 1. Forty-fifth year, first issue. Thank you.

Marie Flickinger, publisher

## Local library events set

### Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint: Thursday, Jan. 30, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors

Monday, Feb. 3, 10:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Classes cover the 100 civics questions and how to prepare for the citizenship interview. Other topics include the citizenship application and qualifications. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 10:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime. Toddler around with the library staff for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop a toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. This session is intended for children ages 6 months to 4 years and their caregivers.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Computer basics  
For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.

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

### Parker Williams Library

Beginning Monday, Feb. 3, income tax help is available at Parker Williams Library Mondays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until April 15 with volunteer tax assistants. Bring all tax documents and Social Security card.

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Jan. 30, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Texas Bluebonnet Award Voting, ages 6-12. The library will be hosting voting for the Texas Bluebonnet Award. Voting will be available to all children who have not yet been able to vote at either their elementary school or through their home-school group. Pick up a ballot at the librarian at the circulation desk.

Friday, Jan. 31, 6 - 8 p.m. Nerf Battle Royal Live! (Ages 12 and older) Darts will fly as the library hosts a sized Battle Royal. Plan to duck, dip, dive, and dodge while shooting darts at friends. Eye protection and dart guns are provided for up to 20 individuals. A parental signed waiver is required.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m. Sensory friendly movie "Dora and the Lost City of Gold" will be shown. The lights will be low, the sound will be down and there will be plenty of room for everyone to move around as needed. Refreshments and film have been generously donated by State Farm.

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

Saturday, Feb. 1, 2 p.m. "Spring Vegetable Gardening Done Organically" lecture given by Terry Gardener. Harris County Master Gardener describing his experience with organic gardening. Volunteers are sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Monday, Feb. 3, 2 - 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, Feb. 3, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Magic: The Gathering Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. This is a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast. It incorporates strategy, mythical lore, and competitive-community play. Meet in the community room for a few hours of game play. For those who would like to learn how to play, a staff member will be present for instruction.

Wednesday, Thursday, Feb. 5 - 6, 9:30 a.m. GED test preparation for adults. For those interested, the Harris County Department of Education will be on hand to register students for the free fall classes. Registration is a two-day process; applicants need to attend both dates.

Below are the programs that occur every week, unless the library is closed.  
Tuesday, Babytime lapsit, 10:30 a.m. For babies from birth to 18 months, featuring a mother-baby lapsit time with fingerplays, songs and playtime.

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

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

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

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

For more information on all other programs, call the library at 832-927-7870.  
Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday, closed; Monday, 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

## Elected officials share their words

### Message from Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

Recently, the Harris County Sheriff's Office publicly announced the launch of our latest effort to stop violence before it ever happens. In the past, law enforcement has taken a reactive approach to crime, responding to calls for service after the fact. Our new Behavioral Threat Management Unit will focus on proactive strategies that can potentially prevent acts of violence by stalkers and others who exhibit behaviors that often lead to violence.

I sat down with Fox 26 and discussed in depth the

expectations of this unit and its importance to our community.

Friday, the HCSO Junior Mounted Posse stopped by for the annual Pony Express Ride Proclamation.

It's been my honor as Sheriff to welcome these riders to Harris County as they journey through various counties to invite folks to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Started in 1951, this long-standing tradition serves as an important part of our culture here in Harris County. See the sights of their visit below.

# Deaths

### Bob Perry



Bobby Lee Perry, 83, was born March 30, 1936, in Fort Worth to Vernon Willis Perry and Eileen Holly Perry. He passed away on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 in League City. Bobby was the youngest of 9 children.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corp, part of the Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 12 (H&MS-12) that was located in Wonsan, Korea. H&MS-12 is part of the 1st MAW (Marine Air Wing). He worked on maintenance and repair of the Marine aircraft.

Bob and Lena Perry met in Galveston in 1957 and were married in 1958. They moved to Sagemont in 1965 and together had five children. They opened Perry's Butcher shop in 1979 and were the founders of Perry's Restaurant Group.

Bob had a passion for golfing with friends and has been known to make three hole-in-ones. He loved to tell jokes and make people laugh. Bob was a true Dallas Cowboys fan. He was known to his family and friends as Bokey Bob.

He was very much a family man who left a beautiful legacy to his family. Bob loved his wife Lena dearly. He was a grateful man and was extremely appreciative of what he had. Bob was a Christian man and a believer God wants all to live their lives with intention; to be sincere and deliberate with actions and relationships. Bob lived by the fruits of the spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Bob is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lena Concetta Atanasiu Perry; five children, Concetta Marie Ligori and husband Terry, Bobby Lee Perry Jr. and wife Beth Ann, Angela Marie Perry (deceased in 1979), Jacqueline Marie Blanchard and husband Brian, and Christopher Vernon Perry and wife Holly; 11 grandchildren, Anthony Neal Ligori and wife Mary Jo, Nicholas Lee Perry and wife Jessica, Christopher Phillip Perry and wife Lauren, Andrew Sean Perry, Zachary Thomas Perry, and wife Cheyenne, Michael Anthony Perry (deceased 2014), Patrick Michael Blanchard, Cameron Brian Blanchard, Lauryn Angela Blanchard, Alec Christopher Perry, and Jake Gregory Perry; 12 great-grandchildren, Dominic Thomas Perry, Toni Angela Ligori, Jacqueline Rose Ligori, Sofia Concetta Ligori, Avery Grace Perry, Colton Lee Perry, Aiden Michael Perry, Nolan Michael Perry, Mason Phillip Perry, Everly Nicole Perry, Carson Michael Perry and Bennett Reid Perry; and many other relatives and cherished friends.

Bob's legacy was the need and desire to be remembered for what he contributed to the world.

Bob Perry's contributions can be felt in the hearts of each and every one of his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, Houston. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Catholic Cemetery in Dickinson.

Condolences may be sent to the Perry family in care of Jeter Memorial Funeral Home at www.jeterfuneralhome.com.

### David Mark Prescott

David Mark Prescott, 60, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020. Per his wishes, a memorial service will not be held.

A lifelong resident of Houston, he was born July 16, 1959, to Clarence David and Betty Lou (Savoy) Prescott, longtime South Belt residents.

He spent his career as a CNC machinist at Textool, his family's company. His passions included motocross and hunting and fishing with his family. Fondly known as "Moose" to many, he was most proud of his son Travis.

His survivors include his son Travis Dylan Cochran Prescott and daughter-in-law Kaylee (Butler) Prescott of Pearland; brother Steve Prescott of Dickinson; sister Sheri Chamblin of Pearland; nephews Nicolaus and Dalton Prescott; and nieces Savannah

### Joseph Victor Balesky



Joseph Victor Balesky, 84, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 2019, surrounded by family and friends, after a struggle with end stage neuroendocrine tumor of the pancreas.

He was born June 11, 1935, to Elsie Bolinsky Balesky and Joseph Jacob Balesky in Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pa. He graduated from West Mahanoy Township High School in 1954. He joined the Army Air Force in 1955 to travel and pursue his education.

Joseph married Gail Pruitt and the couple had daughters Amanda and Karen. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in hospital administration and achieved the commission of major. He retired after 23 years of active duty.

Joseph's presence filled the room. He was an avid listener, a strong leader and a wise counsel.

After leaving the service, he married Kathleen Brasch; the couple had daughters Lora and Amie.

He was CEO of Health Professionals of America, a medical recruitment firm, for twenty years. He was a long-time resident of the South Belt area and a member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

Joseph loved family first, but sports second. He rarely missed an Astros, Rockets, or Texas game. He followed a strict workout routine all of his days. He had a passion for fishing; he was well known at the Galveston Coast Guard Station for flounder and red-fish catches.

Joseph is survived by his wife; daughters Amanda Balesky Losowski, Karen Balesky Fowler, Lora Balesky Grigsby and Amie Balesky Mickens; sons-in-law Bret Grigsby, Stan Losowski and Brad Fowler; grandchildren Rachel Losowski Weiss, Mark Losowski, Tristan Mickens and Mason Grigsby; his sister, Marion Balesky Polk and her husband Henry Polk.

### Todd S. Rogers



Todd S. Rogers, 57, long-time former resident of Sagemont, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, in Richmond, Texas. He was born May 15, 1962.

Todd is survived by his wife Van Rogers; his daughter Pride Rogers-Primmer and her husband Artie Primmer; his sister Kristi Rogers-Keckler; nephew Chase Keckler; and grandchildren Madison Primmer, Megan Primmer, Ayden Primmer and Dean Primmer.

He was greatly loved and will be missed by his family who say he went to be with the Lord upon his passing, but they see him again.

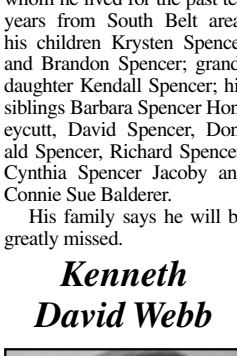
The community is invited to join the family for a celebration of life. Feb. 22, 2 p.m. at W.E. Hill Community Center, 1000 Main Street, Sealy, Texas 77474.

### Randy Lynn Spencer



Randy Lynn Spencer, 57, died Jan. 25, 2020.

### Kenneth David Webb



Kenneth David Webb, 84, died Jan. 19, 2020. He was born Dec. 9, 1935 in Stanton, Nebr., to John Webb and Erna Wagner. He was married to Chieko Webb for more than 60 years.

Ken proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force and honorably retired after 20 years of service. He went on to work for the University of Houston. He was a member of Misilees and the American Legion. Ken deeply loved his family and his wife.

He was preceded in death by his wife Chieko Webb in 2017; eldest daughter June Hodges in 2016; and both of his parents.

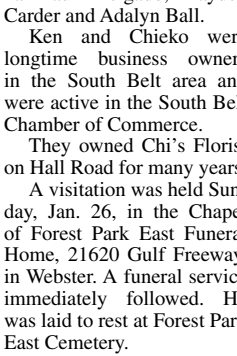
Left to cherish Ken's memory are his daughter Teresa Webb; grandchildren Sara Sultan, John Hill, Krissa Norton, Jason Hodges, Kimberly Robbins and Lisa Hudson; great-grandchildren Victoria Gauthier, Kelly Hudson, Ashley Ball, Serina Hill, Gregory Norton, Alexander Norton, Johnny Norton; and great-great-grandchildren Jonah-Paul Delgado, Zayden Carder and Adalyn Ball.

Ken and Chieko were longtime business owners in the South Belt area and were active in the South Belt Chamber of Commerce.

They owned Chl's Florist on Hall Road for many years.

A visitation was held Sunday, Jan. 26, in the Chapel of Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Freeway, in Webster. A funeral service immediately followed. He was laid to rest at Forest Park East Cemetery.

### Johnny Darrel Loftis Sr.



Johnny Darrel Loftis Sr., 59, was born April 5, 1960, in Pasadena to Jimmie and Martha Jo Loftis.

He graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School - Class of 1978. He started his career working in multiple industries including elevator and mechanical and construction, joining Galveston County and, most recently, gained experience in barge operations. He had a passion for salt-water fishing, loved firearms and had a need for speed.

He is survived by his parents Jimmie and Martha Jo Loftis; son Johnny Darrel Loftis Jr. and wife Veronica; daughter Natalie Reed and husband Nick; daughter Kristin Galindo and husband John; daughter Michelle Flores and husband Nathan; sister Julie Loftis-Everts and husband Les; and sister Lorie Loftis-Shewell and partner Paul Lewis. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and his best friend Aaron Lambert.

The family will receive guests from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Niday Funeral Home - Beamer Chapel. The service honoring Johnny's life will immediately follow at 3 p.m.

### Leader obituary policy

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# SoHo presents "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"

The students in the fine arts departments at South Houston High School will be presenting the revised, Broadway version of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1 at the South Houston High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" with book, music and lyrics by Clark Gesner and a revised book and new songs by Andrew Lippa, is a fun-filled family-friendly musical vignette show that reintroduces us to Charles Schultz' whole Peanuts gang, including Linus, Lucy, Schroeder, Sally, Snoopy and, of course, the one and only Charlie Brown.

This work is being produced as a collaboration among the outstanding fine arts departments at South Houston.

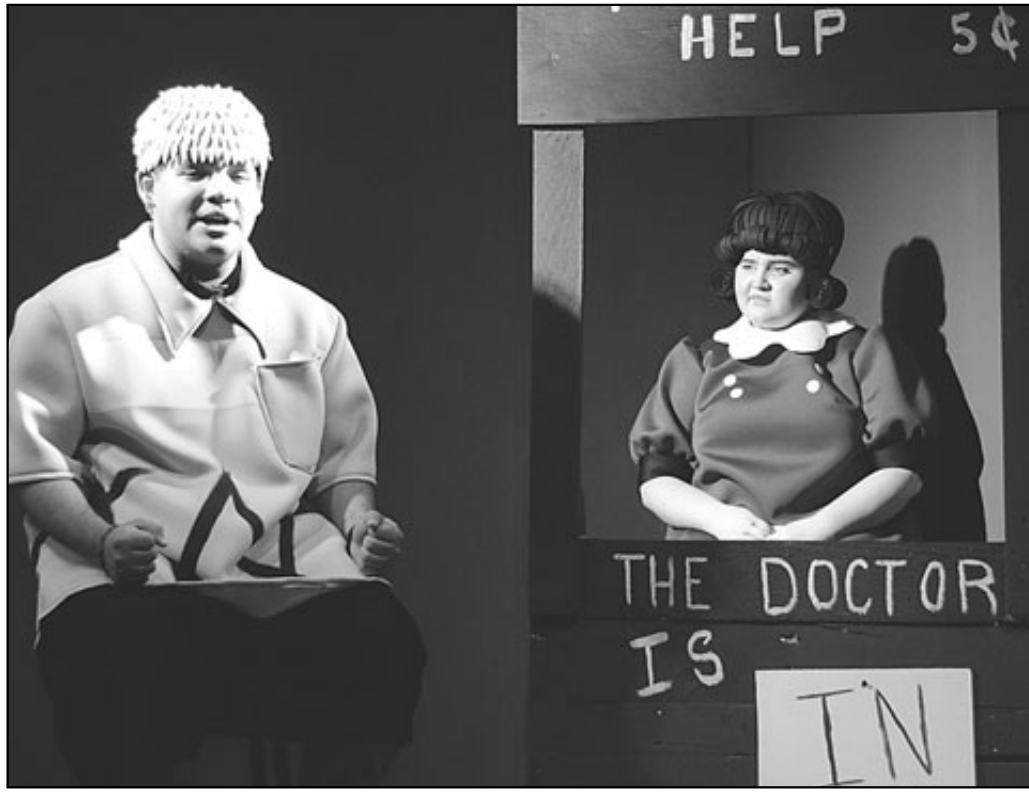
Janet Sharpley, theater director, is at the helm of this production serving as the director; Courtney Howard, assistant director of choirs is serving as music direc-

tor; Joscelyne Oktabetz, assistant theater director, is the costume designer; Tony Prather, technical theater director, is the set and lighting designer; Christina Bires, director of orchestras is serving as the general producer; and David Ngo will be conducting the live orchestra.

The cast of characters includes (lead roles) Julian Chavez as Charlie Brown, Denisse Herrera as Sally Brown, Mallory Howard as Lucy Van Pelt, John Campos as Linus Van Pelt, Sincere Sinegal as Schroeder and Elizabeth Rodriguez as Snoopy.

"Audiences can expect to enjoy the journey, bask through one of the most endearing comic strips of all times, as they get to see some of life's big and little moments through the eyes of Charlie Brown and the gang," said Sharpley.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and may be purchased online at trojantheatre.ludus.com or at the door.



## Boy Scouts of America meet

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

The Scouts meet at Stuchbery Elementary School, 11210 Hughes Road, Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For information on becoming a Cub Scout, contact Thomas Fitzgerald at rodeokidsz9@gmail.com or send a text to 832-692-0672.

## Bay Area Quilt Guild monthly meeting

The Bay Area Quilt Guild monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4. Fellowship starts at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. February's guest speaker will be Giuseppe A. Ribaldo, also known as Giucy Guice, who is a quilter, fabric and pattern designer, currently designing fabric for Andover Fabrics.

Plan for an evening of learning and fun. Visitors can attend two free meetings and annual dues are \$25. For more information, contact Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 or visit the club's website at bayareaquiltguild.org.

South Houston High School will be presenting "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." Shown above are Julian Chavez (left) as Charlie Brown and Mallory Howard as Lucy Van. Shown in the photo at far left is Elizabeth Rodriguez as Snoopy. The cast members are re-enacting scenes for play rehearsals.

Photos submitted

# South Houston announces third 6-weeks honor roll

South Houston High School officials announced honor roll, list for the third six-weeks.

### Ninth grade

Edith Acosta, Denisse Aguilar, Jose Juan Aguilar, Alejandra Arredondo, Jordy Arroyo Carrillo, Edgard Banuelos, Kency Marivi Bonilla Lainez, Cristian Briegas, Isaac Camacho, Ariana Jazmin Cantu, Jeam Pierre Carriel Salto, Daniel Carrillo, Alan Armando Carrizales, Gael Castillo, Angeles Elizabet Chamorro Hernandez and Devone Tyrese Coleman.

Sharimar Marie Colon Melendez, Cesar Conde, Grisel Yanori Contreras Alfaro, Moises Contreras, Monserrat Cruz Franco, Gabriela Abigail Davila Barron, Hannian De Leon, Carlos Arturo Escobar, Katherine Lisbeth Espinal Acosta, Diego Saul Espinosa, Angel Alexis Flores, Gabriel Joseph Fowler, Heidi Gritel Franco and Sara Regin Gaeta.

Erick Adrian Garcia Romero, Aida Garza, Natalie Garza, Marisol Gomez Camero, Aimee Gomez, Jefferson Anthony Gomez, Nathalie Gomez, Alize Marie Gonzales, Mayleen Yoliveth Hernandez Fuentes, Ashley Lizeth Hernandez, Maylyn Hernandez, Nicolas Trevino Hernandez and Antonio Herrera.

Jeremiah Joseph Horton, Christina Melissa Houston, Tuan Anh Huynh, Jessie Semaj Jackson, Angel Jimenez, Carolina Celeste Julian, Aileen Marie Lopez, Dominique Alexandra Lopez, Miguel Lopez, Sonia Guadalupe Lopez, Victor Hugo Lopezmorales, Dylan Mathew Luna, Joel Ivan Luque and Matthew Daniel Macias.

Stephanie Michelle Maldonado, Kristopher Erik Maldonado-Jackson, Natalia Alexandra Martinez, Guidman Jose Mejia Villalvir, Daisy Imelda Mendoza, Stefan Menjivar, Tomas Meza, Abigail Sarai Morales, Neyder Jose Moreno Mendez, Cristina Moreno, Brittaney Muniz, Kevin G Murillo-Gallos, Antonio Negrete and Anthony Julius Nunez.

Isaiah Abdel Orta, Alyssa Monsett Pena, Cesar Ezequiel Pena, Govany Melvin Ramirez, Janeth Ramirez, Jesenia Ramirez, Jose Angel Ramos, Erick Renteria, Alejandro Reyes, Amy Elizabeth Rios Del Cid, Katerin Paola Rivera Diaz, Alyssa Brianna Rodarte, Cesar Rodriguez, Marcus Andrew Rodriguez, Susana Rodriguez and Robinson Rosas.

Jailyn Elysa Saldana, Destiny Marie Sanchez, Ingrid Joana Sanchez, Miranda Michelle Sanchez, Valeria Marlyn Sanchez, Maynor Josue Santos Hernandez, Jeremiah Ezekiel Sheppard-Rubio, Franklin Antonio Sorto and Olufumilayo Abisola Talabi.

Evelyn Marie Valdez, Joaquin Fernando Valencia Santos, Alexandra Vazquez Garcia, Christian Nicolas Vera, Hanson Tinh Vo, Demarcus James Whitaker, Ariel Isabel Zamora, Cynthia Zavala, Josue Zuniga, Kevin Daniel Zuniga-Rios and Angie Johanna Zuviri.

### Tenth grade

Esteban Angel Abascal, Miguel Angel Alonso, Na-

talie Lorraine Amaya, Ricardo Alberto Anaya, Esther Alexandra Araiza, Anthony Arguello, Jared Barrera, Diego Barron, Alejandro Bastida De La Rosa, Mariana Carolina Bernal, Michelle Bustamante, Alexander Hugo Cantarero, Hazel Canton, Angel David Chavez and Johnny Santana Chavez.

Matthew Collada, Dayania Lee Colon Santiago, Idalia Contreras, Damaris Cornejo, Rebecca Cortez, Jeremy Cruz Gonzalez, Nikko Allen Deleon, Maryella Ivonne Diaz, Lizette Jacqueline Dimas, D'angela Tamiya Doss, Vanessa Hope Forbes, Josue Manuel Galdamez, Katherine Gallardo and Richard Ray Gallegos.

Joshua Deshawn Garcia, Karla Angelina Garcia, Maureen Garcia, Yaneli Garibay, Daniel Eduardo Garza, David Gonzalez, Jesus Gonzalez, Leslie Lynnette Gonzalez, Jesus Daniel Guerrero Cansino, Julissa Nicole Guevara, Bianca Gutierrez, Belkis Graciela Hernandez Ordonez, Evelin Hernandez, Jeslin Bianca Hernandez, Jesus Enrique Hernandez and Josiah Thomas Horton.

Evelyn Juarez, Terran Deshon King, Jose Antonio Lerma, Seep Franz Lona, Marium Alicia Macias, Ivan Marquez, Destiny Latrice Marshall, Melany Fernanda Martinez Sanchez, Alazae Nicole Martinez, Jocelynn Luna, Rosa Maria Mayor Suarez, Treveon Meguffery, Aron Gustavo Mejia, Isabelia Maria Mendez and Leyda Mendoza Hernandez.

Ambar Mercedes Perez, Henry Monasterio, Lilianna Moncada, Victor Hugo Montalvo, Yesenia Elizabeth Monterroza, David Enrique Morales, Jesus Morales, Pablo Antonio Morales, Jose Jesus Narvaiz, Yurely Anyelly Negron, Joe Orion Orozco, Yosefin Guadalupe Ortiz, Crystel Palacios and Amelia Marie Jimenez Pena.

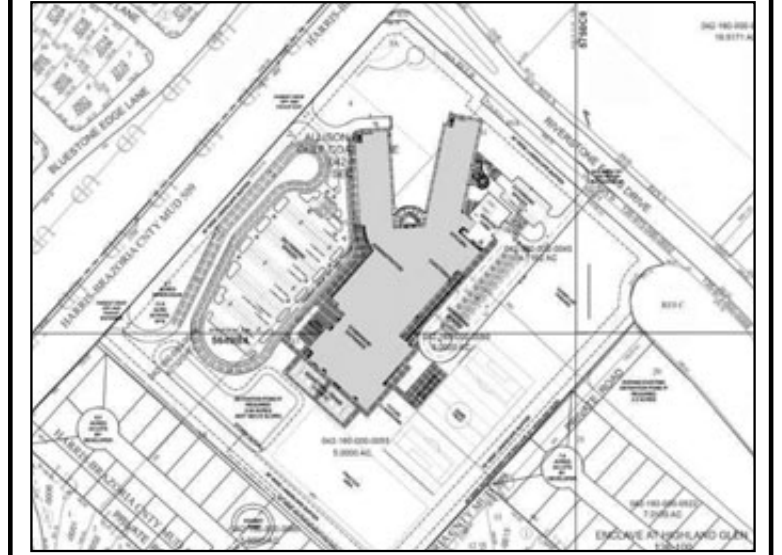
Stefany Perez Macias, Mariah Alejandra Perez, Piedad Perez, Stephanie Michelle Perez, Stephanie Katia Peterson, Uyen Hoang Pham, Jaida Mykell Pierre, Gretchen Rachel Prado Gonzalez, Mya Ramirez, Dariela Lynette Reyes, John Matthew Reyna, Josselin Paola Rivas Rivera and Xavier Mejia Rizzuto.

Luis Alexander Rodriguez, Nancy Marie Samaniego, Eric Nacor Santana Ozuna, Stephanie Saucedo, Carlos Alexander Saucedo Estrada, Anthony Eugene Thomas, Emilia Torres, Samantha Torres-Lozano, Alan Tien Tran, Marco Uriel Valdez, Alyssa Marie Vasquez, Wendy Sarai Zarate, Diana Gloria Zavala Bernabe and Damian Jovany Zayas.

### Eleventh grade

Antonio Aguilar Jimenez, Itzaira Aguilar, Rebecca Aguilar, Evelyn Faith Aguilon, Alicia Bianey Almaguer, Angelito Manuel Alvarez, Angelina Nyomi Alvarez-Carrera, Gerardo Ancheta Ruiz, Natalia Azeneth Ayala, Jennifer Bastida, Derrick Wayne Bell, Oscar Misael Belmares, Hugo Eleasar Benavides and Noe Bettoar.

Esmeralda Bravo, William Calles, Armando Cantu, Anai Cardoza, Andrea Castillo, William Castillo, Anthony



The Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees recently approved an agreement that will allow the relocation of the future Thompson Intermediate campus, which will be less controversial than its original nearby location. Initially planned to be constructed on Highland Meadows Drive near the Green Tee Terrace subdivision, the new campus is now scheduled to be built on Riverstone Falls Drive near Hughes Road.

# Agreement nears completion

Continued from Page 1A Drive for the school district's existing property on Highland Meadows Drive. The agreement required Pasadena ISD to also contribute an undisclosed amount of additional funds.

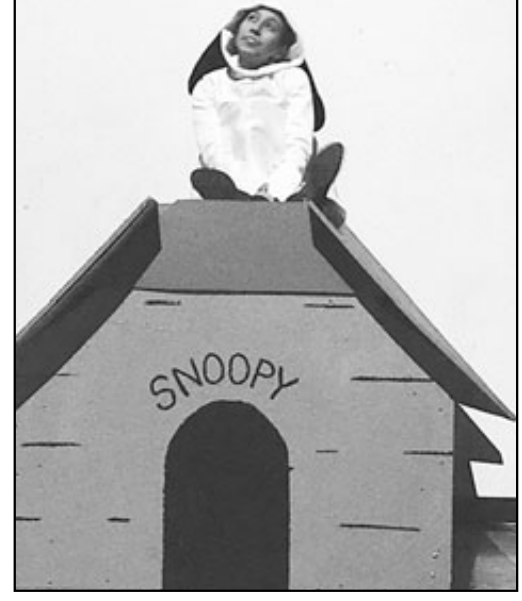
The initial plot of land on Highland Meadows Drive was already owned by the school district. The land was originally to be used for an

11th Pasadena ISD intermediate campus, but other options were evaluated after Thompson suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey.

Following the historic storm, Thompson students were temporarily housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate for five months, while school officials and an independent committee studied the issue.

The first phase of design for the new campus was approved by the PSD board in December 2018, with GDP Group being awarded the \$37.5 million contract to construct the 178,000-square-foot facility.

The new campus, which will permanently replace the original Thompson campus on Sagedowne Lane, is expected to open August 2021.



# Free legal clinic set for veterans Feb. 8

Veterans who need legal advice or legal assistance can visit a free legal clinic in Galveston Saturday, Feb. 8, at the VA Outpatient Clinic, 3828 Avenue N, Galveston, from 9

a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary. The clinic is a public service of the Galveston County Bar Association and the Veterans Legal Initiative, with funding from the Texas

Access to Justice Foundation.

Any veteran, or spouse of a deceased veteran, can receive one-on-one advice and counsel at the clinic from a volunteer attorney in any area of law, in-

cluding family, wills and probate, consumer, real estate and tax law, as well as disability and veterans benefits. Veterans who need ongoing legal representation and who qualify for legal aid may be assigned a pro bono attorney through the Houston Volunteer Lawyers to handle their case.

The Houston Bar Foundation and Houston Volunteer Lawyers sponsor weekly Friday afternoon clinics at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in Mental Health Building 108-A. Recipients are asked to arrive by 4 p.m. to be seen. More information about the clinics is available at www.hba.org.

## Let's Dance dates set

Everyone is welcome to attend the dances at the Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway. Evening dances are from 7 to 9:45 p.m. The door fee is \$8. Attire is always "dress as you like." Dancers without partners are welcomed with tables reserved for those who choose to sit together for the convenience in sharing dance partners. All ages from teens through seniors can enjoy the music and floor, regardless of the level of danceability.

Save the following dates: Feb. 1, "Everything's Coming Up Roses"; and Feb. 29, "Mardi Gras Dance." Everyone is welcome to attend the free ballroom dance activity at Hometown Heroes Park every Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Those interested in lessons can enjoy free dance lessons at Hometown Heroes Park on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. These lessons are taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler. Questions on lessons can be directed to 832-517-5833.

# The Brook Debate team adds more points for state



Brook Debaters added three more students to their flight to El Paso in March to attend the state meet with the following wins at Houston Lamar High School on Jan. 24-25, the Worlds School Team of Sarvesh Subramanian, Zahra Virarni, Alwin Varghese, Rishi Bengani and Nathan Lee took first place. Sarvesh also placed first in Oratory, garnering his fourth qualification of the season. While Sarvesh and Zahra were already qualified in other events, their Worlds members now get to join them at State. Other wins were realized by Muhammad Zain who placed third in Informative Speaking, Sebastian Velasquez who placed third in Impromptu Speaking and Santra Sijo who placed sixth in Dramatic Interp. Freshman Anto Antony also advanced to Octa-Finals in Lincoln Douglas Debate. Photo submitted

# Annual School Choice Week celebrated

Texas students, parents and teachers from all types of K-12 schools are celebrating educational opportunity and explore school choices at school fairs and other community events during the nation's 10th annual School Choice Week.

Schools, organizations, and individuals are planning 4,891 events and activities, making up some of the 51,300 events planned nationwide to draw attention to K-12 education options. National School Choice Week (Jan. 26 - Feb. 1) will be the largest celebration of educational choice in U.S. history, with a record-shattering 13.7 million Americans expected to participate.

One of the biggest events that took place in Texas was a large school fair Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Bullock Tex-

as State History Museum.

Around the country, Americans have been celebrating at school open houses, pep rallies, screenings of the movie "Miss Virginia," sports competitions, school fairs and more.

Gov. Greg Abbott issued an official proclamation recognizing Jan. 26 - Feb. 1 as Texas School Choice Week.

In addition, the counties of Crane, Liberty, Lynn, Kimble, Gonzales and Willacy; cities of Blue Mound, Tomball, Selma, Collyville, Irving, Lexington, Seagraveville, Brazoria, Grapevine, Colleyville, Richardson, Oyster Creek, Florence, Balcones Heights, Sour Lake, Combine, Prosper, Farmers Branch, Allen, Keller, Euless, Liberty, Lewisville and Overton and Village of Pleak issued proclamations recog-

nizing School Choice Week in their communities. In Texas, there are a variety of educational options to attend including: traditional public schools with open enrollment at the discretion of each district, charter schools, magnet schools, online academies, private schools and homeschooled.

National School Choice Week is an independent public awareness effort celebrated since 2011. The week is nonpartisan, nonpolitical, and not related to any legislative advocacy campaign.

"From dual-language public magnet programs to high-performing private schools, Texas has more educational choices than ever before," said Andrew Campanella, president of National School Choice Week. "We hope National School Choice

Week empowers Texas parents to know their options and choose based on their children's unique needs."

School choice is an important issue for all types of schools across the state. "I think, no matter what students' interests are, schools of choice help them clarify what those interests may be or what they may pursue as a career in the future," said Agnes Perry, principal of DeBakey High School for Health Professions.

For a complete list of local events planned in Texas, explore the events and updates listed at schoolchoiceweek.com/states/texas. The website is also a place to download a guide to school choice in Texas, see celebration photos and to learn more about featured events.

# Grant funds free art elementary classes

Local elementary students have a chance to attend afterschool art classes offered by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Art School for Children and Young Adults at a free or greatly reduced rate, thanks to a grant from the Kinder Morgan Foundation.

The main goal for the grant funds is to host Art School programs at more area elementary school campuses with a high concentration of low-income students. "Because we must charge a fee for our classes, the best use of these funds is to subsidize the cost or be able to offer it to children in Title I schools for free," said art school director David Moya.

Schools designated as Title I receive financial assistance from the state because a certain percentage of the students have been identified as low-income and require supplemental funds to reach their educational goals, while the Kinder Morgan Foundation funds programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people.

The \$5,000 grant has already enabled the funding for an art class at Bay Elementary in Clear Creek Independent School District.

"We are trying to reach the population of students who can't afford the cost of the class. These funds pay for the materials and for the teacher's time." The funds have a secondary purpose, Moya said. "With these funds, we can create more paid teaching opportunities for our undergraduate art education students," he said. "Teaching these classes is a great opportunity to get more experience. When our students are in a class, they're the teacher. They come up with the plans and they prepare the materials."

"In addition to the methods classes and the internships, this is one more option we can offer our students to help make them more competitive when they graduate." For additional information about the Art School for Children and Young Adults, visit www.uhcl.edu/childrens-art-school.

# Thompson Intermediate announces third honor roll list for 2019-2020

Thompson Intermediate School officials announced the third honor roll list for 2019-2020 school year.

**Seventh grade**  
Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz, Manal Kamran Aleem, Jonathan Lee Alexander, Keiley Erin Anthony, Grace Isabella Arriola, A'nyia Marie Beasley, Lorenzo Betancourt Mejia, Lorian Betancourt Mejia, Nathan Lee Borjas, Kaylie Bui, Stephanie Phuong Bui and Emily Jade Cano.

Jonathan Jerry Carter, Danielle Annaya Chenier, Alejandro Del Villar Rodriguez, Kristin Thi Do, Vyvy Tuyet Huynh Do, Aniya Hope Epps, Emmanuel Estrada, Viviana Solei Fernandez, Lindzey Rebecca Flores, Elizabeth Christine Garcia, Yazmine Yvette Gonzalez, Sophia Thien My Ho and Marvin Antonio Jerezano.

Xavier Michael Keller, Iakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou, Jacob Paul Lam and Kayla Tien Nhi Lam, Natalia Le Goenaga, Nathan Le, Karyme Alejandra Leal, Mayte Marfil, Rubi Citlaly

Martinez, Kiana Thi McCombs, Alan Nguyen, Ny Ha Bao Nguyen and Ryan Oscar Nguyen.

Trish Thuy Nguyen, Henry Alexander Pacheco-Moreno, Nikolas Alexander Peleaz, Julianne Le Pham, Tony Phan, Madison Victoria Puente, Matthew Noah Rangel, Jayden Lawrence Reimer, Derek Rodriguez and Emily Nicole Rodriguez.

Katherine Michelle Sabillon-Velasquez, Isabella Rose Sanchez, Daniel Silva, Ethan Landon Snow, Pitou So, Jason Ta, Nolan Le Tran, Tristan Phat Tran, Andrew Lee Ullman, Khanh Phuc Vu Do, Megan Thuan An Vu, Sophia Vu, Cameron Latrell Walcott and Addison Christine Yount.

**Eighth grade**  
Maricela Aguilar, Meeha Akbar, Chelsea Adeola Akinloye, Alyssa Ann Allen, Cassius Aiden Arredondo Zuniga, Ezekiel Nicolas Arriaga, Michelle Avalos, Gianna Barreiro, Mohannad Mohamed Bataineh, Arian-na Gabrielle Brown, Joshua Marie Luna, Jennifer Ly and Julie Ann Machado.

and Desanae Elissa Cisneros. Christopher Henry Compean, Heli Marlene Contreras, Amyiah Re'shae Cotton, Ashley Marie Cruz, Julissa Alizee Duarte, Vivian Ngan Duong, Katya Isabela Flores, Eliud Garcia, Mcklaus Erick Alexander Garcia, Titus Quoc Giang, Lydia Golenko, Diana Guadalupe Gomez Chicas and Catherine Brianna Gomez.

Ricardo Alonso Gomez, Miranda Guadalupe Gonzalez Garza, Alexa Natalia Gonzalez, Alana Marie Goree, Eva Lynn Grile, Ayesha Hasan, Ethan Cross Hernandez, Julia Lucila Hernandez, Tyler Phillip Hudgens, Kaleigh Lynn Hughes, Eric Dinh Huynh, Muhammad Mujtaba Iqbal and Makayla Sudario Johnson.

Shalini Rhnea Johnson, Sebastian Alexander King, Quynh Nhat Ky, Emely Yulissa Lazo, Dennis Paul Le, Rachael Yvan Le, Tommy Le, Nathan Riley Lind, Kyla Aileen Lobo, Joshua Jeremiah Lopez, Victoria Marie Luna, Jennifer Ly and Julie Ann Machado.

Ashley Alizah Martinez, Frida Mejia, Lillian Irene Mendez, Lacardo Danelle Moore, Isabel Jolie Nava, Tran Bao Ngo, Alex Cong Nguyen, Elexy-Lyn Nguyen, John Tang Nguyen, Taylor Truong Nguyen, Terry Thanh Nguyen, Troy Anh Nguyen and Tuyet Thien Nguyen.

Tyler Toan Minh Nguyen, Cindy Ni, Vivian Jassmin Pachuca, Mary Grace Venant Pelekamoyo, Belle Alexandria Perridon, Haley Louise Precella, Valeria Quiroz, Jayden Jeremyjah Rangel, Sophia Rose Rodriguez, Desiree Alicia Romero, Itzel Romero, Meadow Annalisa Ross, Valerie Amber Salazar, Emily Salinas and Jorge Salinas.

Aliyah Nicole Sanchez, Alyson Renee Schwausch, Madelyn Grace Sepulveda, Jasmine Rayne Stewart, Kenton Dat Thai, James L. Thomas, Anthony Xavier Turner, Blaine Anthony Turner, Vivica Viviana Valencia, Julissa Vega, Walter Jacob Velasquez, Cardin Vo, Hallie Hoa Vu, Iven Bao Phi Vu, Mathew Quoc Vu and Teresa Ngoc Vu.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

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

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

**OLIVIA CELEBRATES 7TH BIRTHDAY!**  
**Olivia Moreno** celebrates her seventh birthday Wednesday, Feb. 5. Wishing her a wonderful birthday with lots of love, hugs and kisses are her mom **Jenny (Hayes)** and husband **Josh Laney** of Spring; big brother **Brayden**; big sister **Baylee Espinosa**; proud grandparents **Robert and Jannie Scarberry** (former longtime South Belt residents) and **Mike and Doris Hayes** of Ada, Okla.; aunt **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**; uncles **Stephen Flowers, Joey Hayes, Austin and Tyler Scarberry**; and cousins **Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers**, and **Jade and Lily Scarberry**. Mom Jenny is a 1997 Dobie High grad.

**OWEN ENJOYS 11TH BIRTHDAY!**  
**Owen Michael Flowers** celebrates his 11th birthday on Monday, Feb. 3. Best wishes and lots of love, hugs and kisses are sent to Owen from big sister **Kennedy**, little sister **Evie**, parents **Stephen and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**; grandparents **Robert and Jannie Scarberry**, former longtime South Belt residents, and **Mike and Karen Flowers** of Dickinson; uncles **Tyler and Austin Scarberry, Joey Hayes, Wesley and Travis Flowers** and **Josh Laney**; aunts **Jenny (Hayes) Laney** and **Christine Flowers**; and cousins **Brayden and Baylee Espinosa, Olivia Moreno, Jade and Lily Scarberry, and Sierra, Ryker, Connor, Jesse, Christopher and Mason Flowers**. Owen's mom is a 2005 Dobie High School graduate.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Jan. 30 through Feb. 5, 2020.

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

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

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

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

**Moore Elementary**  
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Debbie Pampell** Feb. 4.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Join in the birthday fun Jan. 30 with **Lauren Hughes**. Break out the balloons and party favors for **Jessica Arnold** and **Ma Cuevas De Vazquez** Feb. 3.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
**Lety Gonzalez** marks a birthday Jan. 30. The day for a party for **Emma Tsikis** is Jan. 31.

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

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

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Feb. 2 is the day for a celebration for **Teresa Tran** and **Cynthia Wright**. Send a birthday greeting Feb. 4 to **Melanie Thompson**.

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

**Dobie High**  
A special birthday is celebrated by **Steven Casteel and Elke Cerre** on Jan. 30. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Laura Guerrero** Jan. 31. The day for a double-layer cake for **Frank Mora** and **Leslie Rustin** is Feb. 1. Sharing a birthday Feb. 3 are **Garland Ganter, Denice Ontiveros Valencia** and **Veronica Overides**. Break out the balloons and party favors Feb. 4 for a celebration for **Chastity Hall Shaqwan Scott, Kristi Vance** and **Sandra Villarreal**. On Feb. 5, birthday cheers go to **Geydi Bonilla** and **Nichole Kemp**.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to friends who have a birthday. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, send an email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Jan. 30: **Bill Heavin, Karen Price, Kimberly Istre, Kristen Mata, Jennifer Miller, Christine Cline** and **Amy Reichelderfer**; Friday, Jan. 31: **Maria Olivera, Erica Bush, Veronica Tanguma-Mejia, Ernie Banks, Josh Keim, Angeles Rios, Maria Zuniga** and **Craig Thompson**; Saturday, Feb. 1: **Danice Oliver and Lee Terry**; Sunday, Feb. 2: **Lisa Upshaw and John Scheschuk**; Monday, Feb. 3: **Garland Ganter**; Tuesday, Feb. 4: **Bobby Kramer** and **Deborah Carmona**; and Wednesday, Feb. 5: **James Kelso**.

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

## Brook debate team racking up points



The Clear Brook High School debate team continued its stockpiling of state points at Clear Creek High School's annual meet hosted Jan. 17 and 18. The biggest win came when the squad's World School Debate team bested Tompkins High School in finals, winning on a 3-0 decision from their panel. This gave the team of Sarvesh Subramanian, Nathan Lee, Rishi Bengani, Alwin Varghese and Zahra Virani six points, leaving them at ten total for the season. Needing only two more points, the

team hopes to add additional points at Lamar High School this weekend to guarantee state qualification. In addition to these points, teammates shown above, Ian Allen (left) placed third and Aqsa Babar placed second in finals for Information Speaking, picking up enough points to put them both at eight points for the year. They also hope to add points at Lamar and have plans to participate at the state meet in El Paso in March.

Photo submitted

## Dobie Key Club volunteers serve during Chevron Houston Marathon



On Jan. 19, Dobie Key Club officers and members donated time at the Chevron Houston Marathon. The members spent their time at the gear check station, checking in runners' bags as they arrived. Shown in the top left photo is member **Emily Reyes** sorting out runners' bags. Shown top right is member **Crystal Mejia** organizing bags. Shown below are, left to right, (first row) **Kathy Tran**, treasurer; **Tammy Dang**, vice president; **Eduardo Benavides**, senior class representative; **Deeangel Trinh**, editor; **Jennifer Nguyen**, president; **Jeremiah Palma**, secretary; **Ashley Tsikis**, vice president; **Abrianna Aguilar**, webmaster; (second row) **Alan Nguyen, Jordan Tran, Fer-**

**nanda Davila, Jeenny Nguyen, Hannah Lazo, Naomi Rodriguez, Alyssa Nguyen, Savannah Tran, Jessica Tran, Kailey Tsikis**, (third row) **Enlai Yui, Erica Hay, Jonathan Neira, Thao Lam, Harrison Nguyen, Melanie Vo, Annette Tran, Andrea Uribe, Denise Rodriguez, Miran-da Serrano, Megan Rodriguez, Kevin Su**, (fourth row) **Aries Jimenez, Bruce Nguyen, Vinh Diep, Genesis Valtierra, Michael De La Garza, Violet Tran, Giovanni Luna, Javier Martinez, Christopher Mendio-la-Garcia, Ashley Tovar**, (fifth row) **Amy Cao, Crystal Mejia, Metzli Silva, Emily Reyes, Alina Herazo, Jennefer Gonzalez, Jaclyn Nguyen, Lilly Nguyen, Vy Dinh** and **Hayden Lazo**.

Photos submitted

## Remember When

**40 years ago (1980)**  
The Houston Fire Department arson division followed up on several leads on a fire that severely damaged the fifth-grade area of Burnett Elementary.

In spite of negative information presented by the "60 Minutes" and "20/20" television shows, the chairman of the drive to establish a South Belt area PDAP (Palmer Drug Abuse Program) Center said he still felt the program had a lot to offer.

**35 years ago (1985)**  
Bridge railings for two reconstructed bridges and one for reconstruction over the Beamer Road ditch were being modified because of complaints the railings obstructed the view of traffic to the right.

**30 years ago (1990)**  
As testimony wrapped up in the Slaughter v. Monsanto trial, two of the last witnesses said documents were altered and Monsanto "cooked the books" relating to the Brio site.

Thompson Intermediate School faculty began an intense crisis information seminar to help recognize symptoms of drug use.

Judge Howard Wayland opened the doors to his new courtroom at the Harris County annex on Scarsdale and Beamer.

**25 years ago (1995)**  
Houston Police stepped up patrols in Scarsdale after the subdivision withdrew from the South Belt Security Alliance.

The Harris County district attorney's office conducted an investigation concerning alleged fraud charges with regard to the San Jacinto College regents election.

Twenty-three additional street lights were approved for the Sagemont subdivision.

Clear Brook High School senior Kevin Blenham designed the logo that would be used at the Texas Academic Decathlon state finals.

**20 years ago (2000)**  
Final Brio remediation began. The Brio Site Task Force began removing the underground pipelines.

**15 years ago (2005)**  
Local law enforcement officers investigated several home burglaries in Woodmeadow as well as a purse snatching in the Randall's parking lot on Fuqua. Deputies from Constable Gary

Freeman's office conducted a warrant sweep and arrested 50 individuals, which cleared 105 warrants.

After a pause, construction on the new H-E-B store on Blackhawk resumed. The store opened Oct. 26, 2005.

Dr. Daniel Darmadi was named the Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital's physician of the year.

Election filing began for all three educational districts that serve the South Belt: Pasadena Independent School District; Clear Creek Independent School District; and San Jacinto College.

**10 years ago (2010)**  
Two suspects entered a game room in the 12400 block of Scarsdale at roughly 8:15 a.m. when one of the men used a sledge hammer to smash through the building's door. The second man brandished a handgun and demanded money from the facility's lone employee. The employee cooperated and gave the man roughly \$2,500 in cash. The two men then quickly fled the scene. None of the game room's four patrons were threatened. No immediate arrests were made.

**5 years ago (2015)**  
J. Frank Dobie High School announced its Hall of Honor inductees. Distinguished alumni included Bob Mitchell (Class of

1973), president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; Leonard Cherry (Class of 1974), president of Cherry Companies; Randy McEachern (Class of 1974), former University of Texas quarterback; Kevin Sherrington (Class of 1974), sports journalist; and Reed O'Connor (Class of 1983), federal judge on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Airman 1st Class Kyle "Pete" Wells (Class of 1979) was honored as a fall hero. The late Catherine Haney, who served as both a history teacher and Academic Decathlon coach at the school, was honored as a distinguished faculty member. *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger was honored as a community volunteer.

A home invasion occurred Feb. 4 in the 9900 block of Sagecourt. Police said two armed men went to the house and demanded money and jewelry from a female resident. The woman said she did not recognize either of the crooks but suspected her house was targeted because her family owns a car dealership and was to have had cash on hand. No immediate arrests were made.

**1 year ago (2019)**  
A woman was arrested by the FBI for allegedly robbing half a dozen Houston-area banks - including two in the South Belt area - in just five days between Jan. 18 and Jan. 22. The suspect, Lores Clay, had originally been dubbed "the Hairy Heister" because of the colorful wigs she wore during the robberies. Targeted local banks included the Capital One Bank at 11408 Gulf Freeway near Alameda Genoa and the Bank of America located at 1127 Edgebrook near the Gulf Freeway.



## Harris County Public Library declares record 2M ebook, audiobook checkouts for year of 2019

Harris County Public Library recently announced that it achieved a record-breaking two million digital book checkouts in 2019. This accomplishment illustrates the continued growth and importance of library lending of ebooks and audiobooks along with the creative ways the library has served its community with digital services. Harris County Public Library is one of 73 systems around the world - including stand-alone libraries and consortia - that surpassed one million checkouts through Rakuten OverDrive, the leading digital reading platform and its award-winning app Libby.

Harris County Public Library has been providing readers 24/7 access to ebooks and audiobooks for several years. Reader interest and us-

ages the most popular in a vast catalog that also includes mystery, fantasy and children/young adult.

These are the top five ebook titles borrowed through Harris County Public Library's digital collection in 2019:

1. "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.
2. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama.
3. "Educated" by Tara Westover.
4. "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty.
5. "The Reckoning" by John Grisham.

resents the most popular in a vast catalog that also includes mystery, fantasy and children/young adult.

These are the top five audiobooks borrowed through Harris County Public Library's digital collection in 2019:

1. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama.
2. "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.
3. "You Are a Bad\*\*\*" by Jen Sincero.
4. "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" by Marie Kondo.
5. "Educated" by Tara Westover.

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# Memorial High announces third six-weeks honor roll list

Pasadena Memorial High School officials announced honor roll, list for the third six-weeks of 2019-2020.

## Ninth grade

Anna Sofia Abrego-Soriano, Caroline Leilani Acuna, Brittini Nevaeh Aguilar, Wendy Aguilar, Siani Deva Rose Alanis, Marcelino Luis Alvarez, Ashley Alfaro, Elkin Alexander Alfaro, David Alvarado, Marco Alvaranga, Manuel Amezcuita, Keatno Neikko Andrade, Jabari Naeem Antoine and Miguel Angel Armenta.

Anthony Arredondo, Brianna Arredondo, Viviana Arredondo, Angel Joel Arroyo, Jimena Avila-Garcia, Miguel Angel Azua, Hazar Fuad Baba, Brianna Carolyn Nicole Baker, Juan Manuel Banda, Francisco Xavier Barahona, Jennifer Barrios, Alexander Evan Bengochea, Sinaiyah Janae Marie Bersard, Sydney Faith Bodiker, Jose Christopher Bonilla and Demetri Khalil Bragg.

Steffen Akeem Brown, Andrei Buenrostro, Brandon Duc-Huy Bui, Kayleen Bui, Bianca Reece Burnett, Emil Santos Caballero, Eva Alexis Caldera, Haley Kisa Calvo, Genesis Carolina Camaal, Kaitlyn Makena Campos, Linda Senayda Campos, Eliana Joselyn Cardenas, Homero Jesus Carrasco, Emma Grace Carro and Olivia Nicole Casas. Shaylie Guadalupe Castrejon, Samantha Rae Castro, Alexa Grace Cavazos, Joel Andres Cazares, Yazmin Cerda, Aza Lael Cherry, Chloe Paige Clark, Claudia Elizabeth Contreras, Naila Elisa Contreras, Emely Nicole Cores, Riley Jo Cornner, Ella Deborah Derosse Daley, Trinh Viet Dang, Jessica Michelle Dryden and Emily Ann Duet.

Yoali Quetzalli Enriquez, Kevin Alexander Epling, Nailea Arlath Esquivel, Andrea Nicole Estrada, Sebastian Josue Farias Wence, Joel Farias, Phoenix Kyle Fielden, Ashley Flores, Jenae Ruby Flores, Santiago Alberto Fonseca, Phoebe Christina Franklin, Moriah Nicole Freeman, Maggi Faith French, Angel Gabriel Garcia and Arianna Garcia.

Jose Erasmo Garcia, Haley Cecilia Garza, Jesus Angel Garza, Noah Seth Gaytan, Luisa Maria Gomez Contreras, Claudia Gomez, Brianna Nicole Gonzalez, Francisco Gonzalez, Leonard Gonzalez, Luis Gonzalez, Marlen Estefania Gonzalez, Natalie Leann Gonzalez, Hailee Renee Grappe and Santiago Gurrusqueta.

Edgar Guzman, Johanna Hernandez Armenta, Graciela Hernandez, Hannah Paola Hernandez, Jimena Hernandez, Mohammad Alexander Hernandez-Siddiqui, Cyleigh Francis Herrera, Maryann Herrera, Angel Diego Hinojosa, Mahir Bin Hoque, Bradford Allen Husband and Christian Alexander Ibarra Gonzalez.

Gerardo Ibarra, Kelly Jasmin Jacobo Cedano, Kiarri Ariyan Jessie, Evan Armando Jimenez, Shaky Juarez, Andy Thanh Lam, Alani Yvette Lara, Nayah Inez Laurent, Qui Ngoc Le, Morgan Renee Lewis, Alberto Lezama Garcia, Lorenzo Isaac Lezcano, Devon Isaiah Longoria, Pablo Maximiliano Lopez Guerrero and Evelyn Selene Lopez.

Madeline Aurora Esperanza Lopez, Madysong Grace Lopez, Martin Lopez, Savannah Cruz Lopez, Caleb Ethan Loreda, Joseph Alexander Luna, Lady Helaine Magampon Maberit, Guadalupe Madrigal, Justin Huanh Mai, Kimberly Nguyen Mai, Laysha Denise Maldonado, Steven Anthony Maldonado, Gabriela Grace Marshall and Daniela Martinez.

Derrick Karlo Martinez, Felipe Noel Martinez, Jared Martinez, Jithzel Rubi Martinez, Joceline Martinez, Juliette Vyanae Martinez, Kristin Martinez, Liliana Consuelo Martinez, Oscar Martinez, Sophia Lorene Martinez, William Elias Martinez and Ciro Mata.

Mariana Astrid Pena, Rogelio Perez, Duc Minh Pham, Vy Thanh Phan, Jose Alberto Pina, Lauren Michelle Puente, Adrita Rahman, Kevin Gael Ramirez Jimenez, Agustín Allan Ramirez, Evony Rain Ramos, Diana Michell Reyes, Kaitlyn Taylor Reynolds, Audrey Celeste Rivas, Jeremiah Anthony Rivera and Alexis Nichole Robles.

Leslie D'ann Robles, Bernardo Rodriguez, Daniel Roberto Rodriguez, Denise Rodriguez, Melissa Isabelle Rodriguez, Victoria Esperanza Rodriguez, Elizabeth Leiana Rojas, Samira Anna Romero, Alessux Rene Ruiz, Curtis Wayne Russell and Aureli Elena Rutiaiga.

Aalayah Salas, Oziel Salazar, Haley Kay Salisbury, Gabriela Amely Sanchez Fuentes, Katherine Daniela Saravia Alvarado, Crystal Carena Saucedo, Cadence Sarah Scott, Ann Mariya Sebastian, Jakob Frederick Serna, Grace Isabel Serrano, Katelynn Ray Sisotos, Aletha Belle Smallwood, Damian Solis, Dariana Sosa and Logan Jade Sprinkle.

Hayden David Stallings, Shayla Brienne Stringer, Kimberly Tamez, Jade Ximena Tapia Coutino, Ivan Terrones, Angel Ivonne Torres, Christian Alexander Torres, Daisy Alexandra Torres, Dayanara Torres, Joann Alexis Torres, Amber Kim Tran, Hao Ngoc Si Tran, Alexander Trejo, Annabella Marta Trevino, Xitlaly Lorely Trevino and Ngoc Thai Truong.

Arianna Celia Tucker-Nguyen, Johana Esther Turcios, Cameron Wade Urdales, Isela Alejandra Vasquez, Zalet Vasquez, Guillermo Velasquez, Marco Antonio Vera Gonzalez, Angel Fabian Villalobos, Samantha Villanueva and Adrian Jose Villarreal.

Gabriel Villarreal, Angel David Villarreal Rivero, Victoria Elena Villaseñor, Emma Catherine Weiser, Eliza Jade Williams, Rye Lee Williamson, Avy Marie Zapata, Gabriella Ann Zepeda, Madelyn Paultette Zikogiannis, Adriana Hope Zuniga and Aliyah Faith Zuniga.

## Tenth grade

Savannah Yajaira Alaniz, Alfredo Aleman, Naysa Alondra Alicea Gonzalez, Javier Altamirano, Alex Alvarado, Emily Giselle Alvarez, Evelyn Gonzala Amaro, Alejandra Anaya Heredia, Alan Christopher Anthony, Roberto Arredondo, Mia Lizeth Avalos, Anthony Allen Ayala, Julia Gabriel Ayala and Jocelyn Azua.

Kaley Denise Baker, Abigail Balderas, Jayden Matthew Balderaz, Andrek Ayan Barrera, Josue Barrera, Tyson Michael Basinski, Naomí Bautista, Kaitlin Dawn Ong Bernal, Derek Isaac Bolanos, Alessandra Borjas, Makayla Jewel Boyer, Sarah Tam-Nhu Bui, Anahi Calderon, Alexandra Valentina Cantu, Colin Ellis Cantu and Greg Eduardo Caringer.

Savannah Lynn Carranza, Leslie Elizabeth Carrillo Medina, Kayden Robert Carro, Molly Alyse Casas, Emily Castaneda, Xilonen Castro, Jason Daniel Cedillo, Jacqueline Cepeda, Erika Angelina Chapa, Alexa Victoria Chavez, Rianna Naomi Coddou, Sofia Contreras Rueda, Emily Contreras, Cassidy Cox and Hannah Elizabeth Crum.

Addis Monserrat Cruz, Jake Alfredo Cruz, Yessica Patricia Cruz, Trent Lee Derosse Daley, Lori Jane Damian, Brianna Glory Damian-Rios, Kayla Marie Davila, Emily De Anda Pulido, Brianna De Jesus Antonio, Rachel Del Angel, Erika Delgado, Erika Yaneth Diaz Longoria, Isabella Diaz Rojas, Atenas Grecia Duarte and Aditya Ajith Elanjickal.

Gavin Michael Erskins, Daniela Esparza, Amy Denise Espino, Madison Brooke Estrada, Kaden Hooks Fernandez, Miguel Eliseo Fernandez, Emma Grace French, Leonardo Joel Frias, Grace Elane Gallagher, Andrea Noelia Gallardo, Christian Andre Garcia, Isaac Anthony Garcia and Isabella Marie Garcia.

Joel Antonio Garcia, Darwinson Antonio Garcia-Velasquez, Tyerica Lashon Gill, Ivanah Nicole Giraldo, Adriana Marissa Gomez, Abigail Alexandra Gonzalez, Alberto Gonzalez, Antonio Gonzalez, Carolina Jocelyn Gonzalez, Moses David Gonzalez, Vanessa Lynette Gonzalez, Kyle Andrew Gregory, Shayla Raquel Grubbs, Sophie Anne Guerrero, Vivian Maria Guzman, Hisham Noah Habli, Emily Kim Hear, Ariadna Hernandez Armenta, Melissa Hernandez, Mya Renee Hernandez, Luciano Hinojosa, Cierra Lyric Hoop, Frida Stephanie Ibarra, Brandon Daniel Interiano Madrid, Ignacio Rey Izaguirre, Jazmin Lorena Izaguirre, Ashley Lisbeth Jimenez Reyes and Karyme Aileen Jimenez.

Cheyenne Rose Johnson, Isaiah Augustine Juarez, Sednazitallil Juarez, Madison Nicole Lamb, Marcus Joseph Lind, Aidan Christopher Lopez, Damian Rene Lopez, Faith Elizabeth Lopez, Naydeli Lopez, Michelle Angelique Luna, Han Gia Luu, Alyssa Evette Madrid, Perla Solis Magana, Angela Marie Marler and Aimee Anahi Martinez.

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Jesus David Paternina, Destini Lisette Payne, Luis Francisco Pelico Guox, Sofia Coral Perales Espinosa, Abril Monserrat Pereyda Montoya, Brenda Isela Perez Vasquez, Anahi Perez, Christopher Perez, Gissell Perez, Gwyneth Rose Perez, Kori Annece Phillips, Zulema Abigail Pica, Shayla Ngoc Quach, Emiliano Ramirez Benavides and Karen Ramirez.

Herman Josue Ramos, Maryorie Darlen Rangel, Kathrin Fabiola Reyes Pineda, Rogelio Reyes, Jesus Alexander Reyna, Kaely Paige Richardson, Gavin Gerardo Rincon, Cisco Antonio Rivera, Jennifer Nicole Rivera, Ivan Robles, Anahi Lizette Rodriguez, Cristina Maryann Rodriguez, Melaine Rodriguez, Adam Rojas and Elijah Beaux Roque.

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Maria Fernanda Rodriguez Flores, Amber Gabriella Rodriguez, Bianca Isabella Rodriguez, Clarissa Elaine Rodriguez, Edgar

Nathaniel Estrada, Liam Kai Fielden, Jennifer Figueroa Cardenas, Cynthia Natalie Flores, Diego Joell Flores, Kaitlyn Bryanna Flores, Kristina Grace Flores, Tamara Lisbeth Flores and Abigail Frank.

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Rodriguez, Emanuel Rodriguez, Ernest Isaac Rodriguez, Leticia Rodriguez, Tahari Zyhaire Ross, Moriah Graciela Roy and Michelle Rubio.

Omar Ruiz, Mojtaba Mahmood Sadeghi, Kimberly Melissa Sanchez, Destiny Elizabeth Sandoval, Nathan Jahir Sandoval, Daniela Santos, Stephanie Annaly Santos, Sophia Burdette Schaper, Luke Aaron Schoppa, Jos Sebastian, Austin Joel Serna, Jennifer Lisette Serrano, Audrey Anna Serrato, Emmanuel Singh and Kindahl Audrey Smith.

Emma Lucia Sorto, Jessica Leticia Soto, Jolene Nguyen Tangavelou, Bridgett Cassandra Tejada, Kevin Nhatkhanh Tran, Jose Francisco Trevino Romo, Amy Yairel Trevino, Jada Hlexyia Trigueros, Anthony Truong, Camille Rachel Turcios, Cole Patrick Urdiales and Damian Vasquez.

Kenneth Vazquez, Alyssa Andrea Velasco, Danyela Priscilla Velasquez, Vivian Velasquez, Tyler Ray Villa, Rigoberto Villanueva, Alexia Villarreal, Syara Jade Villarreal, Vickie Vu, Ashlee Christina Walker, Samantha Gayle Wiggins, Jayce Alexander Winslow, Sarah Elena Yezpe and Giovanni Antonio Zaso.

## Twelfth grade

Olivia Nicole Abrego, Meisy Liseth Aguilar, Chyna De'shea Akins, Leslie Jacqueline Alcalá Dubon, Fernanda Odalys Alvarado, Jayleen Magdalena Alvarez, Maya Sky Arredondo, Miguel Arredondo, Belen Avina, Jordan Elisabeth Aylor, Rosa Graciela Banda, Christina Bandera and Miguel Angel Barahona.

Payton Nicole Beard, Carlyle Marie Benson, Ines Elizabeth Bercian, Diana Elizabeth Bermea, Eduardo Bugarin, Kameron Jamie Button, Ailany Annelly Caceres, Moises Caminero De Los Santos, Fatima Campos, Brianna Cantu, Viviana Cantu, Jacquelin Cardiel, Jadalyn Castillo, Lynnda Madissy Castillo and Maria Lizbeth Castillo.

Eric Anthony Castro, Luis Sigifredo Cepeda, Vilmar Cerda, Jacqueline Chapa, Victor Aaron Chapa, Coy Wayne Choate, Allison Nicole Choma, Alexander Michael Coatney, Katelyn Elisa Correa, Mara Isabela Cortinas, Trinitii Ann Cox, Hellen Caroline Cruz, Darin Tommy Danh, Andrea Delpirin Davila and Mia Janelle Davis.

Samantha Eglae Delacerda, Anayeli Delgado, Chase Austin Dement, Colton Tyler Dement, Charisma Renda Denoon, Gabriel Ricky Diaz, Giselle Diaz, Khanh Minh Doan, Jacqueline Dominguez, Christopher Martin Donan, Destinie K'ann Doucet, Michael Jerrel Duarte, Kimberly Ann Dutton and Natalia Esparza.

Marisol Estrella Espinoza, Jasmine Mariyah Facundo, Julissa Socorro Fariasswence, Daniela Victoria Fernandez Rodriguez, Torrance Brooke Figueroa, Ashley Maria Flores, Eric Michael Flores, Laisha Michelle Flores, Brielle E'taya Foreman, Daniela Miranda Fraga, Seth Dokken Fuentes and Reagan Beth Gallagher.

Keith Wayne Gammell, Esteban Garces Aguilar, Dulce Maria Garcia, Jesus Garcia, Johana Garcia, Cristian Deshaun Gardner, Azucena Sonia Garza, Gabriel Roberto Garza, Kyle Lynn Garza, Isabella Gayton, Josephine Georgette Ghandour, Allison Gonzalez, Isabel Mia Gonzalez, Vivian Faith Gonzalez, Anissa Marie Gracia and Rusbel Jesus Guerra.

Sarah Aisha Gullion, Ricardo Moises Gutierrez, An-

dres Guzman, Presley Lindsey Harbuck, Yuliana Saide Haro, Brandi Nichole Hemminger, Gabriela Hernandez, Gisel Rose Hernandez, Julianna Jubilee Hernandez, Mariana Hernandez, Ashley Marie Hiner, Giovanna Ibarra, Nneka Isioma Iyegbe, Estrella Jasso and Nalliayah Christine Jenkins.

Ariana Giselle Jimenez, Melanie Virginia Jimenez, Aaliyah D Ann Rochell Jones, Kevin Adrian Juarez, Tyler Rei Juarez, Zainab Khan, Sammy George Kmeid, Kacie Renee Kocurek, Madison Nicole Lafield, Alexandra Marie Landon, Abigail Marie Lezcano, Nathan Kobe Licerio and Cameron Jessie Matthew Lilly.

Eryn McKay Livingston, Andre Xavier Lomas, Israel Longoria, Victoria Anahi Longoria, Emiliano Lopez, Angel Jared Lozoya, Jeremy Marvell Mabry, Thanh Dan Mac, Delia Magana, Jesus Antonio Marcos, Adriana Fiorella Martinez, Lauren Rose Masquifelt, Daphne Alyssa Mata and Jonah Paul Maughan.

Erin Abigail Mcnabb, Josue Jair Mendez Torres, Tiffany Lucille Messina, Yailen Rubi Montemayor, Sebastian Montilla Mercedes, Angela Ruth Mooney, Alexis Nicole Morales, Brandon Moreno, Maritza Moreno, Joseph Alejandro Mosquera, Brandon Ngo and Anh Ha Van Nguyen.

Nicholas Nguyen, Steven Pham Nguyen, Sebastian Efrain Nino, Joshua Daniel Ochoa, Christopher Steve Orellana, Nimzay Ortega, Jose Miguel Pena, Andres Efrain Perez Hernandez, Jeremiah Malik Perinon, Pearl Hoa Phan, Benjamin John Phelps, Kristyn Michelle Phillips, Mariah Neferitti Pimm and Douglas Geovanny Pineda.

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# Dennis Paul honored by TLR



State Rep. Dennis Paul was recently honored by Texans for Law suit and Reform, receiving its Civil Justice Award at a packed event held at Bay Oaks County Club. State Sen. Larry Taylor served as master of ceremonies at the function. Shown above with Paul at the event are South Belt resident Gloria Garcia and former South Belt resident Fred Flickinger, who is running for the Harris County Department of Education Trustee Board.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

# Mayor Turner encourages donations to aid Puerto Rico

In the aftermath of several earthquakes rattling Puerto Rico, Mayor Sylvester Turner joins National Association of Christian Churches Disaster Services in encouraging Houstonians to donate disaster relief supplies to help with recovery.

Blvd. The warehouse phone number is 832-626-7111. The Astros Foundation has generously agreed to assist with some costs of shipping donated items to Puerto Rico. List of requested items, diapers, baby formula, toiletries, men's/women/boys and girls clothes (new and used), men's/women/boys and girls underwear/undergarments,

men's/women/boys and girls shoes, generators, tents, sleeping bags, toys, small appliances and bedding. For more information, visit [www.nacchelp.org](http://www.nacchelp.org) or @NACCHELP on NACC Disaster Services social media pages. All items collected during the donation drive will be sorted, packed and shipped around Feb. 4.

# Black belts teach free self-defense courses

The American Society of Karate is offering free one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes, on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The courses are taught by experienced martial arts instructors who have earned black belt degrees. The physical requirements to take the classes are minimal. No previous self-defense or martial arts experience is necessary.

For more information, email Michael.Alonzo@ASKKarate.com or call 281-788-5930.

# Hometown Heroes set dances Feb. 1, Feb. 29

Everyone is welcome to attend the dances at the Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Evening dances are from 7 to 9:45 p.m. and the door fee is \$8. Attire is always "dress as you like" and theme attire is also welcome. Dancers without partners are welcomed with tables reserved for those who choose to sit together for convenience in sharing partners. All ages from teens through seniors can enjoy sharing the music and floor regardless of the level of danceability. Everyone is encouraged to save the following dates: Feb. 1, "Everything's Coming Up Roses"; and Feb. 29, "Mardi Gras Dance". Everyone is welcome to attend the free ball-room dance activity at Hometown Heroes Park every Wednesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Those interested in lessons can enjoy free lessons Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Questions on lessons can be directed to 832-517-5833.

# Israeli folk dancing announces upcoming dates

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Due to the Jewish high holy days this year, February's sessions will be on the 3, 10, 17 and 24. The cost is \$4 a session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members. Nonmembers are \$5 a session or \$45 for 10 sessions. Newcomers are welcome! Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, is the Conservative Synagogue in the Bay Area. For information, contact 281-488-5861 or at [cs@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:cs@shaarhashalom.org).

# Prayer walkers gather Feb. 15

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Pearl Hall Elementary, 1504 9th St., South Houston 77587. This is a nondenominational gathering to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff. The community is invited and welcome to attend. The prayer occurs outside the school building and school officials are notified. For more information, call 281-484-0901.

# Parker Williams Library seeks donations

The Parker Williams Branch Library is in need of donations of new or gently used soft-back (pocketbooks), children's and children's chapter books. The library is also accepting other like condition donations of DVDs, hardback books and current magazines.

# Enroll in HPD Citizens' Police Academy

There are still seats available for the Spring HPD Citizens' Police Academy Classes. Classes will run Feb. 25 through April 30 on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The deadline to register is Jan. 31, or until the classes are full. For more information, email [HPDCPA@houstonpolice.org](mailto:HPDCPA@houstonpolice.org). Each week, a different discipline or area of HPD is presented such as: Houston emergency center (police dispatch), pursuit driving, SWAT detail, shoot-don't shoot training exercises, firearms training, mounted patrol division and helicopter division. Citizens also participate in the department's ride-along program, which allows citizens the opportunity to ride in a police car with a patrol officer. Classes are held at the Houston Police Department Academy, 17000 Aldine Westfield 77073. Some sessions are held at various HPD locations such as Hobby Airport. For more information about the Citizens' Police Academy and to register, visit [https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/citizens\\_police\\_academy.htm](https://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/citizens_police_academy.htm).

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# Quasar banquet recognizes SJC's Dr. Brenda Hellyer

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He then shifted his speech to praise Hellyer commenting, "Tonight's honoree is a shining example of excellence that the Quasar Award exemplifies. It is our honor tonight to be presenting the Quasar Award to an individual of Brenda's caliber who, above all, remains humble about her incredible accomplishments and gives well-deserved credit to her colleagues. She has taken San Jac College into the

21st century with the addition of programs that are essential to building and maintaining the skilled workforce that is fundamental to the economic well-being of the region. Her long-term vision for the college and consideration of the needs of her students and the community have made such a positive impact and will continue to do so far into the future. Dr. Brenda Hellyer, thank you for your commitment to the region, to its peo-

ple and industries, to BAHEP, and for your friendship and being with us tonight." Todd Caliva, CEO, HCA and BAHEP board chair, said, "As a CEO in the healthcare industry, I appreciate the value of continuous learning - there are new medical procedures, medical breakthroughs, medical regulations, and medical devices rocketing toward us daily. These days CEO really stands for Chief Education Officer. "For the past two years - and more specifically - in the past year, I have learned more about the issues, the trends, our industries, the BAHEP membership, and the communities we serve than I ever imagined." Caliva then shared three of the many lessons he has learned on his BAHEP journey. He said, "These three lessons, applied to our region, are the paradox of growth, the challenge of change, and the impact of technology ... my journey as your chairman has been rewarding, humbling, enlightening, and uplifting."

Following the video tribute, as well as a video tribute by Sen. John Cornyn, the Quasar Award was presented to Hellyer by Mitchell, Caliva, and McAfoos, president of Barrios Technology and 2020 BAHEP board chair. A surprise presentation was made by Texas Congressman Brian Babin, DDS, who gave Hellyer a Congressional Testimony Award.

The award detailed the significance of BAHEP's Quasar Award and Hellyer's many accomplishments which were significant to her selection for the honor.

Hellyer gave credit to the San Jacinto College community. She then walked to the podium and spoke to an attentive audience saying, "I am truly honored to receive a recognition such as the Quasar Award from such a tremendous organization. BAHEP has a long history of serving Clear Lake and the surrounding areas. BAHEP has a reputation of being a leader and is highly regarded at the national, state, and local levels. Representing aerospace, aviation, maritime, and so many other issues, BAHEP leads changes and decisions that make our region and community better. Because I know the caliber of the people and volunteers that make up this organization, I am truly humbled at being selected for this award."

"While the Quasar plaque has my name on it, this award is really for the San Jacinto College community. The work at San Jacinto College is accomplished by an amazing team. The success of San Jacinto College is due to a strong and visionary Board of Trustees. They set the strategic goals for the college, and they are big goals that have every employee, nearly 2,500 of us, focused on one thing - our 42,000 students!"

"From the administration that plans and budgets to meet those goals, to the faculty in the classroom helping students broaden their minds, to staff who organize and maintain our facilities, keep our IT systems running, recruit and help students through the enrollment process, and market the college - all are focused on the student and all come together to comprise an incredible team!"

Hellyer expressed her appreciation for the love and support of her family, to the board of trustees, and to the elected officials saying, "Thank you for your willingness to work with San Jacinto College and for taking our calls, meeting with us, and for helping to set policy that will ultimately help students reach their educational goals."

## Hellyer, Wagner at dinner



City of Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner (right) is shown above congratulating San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer for being named the recipient of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's annual Quasar Award. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Before announcing a video tribute to Hellyer, Caliva spoke of her leadership saying, "You have heard or can read about Brenda's accomplishments - her successes as a leader at San Jac and across Texas and her national success as exemplified by the Aspen Institute's recognition of San Jac again! That means the college is in the top 1 percent of all the nation's community colleges. Like that E.F. Hutton ad, when Brenda Hellyer talks, people listen."

"Here is the Brenda Hellyer I know in four words: vision, leadership, charisma, integrity. When she enters the room, everyone feels her presence. That's charisma. Brenda is a person I consider a friend and someone who has impact-

ed many of you in this room tonight. In fact, she has impacted our entire region and the world of community colleges. It is my great honor to recognize Dr. Brenda Hellyer, chancellor, San Jacinto College."

Incoming McAfoos closed out the evening by speaking of his vision for the upcoming year. "You know, each year the incoming chairman thanks all the folks at BAHEP - and rightly so - for what they do. But, tonight, I will be sharing the closely held secret to BAHEP's success."

"That secret is ... the members. All of you here tonight, are the ones that participate in this incredible web of collaboration which is guided and facilitated by Bob and his team. It really isn't a secret. Bob tells us often that the membership is key to BAHEP's success. He and his team are supported by many members who are community leaders in their own right, resulting in the direction, recommended actions, and decisions that Bob and his team carry out."

BAHEP's committees are the heart, soul, and brains of our success story. My agenda for the coming year will be to simply encourage our committees, to listen, to help in any way I can, and to champion your best ideas."

McAfoos then spoke of the committees, their chairs and their strong agendas for the upcoming year. He closed out the evening saying, "2020 in a nutshell? All of the above, plus all of the proposals and business development, plus all of the information and communications with all of you, plus all the unexpected

surprises every year seems to bring. Together we will meet these opportunities with the same resolve, creativity, positivity, and passion that make BAHEP such an extraordinary resource."

"I look forward to working with you. I look forward to the excitement that progress brings. I look forward to making you proud to be a BAHEP member. Thank you all for being a part of this great adventure in this unique community," McAfoos said.

## Notables gather to recognize Hellyer



Several local community leaders were in attendance at the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's annual Quasar Award banquet Friday, Jan. 24, honoring San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. Shown above at the event are, left to right, Erica Davis Rouse, SJC board member; Marie Flickinger, SJC board chair; Adrian Garcia, Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner; Larry Wilson, SJC board member; Dan Mims, SJC board member; and Carol Wilson. Shown below at the event are, left to right, Rebecca Lilley, director of Physician Resources at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital; Dave Martin, member of Houston City Council; Debbie Moseley, executive director of The Bridge Over Troubled Waters in Pasadena; and Tammy Nielsen, director of marketing for The Bridge.



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## Pct. 8 drug bust in area

Continued from Page 1A was also found to be in possession of a baggie containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. In all, 43.4g of cocaine, 120 Ecstasy pills and 3.5 grams of marijuana was collected as evidence. A .45 caliber Master

Piece Arms ACP pistol and a box of .45 caliber ammunition was found in the vehicle. The suspect sustained a laceration to his scalp, a dislocated hip and a fractured femur as a result of the crash and was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital for treatment. He was later transferred to another hospital due to the severity of his injuries. Once released from the hospital, the suspect will face felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, evading arrest in a motor vehicle and felon in possession of a firearm.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## BAFL's Sagemont Cowboys continue return, new sign-up

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls of the Bay Area Football League continue to host returning and new player/drill team, cheer/mascot registration.

In addition, the Cowboys and Cowgirls will host registration for new or first-time players, drill team, cheer or mascot members Saturday, Feb. 1, also from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park.

For additional football player information, call Cowboys' athletic director Denny Wranich Jr. at 713-876-1491.

In particular, the Cowboys' football program is looking for additional 5, 6 and 12-year-old players as of the 2020 season. The preseason begins in July.

For drill/cheer or mascot details, call Cowgirls' drill director Jemyre Felton at 832-309-7133.

## JFD alumni softball Feb. 8

The Dobie High School softball season gets underway Saturday, Feb. 8, at Lady Longhorn Field on campus with a 10 a.m. alumni game planned. Any former players are invited to dust off their cleats for the action. Those planning to play may contact head coach Robin Rackley at rackley@pasadenaisd.org.

## Event is Sat., Feb. 1 Southbelt Dolphins welcome new players, mascots, etc.

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League continue to host new player/drill team, cheer/mascot registration Saturday, Feb. 1, at Blackhawk Park.

The registration will be held from 1 to 3 p.m.

For additional football player information, call Cheryl Arnesen at 713-459-4330 or direct email to her at cheryl\_arnesen@att.net.

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## Lady Horns now 9-3

# Brook, Dobie teams close in on playoffs

What a time for what was likely the biggest win of the season!

Whether it was the Dobie varsity boys' basketball team downing Kingwood following a big fourth-quarter uprising or the Clear Brook varsity boys stunning Clear Springs on a last-second 3-ball, both the Longhorns and Wolverines earned huge home wins Jan. 28.

Elsewhere, the Dobie varsity girls' team solidified its postseason standing, getting wins over Humble and Kingwood to likely secure the No. 3 postseason with four games to play.

**Kemo's 3 stuns Springs**

If the Clear Brook varsity basketball team goes

on to make the postseason down the stretch, it's likely that Kemo Millender will be considered one of the heroes.

The clutch sophomore's 3-pointer from the top of the key at the final buzzer snatched a 50-48 victory from possible heart-breaking defeat, instead sending the visiting Chargers reeling Jan. 28 at Brook.

The win, coupled with another tight 72-70 victory over Clear Falls Jan. 24, has thrust the Wolverines into the fourth playoff seed with five games to play for much of the 24-6A field.

Defending District 24-6A champion Dickinson, which hosts the Wolverines Jan. 31, is undefeated

at 7-0 with five games to play and has a two-game lead over Clear Lake for second place.

Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Brook and Springs are all in the mix for the third and fourth seeds at the moment, with the Wolverines now holding a tie-breaker edge over Springs by virtue of a season series sweep of the two games.

The Wolverines are now winners of 22 games this season, but a playoff berth is that the team covets.

A couple of tough losses in back-to-back games had the locals at 2-3 a week ago, but Millender and others helped change that in a hurry.

Millender poured in a

game-high 22 points as the Wolverines closed out the first half of league play with a 72-70 win at Clear Falls Jan. 24.

Senior Brandon Andrews added 15 of his own, and freshmen Zyon Little and Ja'Micheal Young had 10 each to go with 10 from senior Shane Porter.

At 4-3, Brook still has a chance to reach the No. 2 seed but will likely need to win out. At least Millender has the team in position to do that.

**JFD boys flourish late**

A 23-15 run in the fourth quarter was the turning point as the Longhorns gained their biggest win of the season, downing third-place Kingwood

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With a 50-50 ball in flight, Dobie defender Daniel Blanco (21) vies for position against a Pasadena player in the first half of the Longhorns' eventual 3-2 victory Jan. 25 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Dobie went into action Jan. 29 after press time with a 2-0-0 record. See more on Page 6B. Photo by John Bechtel

# UIL realignment comes Feb. 3

Much of the suspense will end Monday, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. as the University

Interscholastic League releases its biennial realignment plans for the 2020-

2021 through 2021-2022 school years.

As for Clear Brook and the rest of the Clear Creek ISD ranks, there hasn't been much movement in 24-6A in recent realignments.

## SBHLL officials set late sign up, tryouts

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will host late registration and tryouts Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Those signing up are required to provide registrant's original birth certificate and three proofs of residency (utilities are

counted as one). Cash and credit cards are the only forms of payment that will be accepted. A \$25 late fee will apply.

As for the junior/senior division, tryouts will be held Saturday, Feb. 15, at the league's fields within El Franco Lee Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Opening day is in March.

Regardless of how it shakes out, Dobie, one of the state's 10 largest high schools based on enrollment, will remain a Division I football playoff contender for 2020 and beyond.

Will Pearland ISD be coming over or will it be Deer Park? The answers will soon come.

In the most recent realignment two years ago, the 24-6A ranks lost Friendswood to Class 5A, leaving Clear Creek ISD to compete only with Alvin and Dickinson.

A seven-program district with four making the postseason is ideal for anyone, but the UIL will have the final say Feb. 3. See more about Pasadena ISD's plans moving forward on Page 6B.

## San Jacinto College softball ready to start

Want to find out where you stand early on in the season? How about going against the defending National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I national champion on opening day?

That's exactly what the San Jacinto College women's softball team will do when it takes on Chipola, Fla. as part of the first day of action at the Chipola Invitational Jan. 31 through Feb. 2 in Youngsville, La.

to produce positive results sooner than later.

"We played almost all Division I major college programs in the fall, so you have something to draw from there," Saenz said.

"But now this is the real deal here. We are going to face top-notch competition on opening weekend, so the experience will really help. I'm looking forward to seeing how our ladies respond."

play against Iowa Western a second time Feb. 2.

Blinn, which went 23-1 a season ago to win the Region XIV crown over San Jacinto and all others, is also in the tournament field but will not face SJC.

Blinn is ranked 11th nationally to begin the season.

"The wins and losses won't help you a lot or hurt you early on, but you definitely want to play

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### San Jac Softball Opens 2020

**SJC vs. Lakeland, 11 a.m.**

**SJC vs. Chipola, 3:30 p.m.**

*Friday, Jan. 31, Youngsville, La.*

**SJC vs. Snead, 11 a.m.**

**SJC vs. Iowa Western, 3 p.m.**

*Saturday, Feb. 1, Youngsville, La.*

**SJC vs. Iowa Western, 11 a.m.**

*Sunday, Feb. 2, Youngsville, La.*

## Hay leads Dobie tennis at Pearland

Erica Hay was the star of the day for the Dobie varsity tennis team at the Oiler Invitational in Pearland as she advanced to the final in girls' B singles

for a second-place finish in the single-day event.

Hay, who is likely to return next fall as the No. 2 girls' singles player behind Julia Bui, won four big matches to make

that final before a loss to a player from Bellaire, according to Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr.

"Erica played really well, and I was proud of the way she competed over the course of a long

day of tennis," Moreno said. "It's really big in that we have seen what Erica can do when she gets it going. She's probably going to be our No. 2 player in the team tennis season (next school year), so it was a good sign for us that respect from a team standpoint."

Elsewhere, No. 1 boys' singles player Sebastian Delgado made his way to the quarterfinals in the

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Dobie varsity girls' tennis player Erica Hay had a tournament to remember in Pearland Jan. 24, taking second place in the Girls' B Singles bracket at the Oiler Invitational. She won four matches before falling in straight sets in the final.

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## Clear Brook's Smith makes regional diving

At right, Clear Brook High School senior diver Gabby Smith is competing at the Region III Championships after taking third place at the District 24-6A Championships at Clear Falls High School earlier this month. The regional swimming and diving championships began Jan. 30 and will run through Feb. 1 at the Pearland Aquatics Center. Smith originally played golf at Clear Brook but is now in her second full season of diving. She takes instruction from former longtime Brook aquatics coach Sven Schultz. In Smith's first full season of diving as a junior, she was fourth at district, just missing a regional spot.

Courtesy photo



## Brook ex Lockwood headed to Pitt volleyball



Class of 2018 Clear Brook High School graduate Jordan Lockwood has elected to continue her education and volleyball career at the University of Pittsburgh after a star-studded sophomore season at Navarro College. Following high school, Lockwood played her freshman season at the University of Houston before transferring to Navarro, and what a sophomore season she had. The 6-2 outside hitter had 397 kills on the season, including 27 in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I



national championship game as she led Navarro to the crown. The national tournament's Dorothy L. Brown Most Valuable Player, Lockwood was later named both an NJCAA first team all-American as well as an American Volleyball Coaches Association's Two-Year College Player of the Year. Pittsburgh went 30-2 overall in 2019, winning the Atlantic Coast Conference title with a 16-0 mark before losing to Cincinnati in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

## JFD netters welcome Lamar University trip

Continued from Page 1B boys' A singles before going against defending Class 6A state champion Carter Crookston of Clear Creek. Crookston took the win, but neither Dobie player nor coach were deterred.

"The level of competition in this tournament was really solid," Moreno said.

"Particularly in the doubles. It was a great tournament for a one-day event, so we picked up a lot of experience."

Bui won a match in girls' A singles before running into tougher competition, and Moreno said Brian Nguyen also played well in his draw.

Now it's on to Beaumont for the Lamar University/Ron Wesbrooks Invitational, featuring host and former longtime Lamar University head coach, Wesbrooks.

Moreno played for Wesbrooks collegiately, and over the years the trip has represented perhaps the highlight of the spring

season for the Dobie group.

Wesbrooks was head coach at Lamar University for 17 years.

Dobie and Nederland have dominated the action in recent years, with three team titles apiece.

The Longhorns, winners of the last two, hoisted the trophy a season ago as Bui defeated Nederland's Megan Do in a third-set supertiebreaker for the decisive team point.

Nederland also features Do's brother, Brandon,

who is the current Class 5A state champion. As usual, Dobie will take two full teams to this event, ensuring plenty of fun for everyone.

"I'm blessed to have a man and a coach like coach Wesbrooks in my life, and the kids always enjoy seeing him. He's been such a supporter of Dobie tennis and of youth tennis in general.

"If the weather holds up, it's going to be a great weekend. It'll be a great time to spend there re-

gardless. Hopefully, we can three-peat as team champions. Jorge Lopez, the head coach at Nederland, also played for coach Wesbrooks after me, so it's always a lot of fun when we go to this event."

Dobie is also gearing up to host the Franklin/Kramer Invitational Feb. 7-8, with 36 teams currently scheduled to be in action.

The courts at Dobie are still in resurface mode, but Moreno expects things to be ready to go pending the weather.

## Baseball America tabs former Gator Soularie

At right, Atascocita High School graduate and former San Jacinto College standout baseball player Alerick Soularie has been named a second team All-American by Baseball America heading into the 2020 collegiate season with the University of Tennessee Volunteers. Soularie helped guide San Jacinto College to the JUCO World Series in 2018 before signing with the Vols for his sophomore season in 2019. Soularie was named preseason third team All-American by Perfect Game earlier this month, while Soularie also earned preseason All-America first-team honors from D1Baseball.com.



## Clear Brook's Thompson picks North Texas football

At right, Clear Brook High School varsity football standout Loronzo Thompson (seated center) is set to continue his education and playing career at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, (seated) LaRhonda Thompson (mother), Lorenzo Thompson (father), (standing) Bernadine Smith (great aunt), Madison Vrana (girlfriend) and Shawn Pifer (Thompson's youth league coach and longtime supporter). The Mean Green compete within the NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision. The team was 2-8 in 2019. Thompson, a three-year starter at receiver with the Wolverines, very well could step in and make an immediate impact with the Mean Green later this year.



## SJC softball takes on top rungs

Continued from Page 1B well," Saenz said.

"I feel like we were pretty sound defensively in the fall, and I think we have a lot of versatility on this team in terms of who plays where. That's another issue to address. Just what the right combination are in the field?"

As for the offensive lineup, there's little doubt as to whom the leaders are. Childs is coming off a season in which she hit .422 and drove in 33 runs.

Ramber hit .386 for the season with 43 runs batted in, and Grotenhuis batted .333 with 39 runs batted in. Those three players, along with Ariana Saenz (.331, 30 runs batted in) will be key.

Sophomore pitcher Marissa Vasquez of Dickinson High School logged roughly 18 innings in the circle a season ago and is one of the top projected starters.

Kaylee Thomas is a freshman from Clear

Springs who is likely to see significant time in the circle, as will Tori Lindsey."

Offensively, Saenz has seen production from the likes of Audrey Garcia, Tamera McKnight, Laura Hernandez, Alexis Uresti and others.

Relatively speaking, San Jacinto College is in a similar position as Blinn, the defending conference regular season champions. Blinn has more experienced pitching yet

both programs return nine sophomores. For Saenz, it's all about putting it all together at the right time.

"I really like this group, and they like working with each other," Saenz said.

"We have tournament play over the first several weeks to sort of get things figured out from a pitching standpoint or across the infield.

"We are going against some really good programs early on, and that will help us prepare."

## San Jacinto College 2020 Softball Roster

No.	Player	Class	Pos.	Hometown
7	Dalilah Bravo	Soph.	Util.	Spring
10	Catalina Cavazos	Fr.	P	North Shore
5	Morgan Childs	Soph.	IF	Santa Fe
4	Carah DeLao	Soph.	OF	Texas-Dallas
14	Audrey Garcia	Fr.	Util.	Cy Lakes
6	Lillie Grotenhuis	Soph.	OF	Atascocita
1	Kylee Hatton	Soph.	IF	Deer Park
11	Laura Hernandez	Fr.	C	Ridge Point
24	Victoria Jimenez	Fr.	P	Earl Warren
16	Reagan Kotrla	Fr.	Util.	Angleton
2	Victoria Lindsey	Fr.	P	Tomball Mem.
9	Tamera McKnight	Fr.	Util.	Ridge Point
3	Ashley Ramber	Soph.	IF	Clear Creek
17	Alexis Saenz	Soph.	IF	Morton Ranch
22	Ariana Saenz	Soph.	IF	Barbers Hill
21	Kaylee Thomas	Fr.	P	Clear Springs
29	Alexis Uresti	Soph.	IF	Manvel
23	Marissa Vasquez	Soph.	P	Dickinson



The San Jacinto College softball team is set for opening weekend at the Chipola Invitational in Youngsville, La. Members of the 2020 squad include, left to right, (front row) Kaylee Thomas, Lexi Saenz, Reagan Kotrla, Carah Delao, Lillie Grotenhuis, Marissa Vasquez, Morgan Childs, (middle row) Cat Cavazos,

Tori Lindsey, Ariana Saenz, Tori Jimenez, Dalilah Bravo, Ashley Ramber, Meagan Smith, (back row) Audrey Garcia, Tamera McKnight, Laura Hernandez, Alexis Uresti, Kylee Hatton and Araya Ayala. The locals will take on top-ranked Chipola (Fla.) on opening day.

# Sports Calendar

## BASKETBALL

Friday, Jan. 31

Dobie varsity boys at Atascocita, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity girls host Atascocita, 7:00  
 Brook varsity girls host Barbers Hill, 7:00  
 Brook JV girls host Barbers Hill, 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls host Atascocita, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys at Atascocita, 5:30  
 Dobie sophomore boys at Atascocita, 5:30  
 Dobie freshman A boys at Atascocita, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A girls host Barbers Hill, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A girls host Atascocita, 4:00

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Dobie varsity boys vs. Rayburn, Phillips, 7:00  
 Brook varsity boys at Dickinson, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity girls at Rayburn, 7:00  
 Brook varsity girls host Dickinson, 7:00  
 Brook JV boys at Dickinson, 5:30  
 Brook JV girls host Dickinson, 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls at Rayburn, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys vs. Rayburn, Phillips, 5:30  
 Dobie sophomore boys host Rayburn, 5:30  
 Brook sophomore boys at Dickinson, 5:30  
 Dobie freshman A boys host Rayburn, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A girls host Dickinson, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A girls at Rayburn, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A boys at Dickinson, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys host Rayburn, 4:00

Friday, Feb. 7

Dobie varsity boys at South Houston, 7:00  
 Brook varsity boys host Alvin, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity girls at Rayburn, 7:00  
 Brook varsity girls at Clear Falls, 7:00  
 Brook JV boys host Alvin, 5:30  
 Brook JV girls at Alvin, 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls at Rayburn, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys at South Houston, 5:30  
 Dobie sophomore boys at South Houston, 5:30  
 Brook sophomore boys host Alvin, 5:30  
 Dobie freshman A boys at South Houston, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A girls at Alvin, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A boys host Alvin  
 Dobie freshman A girls at Rayburn, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys at South Houston, 4:00

## SOCCER

Friday, Jan. 31

Brook varsity boys host Clear Springs, 7:30  
 Brook varsity girls at Clear Springs, 7:30  
 Dobie girls host Kingwood, Vet., 8:30  
 Dobie varsity boys at Kingwood, 7:30  
 Dobie JV girls host Kingwood, Aux., 4:30  
 Brook JV boys host Clear Springs, 5:30  
 Brook JV girls at Clear Springs, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys at Kingwood, 5:30

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Dobie varsity girls at Atascocita, 7:30  
 Dobie varsity boys host Atascocita, Vet., 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls at Atascocita, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys host Atascocita, Aux., 7:30

Friday, Feb. 7

Brook varsity boys host Dickinson, Challenger, 7:30  
 Dobie varsity boys host Rayburn, Vet., 5:30  
 Brook varsity girls at Clear Springs, 7:30  
 Brook JV boys host Dickinson, Challenger, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys host Rayburn, Aux., 5:30

Saturday, Feb. 8

Dobie varsity girls host Rayburn, Vet., noon  
 Dobie JV girls host Rayburn, Aux., 10 a.m.

## TENNIS

Friday and Saturday, Jan. 31-Feb. 1

Dobie varsity at Ron Wesbrooks Inv., TBA

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8

Dobie varsity hosts Franklin/Kramer Inv., TBA

## PISD's Carrillo living a dream



It was 10 years ago that then Genoa Elementary student Eloy Carrillo (above) proclaimed that he wished to become a professional football player as students at Genoa took part in College and Career Week on campus. Fast forward to 2020, and Carrillo is in his sophomore year (below) as a student athlete at Southwestern Assembly of God University in Dallas, where he is pursuing a business degree while also playing on the football team's offensive



line. His mother, Wendy Carrillo (right), visited campus earlier this month, where she discovered her son's photos from then to now. The first member of his family to attend college, Carrillo also hopes to compete in the NFL. Carrillo is a 2019 graduate of Pasadena Memorial High School.



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

(As of Jan. 29)

Teams	W	L
Summer Creek	10	0
Atascocita	9	1
Kingwood	8	3
Dobie	7	4
Humble	5	6
Rayburn	3	7
Memorial	2	8
South Houston	2	9
Pasadena	1	9

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

(As of Jan. 29)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	7	0
Clear Lake	4	2
Clear Creek	4	3
Clear Brook	4	3
Clear Falls	3	4
Clear Springs	2	5
Alvin	0	7

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

(As of Jan. 29)

Teams	W	L
Atascocita	11	0
Summer Creek	11	1
Dobie	9	3
Humble	8	5
Kingwood	5	6
Memorial	3	8
Rayburn	3	9
Pasadena	2	9
South Houston	2	9

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

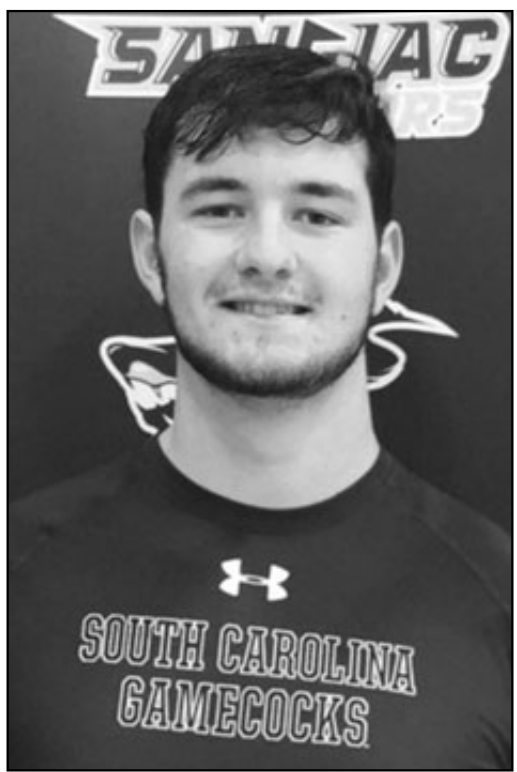
(As of Jan. 29)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	8	0
Clear Falls	6	2
Clear Creek	6	2
Dickinson	3	5
Clear Lake	2	6
Clear Brook	2	7
Alvin	1	6

## Perfectgame likes SJC pitching duo

Jackson Rutledge became the earliest drafted San Jacinto College baseball player ever in 2019, going No. 17 overall to the Washington Nationals. SJC sophomore left-hander Luke Little, a Uni-

perfectgame.com prospect commit, has been rated as the No. 2 JUCO prospect nationally, what with his mid 90s fastball and plus secondary pitches adding to his repertoire. Meanwhile, fellow sophomore lefty Mitchell Parker is at No. 10 as the Gators possess one of the top overall pitching staffs in the country entering the 2020 campaign.



Luke Little - Sophomore LHP



Mitchell Parker - Sophomore LHP

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.  
 7:30 a.m.  
**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.  
 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.  
 Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.  
 7 p.m.  
**Kirkwood Civic Association** meets at the Sagemont Park and Community Center (new location), 11507 Hughes Road. For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.  
 7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

7 a.m.  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.  
 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark,

77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.  
 6:30 p.m.  
**Bay Area Genealogical Society** - Meets monthly, the last Friday, at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. meeting. No meeting in December. For details, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.  
 7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.  
 8 p.m.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:30 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill," Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
 11 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
 1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.  
 8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.  
 2 p.m.  
**Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. For details, call 281-487-8787.  
 5:30 p.m.  
**Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.  
 8 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.  
 10 a.m.  
**Al-Anon Deer Park** - Mondays, 10 to 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochsner@aol.com for details.  
 11:30 a.m.  
**Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through

Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.  
 2 p.m.  
**Genealogy Group** - Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 to 4 p.m. on first and third Monday at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Public is invited. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.  
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 6:30 p.m.  
**Toastmasters** - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/.  
 7 p.m.  
**Survivors of Suicide Support Group** - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.  
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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.

**Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochnsr@aol.com](mailto:jpochnsr@aol.com) for details.

**Local NARFE Meeting** - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets the first Tuesday at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For details, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

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

**Trailmixers** - Meets the first Tuesday at Luby's, 11595 Fuqua. Former and current employees of J. Frank Dobie High School are welcome. 1:30 p.m.

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

**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [drglanford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drglanford@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318.

**Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit [www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild](http://www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild) or call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 for information. Visitors may attend two meetings free. A Christmas party is in December.

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**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 additional information, or drop in.

**Carmelites** - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 50 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Black Hills, Badlands and Legends of the West in South Dakota, July 15-21, 2020;

and a Hawaiian Cruise on the Pride of America/Norwegian Cruise Line, Nov. 7-14 2020. For additional information, call Marilyn 713-444-6744.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochnsr@aol.com](mailto:jpochnsr@aol.com) for details.

**Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club** - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at [doverbookkeeper@aol.com](mailto:doverbookkeeper@aol.com).

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

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

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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](http://www.bayareaturningpoint.org) for information.

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

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 7:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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# Defending champs remain unbeaten

Eli Donaho, Imanol Pena and Isaac Cortez scored goals over an under nine-minute span in the first half as Dobie overcame an early hiccup to defeat Pasadena 3-2 in varsity boys' soccer action Jan. 25 at Veterans Stadium.

An early own goal led to 1-0 deficit against the Eagles, but the quick scoring attack of Donaho, Pena and Cortez led to the win as the five-time league champions remained unbeaten at 2-0-0 in the early stages of the 22-6A race.

Jonathan Mendez and Pena dished assists in the win, and goalkeeper Eris Acosta recorded the win despite a goal for Pasadena with about 11 minutes remaining.

The Longhorns were scheduled to go against first-place Humble (3-0-0) at San Jacinto College South Jan. 28, but that game was postponed due to wet field conditions.

Instead, the two teams

went head-to-head Jan. 29 after press time in Pasadena. On Jan. 29, Pasadena Memorial scored a

key win in league action, defeating Kingwood by a 4-3 count.

Dobie will be back in

action at Kingwood Jan. 31, in a 7:30 p.m. game.

The Longhorns return to

Atascocita in a game slated to get under way at 5:30 p.m.

## 22-6A Boys' Soccer Standings As of Jan. 29

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
<b>Humble</b>	3	0	0	9
<b>Memorial</b>	3	1	0	9
<b>Kingwood</b>	2	1	1	7
<b>Dobie</b>	2	0	0	6
<b>Atascocita</b>	2	1	0	6
<b>Pasadena</b>	1	2	0	3
<b>Rayburn</b>	1	11	2	1
<b>Summer Creek</b>	0	11	1	0
<b>S. Houston</b>	0	11	1	0



Dobie sophomore defender Jonathan Torres (far right) goes against a Pasadena player in the early going Jan. 25 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, Dobie surrendered an own goal to fall behind 1-0 but then tallied three goals in just over eight minutes to seize control. Pasadena scored again with roughly 18 minutes left, but Dobie held on from there. Dobie's Eli Donaho (7), who scored a goal, is center.



Above, the Longhorns' Emanol Pena (10) kept the pressure on the Pasadena defense with a goal and an assist Jan. 25 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as Dobie stayed unbeaten and untied through two matches. At right, Dobie sophomore goalkeeper Eris Acosta covers a shot attempt with protection from Alan Lopez (4) in the second half of Dobie's win.



Photos by John Bechtle

## Lady Longhorns bounce back; get consecutive soccer victories

A district-opening gut punch from Summer Creek seemingly out of the way, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team has bounced back with consecutive wins to get back among the frontrunners in the league.

Victoria Chu had her eighth and ninth goals of the season to lead the way as the Lady Longhorns 5-0 Jan. 24 at Veterans Stadium to get even at 1-1-0. Freshman Karen Hernan-

dez as well as Frankie Reyes and Miranda Serrano also scored goals in the easy win.

Goalkeeper McKenzie Rankins earned the win in the nets for the locals.

Going against winless Humble Jan. 29 in Humble, the Lady Longhorns got goals in both halves to secure a 2-0 victory to keep the streak going in league play.

Dobie still has remaining first-half games

against regional heavyweights Atascocita and Kingwood.

The Lady Longhorns will host the Lady Mustangs Friday, Jan. 31, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Match time is set for 8:30 p.m.

Dobie is back in action Tuesday, Feb. 4, at first-place Atascocita. That match is set for 7:30 p.m.

Dobie is now 7-4-1 overall this season as 22-6A play heats up.

## UIL realignment just a start; mass scheduling details ahead

It's not a chess match, and it's certainly not Battleship or the like.

No, opposing district athletic directors, their direct assistants, school athletic coordinators and hundreds of high school coaching personnel will want no part of games being played in the aftermath of what will be the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment, due to be announced Monday, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. statewide.

In the minutes and hours that follow, district ADs like Rupert Jaso of Pasadena ISD and Debbie Fuchs of Clear Creek ISD will be working to lay out athletic schedules for their respective athletic programs.

Whether Pasadena ISD stays with Humble ISD or welcomes perhaps Galena Park ISD or Sheldon ISD. Whether Clear Creek ISD is still aligned with Dickinson ISD or otherwise, the hustle will begin a the Region IV Education Service Center in Northwest Houston.

words. Simply put, there can be no preplanning until the UIL makes its official announcement at 9 a.m.

Jaso said there is a template in place for scheduling district opponents, but whether that number is six, seven, eight or nine makes a ton of difference.

Two school years ago, there were very few PISD or Humble ISD folks who thought District 22-6A would become a nine-school district overnight. But it did.

On top of everything else, 22-6A became a two school district alignment with just two available football stadiums.

Over the past two years, for instance, subvarsity football games have taken place on many Wednesdays.

Varsity games, therefore, have been frequently contested on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Jaso said a point of emphasis was made to avoid scheduling a varsity football team such as Dobie to play on a Saturday followed by a Thursday.

Soccer? Again just two

stadiums with turf available for four matchups at least twice a week.

Pasadena ISD officials were able to come to agreement with those at San Jacinto College South to occasionally utilize that field.

If the need arises beyond 2020, Jaso said the two parties would again likely be in contact.

"Again, it's all about field availability," Jaso said.

"And you have to factor in subvarsity play as well. It's easier with some of the indoor sports, but then there is travel, particularly on school nights."

Jaso had no real guess where his school district would land prior to the UIL announcement.

For travel purposes alone, he'd like to keep Humble ISD at a distance.

"Humble has been great to work with, but from a travel standpoint, we would like to be paired with districts closer to ours," Jaso said.

"Deer Park, Channelview, Galena Park ISD, Pearland? You just don't know. Once we do, it's going to be hectic."

## Jackson makes Roughnecks



Dobie Class of 2011 graduate Blake Jackson has made the Houston Roughnecks' 52-man roster and will begin the 2020 NFL debut season with the team in its first-ever game Saturday, Feb. 8 at the University of Houston's TDECU Stadium. The game will air live on FOX at 4 p.m. Jackson starred at quarterback in 2010 as the Longhorns bagged their most recent district title. In college, Jackson led the University of Mary Hardin Baylor to a national championship as the Cru quarterback and was the Most Valuable Player in the national title game. Professionally, Jackson has moved to receiver and has spent time on the Cleveland Browns' preseason roster and practice squad. Dobie graduate Reginald Cole was an NFL draftee in Washington but did not make the regular season roster. Roughnecks photo

## Local basketball programs close in an postseason play

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64-58 as the Longhorns both inched closer to the third-place Mustangs and also distanced themselves from fifth-place Humble with five games to play.

Dobie was paced by senior Jalen Lendsey's 19 points and six rebounds, and Cameran Guy added 13 big points to go with 10 from Marquise Scott.

The Longhorns were big in the paint with 10 blocked shots as Jaylon Jackson had four to go with three each from Jajuan Robinson and DeMarcus Carathers.

The win was big for

Dobie, which lost 62-59 at Humble Jan. 24. Scott led the way with 18 points in that one.

JFD girls grip third

Two easy wins, 50-35 over Humble and 52-25 over Kingwood, have the Dobie varsity girls team on the brink of securing no worse than the No. 3 playoff seed for the second straight season. Dobie is 9-3 in 22-6A play.

Brook girls fall back

The Lady Wolverines were hoping to make a late push in the district race following a slow start, but now it may take some help from others along with

three straight wins to get the job done.

Clear Springs, now 8-0 after a 56-33 win over the Lady Wolverines Jan. 28 at Springs, is leading the league with Clear Creek and Clear Falls likely headed to the playoffs with identical 6-2 current marks.

Brook, despite just a 2-7 district mark, is just a game and a half behind Dickinson and a half game back of Clear Lake for the fourth seed.

Clear Brook has a chance to take a step forward Jan. 31 at home, hosting Dickinson.

## Lajaunie tennis is May 1-3; player registration to come

The 2020 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena May 1-3.

The DLTSF will continue to award college scholarships to the seniors on the Dobie High School tennis team, in addition to qualifying members of the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are in the planning and sponsorship gathering stages for its ninth annual memorial tennis tournament, and there are already some exciting details in line.

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011. This scholarship

fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center. Lajaunie was also dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

All 2020 players will receive a tournament T-shirt and other goodie bag items and enjoy a complimentary opening morning breakfast snack.

A free lunch will also be available for players and spectators. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are busy seeking donors and silent auction items.

Opening night events include match play and complimentary drinks beginning at 6 p.m. on May 1, with the silent auction ending on May 2 at 3 p.m.

Those who would like to donate may do so on the website. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or one may mail a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson at cjlajunie@gmail.com with any questions.

The Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is now a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers are still accepting tennis racket donations. Call 281-480-6933 to make a donation or to learn added details.

Follow the event on Facebook at Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarships. Player entry and ticket information will be determined soon.