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Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Feb. 11 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Feb. 12 (second Friday of the month). February is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

CrossRoads holds testing

CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will host a COVID-19 testing event Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and available on a first-come, first-served basis. No insurance is necessary. All participants will need state-issued identification. To register, visit tinyurl.com/hxttesting. For additional information, email ce_sar@crossroads-umc.org or call 281-484-2330.

PWL sets tax aid, blood drive

Parker Williams Library has received the first round of tax packets for free tax help available through AARP. During the pandemic, the system will be adjusted. Those wanting help are asked to call the library at 832-927-7870 to be put on a list to receive a packet that is needed prior to an appointment.

Once receiving the packet, the tax filer will make an appointment with AARP. Appointments will be every Monday and Friday until April 12.

The library will host a blood drive Monday, Feb. 8, from 2 to 5 p.m. Appointments are preferred. Blood donations will take place in the mobile Donor Coach.

COVID numbers continue

As of Wednesday, Feb. 3, there were 101 confirmed deaths among South Belt 77089 ZIP code residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 4,444 confirmed cases in 77089, 689 remain active, while 3,710 have recovered from the virus. To date, 45 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In 77075, 520 of the 3,304 confirmed cases remain active, while 2,757 have recovered. A total of 27 from the ZIP code have died, no increase from the previous week. Of the 3,445 confirmed cases in 77034, 481 remain active, while 2,935 have recovered from the disease. To date, 29 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one from the previous week. According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there are 320,744 total confirmed cases. Of those, 270,204 have recovered from the disease, while 47,536 cases remain active. A total of 2,986 deaths have been reported in Harris County. Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within both the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County.

To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from the Gulf Freeway to SH 288 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, Feb. 11.

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at Scott Street daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Saturday, Feb. 6.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Red Bluff Road to Pasadena Boulevard continuously through 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 517 to FM 518 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, March 31. Closures may affect two lanes of traffic and include alternate entrance and exit ramp closures. At least one northbound and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, March 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.

K of C hosts BBQ Sale

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a barbecue chicken plate sale Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or until food runs out each day) at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road.

Food will be sold in the rear parking lot and will be drive-thru only. The cost is \$10 per plate. Each plate will include a chicken leg quarter, barbecue beans, potato salad and a drink. Proceeds will benefit St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

HC Pct. 1 distributes masks

Harris County Precinct One, the office of Rodney Ellis will distribute masks to families Friday, Feb. 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. at South Belt Church, 13100 Beamer Road.

Self-defense, karate start

The American Society of Karate is starting new self-defense and martial arts virtual courses for children, teens and adults. The self-defense classes are free and begin Feb. 5. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/askselfdef> for free virtual self-defense. Details on additional martial arts virtual courses which began this week are found at askkarate.com ->Online Classes->Mind Body Site. Email online@askkarate.com or call 281-571-3697 for more information.

Pasadena ISD planning new administration building

The Pasadena ISD School board of trustees recently approved funding for the design and development phase of the construction of a new administration building.

To be located on Mickey Gilley Boulevard near Fairmont Parkway, the new \$27 million facility will replace the school district's current headquarters on Cherrybrook Lane.

Board members said the measure was necessary because the existing administration building is aging and suffering from a number of infrastructure problems, including electrical, plumbing and roofing issues.

Pasadena ISD officials said the construction would not require a new bond proposal and the necessary funds have already been allocated from within its coffers. The move, however, has not been without opposition.

Former Pasadena High School teacher and current Pasadena ISD board candidate Yen Rabe suggests the funds could be better spent by making improvements to the school district's older campuses and just making improvements to the current administration building.

Rabe has started a petition asking Pasadena ISD to rescind its decision to construct the new

facility. See related letter to the editor in the Jan. 21 edition of the *Leader*.

Pasadena ISD officials released an indepth statement detailing the specific reasons for the de-

cision and the advantages of constructing a new facility compared to making improvements to an existing one. (See Page 2, *Case for a new administration building for Pasadena ISD*.)

Wall separating from flooring



At its November meeting, the Pasadena ISD board of trustees approved the design and development phase of a new administration building to be located on Mickey Gilley Boulevard near Fairmont Parkway. Pasadena ISD officials say the facility is necessary because the existing building is aged, and making the needed improvements would not be cost effective. Above, the wall is shown separating from the flooring at the existing administration building.

HPD checks area shooting of male

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a male that took place around 4:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, outside a convenience store at the corner of Nyack and Algonquin near Scarsdale Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway.

According to police, the victim was walking out of the store when he was shot in the leg by someone driving a late-model white or gray four-door vehicle.

The victim was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in stable condition.

The suspect was described merely as a black male.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Election filing ends Feb. 12

Friday, Feb. 12, will mark the last day for potential candidates to file to run in the upcoming May 1 school board elections.

All filings must be received by 5 p.m., not postmarked.

Pasadena ISD, Clear Creek ISD and the San Jacinto College District will all hold elections.

Four spots on the Pasadena ISD board are to be decided, including the Position 1 seat, currently held by Fred Roberts; the Position 2 seat, currently held by Mariselle Quijano; the Position 3 seat, currently held by Nelda Sullivan; and the Position 4 seat, currently held by Jack Bailey.

At press time, Quijano and Sullivan were the

only incumbents who had filed to maintain their positions. Roberts told the *Leader* he will not seek re-election.

In the Position 2 race, Quijano is being challenged by Al Bledsoe; in the Position 3 contest, Sullivan is being challenged by Yen Huynh Rabe; and both Salvador Serrano Jr. and Crystal Davila have filed to run for the Position 4 seat.

Terms are four years. For additional information on the Pasadena ISD election, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/school_board/election_information/election_-_may_1_2021.

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Leader begins year 46 as South Belt newspaper

James Bolen, Cheryl Bolen and Tori Mask contributed to this story

This year marks the *South Belt-Ellington Leader's* 45th anniversary.

Begun in 1976 by housewives Marie Flickinger and Bobby Griffin, the newspaper was originally called the *South Belt Press*.

Having known each other through their children's Little League teams, Flickinger and Griffin initially focused much of their efforts on youth baseball.

The first photo to ever run in the paper was of Chris Alan Robberts, the 1,000th baseball player to register that year.

A companion piece on the front page said registration closed with 1,005 total players, 105 of whom were girls who had registered to play softball in the second year the sport was offered.

The first paper was six pages in length and cost \$136 to print. Circulation was 3,000 copies. That *Leader's* circulation has now grown to

12,500 printed. The newspaper is also now published online, with approximately 4,000 copies being downloaded each week.

The *Leader* enterprise began with \$500 in capital and was operated out of Flickinger's home. Long before the advent of home computers, the newspaper had to be completely typeset on hot lead machines and pasted up by hand.

"I wanted to do everything - writing, selling, layout - but I had no education and people thought I was crazy," Flickinger recalled. "I knew that if we were going to do it, we had to do it ourselves."

In 1978, the newspaper changed its name to the *South Belt Leader*. With the development of the Ellington Airport area, the newspaper again changed its name in 1988 to the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, as it now remains.

By 1979, the paper had outgrown Flickinger's home, and the business opened its first office space, located in the strip center next to the-then

Eagle grocery store (later Gerland's and now The Gardens).

Within a year, the *Leader* had also outgrown that space and had to lease larger office in the same center. In 1985, the business moved into its own 8,200-square-foot building, located at Beltway 8 and Beamer, where they remain to date.

Flickinger attributes much of the paper's success to the South Belt community itself.

"This paper wouldn't be here without the community," Flickinger said. "The community really took it to heart. They'd let us know things they liked and things they didn't like."

This sentiment was shared by Griffin. "The people here believed in us and had faith that we would succeed," Griffin said. "This is the newspaper that the community built."

In 1998, Griffin sold her interest to Flickinger and her son Davy Flickinger, who had worked in

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Mud Gully improvements explained

Work to make improvements on Beamer Ditch is scheduled to begin this month, according to Harris County Flood Control District officials.

Also referred to as Mud Gully or C-03 project, the county endeavor will provide concrete lining on the area ditch from Sagerock to near Dixie Farm Road.

The endeavor will be broken down into three phases. Phase 1 will run from Sagerock to Scarsdale; Phase 2 will run from Scarsdale to Astoria; and Phase 3 will run from Astoria to Beamer near the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin.

Construction is expected to take approximately two years. Phase 1 construction will take place from January 2021 to fall 2021; Phase 2 construction will take place from fall 2021 to spring 2022; and Phase 3 construction will take place from spring 2022 to fall 2022.

County officials said the precautions will be taken to limit traffic congestion along the busy thoroughfare.

There will be no lane closures from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m.

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Browning wins Grand Champion



Naomi Browning from Clear Brook High School poses with her Grand Champion Exotic Heifer. The 39th annual Clear Creek ISD Livestock Show was held Jan. 20 at the West Agriculture Barn. This event is the culmination of months of hard work by students within the National Future Farmers of America Organization programs across CCISD's five comprehensive high schools.

City update on COVID vaccination

The Houston Health Department will focus its latest COVID-19 vaccine allocation on people at the highest risk for severe illness and those in vulnerable communities during the first week of February.

The department received 9,000 additional doses Thursday, Jan. 28, and will prioritize approximately 5,300 for its Area Agency on Aging, 2,400 for providers in vulnerable communities and 1,300 for previously scheduled appointments.

"We know it is important to vaccinate the people who are the most vulnerable, and they should be among the first to get shots, especially when

supply is scarce," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "The Houston Health Department's distribution plan for next week focuses on those with a higher risk for illness and death and people living in vulnerable communities."

The vulnerable population vaccine allocation means the health department will not open new appointments for the qualifying general public for the week of Feb. 1.

Health department appointments are currently full based on supply. People are urged not to contact the COVID-19 call center about first dose appointments because no slots are currently

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Fatal shootings near Edgebrook

Two separate murders recently took place at apartment complexes in the area near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man that took place around 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at an apartment complex in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the victim, 33, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, officers responded to a shooting incident at the Del Mar Apartments to find the victim unresponsive and lying in the courtyard. He had suffered at least one gunshot wound to the chest. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

A preliminary investigation indicated the victim was a tenant of the complex. Witnesses described hearing gunshots and seeing the victim running through the parking lot.

A vehicle, described as a blue or black 2003 to 2005 Chevrolet Impala with a gray front bumper, which did not match the rest of the vehicle, was seen fleeing the area at a high rate of speed.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man Thursday, Jan. 28, at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. The suspect, Jarrett McClintock, 32, is charged with murder in the 183rd State District Court. He is accused in the death of Ellis Williams, 39, who died at the scene.

According to police, a security guard heard several gunshots around 4:20 a.m. while conducting his morning rounds at the complex.

As he headed toward the gunfire, the security guard saw a white Nissan sedan leaving the complex. The security guard drove onto Redford and saw Williams lying face down. He had suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

Further investigation identified McClintock as the suspect in this case. McClintock was arrested Saturday, Jan. 30 without incident and subsequently charged for his role in the shooting.

Publisher's Opinion

Thank you, South Belt, for 45 great years

On Feb. 5, the South Belt newspaper will be 45 years old! Where has the time gone? I remember when I first worked for a Friendswood paper, the paper was 18 years old. How impressed I was with that. It seems impossible that we have been doing this 45 years. The community has really changed and grown. There used to be only one way in and out of Sagemont. The beltway was only a far off goal that elected officials talked about. While there have been many changes, some good, some not so good, one important thing stands out in my mind, and that is the nature of our community. It is, and always has been, a good community; one in which the people care about each other. I know with all the community has been through the past 45 years, we have stayed a good, caring community. Through multiple floods, the Brio Superfund site and now, COVID, our community remains a good caring

community. I miss my partner Bobby, who only works part time from home, but enjoy my son Davy, who was 10 when we started and is now president of the company. He has been invaluable to the company with his computer knowledge – all self-taught! We are proud of the role the paper has played in the community, and look forward to a few more years. My goal is to celebrate 50 years. On the very first issue, we had the phrase, "Voice of Community-Minded People." That phrase is still on Page 1, and still represents how we believe. I really want to thank the community for allowing us to serve this area and be part of such a special community. This would not have been possible without the support of our readers and advertisers and family. Times are tough right now, but hanging together makes life easier. Thank you for all your support. We could not have done it without you.

Marie Flickinger
Publisher

The editorial printed below is a reproduction of the first editorial in the first issue of the *South Belt Press* (now *Leader*) on Feb. 5, 1976. How strange the words I wrote 45 years ago still are true today.

A sincere thank you

In this first issue of our area's very own newspaper, the two of us want to take the opportunity to thank some of the many people who have made this endeavor possible. The idea of starting our own newspaper has been rather a "scary idea" and without the support of our many friends, we would have given up long before the presses began to roll. The support, encouragement and ideas which have come not only from our faithful friends, but also from those we've recently met who work and live in our community, helped us go on when our feelings were, "Can we really do it?" One group of people who have overwhelmed us are the local merchants who agreed to support us, even before we could decide on a name for the paper they wanted to advertise in! These people have shown a strong faith in us and our community. Thank you also to those who have been close to us, yet standing in the background working with and encouraging us as we prepared to begin. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our children for their faith in "mother" and our husbands, Kenneth and David whose loving endurance has been our strength. To show our appreciation, we pledge to do all we can to make this paper our community's own special publication. It is our wish to unify, inform and serve the residents of our area. We realize through experience that this is not our paper, BUT YOUR PAPER, and we encourage you to help us make it the best there is through your support of advertisers and contribution of content. Let us hear from you.

- Bobby Griffin and Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Case for a new administration building for Pasadena ISD

By Art Del Barrio
PISD Director of Communication
The Pasadena ISD administration building at 1515 Cherry Brook Lane has seen better days. Director of Maintenance, Tom Douglas says the building is plagued with an array of issues from the foundation to the roof and just about everything in between. "This building used to be an old mall/shopping center," said Douglas. "The foundation was built with a perimeter and a centered walkway, the rest was dirt. As development space was purchased, individual foundations were poured into each store space."

Further, since each concrete pour was different, there was no set standard. Some of the concrete slabs do not have moisture barriers, which allows moisture to come up through the concrete. Since Hurricane Harvey, the water table (the upper surface of the zone of saturation) under the building has risen -- causing more moisture to come up in certain parts of the building that continues to cause shifting, flooring damage and stench. Douglas adds that there is no consistency in the thickness of the foundation throughout the building. In some spots the foundation is only four inches thick, in others six inches. Further, the foundation is settling throughout the building, causing major leveling issues, shifts in concrete and cracked walls.

Linda Fletcher, the director of fine arts arrived to work one day and the foundation had shifted so much her desk lifted up off the ground and broke off of the wall it was attached to.

In the Food Service Department, one to four inch gaps between the floor and the walls separating offices causes privacy issues. "We can literally see into each other's offices," says Director of Child Nutrition, Mary Harman.

Electrical Issues
The age of the administration building really shows when dealing with electricity. Electrical components that distribute power to the building were made before 1986. These are parts that are no longer made or no longer kept in stock. The district has had to rely on used parts at times to keep some components running. While it may not happen often, when a part does break sometimes it can take weeks or months to locate a replacement part. Further, all the electrical breaker boxes are maxed out. When new offices are added or remodeling takes place, expansions to breaker boxes are no longer possible.

HVAC
The chill water system that cools the building is designed for large open areas, as the building used to be a shopping mall. To this day, the entire building is either too hot or too cold. "Sometimes the temperature inside the building is as low as 58 degrees and other days it's in the 80's," said Reesha Brown, communication coordinator. The antiquated system, coupled with new ductwork, has created a need for more balanced airflow. If a new system were to be purchased, it would be necessary to hire a Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M.E.P) Engineer to design the new system.

Plumbing
The plumbing in the building is over 40 years old. Shortly after Hurricane Harvey, there was a terrible stench in some of the Human Resource offices. Maintenance crews discovered a sewage line underneath the building had burst due to age and settling. Crews came in and worked until the repairs were completed. In the meantime, staff were displaced while the repairs were taking place.

Fire Suppression System
The current fire suppression system still works, however, it was installed in 1986. Parts for the system are no longer manufactured. "A few years back a circuit board went out on the system," said Douglas, "it took several months to locate an identical board, have it shipped and installed." Douglas adds it is highly likely that if the system goes out again, an entire new system will have to be installed, which will incur the cost of engineering studies necessary to replace the system.

Roof
Roof leaks are not uncommon. With shifts in the foundation and walls adjusting

as well, the roof continues to stretch and adapt causing ponding and holes in the vinyl roofing, allowing water to enter the building. After years of patchwork and repairs, in order to replace the roof properly, the building would require a complete structural evaluation. Her orchestras earned superior ratings at UIL and other music festivals and were named best in class in competitions in Texas, Florida, Colorado and Washington, DC. She was a very active adjudicator and clinician throughout the southwest region and for more than a decade was on the staff at the Sam Houston State University Orchestra Camp as a director and cello coach. After taking a sabbatical from public school teaching in 2003, she maintained a private cel-

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Portrait of Charlotte Elizabeth Eads, 59, of La Porte, died at Methodist Hospital Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, after an extended illness. Eads was born June 14, 1961 in Beaumont. A graduate of Dobie High School in Pasadena ISD, she was active in speech and debate and performed in the orchestra under the direction of her mother. She earned membership multiple years in the All-Region Orchestra as well as being named to the prestigious Texas All-State Orchestra. She graduated from Southern Methodist University, where she was a Dean's Scholarship recipient for four years. She was awarded a Bachelor of Music with education certification. She completed graduate work at St. Thomas University, Houston, and the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Her career as a music educator began at Westchester Junior and Senior high schools in Spring Branch, where she taught orchestra from 1983-1985. In the fall of 1985, she began her tenure as head orchestra director at South Houston High School in Pasadena ISD. Her orchestras earned superior ratings at UIL and other music festivals and were named best in class in competitions in Texas, Florida, Colorado and Washington, DC. She was a very active adjudicator and clinician throughout the southwest region and for more than a decade was on the staff at the Sam Houston State University Orchestra Camp as a director and cello coach. After taking a sabbatical from public school teaching in 2003, she maintained a private cel-

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The Gardens Pop Up offers free booth space

The Gardens Pop Up Shop will host a Valentine's Day event Feb. 13 and Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer Road. In support of community small businesses and crafters, Carmen Garza, owner of The Gardens, is allowing vendors the opportunity to have a booth space at no cost. For more information, visit The Gardens Houston Facebook Group or call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Leader chalks up year 45

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The company's print shop since he was 16. Griffin still works part time for the paper, and Davy now serves as president of the company. The paper became totally computerized (no more paste up) in 1999, with Davy designing and installing the computer system. As the newspaper has evolved, it has become an integral part of the South Belt community, with residents routinely calling the business for information and advice. Residents will frequently call the *Leader* office when they want information on trash pickup or on who their congressman is. Some residents have even been known to call the newspaper when their toilet gets stopped up, their house is on fire or someone is having a heart attack. (Editor's note: always call 911 in an emergency.) Marie takes pride in the

County launches vax program

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available. People can register for the HoustonRecovers subscription of AlertHouston to learn about new Houston Health Department appointment opportunities through email, text message, voice call, or mobile app push notification. When available, the appointment portal for Houston Health Department vaccine clinics will open at HoustonEmergency.org/covid19. People may also visit HoustonEmergency.org/covid19 for a list of local COVID-19 vaccine providers to contact about availability. **Area Agency on Aging** In order to follow up on the more than 70,000 calls to the Area Agency on Aging and its Aging and Disability Resource Center, additions to its waitlist are not being accepted until further notice. The agency's waitlist includes people age 65 and older, people age 60 and older with chronic health conditions, and people with disabilities. People who left voicemails do not need to call back. They will be contacted and screened for eligibility over the coming

and gentle soul; one of a kind; a precious, generous heart; a skilled musician who loved and nurtured so many; outgoing personality and wonderful laugh; dear and caring; brilliant, funny, loving and much-loved teacher; constantly supportive; sweet spirit; kind and always smiling; wonderful and talented; a treasured friend; a generous heart; a welcoming and amazing teacher; a joy to be around; a gifted and loving human being; awesome personality and sense of humor; one could not ask for or imagine a better person. Charlotte was preceded in death by her father Nathaniel B. Eads, her mother Barbara F. Eads who also taught for Pasadena ISD, and her husband Walter "Jerry" Dunaway. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Mike and Amanda Beverly, respectively, and their children Mark and Alison; cousin Roxy Diaz and daughter Reagan Sadler; and many other cousins. She is also survived by her family by choice: Stephen and Ana Payne and daughter Avery; Randy and Mary Hanks and daughters Madisyn and Kaylee; Michael and Kristy Hanks and children Caleb and Macy; Catherine and Erich Pfingsten and children Jackson, Charlotte and Clayton; Donna and Devin Dozier and children Hudson and Ella; Sarah Hanks and daughter Addilyn; and Elizabeth and Matthew Hurkmans. In lieu of remembrances, donations can be made to either of the following: Barbara Eads Memorial Scholarship Fund, payable to Texas Orchestra Directors Association (include Barbara Eads Scholarship on memo line), TODA, 7900 Centre Park Dr. Suite A, Austin, Texas 78754 or Hisa K. Firestone Memorial Scholarship at www.missouristatefoundation.org. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held when COVID allows safe assembly. Charlotte's favorite quote can be found on her Facebook page: "An invisible thread connects those who are destined to meet, regardless of time, place and circumstances. The thread may stretch or tangle. But it will never break." --Chinese proverb.

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lo studio and taught cello students for several years at Clear Lake High School and Dobie High School. She was a lecturer in music for the University of Houston's Moores School of Music. Eads held memberships in the Music Educators National Conference, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Orchestra Directors Association, American String Teachers Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association and Mu Omicron Honorary Society. She was named to the first edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, was included in three subsequent editions and nominated twice for the Disney's Teacher of the Year awards. Her leadership roles began when she was in college, when she was an ex officio member of the Texas Music Educators Association executive board as a representative of the college student section and served as president of the TMEC College Student Division. She served the TMEA as Region XIX orchestra chair for four terms, All-State Orchestra organizer, and as TMEA orchestra division vice president from 1999-2001. She served as a member of the UIL State Sightreading Music Selection Committee. She was the Texas Orchestra Directors Association president in 1997-1998, and served as vice president, secretary, and member-at-large. In 2008 she chaired the Conference Planning Committee for the American String Teachers Association conference in Albuquerque. The last of her career as a music educator began at Westchester Junior and Senior high schools in Spring Branch, where she taught orchestra from 1983-1985. In the fall of 1985, she began her tenure as head orchestra director at South Houston High School in Pasadena ISD. Her orchestras earned superior ratings at UIL and other music festivals and were named best in class in competitions in Texas, Florida, Colorado and Washington, DC. She was a very active adjudicator and clinician throughout the southwest region and for more than a decade was on the staff at the Sam Houston State University Orchestra Camp as a director and cello coach. After taking a sabbatical from public school teaching in 2003, she maintained a private cel-

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Flood control issue on trail



The above photo was taken by Amanda Maslonka along the South Belt Hike & Bike Trail. The *Leader* contacted Harris County Flood Control officials who agreed to clean up the debris to promote proper drainage. Additional photos taken by the *Leader* show considerable trash in the drainage area, including a window unit air conditioner. The *Leader* thanks Maslonka for interest in improving drainage in the community.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
A member of *People of Sagemont* posted that they pumped gas at Exxon on the corner of Scarsdale and Bogy Way, using their Exxon card Monday, Jan. 25. The member states that their card is now being used in different cities. The member tried calling the store to tell them that there is a problem and no one seems to help. Other members also commented that they have also come across the same issue. A member on the *Neighbors app* posted that there was reported a shooting on 12900 block of Nyack Drive on Monday, Feb. 1. There was one person shot and injured.

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.
Bracewell Branch Library
Bracewell Library, is located at 9002 Kingspoint. For information, visit https://houstontlib.org/location/bracewell-neighborhood-library?items_per_page=200#events or for virtual programs, visit <https://houstontlib.org/learn-explore/library-events> or call 832-393-2580.
Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation
Contactless Curbside services, known as HPL To Go, is available by appointment Mondays, noon to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers walking or riding a bike may also pick up reserved materials. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. Use HPL To Go:
1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.
Book drop
The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned with no overdue fees. The library continues to provide online resources so the public can enjoy the library at home. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop. Keep those items until further notice.
Additional resources
The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstontlib.org under Here's What's Happening. Clicking on Free Resources for All to access the digital resources and a link to obtain a temporary card. Also, under the Here's What's Happening link, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Story time, provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes can be found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft. Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstontlib.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a robust collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog to determine if a previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.
All overdue fines/fees will be waived through June 30, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020. While the Bracewell Branch Library remains closed, Wi-Fi service is still available by coming to the library standing/sitting within 6 feet of the building. A password is not needed. Go to Settings, then Network and Internet, Wi-Fi and connect to HPL - Public.
HPL is not accepting book donations at this time. Visit www.houstontlib.org to find virtual programs and digital resources. For more information, visit www.houstontlib.org to chat with a librarian 24/7, or to send questions through HPL's email reference.

Parker Williams Library
Parker Williams Library, is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> or call 832-927-7870. The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.
Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"
- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.
Online services
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- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-Books, comics or graphic novels.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
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Thursday, Feb. 4, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Join Mr. John (John Harbaugh) and Mr. Jason Cruz virtually for family fun.
Friday, Feb. 5, 1 p.m. Draw with Me with Join Ariel Perez. Participants need pens and markers for the videos which will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.
Monday, Feb. 8, 3 p.m. Lunar New Year Celebration Join Ms. Loc (Loc Bui) and Mr. John (John Harbaugh) for the annual retelling of the Lunar New Year legend. Following the legend will be instructions for a small craft curbside Monday to Saturday. This video will be on Facebook. #chinesenewyear #lunarnewyear #xox #harriscountyp1 #HCPL.
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time Join Mr. John (John Harbaugh) and Mrs. Celeste (Celeste Plew) This will be on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. #storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp1 #HCPL.
Tuesday, Feb. 9, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m., Spanish storytime with Jason Cruz on Facebook.com.
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m., ages 16 and older. Dungeons & Dragons Online.

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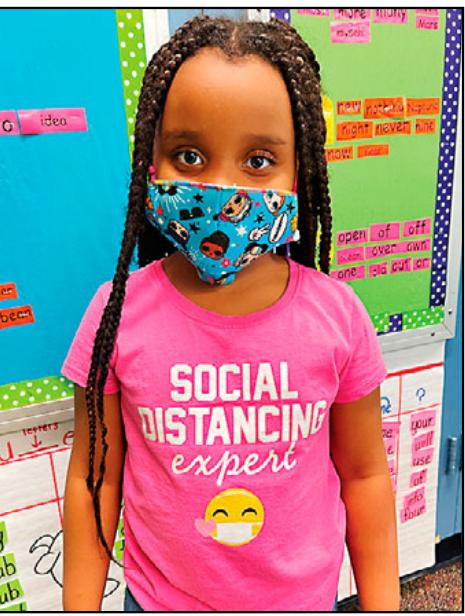
LITURGY SCHEDULE
(Modified during COVID-19)

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

*Also Available on Facebook Live

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Murray: social-distancing expert



Check out Meador's first-grade student Janessa Murray's social-distancing expert T-shirt. Meador staff sends a big shoutout to all the Meador Mustangs for wearing masks, washing their hands and social distancing to keep the school family safe.

CCISD announces results of livestock show, online sale

The 39th Annual Clear Creek ISD Livestock Show was held on January 20, 2021 at the West Agriculture Barn.

This event is the culmination of months of hard work by students in the National Future Farmers of America Organization (FFA) programs across Clear Creek ISD's five comprehensive high schools.

In what was an unconventional season, FFA students continued to work throughout the summer and fall semester to raise animals, and design and construct agriculture mechanics projects, as well as plan and create a multitude of food science, floriculture, horticulture and visual arts projects to showcase in the annual livestock show.

As the District opted to forgo the traditional community live auction in the interest of public safety, an online store was deployed so that sponsors and buyers could select the animal or agriculture project they wished to sponsor or purchase.

The community rose to the challenge and the CCISD

Livestock Show and online sale was an undeniable success bringing in more than \$150,000 to benefit CCISD FFA students. The funds raised help offset costs students invest in their projects and fund potential future projects.

"Our students and teachers are overwhelmed by the level of support from sponsors and buyers for this year's show," said JT Buford, Career and Technical Education program manager.

"Their financial commitment is a testimony to the importance our community places on FFA programming. I'd like to add our thanks and appreciation to all those who made the show a success from parents and volunteers, to show judges and CCISD agriculture teachers."

The top awards, sponsors and buyers for this year include:

– Grand Champion Pig, Colby Hall of Clear Falls High School, sponsored by Joe and Jeanie Engle.
– Grand Champion Lamb, Mason Corona of Clear Brook High School, sponsored by Norman Frede Chevrolet.
– Grand Champion Goat, Alani Johnson of Clear Brook High School.
– Grand Champion Turkey, Sarah Taylor of Clear Creek High School, sponsored by Assured Partners.

– Grand Champion Broilers, Jacob Corrao of Clear Springs High School, sponsored by The Jackson Family.
– Grand Champion Rabbits, Mia Peyrani of Clear Springs High School, sponsored by Joiner Architects.
– Best of Show Ag Mechanics, Colby Hall of Clear Falls High School, sponsored by Joe and Jeanie Engle.

– Reserve Champion Goat, Ashlyn Gray of Clear Springs High School.
– Reserve Champion Turkey, Jacob Corrao of Clear Springs High School, sponsored by CCISD Cabinet.
– Reserve Champion Broilers, Jenna Casey of Clear Creek High School, sponsored by Joe and Jeanie Engle.

– Reserve Champion Rabbits, Olivia Delgado of Clear Springs High School sponsored by Gerardo Delgado.
– Grand Champion Heifer, Naomi Browning of Clear Brook High School, sponsored by the Magnus family.
– Reserve Champion Heifer, Shannon McLean of Clear Falls High School, sponsored by the Magnus family.

Wallis retires after 40 years

After 40 years in education, Kristin Wallis is hanging up her hat. The staff and personnel of Pasadena ISD who have worked with Wallis say she has impacted so many people's lives and will leave a wonderful legacy. Stuchbery officials wish Wallis well in the next chapter of her life.



Wallis is shown standing next to a sign honoring her retirement that was placed in front of Stuchbery Elementary.

CCART meeting set

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold a virtual meeting Feb. 9, 2021.

The meeting will begin with the election of officers for 2021-2023 term. CCART will also be celebrating Heart Health and will be hearing from a guest speaker provided by Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

The virtual meeting will begin at 10 a.m. For membership renewal forms and instructions, visit CCART Facebook site at ClearCreekART or search for Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers. If one prefers, one can also request information via email at 1986ccart@gmail.com.

All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

Graduate, now future welder

By Kadey Heidrich Pasadena ISD Communications

Recent Community School graduate Christopher Seretti wanted to earn his diploma on time, but struggled while attending his traditional high school campus. After falling behind, Seretti decided to research other ways to complete his education. During his research, he learned about the programs available at Community School.

Community School is a high school of choice in Pasadena ISD that empowers students to reach their full potential by providing self-paced classes in a blended environment. Community School, fondly referred to as the district's hidden gem by its staff members, gives students at risk of not graduating from high school another chance to earn their high school diploma. The small school prides itself on providing a personalized experience for each student, calling this personalization their "hidden curriculum."

Seretti talks about why he chose Community School and what his experiences were like with the program. What led you to choose Community School?

"I was really struggling at my old school. Before I came to Community School, I was still classified as a sophomore based on my credits and I'm 18. I have a health condition, so in the past, I have been in and out of school."

"Ms. (Randi) Elliot, the assistant principal at Community School, has helped me a lot. When I spoke with her, she told me about the program there and that

I thought that sounded great because I wanted to start my career. Also, I thought it was better to have a high school diploma rather than a GED."

What have your experiences at Community School been like?

"My start at Community School was slow, but once I got used to the students, staff and teachers, it was

good. The teachers and staff helped me by keeping me focused and on task.

"To help me stay motivated, they reminded me that one day I'll achieve something great."

"Some of my favorite teachers were Ms. (Iliia) Slattery, Ms. (Renee) White and Ms. (Kimberly) Walker. They encouraged me to keep my goals in mind."



Grateful for earning a high school diploma is Christopher Seretti (left), Community School graduate, shown with Jennifer Capra, principal.

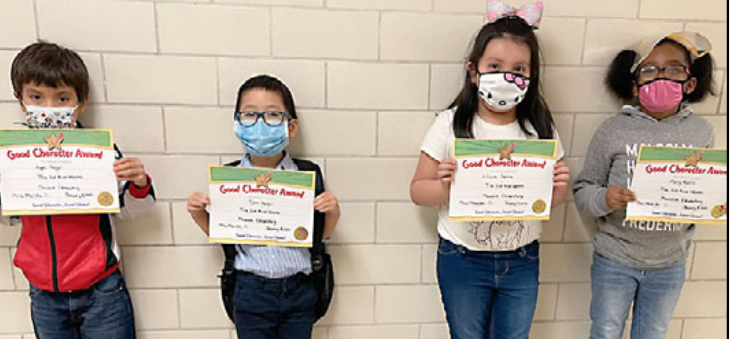
Meador names recipients



Congratulations to Meador Mustang students who received the Good Character Award for the second nine-weeks. Shown are kindergarten recipients of the Good Character Award, left to right, Lucia Cabriales, Angela Nunez, Juan Rivera and Joel Solache. Not shown is Jordyn Kahane.



First-grade Good Character Award recipients are proudly displaying their certificates. Left to right are Jamal Blackburn, Zoey Robledo, Laylah Hernandez and Genesis Chirinos. Not shown is Jorge Rivera.



Happy to be receiving recognition, second-grade recipients for the Good Character Award are, left to right, Angel Najjar, Tyler Nguyen, Liliana Garcia and Mary Morris. Not shown is Guadalupe Berrones.



Third-grade Good Character Award recipients are, left to right, Omar Jimenez, Myrion Davis and Adyleen Solache. Not shown is Sophia Ramos.



Fourth-graders are all smiles behind their masks, holding their certificates. Shown are, left to right, Cornell Stewart, Isaac Figueroa and Phoebe Schlueter.



Fourth-grade recipients Faith Guajardo (left) and Jasmon Harris are shown standing proudly with their Good Character Award certificates.

Hancock names second 9-weeks rolls

Thomas Hancock Elementary officials announced the second nine-weeks perfect attendance and honor roll lists for the 2020-2021 school year.

Perfect attendance

Pre-K

Avanni Cristina, Arias Martinez, Dylan Alberto Arredondo, Emma Hayley Benavides Garza, Amilee Lilith Chavez, Jonathan O'neal Davis Jr. and Melanie Alejandra Garza.

Brianna Nicole Lecompte,

Cristian Alberto Lopez Jr., Lareine Emih Mbusa, Victor Daniel Mederos, Kenzie Ann Morgan, Christian Alexander Ochoa and Jurnee Monet Nicole Pitre.

Eiza Anabelle Rangel,

Saul Mateo Rivera, Kayden De Jesus Rodriguez, Andrew James Sanchez, Nazareth Genesis Sangurima, Emma Valdez and Jayden Pierre Williams.

Kindergarten

Sarahi Almonte, Daniel Banda Jr., Dulce Yolanda Barraza Santos, Yariana Mabel Carreon, Santiago Ayden Cavazos and Manuel Isaiiah Coronado.

Abigail Escobar, Rylee Jazelle Flores, Emiliano Gonzalez-Garcia, Grant Constance Hamilton, Maxemino Jose Hernandez and Katty Luna.

Liam Alexander Maruri Ventura, Jayceon Demetrius McClain, Raelyn Nikole McPherson, Jru Michael Miles, Diego Narvaez and Alondra Noelani Ochoa.

Matteo Alexander Rios, Andrew Yoel Rivas, Maria Fernanda Ruiz Rivas, Michelle Sunshine Salcido and Johnathan Oneal Gee Staten Jr.

Kylie Alexa Villa, Emjey Villanueva Chacon and Dominic Israel Zetino.

First grade

Caleb Alberto Alejandro Garduno, Brayden Elian Alfaro, Kameron Demarcus Carter, Matthew Castro, Angel Daniel Cavazos and McKinsley Nichole Cooper.

Cassandra Vianey Cruz,

Eduardo Garza, Sebastian Garza, Alexa Nicole Guerra, Santiago Guerrero and Aiden Michael Juarez.

Stephen Wesley Mandrell,

Donson Tien Nguyen, Esau Azael Perez Valenciano, Mason Hieu Pham, Scarlett Madilyn Picazo, Daleyza Polanc, Alessandro Reyna, Chemya Mone' Robertson, Roy Jose Rocky Romero, Esteban Sandoval, Ariel Lyla Starks and Armando Eli Uribe.

Nazzira Valjejo Guerrero,

Kaiden Michael Jayshaad Washington and Naomi Renee Wheaton.

Second grade

Christiana Dior Bryan, Adrian Gael Clorio, Miranda Star Coronado, Anna Gabriela De Los Santos, Tevin James Edmonson Jr. and Angel Fabian Garcia.

Elijah Valentino Garza-McDaniels, Julian Justo Garza, Abigail Marie Gomez, Destani Akira Hamilton, Trinity Marie Hernandez, Sophia Andrea Ibarra and Terry Wayne Lewis Jacobs.

Braydon Lenton, Bryson Deantre Lenton, Luis Felipe Lopez De La Cruz, Legrand Mbusa Mbusa, Bryan Melesio, J'la Dhani Moncriste and Evon Nguyen.

Journey Brooklyn Olivier, Saniah Renee Petty, Daniela Paola Reyes, Lucas Lee Rodriguez, Gretell Estefania Ruiz Rivas, Angie Monserrat Sanchez Novelo, Rooney Vu, and Skylar Marie Wilson.

Third grade

Lucas Nathaniel Cruz,

Nathan Xavier Garcia, Savannah Lynn Gomez, Toni Lynn Hamilton, Sebastian Jove Maddox Hernandez Rodriguez, Leo Joseph Hernandez, Malik Javon D'angelo Joseph, Malina Janae King, Eliel Alexis Machado and

Valeria Nichole Aguilera,

Tace Viktory Baker, Tegen Gabrielle Baker, Adrian Bryce Bell, Yariel Plinio Carreon, Enrique Damian Escobar and Ximena Lizbeth Espinoza.

Don Kentrell Gaines, Viviana Gamez, Joan Maximiliano Gonzalez, Oscar Daniel Lara, Andrew Lorenzo Lopez and Ivan Eduardo Montano.

Sofia Isabella Ochoa, Allen Payamps, Valeria Angelique Quintero, Anali Annette Rangel Reyna, Isabella Rose Reynaga and Jennifer Naomi Rodriguez Yezpe.

Estrella Almeria Rodriguez, Issis Belen Rodriguez, Kennedy Jacoby Rodriguez, Stephen Paul Sanchez, Isaac Vazquez and Chelsey Vergara Lopez.

Fourth grade

Lucas Nathaniel Cruz, Nathan Xavier Garcia, Savannah Lynn Gomez, Toni Lynn Hamilton, Sebastian Jove Maddox Hernandez Rodriguez, Leo Joseph Hernandez, Malik Javon D'angelo Joseph, Malina Janae King, Eliel Alexis Machado and

Melanie Marin.

Oliver Ochoa Rivera, Dezmariah Annavay Ortiz, Makayla Rayne Palm, Stephanie Eleene Romero and Gabrielle Zoe Rose Wilkins.

Honor roll

First grade

Aaliyah Blanco, Taylor Edwards, Cadence Gatlin, Alexa Guerra, Santiago Guerrero, Aiden Juarez, Stephen Mandrell, Donson Nguyen, Lawren Reed and Zaisley Torres.

Second grade

Miranda Coronado, Julian Garza, Abigail Gomez, Sophia Ibarra, Alex Juarez, Marjorie Lemus, Legrand Mbusa, Journey Oliver and Angie Sanchez.

Third grade

Nicholas Gomez, Sofia Ochoa, Issis Rodriguez, Julio Salazar and Isaac Vazquez.

Fourth grade

Keirah Davis, Nathan Garcia, Kenneth Gilbert, Savannah Gomez, Aiden Heredia and Axel Juarez, Odelia Jumami, Amiyah Larken, Makayla Palm, Raunel Sanches and Yahir Tejada.

Green Thumb set for Feb. 8

Green Thumb Gardening will host the lecture "Spring Vegetable Gardening," by Harris County Master Gardeners with Houston Community College Monday, Feb. 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m. This is a free virtual lecture. Register early at hccs.edu/community-learning-workshops. Those who enjoy gardening are urged to attend.

Public Notice
An application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a (RM) mixed beverage permit with food and beverage certificate and a (LB) mixed beverage late hours permit by Back Porch Grill LLC. Located at 2416 Bay Area Blvd. Ste E, Houston, TX 77058/Harris County Texas.
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South Houston announces honor rolls for third six-weeks

South Houston High School officials announced the third six-weeks honor roll for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ninth grade
Andrew Alcantar, Lyndon Rakeem Alexander, Jessica Jimena Alfaro, Elizabeth Almaguer, Christopher Almanza, David Josafat Alvarado Paz, Maria Arcelia Alvarez Ramos, Rebecca Sugey Alvarez Torres and Pedro Alvarez. Ashley Amador, Daniel Yahir Arias, Andrea Lizbeth Ayala, Jonathan Barrientos, Michell Bernardo, Ovidio Bustillo, Dora Leticia Caballero, Rosa Maria Campos, Jose Cardoza and Monic Cervantes.

van, Abraham A Escareno, Syntrel Curtis Evans, Everth Alessandro Flores, Jacob Isaiah Flores, Jadon Daniel Flores, Jesus Everardo Flores and Monika Franco. Natalie Liseth Funes, Manuel Andrew Gamba, Abraham Garcia, Angela Jimena Garcia, Nathalie Paola Garcia, Emily Nicole Garza, Ethan Alexander Garza, Trinita Danielle Garza and Elias Jacob Gauna.

Hidekel Gonzalez, Josias Evaristo Gonzalez, Karla Vanessa Gracia Alvarado, Azael Elias Gutierrez, Edwin Lee Hernandez Angeles, Frida Miranda Hernandez, Manuel Raul Hernandez, Valeria Ysabel Hernandez and Ismael Angel Hernandez-Rivera.

Angela Celeste Herrera, Elissa Nicole Herrera, Ruby Elizabeth Herrera, Kayla Denise Hughes, Ciara Renee Jackson, Dashan Lamonte Jefferson, Kayleen Melody Leal and Abril Leon. Stormy Eve Lindsey, Alyssa Madrigal, Daniela Maldonado, Judith Martinez, Cassandra Martinez, Raul Martinez, Tristan Jamira McGuffery, Jonathan Mendoza, Diego Ricardo Meza Cazaca and Angelina Gloria Molina.

Gavin Humberto Morales, Aldo Navarro Moran, Jau Polo Navarro, Laila Aneily Olmos, Edgar Alejandro Orozco, Michelle Anahi Perez, Ryan Duong Pham, Adrian Rey Pineda and Sammuell Joshua Poncio.

Fernando Arturo Pruneda, Adriana Jocelyn Ramirez, Alan Benjamin Ramos, Joana Monserrat Ramos, Andres Rivera, Natalie Yamilet Rivera, Stacie Paola Rivera, Cheyenne Elizabeth-Kaye Robertson and Josephine Robles.

Silvio Alejandro Rodriguez Suarez, David Rodriguez, Jonathan Matthew Rodriguez, Mansa Kawain Rogers, Alize Lynn Rojo, Carlos Roman, Victoria Isabelle Romano, Dina Lizeth Romero and Diana Azucena Rubio.

Jose Carlos Salazar, Brayan Sanchez, Javen Devalde Simmons, Emmanuel Solano, Salomon Eduardo Sosa, Bryanna Grace Suarez, Joshua Saul Terrones, Caleb Jonathan Trejo and Mariela Dalibe Urias-Sarmiento.

Ever Benjamin Valdez Gonzalez, Isaac Guadalupe Valdez Gonzalez, Gabriel Valenzuela, Melanie Jasmine Vargas Garcia, Jamileth Vasquez, Noemi Crystal Vasquez, Daniel Elias Vasquez, Oscar Vilchis, Angela Daniela Villafranco and Ja'kobe Rashard Wilson.

10th grade
Edith Acosta, Denisse Aguilar, Alejandra Arredondo, Yeisi Benitez-Vazquez, Amaya Lauren Brown, Isaac Camacho, Gladys Yazmin Cantillano Rosales and Ariana Jazmin Cantu.

Daniel Carrillo, Angeles Elizabet Chamorro Hernandez, Cesar Conde, Monserrat Cruz Franco, Hannian De Leon, Hugo Josue Escajeda, Katherine Lisbeth Espinal Acosta and Diego Saul Espinosa.

Joseph Edwin Ferguson, Angel Alexis Flores Gutierrez, Heidi Gritel Franco, Sara Regan Gaeta, Manuel Galindo, Susana Garcia Perez, Luis David Garcia Resendez and Kimberly Garcia.

Natalie Garza, Aimee Gomez, Nathalie Gomez, Elizabeth Guadarrama, Ashley Lizeth Hernandez, Nicolas Trevino Hernandez, Jeremiah

Joseph Horton, Christina Melissa Houston, Alberto Roman Jerez and Amy Marcela Jimenez.

Jazlyn Aracely Jimenez, Carolina Celeste Julian, Sindi Lemus Ruiz, Aileen Marie Lopez, Jesiel Lopez, Manuel De Jesus Lopez, Sonia Guadalupe Lopez, Joel Ivan Luque, Matthew Daniel Maldonado and Stephanie Michelle Maldonado.

Daisy Rayna McGarrity, Daisy Imelda Mendoza, Tomas Meza, Emily Millan, Maribel Montalvo, Cristina Moreno, Isaiah Achilles Orozco, Saul Quintanilla, Santos Eduardo Ramirez Garcia and Govany Melvin Ramirez.

Janeth Ramirez, Jose Angel Ramos, Mauricio Eli Reyes Chapa, Angel Manuel Rivas, Diana Abigail Rivera, Cesar Rodriguez, Leslie Rodriguez, Marcus Andrew Rodriguez and Susana Rodriguez.

Paloma Sofia Rosas, Celsa Ann Salazar, Jaily Elysa Saldana, Ingrid Joana Sanchez, Valeria Marlyn Sanchez, Shakia Patrice Scott and Jeremiah Ezekiel Sheppard-Rubio.

Olufunmilayo Abisola Talabi, Ashley Hannah Trujillo, Andrea Gissel Valdez Alvi, Alexandra Vazquez Garcia, Christian Edwing Vega and Christian Nicolas Vera.

Hanson Tinh Vo, Demarcus James Whitaker, Ariel Isabella Zamora, Cynthia Zavala, Josue Zuniga, Kevin Daniel Zuniga-Rios and Angie Johana Zuviri.

11th grade
Esteban Angel Abascal, Joselyne Xiomara Acosta, Abigail Victoria Alfaro, Yanira Cassandra Alfaro, Natalie Lorraine Amaya, Keyla Ruby Amaya-Hernandez, and Ricardo Alberto Anaya.

Anthony Arguello, Yesenia Abigail Argueta Lara, Jennifer Alexandra Balleza, Donato Emizael Barrientos Arredondo, Michelle Bustamante, Jose Luis Cabrera Ramirez, Alexis Calles and Ernesto Campos.

Alexander Hugo Cantareo, Viviana Marleni Castaneda, Elissa Lizet Cervantes, Alondra Chapa, Angel David Chavez, Dayannia Lee Colon Santiago, Idalia Emily Contreras, Damaris Cornejo, Rebecca Cortez and Jeremy Cruz Gonzalez.

Maryella Ivonne Diaz, Lizette Jacqueline Dimas, Alyssa Hope Flores, Felix Alejandro Flores, Jasmine Gissele Flores, Juan Manuel Flores, Vanessa Hope Forbes, Sierra Nicole Frady and Josue Manuel Galdamez.

Katherine Gallardo, Richard Ray Gallegos, Jorge Yahir Garcia Carreno, Karla Angelina Garcia, Lizeth Garcia,

Maureen Garcia, Yaneli Garibay, Daniel Eduardo Garza, Ismene Gomez, Leslie Lynette Gonzalez and Bianca Gutierrez.

Alexandra Gisele Guzman, Antonio Lee Hernandez, Brenda Lee Hernandez, Evelin Hernandez, Jesus Enrique Hernandez, Josiah Thomas Horton, Christian Eric Labra, Seep Franz Lona, Bryan Lopez and Yarani Machado Mendez.

Marium Alicia Macias, Lesly Maldonado, Odette Mar, Ivan Marquez, Destiny Latrice Marshall, Alazae Nicole Martinez, Brianna Denise Martinez, Chrystal Daisy Martinez, Luis Fernando Martinez, Alejandro Mata, Jocelynn Mata and Rosa Maria Mayor Suarez.

Trevezon McGuffery, Isabella Maria Mendez, Kateri Mendoza, Sa'von Michael Mitchell, Henry Monasterio, Liliana Moncada, Victor Hugo Montalvo, Yesenia Elizabeth Monterroza, David Enrique Morales and Jesus Morales.

Pablo Antonio Morales, Neyder Jose Moreno Mendez, Natalia Munoz, Jose Jesus Narvaiz, Yurely Anyelly Negron, Carlos Enrique Orellana, Jose Orion Orozco, Andrea Ortiz Guevara, Alec Matthew Palacios and Stefany Perez Macias.

Mariah Alejandra Perez, Stephanie Michelle Perez, Stephanie Katika Peterson, Uyen Hoang Phuong Pham, Gretchen Rachel Prado Gonzalez, Angel Gabriel Ramirez Perez and Dariela Lynette Reyes.

Ricardo Reyes, John Matthew Reyna, Itzel Rios Garza, Natalie Danae Rios, Ariel Elie Rodriguez, Kevin Rodriguez, Luis Alexander Rodriguez, Melissa Rodriguez and Claudia Lucia Salinas.

Nancy Marie Samaniego, Eric Nacor Santana Ozuna, Stephanie Saucedo, Carlos Alexander Saucedo Estrada, Clarissa Celina Saucedo, Jamarus Isaiah Shorten, Brandon Stephon Smith and Edgardo Solis Rodriguez.

Briza Solis, Madison Sara Sund, Anthony Eugene Thomas, Alexa Torres, Emiliano Torres, Samantha Torres-Lozano, Alan Tien Tran, Lisette Trejo and Ricardo Antonio Valadez.

Marco Uriel Valdez, Yaris Vasquez, Aldo Ramiro Velasco Ruiz, Brianna Angelina Villalpando, Kayla Marie Villegas, Guangsen Xu, Wendy Sarai Zarate and Diana Gloria Zavala Bernabe.

Itzaira Michelle Aguilar, Rebecca Aguilar, Evelyn Faith Aguilon, Meagan Nicole Allen, Alicia Bianey Almaguer, Jose Edenilson Argueta, Ashley Lee Arredondo

and Abigail Araceli Astudillo. Natalia Azeneth Ayala, Oscar Misael Belmares, Krystal Alyse Benitez, Noe Botello, Antoni Alber Buruca Amaya, William Calles, Armando Cantu, Anai Cardoza, Juan Jesus Castilleja and Andrea Castillo.

David Omar Castillo, William Castillo, Anthony Cervantes, Kayleen Chapa, Javier Gonzalo Chavez, Miguel Angel Contreras, Karen Corral, Arly Isell Cruz Flores, Jazmine Marisol Cruz-Leyva and Emily Mercedes De Dios Valenzuela.

Grace Nevaeh Delgado, David Dimas, Daniela Alejandra Duran Iracheta, Cody Romero Duron, Marcio Yovani Espinal Acosta, Bianca Isabel Espinal, Tiffany Espinoza Valladares and Melani Espinoza.

Adilene Yasbeth Esquivel Merino, Marina Favela, Perla Ruby Fernandez, Asia Emami Fleming, Jasmine Nicole Flores, Alexa Marie Garcia, Cristian Alejandro Garcia, Daniela Garcia, Juan Antonio Garcia and Liliana Audrey Garcia.

Lisamaria Garcia, Alyssa Janelle Garza, Ariel Garza, Eric Garza, Elizabeth Gomez, Andy Gonzales, Valeria Gonzalez, Emily Leigh Govea, Daniel Guerrero Barron, Cassandra Guerrero and Joeselin Lisbeth Guevara.

Leibylyen Guadalupe Gutierrez, Hansell Guzman Rodriguez, Jaily Delano Henry, Vivian Hernandez Hernandez, Brandy Claudette Hernandez, Rebekah Trevino Hernandez and Denisse Herrera.

Andres Ivan Hurtado, Elizabeth Julieta Jasso, Evelyn Juarez, Mario Cesar Landu, Charles Tran An Le and Miko Xavier Leija.

Enrique Lopez Carbajal, Juan Luis Lopez, Julissa Maricarmen Lopez, Raul Lopez and Maria Del Carmen Luna Rosas.

Luis Antonio Luna, Omar Said Luque, Marisol Isabel Maldonado, Samantha Maldonado, Stephanie Maldonado, Jasmine Teresa Mandujano, Taliyah Sha'jean Mann, Leonardo Martinez Arreola, Giovanni Martinez and Jaquelin Martinez.

Lucia Martinez, Norma Martinez, Yuliana Edith Martinez, Alyssa Mariah Mata, Rutmariel Mateo, Ana Mariel Mendez, Diana Andrea Mendoza, Monica Mendoza and Ambar Mercedes Perez.

Ruth Leesseth Miranda, Ernest Giovanni Morales, Rebecca Moreno, Giselle Muniz, Dayanara Najera, Julianna Nandin, Julianna Navarro, Alesia Nwagor Nmezi, Lizette Teresa Noguezgarcia, Isaac Julio Nunez, Miguel

Angel Nunez and Tayvee'in Maleik O'guinn.

Kevin Antonio Ochoa Ordonez, Rocio Jasmin Ortega, Rebecca Michelle Ortiz, Anthony Osorio, Brandon Perez, Andrea Monique Pierre, Jenifer Brendaly Priego and Aisleen Natalie Rangel.

Maranelly Dominique Rangel, Yahir Resendez, Daniel Cesar Reyes, Stephanie Reyes, Karina Rivas, Ascension Mejia Rizzuto, Sierra Michelle Robertson, Jesus Alberto Rodriguez Gonzalez and Carlos Elias Rodriguez.

Collin Micheal Rodriguez, Julianna Rodriguez, Nimsi Sarai Rodriguez, Kimberly Jocelyn Rojas Pena, Nancy Rae Roman, Joshua Aleczan Romano, Jennifer Johana Romero and German Alessandro Salguero Cruz.

Samantha Elizabeth Samaniego, Tiffany Juliette Sanchez Marcelino, Lessley Sanchez, Ray Jacob Sanchez, Michelle Guadalupe Sendejo, Alexis Catalina Sifuentes, Damien Xavier Sluder, Mark Wayne Tabor, Gabriela Renee Torres and Kimberly Torres.

Taina Marie Tossas Santiago, Ramiro Valdez, DaiSha Angelica Vargas, Alexander Vela, Denilson Ivan Velasquez, Kristal Jaqueline Villa, Julian Isidro Villacorta, Alexandra Villanueva and Jenna Ashley Villanueva.

Nicolas Luis Villarreal, Thomas Kaylo Villegas, Fidel Joaking Vizcaino and Landon Andrew Wenke.

Erinlane Kanise Williams, Erick Leon Zamarripa, Fatima Mariangel Zavala, Thais Alejandra Zavala and Brandon Scott Zens.

Ditch improvements explained

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One lane of Beamer will remain open in each direction during the majority of construction.

Bridge closures and detours will be implemented when channel construction is below a bridge (Scarsdale, Astoria and Beamer Road-eastbound).

Funding for the \$10.7 million project is to be split between the county and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The county's portion of the funding was approved by voters in 2018 as part of a \$2.5 billion bond package.

The Beamer Ditch project is just one of many bond projects related to the 2018 bond referendum that are connected to the local Clear Creek watershed.

Additional Flood Control projects currently underway in the Clear Creek watershed include the construction of two new local detention basins.

The new basins will provide safe storage for more than 566 million gallons of excess stormwater.

Construction started in April 2020 on the final phase of the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin, located on Mud Gully/Beamer Ditch near Beamer Road and South Fork Boulevard.

Construction also has begun to construct the Dagg Stormwater Detention Basin on Clear Creek at Dagg Road near Christina V. Adair Park. Both basins are part of a \$16.9 million construction contract awarded by Harris County Commissioners Court on Jan. 28, 2020.

The work will excavate more than 1.1 million cubic yards of material from the South Belt basin and remove 50,000 cubic yards from a nearby Dixie Farm Road site, where it had been mistakenly placed in the floodplain of Clear Creek nearly two years ago. The Flood Control District bought the Dixie Farm Road site this past year so that the inappropriate fill could be removed, and the site could be investigated for additional

stormwater detention benefits.

Pairing the two construction projects in one bid is intended to extend 2018 bond funding because, in this case, it is more financially efficient to do a larger project. Additionally, the Flood Control District will save approximately \$22 million by using a portion of the South Belt excavated material as fill for the Dagg Road basin (HCFCD Unit A500-08-00), resulting in lower disposal costs and savings versus commercially acquired riprap fill.

Safety considerations require filling in a 50-foot-deep portion of the water-filled pit at the Dagg Road basin. Doing so will not reduce the capacity of the Dagg Road basin to hold excess stormwater because the storage area is above the water level to the top of the basin's banks.

The Dagg Road basin will include floating islands for stormwater treatment – a first for Harris County. The floating islands will be anchored to the floor of the basin and planted with specialty plant species whose root systems will help filter impurities. The Dagg Road basin will be part of a demonstration project to determine what types of islands can withstand floodwater fluctuations as well as provide effective stormwater quality treatment.

Both projects are expected to be complete in spring 2022. They are separate from, but complement the Clear Creek Federal Flood Risk Management

Project by providing additional mitigation for planned channel conveyance improvements.

Funds from the 2018 bond election will also go toward construction of the Hughes Stormwater Detention Basin. To be located on an undeveloped 100-acre site along Clear Creek, south of El Franco Lee Park, the endeavor is aimed at mitigating flood risks in the Clear Creek watershed by storing excess floodwater during times of heavy rain, and releasing it into the channel once the threat of flooding has passed.

The site runs along the Harris County-Brazoria County border, roughly one mile south-east of Beltway 8 and Pearland Parkway. The property was purchased by the county in 2019.

This project also complements the Clear Creek Federal Flood Risk Management Project but is separate from it.

The \$5.2 million project is currently in the project-development stage. It is set to advance to the design stage in early 2021. The design stage is expected to take approximately one year.

While both the development and design phases of the project have been funded by the county, the flood control district will still need to secure funding for the construction phase.

For updates on all 2018 county bond projects, visit www.hcfcd.org/2018-bond-program.

Education elections set

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Three board positions are up for grabs in Clear Creek ISD.

To be decided in the CCISD election are the District 4 seat currently held by Page Rander, the District 5 spot currently held by Jay Cunningham and the At Large Position A seat currently held by Jennifer Broddle.

At press time, Rander was running unopposed, while Cunningham was being challenged by Christine Parizo and Cunningham was being challenged by Jonathan Cottrell.

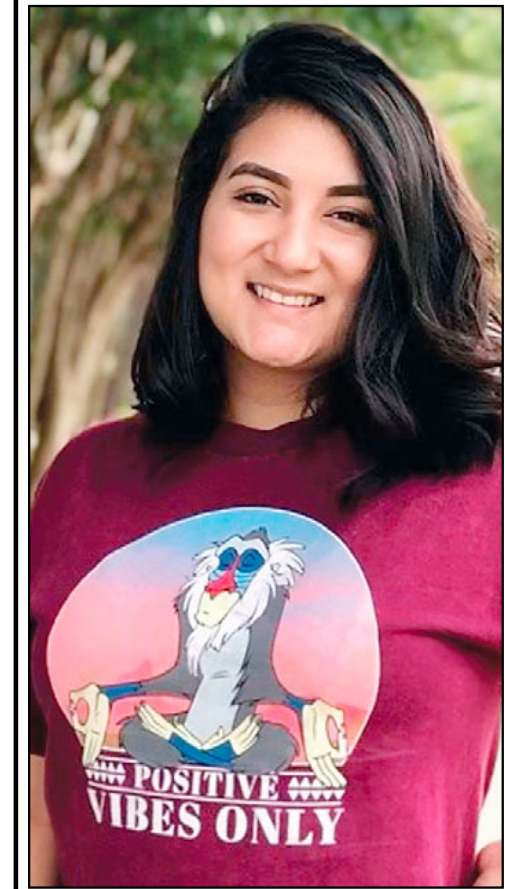
For additional information on the Clear Creek ISD election, visit www.ccisd.net/explore_cc_isd/boardoftrustees/board_election_information.

Voters will decide who will fill three seats on the San Jacinto College board. To be decided are the Position 5 seat, currently held by John Moon Jr.; the Position 6 seat, currently held by Dan Mims; and the Position 7 seat currently held by Keith Sinor.

All three board members have filed to maintain their positions. At press time, there were no opponents who had filed to run.

Terms are six years. For additional information, visit www.sanjac.edu/about-san-jac/board-trustees/election-information/board-election-may-2021.

New Teacher named



In honor of the new year, Pasadena ISD is celebrating new teachers this January. At the suggestion of Bush Elementary staff, Zarait De Leon, a first year third-grade dual language teacher at Bush is being spotlighted. This may be De Leon's first year as a teacher, but those who know her best describe her as ready to jump in and accept the challenge. "Zarait is the kind of person who is a teacher at heart," said Stephanie Miller, Bush principal. "This is her first year teaching and she excels at her job." De Leon comes to class prepared and willing to give everything of herself to make sure her students can become successful. She is well liked by other educators for her strong desire to learn and her willingness to take advantage of training opportunities. "She loves her kids and her job," said Miller. "She is a true teacher in every sense of the word and a hero in our eyes. We are proud to call her a member of the Bush Bear school family."

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)
Officer K. F. McCreight of the Pasadena Police Department landed his helicopter in the middle of the parking lot of Frazier Elementary.

Construction of the new Southeast Volunteer Fire Department began with 50' x 50' slab in the Scarsdale subdivision.

40 years ago (1981)
A group of local residents led by Green Tee's Jerry Kacal attended a meeting of the Clear Creek ISD school board to make a plea for construction of either an intermediate or high school to be constructed west of the Gulf Freeway or Old Galveston Road.

A proposed 1981 budget of \$18,521 was approved by the membership of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League at a meeting.

35 years ago (1986)
Danny Delafield and Carmen Orozco were elected to the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees.

Justice Department attorney Robert Moore said the U.S. Justice Department was expected to rest its case alleging discriminatory hiring practices in Pasadena ISD.

30 years ago (1991)
Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman began a mounted patrol at El Franco Lee Park and South Belt Hike and Bike Trail.

To better understand all the complicated data generated by the Brio Superfund Site, Homes, Environment, Lives in Peril (H.E.L.P.) received \$100,000 from two Technical Assistance Grants. The TAGs were made available to the general public by the Environmental Protection Agency to hire independent technical experts to study documents produced by the Potentially Responsible Parties and the EPA.

25 years ago (1996)
Dobie students Christopher Farris and Carl Walther were selected to the all-state band.

Dobie High School's academic decathlon team was seeded first in the state competition after winning regionals with 49,888 points.

20 years ago (2001)
The South Belt-Ellington Leader celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Dobie High School's academic decathlon team won first in region competition.

Mayor Lee Brown and Councilman Rob Todd attended the Capital Improvement Projects meeting.

Three robbery suspects linked to 14 insurance heists were caught.

Dobie High School cheerleaders vied for a third national title in Orlando, Fla. Harris County Precinct 2

announced a countywide warrant sweep.

Metro shuttles provided the only transportation to the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest and Rodeo-Houston.

15 years ago (2006)
San Jacinto College South President Dr. Linda Watkins announced her retirement.

The retirement was to be effective August 31, 2006, but Watkins later decided to postpone the date.

The upcoming 10th anniversary of the annual South Belt Cookoff was anticipated to be the largest to date.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, would mark the 30th anniversary of the South Belt-

Ellington Leader. Originally started by Marie Flickinger and Bobby Griffin as the South Belt Press, it became the Leader in Oct. 1978. The name Ellington was added onto the July 30, 1987, edition.

10 years ago (2011)
Dobie High School's academic decathlon team captured first place in the Region V competition, with Clear Brook High School finishing second.

In all, Dobie scored 49,028 points, compared to Clear Brook's 42,381. The regional title was Dobie's second in a row. The school produced national championships in 1992 and 1996.

Clear Brook's academic decathlon team advanced to the state competition. The team's top scorers were Bailey Sincox, Graham Montgomery and Keiji Hayashi.

The Rev. Mark M. Pedersen was named the new pastor at Cokesbury United Methodist Church. He replaced William "Bill" Newcomb, who was transferred to Pattison United Methodist Church in Pattison.

5 years ago (2016)
Leader founder and publisher Marie Flickinger was honored as the 2015 Pasadena Independent School District Distinguished Citizen of the Year. Through her work with the newspaper, Flickinger has served as an active supporter of PISD and its

partner, San Jacinto College, where she sits on the board of trustees. Flickinger has backed several PISD initiatives, such as the expansion of the district's dual-credit and career and technical programs and was instrumental in passing the district's 2014 school bond measure.

Flickinger also serves on the board of directors for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, which works closely with the school district. In 2015, she was inducted into Dobie High School's Hall of Honor as a community volunteer.

1 year ago (2020)
San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer was presented the Bay Area

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

OLIVIA CELEBRATES 8TH BIRTHDAY!
Olivia Moreno celebrates her eighth birthday Friday, 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**; 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DANA!
Dana Lizik enjoys a birthday Feb. 6. Special birthday wishes are sent to Dana from her family, friends and former co-workers at the Leader.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY WISHES
Bobby and **Kenneth Griffin** send birthday wishes to two family members enjoying a birthday the same day. Grandson **Kenney Griffin**, son of **Angela** and **David Griffin**, and son-in-law **Jim Giles** of Kirkwood South celebrate their birthdays Feb. 8. Birthday wishes are also sent from Kenney's wife **Lacie** and daughter **Ellie Vera**; and Jim's wife **Tracy** and children **Cody**, **Kristen** and **Aaron** and his wife **Ashley** and sons **Jaxson** and **Jace**.

CHRIS ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
Chris Clark marks a birthday Sunday, Feb. 10. Happy birthday greetings are sent to Chris from wife **Mary** and "babies" **Zelda** and **Maude**.

Special birthday wishes are sent from the Leader staff as well as a big thank-you for all he does for the community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MATT!
Matt Lipino celebrates his first birthday as a newlywed Feb. 8. Happy birthday wishes are sent to him from his bride **Kimberly**, sister-in-law **Courtney Durham** and her husband **Chris** and children **Abigail**, **Jackson** and **Penelope**; in-laws **Leslie** and **Fred Flickinger**; grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**; uncle **Davy Flickinger** and wife **Ellie**; and members of the Flickinger clan.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 4 through Feb. 10, 2021.

Burnett Elementary
Give a birthday shoutout Feb. 4 to **Lisa Baumann**. On Feb. 7, **Keonne McClain** enjoys a birthday.

Meador Elementary
Special birthday wishes are sent to **Felipe Saucedo** Feb. 5. Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria Gonzalez** Feb. 8.

Moore Elementary
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Debbie Pampell** Feb. 4. Sharing a birthday Feb. 6 are **Angelica Perez** and **Gerri Watkins**.

South Belt Elementary
Break out the birthday balloons and party favors **Andrea Taylor** Feb. 7.

Melillo Middle School
Sing a happy birthday song to **Maria**

Martinez Feb. 7. The day for birthday fun for **Dawn Tomlinson** is Feb. 9.

Roberts Middle School
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 7 is **Carey Thibodeaux**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Send a birthday greeting Feb. 4 to **Melanie Thompson**.

Dobie High
Break out the cake and ice cream Feb. 4 for **Chastity Hall**, **Shaquan Scott** and **Kristi Vance**. Having a day of celebration Feb. 6 is **Maria Rueda Navarro**. The day for a party for **Derek Beckham** is Feb. 8. Remember to wish **Marissa Alexander** a happy birthday Feb. 9.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Following 54 years as SBHLL, baseball league has new name

After parts of six decades under another name, the area's youth baseball league is now the Southbelt Little League as the 2021 season at El Franco Lee Park nears.

According to a Facebook post from league president Johnny Ramirez, the primary reason for dropping the decades-long Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League name and becoming the Southbelt Little League was to be able to reapply for 501(c)(3) status, which was revoked in 2018 due to the league not having filed tax returns for three consecutive seasons.

Unable to obtain documentation and tax filing needs from previous league board members in order to file delinquent returns and/or to reinstate desired 501(c)(3) status, Ramirez said it became apparent that beginning anew under Southbelt Little League was the way to go.

Further, when SBHLL began in 1967, the league's primary geographical areas were the Sagemont and Beverly Hills subdivisions.

Due to the league's more widespread growth over the decades, Ramirez believes the new name serves to better reflect the league's move into the greater Hobby area, a significant portion of Friendswood as well as South Belt/Ellington.

The name change has spurred a decent amount of negative reaction via numerous Facebook posts, many concerned the storied history of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will now fade away as years go by.

Yet, while it may seem to some that the new name is primarily a start-over

maneuver guided by the league's current board, Ramirez is focused on the 2021 season.

Late registration for the 2021 season is now being held online through Feb. 7 at www.SouthbeltLL.org, the new home website of the Southbelt Little League.

The 2021 registration fees are \$75 per player in the junior t-ball division, \$175 per player in the t-ball division, \$190 per player for coach pitch action, \$195 per player in the minor division, \$200 per major division player and \$225 per player for those in the league's junior/senior division.

There is also a \$100 fundraising/raffle that families will be required to cover.

Those who wish to register their youth for the Challenger (reserved for those with disabilities) may do so free of charge.

As of press time, the official start to the regular season is pending as El Franco Lee Park officials have yet to open the facility for team activities.



Team dominates league Lady Longhorns win 22-6A; champs aiming at perfection

The District 22-6A champion Dobie varsity girls' basketball team, which aimed for a perfect finish in a Feb. 3 road game against Memorial, is now firmly aimed at the postseason.

The Lady Longhorns, 18-4 overall on the season, made it official as winning the District 22-6A championship after a 52-44 home victory over Deer Park Jan. 30 kept the locals perfect in District 22-6A action at 11-0 with just the one remaining regular season game against Memorial.

Dobie outscored Deer Park in each of the first three quarters and led by 11 entering the final eight minutes before the final margin of eight.

For head coach Jasmine Hartman, it's her first district title and third straight playoff berth in three seasons.

The bidistrict playoffs are set for Feb. 11-13, with the Feb. 15-16 area round following.

Accurate district standings are difficult to locate, particularly during pandemic times, but Dobie very well could see Beaumont West Brook in the bidistrict round.

A first-round win could then mean an area-round

Dobie softballers split scrimmages

The Lady Longhorns opened scrimmage play Jan. 30 with a 2-0 win over Ridge Point as Karlie Barba went 2 for 3 at the plate with a run batted in, and Jasmin Benitez doubled and drove in a run.

Barba started in the circle for Dobie, going three hitless frames with five strikeouts, and Sandra Quiroz grabbed a three-inning save as she allowed a pair of hits but no runs.

The Lady Longhorns lost a second game to Victoria West, 9-4.

At left, Dobie forward Victoria Rivera (22) goes up in the lane for two points while going against Deer Park's Christi Lemus (12) and Tiffany Thomas (32) in the first half of the Lady Longhorns' title-clinching 52-44 win Jan. 30 at Dobie. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Surging JFD hoops narrow 22-6A gap

The District 22-6A varsity boys' basketball race could very well go down to the final regular season game - and perhaps more - as Dobie has used six straight victories, including a 13-point win over the Eagles to close the gap.

When league play resumed Feb. 3 after press time with Dobie hosting Pasadena Memorial and Pasadena hosting Deer Park, the Eagles held a one-game lead over the Longhorns, atop the District 22-6A standings at 8-1 with Dobie at 7-2.

Pasadena and Dobie have assured themselves of the 1-2 spots in the postseason alignment, with the order still to be determined.

Pasadena finishes at Pasadena Memorial Feb. 6 and then hosts Rayburn Feb. 10. Dobie is at Rayburn Feb. 6 before closing things at home against South Houston Feb. 10.

Both Pasadena and Dobie will avoid going against state-ranked powers Atascocita and Summer Creek in the bidistrict round of the playoffs, yet little is settled beyond that.

With the Longhorns returning closer to full strength, Dobie head coach Franklin Paul said he was confident his group could not only be playing at its best down the stretch, but make a run at the 22-6A

championship. With three games, the Longhorns had indeed given themselves a chance.

It will still require help from another team beating Pasadena, and Dobie has to win out, but anything is possible.



Dobie sophomore guard Kamren Fowler (14) drops in a layup in front of Memorial's Jordan Mapp (left) and Jordan Obewimo during the Longhorns' 57-51 victory over the Mavericks at Dobie High School. The Longhorns' win allowed them to finish the first half of District 22-6A action at 4-2. The team is now at 7-2 following six straight wins. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

CB title hunting Wolverine basketball keeps its hold on first

For as disappointing as the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team's lone loss of the season must have been, the Wolverines' 62-61 triumph over Clear Creek Feb. 1 had to be just as exhilarating.

The Wolverines weren't happy with their defensive play in a one-point loss to Clear Lake last month, but the team has rebounded to stay unbeaten since then.

Most importantly, the Wolverines, 19-1 overall this season, are now 8-1 overall in District 24-6A action with three games remaining. Clear Lake, currently 5-3, has four games remaining.

The Wolverines, 21st in the Class 6A Texas Association of Basketball Coaches state rankings as of Feb. 1, have clinched a playoff berth but still need at least one more win in combination with a Clear Lake loss to secure the District 24-6A championship.

Brook is two games ahead of Dickinson and Clear Springs and 2.5 games ahead of Clear Lake as those four teams will represent District 24-6A in the postseason later this month.

Clear Brook played at Clear Springs Feb. 3 after press time and will host Clear Lake Feb. 6 before closing the regular season Feb. 10 at Clear Falls.

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Dobie's Peyton Smith has given the Lady Longhorns tough play in the paint and out as an 18-4 overall record complete with an 11-0 run through District 22-6A play has resulted in the District 22-6A championship and a No. 1 postseason seed. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Lady Horns rule D 22-6A

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matchup against a group of 23-6A and 24-6A teams including Pearland, Clear Creek or Clear Falls.

For now, the Dobie group led by juniors Victoria Rivera and Keke Robinson, freshman Gwendlyn McGrew and others is focused on a deep run.

Deer Park has secured the No. 2 seed with Channelview third. Fourth is to be determined.

We created a challenging preseason schedule; we believe that helped gain experience to be able to make a run for the district championship," Hartman said.

"I am very proud of this team! It's not easy having a district record 11-0 with one district game to go. They have persevered through all the adversity this season.

"I am blessed to have the staff that I have. They are all teachers of the game and are a very big part to why we are now district champions."

District 22-5A Girls' Hoops

Through Feb. 1 action

Teams	W	L
Dobie	11	0
Deer Park	9	2
Channelview	7	4
Memorial	5	6
Rayburn	4	7
Sam Rayburn	3	9
Pasadena	0	11

San Jacinto baseball delivers a 5-3 start

Following a 2-2 split Jan. 29-31, the San Jacinto College baseball team has begun the season at 5-3.

The new-look lineup, featuring just one sophomore from the offensive side of things and three sophomore pitchers, acquitted itself well in the opening series against Baton Rouge.

The Gators, ranked 12th nationally in the National Junior College Athletic Association's preseason poll

for 2021, wound up with three wins in four games at John Ray Harrison Field in Houston.

Looking for stars? Mason Auer hit .500 in the series and drove in five runs. Harold Coll hit .412 with a home run, a double and three runs batted in.

Armani Sanchez had a pair of doubles and four RBIs while hitting .467 in the series, and Mason Lytle hit .429.

JFD soccer takes on 22-6A



It was bound to happen, but there's almost never a good time for it. The Dobie Longhorns' varsity boys' soccer team, including Alejandro Vigil (13), looking to add yet another title to the trophy case, fell behind early in the 22-6A race with that 2-1 loss Jan. 26 to the Falcons at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Isaac Cortez scored on an assist from Jonathan Torres, yet Channelview netted a pair to steal the win to open league play. The two teams last met in the 2019 bidistrict playoffs, with Dobie winning by an identical 2-1 score. Dobie's last district loss came during that same 2019 campaign as host Kingwood blanked the Longhorns 1-0. The Longhorns lost just once all of last season in nondistrict play to Aldine MacArthur. The pandemic wiped out the postseason. The Longhorns, who beat Pasadena 2-1 Feb. 1, will now take on Texas Association of Soccer Coaches Region III preseason ranked Deer Park Friday, Feb. 5 at Abshire Stadium. The Lady Longhorns came up short in head coach Monika Mackey's District 22-6A debut Jan. 26 at Channelview as the Lady Falcons blanked the locals 1-0. But the Lady Longhorns got back to even in the standings Feb. 1 at Veterans Stadium with a 5-0 blanking of Pasadena as netminder McKenzie Rankins earned the shutout. The locals got goals from Karen Hernandez, Valery Marroquin, Kyanna Hernandez, Jade De Robles and Kori Pounds. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

SJC softball now at 7-3

Brushing off two losses to Butler to open a weekend trip through San Antonio, the San Jacinto College softball team bounced back with wins in two more games to improve to 7-3 overall over the first two weekends of the season.

In the wins, the Coyotes downed Southern Arkansas Tech University 13-7 as Jules Garcia scored four runs and Alexis Uresti was 4 for 4 with two runs scored. Audrey Garcia was 3 for 5 with three runs scored, and Kaurie Winters had a big game with three hits and three runs driven in. She also scored twice.

In a 10-9 win over Northeast Texas, Jules Garcia was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and an RBI while Uresti was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and three driven in.

Winters drove in two runs, and Burnett homered and drove in three runs, while Maddy Childs doubled.

The wins came after the locals dropped 12-3 and 7-6 games to Butler, with Audrey Garcia getting three hits in one of the games and Uresti homering.

San Jacinto head coach Kelly Saenz had to be pleased with her team's offense over the course of

the first weekend as the Coyotes were 5-1 overall. Maddy Bailey hit .579 and drove in a team-high 10 runs over the six games, and Lexie Saenz hit .444 with five doubles and nine runs batted in.

Childs had five doubles and four runs batted in while hitting .350, and Jules Garcia hit .722, collecting 13 hits and scoring 13 runs while walking seven times.

Uresti hit .529, smacking six doubles and driving in six runs. In the circle, Cat Cavazos went 3-0 overall, pitching to an earned run average of 2.39 and fanning 16 over 14 2/3 innings of work.



Dobie's Daniel Blanco (5) controls the ball against Pasadena's Alexander Luna (7) during the Longhorns' 2-1 victory Feb. 1 at Veterans Stadium. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Dobie netters win at LU

Continuing a run of success that has stood for many years at the Lamar University Ron Westbrook Invitational in Beaumont, the Dobie varsity team made a strong start to the spring portion of the season.

Natalie Vo and Kiet Nguyen led the way for the team as they won the championship in the

mixed doubles B division. Three other Dobie doubles teams also excelled at the event, including boys' A doubles finalists Tristan Pedraza and Kyle Redmon.

Ashley Huynh and William Ho played very well as they reached the mixed A doubles final, and Jennifer Ho and Megan Rodriguez reached the girls' A

doubles finals. Elsewhere, Tiffany Tran advanced to the girls' B singles semifinals, and Tracy Tran and Violet Tran reached the semifinals of the girls' B doubles bracket.

The Longhorns' Lael Martinez also played well in the boys' B singles as he made his way to the semifinals.

Brook to open track season



Clear Brook sprinter Camryn Dickson, who advanced to the Class 6A state meet in the 100-meter dash only to see the 2020 season cut short by the pandemic, returns to action with her teammates as the Wolverine Relays serve to kick off the 2021 season Feb. 5 at Clear Brook High School. Events begin at 3:30 p.m. The University Interscholastic League has implemented an eight-team (boys' and girls' divisions) for track and field meets this season. The District 24-6A Championships will be hosted by Dickinson ISD at Sam Vitanza Stadium, with Alief ISD hosting the 23-6A/24-6A Area Championships. The 6A and 5A Region III Championships are targeted for Turner Stadium in Humble.

Sports notes, news items

Hall of Fame scholarship applicants sought
Pasadena ISD high school students are encouraged to apply for the PISD Athletics Hall of Fame scholarship award, presented annually to deserving students.

Sponsored by the PISD Education Foundation, the scholarship award will be presented later this spring. The deadline to submit applications for the two scholarships totaling \$2,500 each to one deserving male student and one female student is March 26.

To access the application, visit www.pasadenaisd.org, choose departments, choose athletics and then choose hall of fame scholarships 2021. For more information or help with accessing the scholarship online, call 713-740-0838.

Harris scholarship fund accepting donations
Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund co-founder Shane Brown is accepting donations to help fund the 2021 scholarship that will be awarded to a deserving Dobie High School student in May.

The fund is in honor of Harris, who was a longtime educator at Dobie High School and supporter of Pasadena ISD athletics. He passed away in 2018 at the age of 65 due to complications from cancer.

Brown is also raising donations for the Harris scholarship fund by taking part in a 1.5-mile run beginning Feb. 19 as he will complete as many 1.5-mile loops over a 48-hour time span as possible. For additional information or to donate, direct email to rbrown@pasadenaisd.org.

Lajaunie tennis tourney seeks funds
Event organizers are busy with early plans for the 10th annual Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund tournament, with 2021 fundraising efforts underway.

While the 2020 event did not take place due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Lajaunie fund awarded two youth scholarships as well as six others to deserving Dobie High School senior tennis players. As for 2021 fundraising efforts, those are being accepted both on the Lajaunie tournament site on Facebook at Darren Lajaunie Scholarship Fund as well as www.DLTennisScholarships.com. For additional information on donations or tournament sponsorship opportunities, call tournament founder Camille Lajaunie at 281-480-6933.

Dobie Longhorn Baseball 2021 Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 6	at Alvin scrimm.	11 a.m.
Feb. 8	at Angleton scrimm.	5 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Bay. Sterling scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 17	at La Porte scrimm.	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Clear Brook scrimm.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Galv. Ball scrimmage	4:30
Feb. 25-27	at Pearland tourn.	TBA
March 1	at Clear Falls	6 p.m.
March 4-6	Pasadena ISD tourn.	TBA
March 8	Clear Brook	6:30 p.m.
March 11-13	at Baytown Ster. tourn.	TBA
March 16	*Channelview	2 p.m.
March 18	*at Channelview	2 p.m.
March 22	at Clear Lake	6:30 p.m.
March 30	*Pasadena (M)	6 p.m.
April 1	*Pasadena	4 p.m.
April 6	*Deer Park	4 p.m.
April 9	*at Deer Park	7 p.m.
April 13	*at Pas. Memorial	4 p.m.
April 16	*Pas. Memorial	4 p.m.
April 23	*Rayburn (M)	6 p.m.
April 27	*at South Houston	4 p.m.
April 30	*South Houston	4 p.m.
*District 22-6A games		

Clear Brook Baseball 2021 Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 6	Shadow Creek scrimm.	11 a.m.
Feb. 8 at	La Porte scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Pas. Memorial scrimm.	3:45 p.m.
Feb. 19	Dobie scrimm.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Hit-A-Thon	TBA
Feb. 22	at Pas. Memorial	3:30
Feb. 25-27	at La Porte tourn.	TBA
March 2	St. Thomas	6 p.m.
March 4-6	Clear Creek tourn.	TBA
March 8	Dobie	6:30 p.m.
March 11-13	at Alvin tourn.	TBA
March 16	*Clear Lake	6 p.m.
March 19	*Clear Falls	1 p.m.
March 20	*at Clear Creek	1 p.m.
March 23	*Brazoswood	6 p.m.
March 26	*at Dickinson	6 p.m.
March 30	*Clear Springs	6 p.m.
April 1	*at Clear Lake	6 p.m.
April 6	*at Clear Falls	6 p.m.
April 9	*Clear Creek	6 p.m.
April 13	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.
April 16	*Dickinson	7 p.m.
April 23	*at Clear Springs	6 p.m.
*District 24-6A games		

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NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - The club is currently closed. Visit <https://aclblunit174.org/clearlak/clean-blue-working/clearlake.html> for games or email jpochtsner@aol.com.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details are on Pearland Chamber of Commerce website under calendar.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. For information, call 713-686-6300.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Genealogical Society - Meets either online in a virtual webinar format or at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr., Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing prior to 7 p.m. in-person meeting. Virtual attendees need to register for each webinar session. For additional information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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.

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Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are online. Join the 7 p.m. Friday or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service and visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/calendar> and click on calendar link. For details, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/shabbat-online.html>.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6
7:30 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.

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, drop in or visit <http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html> for more information.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7
8 p.m.
AA - meeting at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - 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 visit <http://www.houstonalanon.org/meetings.html>.

AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets on a virtual site at <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. To be a guest, select the "contact us" button on the toastmasters' home page to obtain access. For more information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg.,

room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
6:30 p.m.
Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets the first Tuesday, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program begins at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call Debby Benson at 713-248-8757 for information. Visitors may attend two meetings free.

Sagomont Civic Club - Meetings are the first Tuesday, on Zoom or at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer Rd. Call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545 for details.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.
7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - See Thursday's notice.
Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group. See Thursday's notice.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.
7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - See Thursday's notice.

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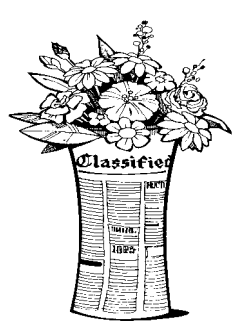
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CCISD opening new world of reading

The Clear Creek Independent School District has partnered with OverDrive and Harris County Public Library to obtain the rights to Sora, a reading app that allows students to borrow e-books and audiobooks online for free. "This is really great for our students because it opens up so many doors for digital reading," said Suzy Ferrell, director of Library Media Services. "It will also be a great resource for our Clear Connections Online Learning Program teachers to expand on reading options for students at home." Students can access the app by logging in to CCISD's single sign-on portal at https://ssoportal.ccisd.net, clicking the "library resource" tab at the top, and then finding the Sora app. Within the app, students will have two different options to search for age-appropriate books and audiobooks through the Clear Creek ISD resource page and the Harris County Public Library page. Sora can be used on any device and borrowed books can also be downloaded so students can access them without having to be connected to the internet. "The library and English language arts department collaborated last year to bring these digital products to our students, recognizing that having increased access to reading materials is necessary for their academic success and develops their passion and interest as lifelong readers," said Ferrell. CCISD Learning Technology leaders hosted a virtual "Lunch and Learn" training session for parents on the Sora app on Jan. 21. The meeting will be available for playback after the session ends. Visit https://www.ccisd.net/departments/technology_support/parent_resources/parent_trainings for the meeting link. Visit https://www.ccisd.net/departments/technology_support/parent_trainings to watch a step-by-step video to set up a Sora account.

Community School graduate determined to make his parents proud

By Kadey Heidrich Pasadena ISD Communications Eddie Herrera, 19, is a recent Community School graduate. The road to graduation was not a straight line for Herrera. After he was no longer able to attend his traditional high school in Pasadena ISD, Herrera decided to try Community School. Community School is a high school of choice in Pasadena ISD that empowers students to reach their full potential by providing self-paced classes in a blended environment. Community School, fondly referred to as the district's hidden gem by its staff members, gives students at risk of not graduating from high school another chance to earn their high school diploma. The small school prides itself on providing a personalized experience for each student, calling this personalization their "hidden curriculum." Herrera attempted to earn his diploma from Community School two times before graduating on Dec. 17, 2020.

He talks about why he decided to return to Community School and the importance of second chances. "Why Community School?" "I decided to come to Community School because I wasn't finished with high school and I wanted to earn my diploma. I couldn't go back to my old campus, so I decided to try this option. This was my third time attending Community School. I met with the principal, Ms. (Jennifer) Capra, to see if she would give me another chance. When we first spoke, she said she wasn't sure about letting me enroll again, but when we met in person, she said she could tell that I had changed. I'm grateful she decided to give me another chance." "What made you decide to come back to Community School? What did you do differently this time?" "Some things happened in my family and my perspective was changed, it made me motivated to complete my high school education. "This time around, I worked hard. I didn't let myself get distracted and I was focused on the goal of graduating. I tried hard not to be tardy or miss any days. If something happened and I was late or had to miss a day, I gave Community School a call to let them know. I acted more mature and didn't have an attitude." "What have your experiences at Community School been like?" "Everybody here is wonderful. At Community



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