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### Beltway closures planned

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

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

Both northbound and southbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Crenshaw will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Feb. 14.

At least two alternate southbound frontage road lanes on Beltway 8 from Crenshaw to Grayson will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, Feb. 14.

At least one alternate lane of the northbound and southbound Beltway 8 frontage roads will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, March 1.

At least one alternate lane of the northbound and southbound Beltway 8 frontage roads will be closed from Vista to SH 225 nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, March 1.

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

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

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

### Ellington hosts e-recycling

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials out of the waste stream and the environment. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 3-1-1.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

The northbound exit ramp on the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/ NASA Rd 1 will be closed continuously through 5 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

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

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

Two alternate lanes of the Gulf Freeway northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96/League City Parkway nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

All northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps between NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 and SH 96/League City Parkway will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Dec. 31.

### Candidate luncheon Feb. 11

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

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

### Dobie College Now meets

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

### Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Feb. 13, (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup on Friday, Feb. 14, (second Friday of the month). February is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

### PIP set for Feb. 18

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker to be announced. PIP is held the third Tuesday of the month and consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776.

# Dobie names 2020 Hall of Honor inductees

Now in its eighth year, Dobie High School will host its annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony, Friday, Feb. 21, to recognize four graduates and a faculty member.

The honorees include Sgt. First Class Chris Brewster, Class of 2006; Shane Nance, Class of 1996; Joe Olivarez, Class of 1984; Sgt. First Class

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

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

members. The induction ceremony will start at 7 p.m., followed by a reception.

### Christopher "Chris" Brewster - Class of 2006

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



Chris Brewster

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

Brewster was assigned to Southeast Patrol and advanced later on to the elite Gang Division, SWAT and Major Offenders Division. In February 2019, he was promoted to sergeant and served Eastside Patrol where he quickly became known as the "favorite sergeant" by his officers. Always wanting to learn new things, Brewster was in the process of completing his master's degree. A nine-year police force veteran, Brewster's wife, Bethany said, "Heaven gained a hero," on Dec. 7, 2019, after he was fatally shot, while responding to a domestic violence call in Magnolia Park. He leaves behind his wife, parents Lewis and Dobie alumnus Cynthia (Renz) Brewster and three sisters: Renee Trager, Ashley Barrera and Lindsay Brewster.

### Shane Nance, Class of 1996

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

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



Shane Nance

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

up his baseball cap and pursued a career in management with MedInc of Texas from 2006-2008.

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

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

### Joe M. Olivarez, Class of 1984

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



Joe Olivarez

From 1997-2002, he served as the Vice President of Investigations of an International Security Firm. The company specialized in assisting Fortune 200 Corporations with solving and mitigating complex security and investigative challenges affecting their organizations.

From 2002-2013, he served multiple roles leading to vice president, enterprise security and crisis management of the Western Hemisphere at Baker Hughes Inc., an oilfield services leader with over 65,000 employees operating in 80 countries. In 2012, the BHI Enterprise Security & Crisis Management Team was recognized as Security 500's best program within the oil and gas industry. In 2013, Olivarez was hired as the first Global Security Leader for Jacobs, a world premiere design, engineering, construction and technical services firm delivering end-to-end innovative solutions, in its 70-year history.

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

Olivarez received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Legal Research from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1988 and earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston. **Continued on Page 5A**

### Thieves target youth sports storage



Thieves recently broke into storage units at El Franco Lee Park, taking lawn equipment that belonged to local youth sports groups. One lawnmower belonging to the Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League and another belonging to South Belt Girls Softball Association were taken during the incident. See related stories on Pages 1B and 2A. Photo submitted

### BHI, Melillo named schools to watch

Beverly Hills Intermediate and Melillo Middle School have been re-designated as Texas Schools to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform and the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP). The schools join about 45 schools in the state of Texas to be selected for the designation and to be re-designated.

Melillo Middle School has been re-designated, following their original designation in 2017.

Both campuses were selected for the designation for demonstrating excellence in academics, developmental responsiveness, social equity and organizational structure and processes.

The Schools to Watch selection process is based on a written application that requires schools to show how they continued to meet rigorous criteria developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform for the past three years. **Continued on Page 6A**

### Man roughed up during robbery

A customer at a convenience store on Bay Area Boulevard at Highway 3 was violently pulled into the shop after he witnessed a robbery taking place the night of Monday, Jan. 27.

When the man entered the store, he spotted the clerk being held on the floor by some masked men.

The customer attempted to leave the store without being noticed by the suspects, but he was **Continued on Page 2A**

### Crews respond to Beamer church fire

A church in the 11100 block of Beamer, located across the street from Beverly Hills Intermediate, caught fire the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Firefighters arrived on scene around 12:40 p.m. and found light smoke coming from a two-story church.

Upon investigation, they found a fire that had **Continued on Page 2A**

### Browning wins Grand Champion



Clear Brook High School's Naomi Browning won big Thursday, Jan. 23, at the 38th annual Clear Creek ISD Livestock Show and Auction, selling her grand champion steer for \$6,500. A total of more than \$153,000 was raised for FFA students across the district this year. See related story on Page 5A. Photo submitted

### Eliza Paul honored for promotion



Eliza Paul (third from left) was recently recognized at a dinner for being named the Texas Department of Transportation's new Houston District engineer. The promotion marks the first time a woman or an Asian-American has held the position. Paul is the wife of state Rep. Dennis Paul (center). Shown above with the couple are, left to right, host Carl Joiner, chair, Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership; Rebecca Lilley, director of Physician Resources, Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital; Keri Taylor, wife of state Sen. Larry Taylor; Sen. Larry Taylor; and Brenda Hellyer, chancellor, San Jacinto College. Photo by Marie Flickinger

### Constable candidate forum planned

In an effort to familiarize voters with candidates running for Harris County Precinct 2 constable, a group of local homeowners associations, led by the Sagemont Civic Club, will host a candidate forum Wednesday, Feb. 12, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer. A meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the forum starting promptly at 7 p.m.

All five candidates running for the position have been invited to participate in the event. At press time, all had agreed to take part, with the exception of incumbent Chris Diaz, who said he had a scheduling conflict. Organizers reportedly offered to reschedule the event to accommodate Diaz's schedule but did not hear back from the current constable.

Each participating candidate will be asked the same preplanned questions. Candidate questions may be submitted in advance to Sagemontcc@gmail.com. **Continued on Page 3A**

# In My Opinion

## Dokhani backs Jerry Garcia for constable

I am pleased to see one of our club's long-time members is running for a very important position, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable.

Jerry Garcia has been involved as a volunteer with our non-profit youth organization for over 15 years. He has been a volunteer coach and a mentor working with the youth and sharing his knowledge in our community.

In addition to his law enforcement qualifications, Jerry's personal qualities make him well-suited for the leadership position he is running for. His compassion and selfless nature has provided mentorship to countless number of underprivileged youth. He has always been there for us offering his assistance whenever needed gone above and beyond.

I am confident Jerry will make an outstanding leader based on his years of work experience and community involvement. I am pleased to highly recommend Jerry for the Constable position and wish him good luck moving forward.

**Alex Dokhani**  
President  
South Belt Youth Soccer Club

## Staten supports HC Constable Goffney

This letter is tendered to the editor to show support and endorsement of Mr. George Goffney, Jr., for Constable at Harris County Precinct Two.

Mr. Goffney has shown himself to be sincere in his desire to serve the Precinct Two community and/or Harris County as a whole.

Mr. Goffney has been deeply involved in community affairs and in the development of the Second Chance Program to help people with economic and community issues in the Harris County area at large.

So, please, receive this letter as my public endorsement and support of Mr. George Goffney, Jr., as our candidate for Constable at Harris County Precinct Two!! Thank you, your paper and your readers for your attention with this matter.

Sincerely,  
**C. Staten, Jr.**  
Director of Project

**Publisher's note:** Would the author of a letter from Ruben/Imelda Hernandez call Marie Flickinger at 281-481-5656 to confirm identity so we may print your letter.  
**Marie Flickinger**

# Elected officials share their words

## Mayor, sheriff launch youth homeless anti-trafficking plan

Mayor Sylvester Turner announced last week that the city of Houston's anti-trafficking case managers and the Harris County Sheriff's Office Homeless Outreach Team (HCSO HOT) will launch a six-month pilot program with a specific focus on increasing victim identification in homeless youth. The HCSO HOT and case managers from the Mayor's Anti-Human Trafficking division, along with outreach specialists from The Landing and United Against Human Trafficking, will ride with HCSO deputies to distribute goodie bags and talk with the vulnerable population about available (anti-)trafficking services.

A rotating calendar of participating human trafficking outreach specialists will share these responsibilities twice a month with the HCSO HOT beginning in March.

The trafficking risk prevention unit is one of the city's responses to a 2019 research study that revealed that 1 in 5 homeless youth is a victim of trafficking in the United States. Prior to assembling this outreach team, the Mayor's Anti-Human Trafficking division worked with the Coalition on Homeless to add questions to its Universal Assessment for housing to assess people for trafficking victimization. Incorporating this into the assessment was the first step in building a bridge for trafficking victims to shelters and eventually long-term housing.

"Human trafficking is prevalent among our homeless youth. By joining forces with the HCSO HOT and our longstanding partners, The Landing and United Against Human Trafficking, we will be able to increase victim identification with the safety, security and expertise of the HCSO HOT," Mayor Turner said. "Like all victims of trafficking, it is important that we work to uphold the dignity of those that carry the additional burden of being homeless. I also want to point out that this program leverages existing resources and the political will to do something

about trafficking."

"Protecting homeless youth from falling victim to human trafficking predators requires law enforcement, local government, and our community partners to all pull in the same strategic direction," said Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. "We are excited to join Mayor Turner and all the organizations involved in this joint effort to protect those who need us the most."

"Our hope is to meet these youth where they are and connect them to available services and support. We are encouraged by the steps Houston is taking to enhance victim services, and as The Landing expands into youth advocacy, this program will support our efforts to help young victims of trafficking in our city." — Cara Parker, Executive Director, The Landing

"We are thrilled to partner with the City of Houston in their efforts to identify trafficking victims within the homeless population. These individuals are often overlooked in the trafficking conversation and we are thankful for the Mayor's efforts to shine a light on these vulnerable youth. We are confident through this collaborative approach, many of our young adults will be able to live free and heal from their exploitation." — Timeka Walker, Executive Director, United Against Human Trafficking

This new pilot is aligned with the City's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategic Plan and its overall goal to increase victim identification by setting up a variety of referral streams. The plan has been dubbed the first comprehensive municipal response in the U.S. by Polaris Project and can be found at [humantraffickinghouston.org](http://humantraffickinghouston.org).

For more information about this initiative or any of our other initiatives, please contact Minal Patel Davis, Special Advisor to Mayor on Human Trafficking at 832.393.0977 or [minal.davis@houstontx.gov](mailto:minal.davis@houstontx.gov).

# Man roughed up during robbery

## Thieves target new store's ATM

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unsuccessful. As he entered his car, one of the suspects tried to pull him from his vehicle, and a fight ensued.

The victim was eventually overpowered and dragged back into the store. Once inside, he was forced to lay on the ground next to the store clerk and assured by the crooks that they did not plan

to harm him.

Inside the store, three suspects, whose faces were hidden by cinched hoods, had used a large orange crowbar to pry open and clean out the shop's ATM.

The clerk was not injured during the robbery. The customer suffered minor scratches and bruises from the struggle. The patron report-

edly said the Lord's Prayer to himself seven times during the ordeal.

Investigators believe the crooks are not beginners. Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477). Tips can be submitted anonymously, and tipsters may qualify for a reward if it leads to an arrest.

# Crews respond to church fire

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put itself out prior to their arrival.

Crews extinguished remaining hot spots and used a thermal imaging camera to search for possible extension

of heat or fire throughout the building.

HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The cause was ruled as incendiary.

The blaze caused approximately \$50,000 in damages. Firefighters saved around \$30,000 in property.

Emergency crews from Stations 70, 61 and 52 responded to this incident.

## Boy Scouts of America

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

The group meets at Stuchbery Elementary School, 11210 Hughes Road, Tuesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

For information about becoming a Cub Scout, contact Thomas Fitzgerald at [rodeokidsz9@gmail.com](mailto:rodeokidsz9@gmail.com) or text at 832-692-0672.

# Elected officials share their words

## President signs bill to study Emancipation Trail from Galveston to Houston into law

U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) and U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18) released the following statements after President Trump signed the Emancipation National Historic Trail Study Act into law. This legislation, introduced by Sen. Cornyn in the Senate and by Rep. Jackson Lee in the House, provides for the study of the Emancipation National Historic Trail, a 51-mile route from the former Osterman Building and Reedy Chapel in Galveston to Freedmen's Town and Emancipation Park in Houston.

"This law honors those Texas families who travelled from Galveston to Houston to share the monumental news that all slaves had been freed," said Sen. Cornyn. "I thank President Trump and my colleagues in Congress for supporting the study of this trail to celebrate their legacy and remind future generations of how far our nation has come."

"The signing of HR 434 and its Senate companion bill is a historic moment for the State of Texas and for the nation," said Rep. Jackson Lee. "This Emancipation Trail will become only the second in the history of the United States to commemorate the history of African Americans. It will provide enhanced knowledge about the historic announcement by Captain Granger that the slaves were free. I am excited that we were able to secure this legislation in a very short period of time which now establishes the first historic trail solely within the boundaries of the State of Texas. This will be a great asset for the citizens of the State of Texas and I am delighted to have introduced this bill in the House and very pleased that Senator Cornyn joined me by introducing it in the Senate."

The Houston Democrat has been one of Trump's most persistent critics since he took office, and the president hasn't had much good to say about Lee. But let's give credit to both, as well as Sen. John Cornyn, for working together to honor African American history and telling a more expansive and accurate story

of how critical slavery was to the development of the state and nation.

"I feel like doing a dance," Lee said after Trump signed a bill co-authored by Lee and Cornyn that paves a path toward a 51-mile Emancipation Trail from Galveston to Houston.

The bill commissions a study for this trail and is a necessary first step toward a national landmark commemorating when Texas slaves learned they were free. On June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger and Union troops sailed into Galveston Bay, where he issued General Order No. 3 informing them of the Emancipation Proclamation that President Abraham Lincoln had signed nearly 2½ years earlier.

The proposed trail would begin at the building where Granger made his announcement and would go along Interstate 45 and Texas 3 to Freedman's Town before ending in Emancipation Park in Houston.

After that first Juneteenth, Freedman's Town, located in Houston's Fourth Ward, became a destination for newly free blacks from Texas and Louisiana.

The Emancipation Trail will be only the second National Historic Trail honoring African American history, the other one being the 54 miles between Selma and Montgomery in Alabama — which in a march led by Martin Luther King Jr. in 1965, capped a civil rights campaign that would lead to passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Given the long presence of African Americans in the United States and their deep cultural impact, it's shameful no other trails acknowledge their presence and contributions.

This is even more reason why a tip of the hat should be given to Lee, Cornyn and Trump. Their bipartisan effort to give a fuller version of our nation's history should inspire other efforts and lead to more National Historic Trails honoring those too often ignored.

The dance between Lee and Trump won't last long, but their partnership is leading to something that will endure.

# Financial aid tips for February

The federal government requires many students who submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to verify the information included on the FAFSA. The students requiring verification are chosen by the U.S. Department of Education.

Used to apply for most federal and many state student aid programs, the FAFSA asks detailed questions about the income and financial resources of students. The parents of dependent students must also provide that information. Students are considered dependent if they are undergraduates under 24 years old, not married, have no dependents, are not veterans, or were not orphans or wards of the court until age 19.

The college or an agency working with the school will let students know if their information is being verified.

Students and parents need to take this process seriously, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority. Students chosen for verification cannot receive their financial aid until they complete the verification process. As soon as they are contacted, they should provide any information that is required. Putting it off will only lead to frustration if the process isn't finished when classes are ready to start.

If students who have been asked for verification decide not to attend a college, they should let the college know so it will stop requesting infor-

mation.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents.

KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com).

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans for its sister agency, Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation. For more information about Advantage Education Loans, visit [www.advantageeducationloan.com](http://www.advantageeducationloan.com).

# Sheriff launches effort to stop violence before it happens

Recently the Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez publicly announced the launch of our latest effort to stop violence before it ever happens. In the past, law enforcement has taken a reactive approach to crime, responding to calls for service after the fact.

Our new Behavioral Threat Management Unit will focus on proactive strategies that can potentially prevent acts of violence by stalkers and others who exhibit behaviors that often lead to violence. I sat down with Fox 26 and discussed in depth the expectations of this unit and its importance to our community.

Last week the HCSO Junior Mounted Posse stopped by for the annual Pony Express Ride Proclamation. It's been my honor as Sheriff to welcome these riders to Harris County as they journey

through various counties to invite folks to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Started in 1951, this long-standing tradition serves as an important part of our culture here in Harris County. See the sights of their visit below.

Last week, HCSO Community Engagement Unit and District 5 patrol deputies hosted the Citizen Response to Active Shooter Training class. Public safety is always our number goal as a law enforcement agency, and reaching out to our communities through education helps us achieve this goal. This class educates the public how to prepare, prevent and react during an active shooter event. Stay tuned for more free classes throughout the year coming to a location near you.

## Olson, Lesko praise executive order to combat human trafficking

Victims' Rights Caucus Republican Co-Chairs Reps. Pete Olson (TX-22) and Debbie Lesko (R-AZ) praised President Donald Trump's new executive order to combat human trafficking and the exploitation of children on the Internet, issuing the following joint statement:

"We applaud President Trump's bold action today to combat the horrors of human trafficking. Whether online or in our backyards, the scourge of modern-day slavery must be eliminated. Empowering our communities with the federal resources created by this executive order is key to making that happen. We look

forward to working with the White House to fight this evil and end human trafficking."

President Trump's new executive order, signed Friday, creates a new position in the White House dedicated to fighting human trafficking. It also directs the State Department to organize federal resources on human trafficking through a new website. Additionally, the order directs other different agencies to improve their methods for tracking and combating human trafficking as well as the sharing of intelligence regarding human trafficking.

# Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

The South Belt Girls Softball Association and Sagemont Beverly Hills Facebook pages posted pictures and reported that sometime Saturday or Sunday night thieves broke into their equipment storages and stole the lawnmowers and weed eater. A report has been filed with local authorities. The organizations are asking South Belt families to help and keep a lookout. Contact the Harris County Sheriff's department with any information. The

posts have been shared to multiple Facebook pages.

A member of People of Sagemont 2 Facebook group reported that a tailgate that was stolen last week was recovered. The member thanks the community for their help. The member also recommends for anybody that got their tailgate stolen to go to the Constable's office on Beamer, as there have been a few tailgates recovered. Take an ID and pictures of the vehicle.

On the same Facebook

group, a member posted videos. The member reported that the suspects in the videos burglarized their mother's home on Sagegreen Drive in the afternoon of Feb. 2. The member states that the incident was reported to local police.

On the same Facebook page a member posted that their vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was stolen at 3 a.m., on Jan. 31, in the 77034 area. The vehicle was a 2017 FIAT 500x with the passenger door handle missing. If there is any information, contact the member.

# Bay Area Vaping Task Force holds meeting

The Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families recently held its first meeting of the Bay Area Vaping Task Force Feb. 4. The Task Force is a joint collaborative effort with Clear Creek ISD, Friendswood ISD, and surrounding communities. The Bay Area Vaping Task Force is open to anyone wanting more information on the dangerous vaping trend among teens in the community and schools and wanting to be part of addressing the problem.

"Vaping not only is harming our students' health, it is taking a tremendous amount of time from our administrative team that wants to focus on instruction not on chasing vape related issues," said Thad Roher, Superintendent of Friendswood ISD. "This has direct effect on campus learning. Vaping also crosses all student groups – none are immune. We have to work together to address the newest

epidemic touching our kids." "The Alliance has been working hard to educate our community about the dangers of e-cigarettes," said Amanda McLaughlin, Coalition Manager of the Bay Area Alliance. "We realized it was time to bring our community together to create actionable tasks to change the tide on this very serious problem."

The Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families will also be hosting informational presentations in our offices on the current state of the vaping trend in the community. The next presentation will be on Feb. 18, at 9:30 a.m. and also at 6:30 p.m., 2903 Falcon Pass Drive. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to [LTracy@CCISD.net](mailto:LTracy@CCISD.net), if one would like to attend.

For more information, contact the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families at 281-284-0370 or visit [www.ccisd.net/alliance](http://www.ccisd.net/alliance).

## Clear Creek retired teachers gather Feb. 11

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers announced its upcoming meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 11. The speaker for the CCART meeting will be Kevin McGowan from the Lone Star Flight Museum. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering and coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. At the close of the meeting the group will serve its annual Valentine fried chicken /potluck luncheon.

The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

## Israeli folk dancing announces upcoming dates

Israeli folk dances are held at Congregation Shaar Hashalom Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Due to the schedule of the Jewish high holy days this year, the February sessions will be Feb. 10, 17 and 24. March dates are 2, 9, 16, 23 and 25.

The cost is \$4 per session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members. Nonmembers are \$5 a session or \$45 for 10 sessions. Newcomers are welcome.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).

## NASA Aglow Lighthouse meets Feb. 13

The Lighthouse of NASA Aglow cordially invites one to join the monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3, Webster. NASA Aglow welcomes Stephanie Vigers, assistant pastor of "Church on Fire Christian Center" in Houston as February's speaker. Vigers hosted the Houston Crusade with the late Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke in February 2015. She launched the "Awakening the Diamonds" Women's Network in Texas, Louisiana, New York and Africa, which is focused on women knowing their identity and fulfilling their destiny. Vigers hosts a TV show broadcasting bi-monthly to more than 160 nations. Along with her husband, Donnell Vigers, she currently serves as chair for the upcoming Revival for Survival of the USA gathering scheduled for Oct. 10 at Constellation Field in Sugar Land. Everyone is welcomed. For more information email Lorene Kelling at [loreneti@yahoo.com](mailto:loreneti@yahoo.com).

## Harris County Master Gardeners lecture Feb. 13

The Harris County Master Gardeners will hold its second Thursday Lecture Series "Purple Martins" by Matt Fendley, professor at University of Houston Clear Lake, Feb. 13, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Genoa Friendship Garden, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff Road. This event is free and no registration is required. For more information, contact 713-274-0950 or visit [hcmga.tamu.edu](http://hcmga.tamu.edu).

## Free legal clinic for veterans Feb. 8

Veterans who need legal advice or legal assistance can visit a free legal clinic scheduled in Galveston County on Saturday, Feb. 8. The clinic will be held at the Galveston VA Outpatient Clinic, 3828 Avenue N, Galveston, from 9 a.m. until noon. No appointment is necessary. The clinic is a public service of the Galveston County Bar Association and the Veterans Legal Initiative, with funding from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation.

Any veteran, or spouse of a deceased veteran, can receive one-on-one advice and counsel at the clinic from a volunteer attorney in any area of law, including family, wills and probate, consumer, real estate and tax law, as well as disability and veterans benefits. Veterans who need ongoing legal representation and who qualify for legal aid may be assigned a pro bono attorney.

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

The Veterans Legal Initiative is a program of the Houston Bar Association and Houston Volunteer Lawyers, with funding from the Texas Access to Justice Foundation, the Houston Bar Foundation and the Texas Veterans Commission.

## PARC shares upcoming meeting information

The Pearland Area Republican Club announces its February and March meeting dates. The annual PARC Souper Saturday fundraiser will be Feb. 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Church of Christ Annex, 2217 North Grand Blvd. in Pearland. One can meet local Republican candidates and elected officials while enjoying delicious homemade soups, cornbread and desserts. A donation of \$20 per person (not tax-deductible) can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information, contact Pat Smajstrla at 281-435-3097 or Cindy Simpson at 713-501-4123.

Join the group for the "Paint Pearland Red" social Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Alendale's Kitchen and Cocktails, 5010 Broadway in Pearland (by the "old" Pearland movie theatre). If one has not registered to vote, there will be the opportunity to do so. The group anticipates 2020 is going to be an exciting and fun year. Next month's meeting will be Thursday, March 12, at Pearland Church of Christ – Annex 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Simpson at 713-501-4123.

## Local library events set

### Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only. Call the library to sign up.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Citizenship class. Class participation is by appointment only.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. Toddler storytime.; 11:15 a.m. Toddler playtime. Toddle around with the library staff for stories, songs, and activities that will help develop a toddler's social, motor, and literacy skills. This session is intended for children ages 6 months to 4 years and their caregivers.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Computer basics. For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580.

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

### Parker Williams Library

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

The following events are scheduled for the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, Feb. 6, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Sudoku for Adults. Learn the tricks of solving Sudoku puzzles from longtime aficionado Marie. Practice logical thinking skills and keep one's brain active. Games are provided and all levels are welcome.

Thursday, Feb. 6, 5 p.m. Harry Potter Kahoot! Family Trivia Night, for ages 8 and older. Bring an internet capable device and battle against other teams for prizes.

Monday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. VR Gaming, for ages 12 and older. Meet at the library to explore a new world of gaming with the Playstation VR rig to test all one's senses.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. San Jacinto College Health Career Grant session. For those thinking of going back to school, this is an informational session about the Health Career Pathways Partnership Grant, funded by Health and Human Services. It provides tuition-free training to low-income individuals for select health occupation courses/programs. Since this grant is lottery-based, so not all eligible applicants will be accepted.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, Vietnamese learning time, for adults and children ages 8 and older. Classes begin at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. It's a great time to take a class to help with a skill for work, gain understanding of a topic or learn a language. For more information on these programs, speak with Loc Bui.

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

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



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# Quasar spotlights SJC history of success

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership honored San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer with the prestigious Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence Friday night during an awards dinner at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center.

The Quasar Award is presented annually to an outstanding elected official or business leader who has demonstrated a strong, continual effort to support the business foundations of the greater Bay Area Houston communities.

"While the Quasar plaque has my name on, this is really for the San Jacinto College community," said Hellyer. "The work at San Jacinto College is accomplished by an amazing team of employees. The success of San Jacinto College is due to a strong and visionary board

of trustees who establish the strategic goals for the college and are focused on the success of our students." Hellyer was named the fifth chancellor of San Jacinto College in May 2009. Throughout the last decade she has worked with the board of trustees and college employees to create transformational change at the college, resulting in a more than 106 percent increase in the number of certificates and degrees awarded, a nearly 20 percent increase in enrollment and a national top 10 community college recognition from the Aspen Institute.

As part of that change, San Jacinto College has enhanced the student experience and improved educational accessibility. When the new Generation Park Campus opens this fall – the fifth campus for the college – it will complete the construction of 16 new facilities over

the last decade. Additional facilities have also been renovated during that time, all to meet the needs of today's students. Among those buildings are the Maritime Technology and Training Center, which opened in March 2016; the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, & Technology, which opened in September 2019; the EDGE Center at the Houston Spaceport, which opened in January 2020; and the new Generation Park campus, which will open fall 2020.

"Dr. Hellyer is a shining example of excellence that the Quasar Award exemplifies," said Bob Mitchell, BAHEP President, during his remarks at the award dinner. "She has taken San Jacinto College into the 21st century with the addition of programs that are essential to building and maintaining the skilled workforce that is

fundamental to the economic well being of the region."

In addition to adding and renovating facilities over the last decade, San Jacinto College has made significant changes to help students finish what they start. The college transitioned to a simplified tuition model, which eliminates registration fees and adopts a standard per-credit-hour rate that allows for upfront budgeting and cost transparency to help students plan their expenses without additional unexpected financial obstacles. The college also implemented Open Books, an open educational resource program that provides students access to free or low-cost textbooks and digital course materials that has saved students more than \$6.5 million in textbook costs over three years. This fall, the college will begin offering the Bachelor of Science in nursing, a program designed for registered nurses with an associate degree who are currently working in the field.

The college has implemented many additional support programs and initiatives during the last 10 years as well, including campus food pantries and a free campus café voucher system to help alleviate students' food insecurities, a coat closet, assistance with immunizations and more. These resources help students overcome some of the obstacles associated with pursuing a higher education credential which allows them to focus on classroom learning and course work.

"As San Jacinto College heads into the next decade, we will continue to provide students and the community with evolving, innovative, and necessary programs and services that meet the region's needs," concluded

Hellyer. "Working alongside organizations such as the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, we know we can help grow the economy in our region and provide our partners with the talented and skilled workforce they need for decades to come."

U.S. Congressman Dr. Brian Babin, representing Texas' 36th Congressional District, issued a statement and recognized Hellyer from the House of Representatives floor. In Babin's remarks, which were published in the Congressional record Jan. 16, he said in part, "I rise today to congratulate an exceptional educator, San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer, on receiving the prestigious Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence from the Bay Area Houston Partnership."

"After becoming chancellor of San Jacinto College in May 2009, Hellyer led a rigorous strategic planning process to transform the image of the college. These efforts have transformed San Jacinto College into a modern community college, offering students education in collaborative classrooms and hands-on training with equipment they will encounter as they move into the workforce. Madam Speaker, I thank Dr. Hellyer for her dedication as Chancellor of San Jacinto College and for her outstanding community engagement in the greater Bay Area."

Recent Quasar Award recipients include Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush (2019), Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner (2018), Sen. Larry Taylor (2017), Clear Creek ISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith (2016), Dr. William "Bill" Merrell (2015) and University of Houston Chancellor Dr. Renu Khator (2014).

# CTHS, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce produce new web series

The Audio and Video Production pathway at Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School, along with Pasadena Independent School District, is partnering with the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce to produce a new web series.

The new series titled, "Discover Pasadena" will be filmed and produced by CTHS students, in conjunction with the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

"Discover Pasadena" will feature positive news stories focusing on business and economic development, as well as, improvements happening within the city. "We plan to highlight the kind and hard-working people who call Pasadena home," said Erin Webb, the director of media and marketing for the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and the new host of "Discover Pasadena."

The first guest of the series, mayor of Pasadena Jeff Wagner, was greeted by a film and sound crew full of excited students who said they had been looking forward to the interview all week.

During the interview, Wagner spoke about the upcoming improvements to the area parks, among other topics and complimented the students on their work. Students in the AV pathway at CTHS participate in the program all four years of high school and gain hands-on experience in aspects of audio

and visual production including filming, sound production, lighting and video editing. Through audio video, students cover large events such as Pasadena's Taste of the Town and the McDonald's Texas Invitational, along with smaller events such as weddings, quinceañeras and sweet sixteen birthday parties.

When asked about the knowledge and experience that he has gained by participating in the AV pathway, Yosserick Funez, a junior at CTHS, said that he considers himself, "fortunate to partici-

pate in the program." For students involved in AV, it's not just a pathway, it's a passion. Students often work on crafts outside school time, learning about topics including music and photography in their spare time. The opportunity to grow creatively in their chosen career field is not lost on students.

"CTHS is a great school for you to learn your craft as a high school student," said Joe Espinoza, a junior in the program. Troy Eckles, the new Audio and Visual Production instructor at CTHS, hopes to

grow the pathway, as well as "Discover Pasadena" as the students progress in their skills. Eckles plans to showcase the AV program and the promise of all students involved. "The students here absolutely have potential. They take initiative, stay on task and do a great job," he said.

The first episode of "Discover Pasadena" will premiere at the end of January and videos will be posted to the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce's website, Facebook and YouTube.



Shown is Jeff Wagner, mayor of Pasadena, and Erin Webb, director of media and marketing for the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and the new host of "Discover Pasadena." Photo submitted

## Dr. Hellyer's family celebrates



Honoring Dr. Brenda Hellyer (far left), chancellor of San Jacinto College, during an awards dinner at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center when she received the prestigious Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence were members of her family, left to right, Carter Wildeman (nephew), Rusty Hellyer (husband), Reilly Hellyer (son), Andrea Hellyer (sister-in-law) and Rob Hellyer (brother-in-law). Photo submitted

## Candidate forum set Feb. 12

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"Bert" Rivera and Daniel Vela. Vela is the lone Republican candidate running in the highly Democratic district. The event is free and open to the public. While the forum was organized to educate residents of the South Belt com-

munity, all Precinct 2 are welcome to attend. Other participating subdivisions include Ashley Pointe, Glenbrook Valley, Gulf Freeway Oaks, Kirkwood, Meadowbrook Freeway, Rainbow Valley, Riverstone Ranch, Sagemeadow, Sagemont Park,

Skyscraper Shadows, Park Place, Park Place Reveille and Scarsdale. Primary Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, with early voting beginning Tuesday, Feb. 18. The general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 3.

## Intuitive works on space platform

Intuitive Machines will support construction of the first commercial space platform which will attach to the International Space Station and one day serve as its successor.

On Jan. 27, 2020, NASA selected Axiom Space as the winner of the NextSTEP-2 Appendix 1 solicitation. The solicitation sought to grant access to the International Space Station's Node 2 Forward port for a commercial space station. Intuitive Machines will support Axiom with engineering design and development during the completion of the NextSTEP-2 Appendix.

"For years, Axiom and Intuitive Machines have been strategic partners dedicated to the advancement of aerospace," said Steve Altemus, Intuitive Machines president and CEO. "We look forward

to assisting Axiom in designing and creating an innovative commercial space solution to fulfill NASA's goal of accelerating the growth of a thriving commercial economy in low-earth orbit."

Appendix I to the NextSTEP-2 BAA's primary objective is to successfully develop commercial markets through demonstration of products and services in one or more habitable commercial elements attached to ISS Node 2 Forward port and to transition to a long-term, sustainable, commercial, human spaceflight enterprise in low-earth orbit where NASA is one of many customers.

"You could tell from the very first concept and engineering reviews that the Axiom team got it and were both leveraging lessons learned from their human spaceflight

background and bringing striking new concepts of design and commercialization to bear," said Dr. Timothy Crain, Intuitive Machines vice president of research and development.

In a statement, Axiom verbalized plans to launch a node module, research and manufacturing facility, crew habitat and glass-paneled earth observatory to form the "Axiom Segment" of the ISS. Axiom's new commercial platform will significantly increase the usable and habitable volume of the ISS, provide for novel avenues of research in areas such as isolation studies and earth observation and allow a gradual transfer of the innovative work being done on-station to prevent interruptions when the ISS is ultimately retired.

For more information, visit <https://axiomspace.com>.

## CCISD announces 2020 Science & Engineering Fair awards

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, Clear Creek ISD recognized hundreds of students for their work and scientific achievements at the 2020 Science & Engineering Fair awards night. The annual event is the culmination of several months of work and campus level competitions that qualify students in grades fourth through 12th to compete at the district-level contest, which potentially leads to recognition on awards night.

This year, the district celebrated the 60th anniversary of the CCISD Science & Engineering Fair.

"Through your commitment to your projects and making new discoveries, you are continuing a long legacy of experimentation, innovation and excellence in Clear Creek ISD," said Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools to the crowd of future scientists and engineers.

The fair also coincided with NASA's 20th anniversary of continuous human presence on the International Space Station. In his remarks, Charlie Stegemoller, a representative for the 2020 Science & Engineering Fair Presenting Sponsor Science Applications International Corporation, highlighted this incredible achievement and encouraged students to think about how they might impact the future.

Another exciting aspect to this year's event was the change in location to the newly opened Learner Support Center (formerly Clear Lake High School 9th Grade Center). The recently renovated facility fulfilled its purpose as a hub for community partnerships and special events by providing ample space for both the secondary judging and the awards night ceremony.

The district is grateful for the time and effort of the more than 100 volunteers who evaluated the student projects.

Projects are judged on a wide range of criteria, including reliable data collection, originality in experiment design and how accessible ideas were presented to the general public.

With more than 3,500 elementary students participating in their campus-level science and engineering fairs, 400 fourth- and fifth-graders advanced to the district-level competition.

More than 340 intermediate and high school students competed in three divisions and 17 categories. There was a 14 percent increase in elementary participation and a five

percent increase in secondary participation.

The judges selected Grand Award winners and place winners. Also in the competition, 130 junior and senior division winners became eligible to advance to the Science & Engineering Fair of Houston Feb. 14 - 15. Several students received special recognition through the iYar Fine Arts Award, which is presented to students with fine arts-related science projects.

The 2020 Science & Engineering Fair Presenting sponsor, Science Applications International Corporation and Exhibit and Reception sponsor, University of Houston - Clear Lake, were on hand to congratulate the winners.

The 2020 CCISD Science & Engineering Fair Grand Award winners and their entries include:

Jesse A. Dorrington 2020 Grand Award, Life Science, Maggie Davidson, Clear Falls High School, "Bioinformatic and Statistical Investigation of the Effect of Cosmetics on Diversity of the Skin Microbiome."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2020 Grand Award Runner Up Life Science, Monika Kardos, Clear Horizons Early College High School, "The Interaction of Nicotine and E-Liquid Flavors."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2020 Grand Award, Physical Science, Sharil Maredia, Clear Springs High School, "Sound Speed Estimation in Layered Media Using the Angular Coherence of Plane Waves."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2020 Grand Award Runner Up, Physical Science, Emily Troutman, Clear Creek High School,

"Developing a High-Fidelity Pedestrian and Evacuations Dynamic Model to Optimize Crowd Emergency Evacuation Response Time."

Jesse A. Dorrington 2020 Grand Award, Engineering, Camille Chuduc, Clear Brook High School, "An Encapsulated Filtering Device for Microplastic Removal in Water."

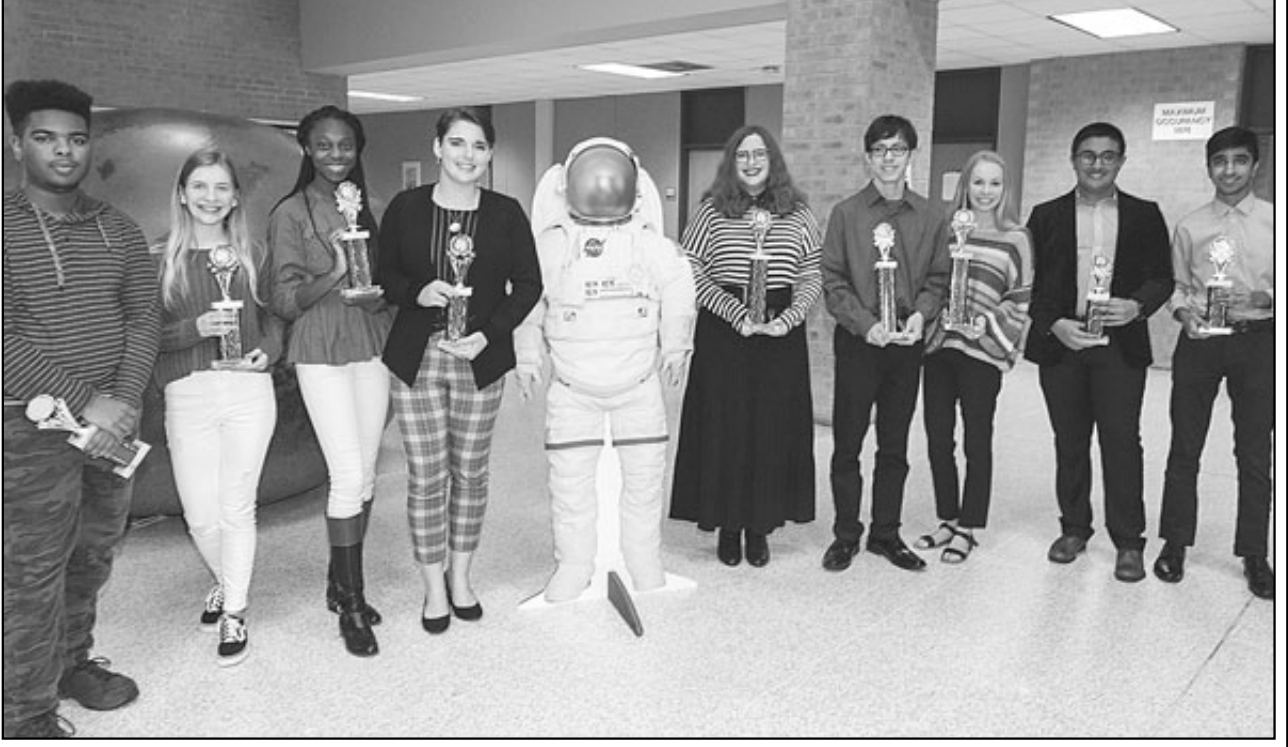
iYar Fine Arts Award 2020 Sound Music through Science - Universal Peace through Music:

Senior division, Sulochana Pattabhiraman Award, Sharil Maredia, Clear Springs High

School, "Sound Speed Estimation in Layered Media Using the Angular Coherence of Plane Waves."

Junior division, Pattu Rajagopalan Award, Ella Schreiter, Brookside Intermediate, "The Construction of a Wearable, Silent, Wireless Metronome Controlled by the Conductor's Movements."

Elementary division, The Shruti Laya Award, Lydia Simons, Greene Elementary, "Mastering a Grande Jete Ballet Leap."



Twelve-Year and Lucky 13 Science and Engineering Fair participants celebrated their achievements at the 60th Annual Science & Engineering Fair Awards Night Jan. 22 at Clear Creek ISD's Learner Support Center. Shown above displaying winning trophies are, left to right, Melvin Briscoe IV, Clear Creek High School; Rachel Passantino, Clear Creek High School; Joelliane Langevine, Clear Lake High School; Anna Pinchen, Clear Brook High School; Brienne Grimm, Clear Falls High School; Christopher Colling, Clear Falls High School; Ally Mark, Clear Springs High School; Sharil Maredia, Clear Springs High School; and Muhammad Zain, Clear Brook High School. Shown below with gift cards in hand are, left to right, Ravi Iyer, iYar Fine Arts founder and director; Sophia Evans, Seabrook Intermediate School; Drew Holland, Seabrook Intermediate School; Ella Schreiter, Brookside Intermediate School; Danetta Paul, Brookside Intermediate School; Sharil Maredia, Clear Springs High School; and Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools. Photos submitted



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# PISD announces fine arts events

Pasadena Independent School District has announced its spring fine arts calendar for 2020.

The following events are listed by name, date, time and location.

Intermediate Orchestra Pre-UIL Concert and Sight Reading Festival, Feb. 25 and 26, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Intermediate Choir Pre-University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight Reading Festival, Feb. 22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Intermediate Band Pre-UIL Concert and Sight Reading Festival, Feb. 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sam Rayburn High School.

Thompson Intermediate Orchestra Pre-UIL concert, Feb. 20, 7-8 p.m., Thompson cafeteria.

Moore Elementary Kindergarten Texas program, Feb. 25, 6-6:45 p.m., Moore cafeteria.

Rayburn High School Choir Night, Feb. 25, 7-8:30 p.m., Rayburn High School.

Dobie High School Orchestra Pre-UIL concert, Feb. 27 and 28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dobie High School.

Jessup Elementary - Black History month program, Feb. 28, 9:05 - 9:35 a.m., Jessup Elementary gym.

Intermediate Choir UIL Concert and Sight Reading, March 3 and 4, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pasadena Memorial High School.

Elementary Music Festival, March 5, 7-8 p.m., Phillips gym.

High School Choir Pre-UIL, March 20, 3-8 p.m. and March 21, 9 a.m. to noon, South Houston High School.

Middle School Orchestra Benchmark, March 24, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pasadena High School.

Middle School Choir Benchmark, March 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., South Houston High School.

Middle School Band Benchmark, March 27, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pasadena High School.

Pasadena High School Dance - Eagle Escort Spring Show "Be Someone," April 2 and 3, 7-9 p.m., Pasadena High School auditorium.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**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** (wife **Lacie**) Griffin, son of **Angela** and **David Griffin** of La Vernia, Texas, and son-in-law **Jim Giles** of Kirkwood South celebrate their birthdays Feb. 8. Jim's wife **Tracy** and children **Cody**, **Kristen** and **Aaron** and wife **Ashley** and sons **Jaxson** and **Jace** send birthday wishes.

**LILY TURNS THREE!**  
Special happy birthday wishes are sent to **Lilian (Lily) Margaret Scarberry** who celebrates her third birthday Wednesday, Feb. 12, from dad **Austin**, mom **Tiffany** and big sister **Jade Scarberry**; grandparents **Jannie** and **Robert Scarberry**, former longtime South Belt residents; aunts **Jenny (Hayes) Laney** and **Stacey (Hayes) Flowers**; uncles **Stephen Flowers**, **Joey Hayes**, **Tyler Scarberry** and **Josh Laney**; and cousins **Brayden** and **Baylee Espinosa**, **Olivia Moreno**, and **Kennedy**, **Owen** and **Evie Flowers**.

**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.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 6 through Feb. 12, 2020.

**Burnett Elementary**  
On Feb. 7, **Keonne McClain** enjoys a birthday.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Light the birthday candles Feb. 11 for **Elva Moreno**. The day for a party for **Alma Nava** is Feb. 12.

**Meador Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles for **Maria Gonzalez** Feb. 8. **Sandra Richey** is sent birthday greetings on Feb. 10. Light the birthday candles Feb. 12 for **Erika Rodarte**.

**Moore Elementary**  
Enjoying a birthday Feb. 6 are **Angelica Perez** and **Gerri Watkins**.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Birthday greetings are sent to **Audrea Taylor** Feb. 7. Marking a birthday Feb. 12 is **Melissa Cerda**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
**Lisa Leos** marks a birthday Feb. 10. Break out the balloons and party favors Feb. 12 for **Jean Deleon** and **Emily Beene**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Maria Martinez** Feb. 7. The day for some birthday fun for **Dawn Tomlinson** is Feb. 9. Marking a birthday on Feb. 12 is **Michelle Rush**.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Celebrating a birthday Feb. 7 is **Carey Thibodeaux**. Send a birthday greeting Feb. 10 to **Lonnie Tanner**. Sing a happy birthday song Feb. 11 to **Elsa Chiachio**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Enjoying a special birthday Feb. 8 is **Maria Umazor**. Send a happy birthday card Feb. 10 to **Tina Garza**. Feb. 11 is the day to wish **Ronnie Thomas** a happy birthday. Sing a happy birthday song with **Yesenia Ramirez** Feb. 12.

**Dobie High**  
Having a day of celebration Feb. 6 is **Maria Rueda Navarro**. **Derek Beckham** and **Erin Richardson** share a birthday on Feb. 8. Celebrating a birthday Feb. 9 are **Marissa Alexander** and **Richard Ortega**. Special birthday wishes are sent Feb. 10 to **Deborah Cortez**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Steven Long** Feb. 12.

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

Thursday, Feb. 6; **Lisa Jackson** and **Chastity Napper**; Friday, Feb. 7: **Paula Barnett** and **Lori McBride**; Saturday, Feb. 8: **Kim Scott** and **Mark Stanley**; Sunday, Feb. 9: **Erica Rodriguez**, **Amanda Bergeron**, **Tracy Matthieu**, **Anita Nickelson** and **Tammy Schweigert**; Monday, Feb. 10: **Kathy Ramirez**, **Morgan Wingo**, **Angie Baucum**, **Jesse Chavez**, **Efrain Padua**, **Christina Parasco** and **Mike Huffman**; Tuesday, Feb. 11: **Cesar Ramirez**, **Ron Martinez** and **Jennifer Zanders**; and Wednesday, Feb. 12: **Greg Banhart**, **C.J. Jareo III**, **Chris Smith**, **Melinda Poplawski**, **Cynthia Tavera**, **Clyde Jones**, **Lisa Jones**, **Jacqueline Preston**, **Alex Lerma** and **Robert Barbosa**.

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# Hancock lists honor, attendance rolls

Hancock Elementary officials announced second nine-weeks perfect attendance and honor roll.

**Pre-K**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Elyiah Monique Barnes, Santiago Ayden Cavazos, Neya Amari Cooper, Nellie Sophia Davis, Alexa Marie Hernandez, Jada Cherie-Bell Jolivet, Jason Yadir Marquez Abrego, Aaliyah Faith Mcdaniel, Raelyn Nicole Mcpherson, Alondra Noelani Ochoa, Tyler Zachary Smith II, Jacob Glen Smith and Zarielys Marie Torres.

**Kindergarten**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Eric Demond Barnes III, Giovanni Anthony Barron, Alejandro Castro, Angel Daniel Cavazos, McKinsley Nichole Cooper, Jayren Lejuan Crawford, Taylor Kamdyn Edwards, Elissa Marlen Flores, Kenneth Glenn Ford, Chelsea Gabriella Fuentes and Eduardo Garza.

Sebastian Garza, Victoria Andrea Juarez, Raleigh Avery Montague, Zoe Nicole Moreno, Chemya Mone Robertson, Bryshaun Lajuanta Rouchon, Danielle Serjani, Samirah Ann Thompson, Jessica Jaylean Trevino and Naomi Renee Wheaton.

**First grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Angelina Avila, Anna De Los Santos, Fatima Diaz, Dario Flores, Aliyah Garcia, Elijah Garza-Mcdaniels, Julian Garza, Avery Gilbert, Kamryn Green, Angel Hodges, Sophia Ibarra, Alex Juarez, Alaina King, Bryson Lenton, Luis Lopez De La Cruz, Natalya Luna-Villatoro, Legrand Mbusa, Bryan Melesio, Lucas Rodriguez and Victoria Smith.

**Honor roll**  
Miranda Corona, Keityn Davis, Belen Elizondo, Dario Flores, Aliyah Garcia, Julian Garza, Avery Gilbert, Abigail Gomez, Jacob Gomez, Carliana Gonzalez, Kamryn Green, and Mia Guevara.

Logan Henderson, Sophia Ibarra, Kaycee Kelly, Aliaina King, Marjorie Lemus Jonathan Martinez, Legrand Mbusa, Bryan Melesio, Journey Olivier, Gretell Rodriguez, Lucas Rodriguez and Cristina Soraziz.

**Second grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Julian Amador, Robin Azinge, Tegen Baker, Isaiah Betancourt, Averi Dumont, Enrique Escobar, Alieah Gomez, Nicholas Gomez, Joan Gonzalez, Isabella Guerra and Ka'maurion Hughes.

Oscar Lara, Andrew Lopez, Andrea Luna, Melani Morales Cordon, Sofia Ochoa, Valeria Quintero, Anali Rangel Reyna, Issis Rodriguez, Kennry Rodriguez, Julio Salazar, Stephen Sanchez and Isaac Vazquez.

**Honor roll**  
Robin Azinge, Adrian Bell, Isaiah Betancourt, Kylie Billings, Nylah Cooper, Averi Dumont, Ximena Espinoza, Viviana Gamez, Nicholas Gomez, Joan Gonzalez, Isabella Guerra, Zoey Guerrero, Sofia Ochoa, Willow Reed Neilo Richard, Issis Rodriguez, Kennry Rodriguez, Julio Salazar, Misa Torres and Isaac Vazquez.

**Third grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Efrain Acosta, Rick Azinge, Destiny Ceaser, Nathan Garcia, Kenneth Gilbert, Savannah Gomez, Aiden Heredia, Starr Hodges, Axel Juarez, Odellia Jumamil and Malina King.

Eva Kuczynski, Adam Lopez, Omar Luna, Noah Maldonado, Khaylin Mason, Luis Melesio Jr., Oliver Ochoa Rivera, Makayla Palm, Margarito Segovia, Nyla Smith, Dailey Thrower, Giselle Vallesteros and Joseph Vazquez.

**Honor roll**  
Keirah Davis, Will Gray, Odellia Jumamil, Joseph Magana, Brandon Scott, Yahir Tejada and Giselle Vallesteros.

**Fourth grade**  
**Perfect attendance**  
Dianelys Banda, Brianna Castillo, Heclimar Colon Melendez, Heclimar Colon Melendez, Gustavo De La Fuente Khloe Hughes, Nayeli Johnson, Tiana Leonard, Monica Luna, Nathan Maldonado, Madaline Marquez Abrego, Davion Maxwell, Giselle Najera, Hailey Ramsey, Brandt Smith, Alex Tran, Lilynhu Vu and Cesar Zuniga.

**Honor roll**  
Sofia Alvarez, Jeremiah Arbriza, Dianelys Banda, Heclimar Colon, Heclimar Colon, Jurnee Davis, Brayden Dean, Maverick DeLeon, Mychia Holmes, Tiana Leonard and Nathan Maldonado.

Giselle Najera, Hailey Ramsey, Jaylah Rodriguez, Kamari Ross, Kameron Ross, Niomi Sanchez, Davien Santhomas, Alex Tran, Hason Vo and Lilynhu Vu.

# SJC calendar set

San Jacinto College has released its calendar of events.

**"Radium Girls" theater production**  
The San Jacinto College Central Campus Department of Theatre will host its production of "Radium Girls" from Wednesday, Feb. 12, to Sunday, Feb. 16, in Slocomb Auditorium (Building 12).

Performances Feb. 12 - 15 begin at 7:30 p.m. The Feb. 16 matinee performance begins at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$10 at the door, and \$8 for all guests who purchase and pick up tickets by Feb. 11. For ticket reservations and details, call 281-476-1828.

**Softball games**  
The San Jacinto softball team will play the following teams at home in February:  
McLennan - Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2 p.m.  
Angeline - Friday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m.  
Temple - Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2 p.m.  
Frank Phillips College - Saturday, Feb. 29, noon.  
All home games are played at the San Jacinto South campus softball field and are free and open to the public.

For a complete schedule, visit [sanjac.edu/athletics](http://sanjac.edu/athletics).

**Baseball games**  
The San Jacinto College baseball team will play the following teams at home in February:  
Grayson - Friday, Feb. 14, 11 a.m.  
McLennan - Friday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m.  
Grayson - Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.  
McLennan - Sunday, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.  
Monroe Community College - Wednesday, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.  
Laredo - Friday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.  
Laredo - Saturday, Feb. 22, noon and 2:30 p.m.  
Wharton - Tuesday, Feb. 25, 6 p.m.  
Wharton - Saturday, Feb. 29, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
All home games are played at the San Jac North campus at John Ray Harrison Field in Andy Pettitte Park and are free and open to the public.

For a complete schedule, visit [sanjac.edu/athletics](http://sanjac.edu/athletics).

**College Community Day No classes Feb. 13**  
San Jacinto College will not hold any day or evening classes Thursday, Feb. 13, due to College Community Day employee in-service. Classes and normal business hours will resume Friday, Feb. 14.

**Campus-based, foundation scholarship applications open for fall 2020**  
Campus-based and San Jacinto College Foundation scholarship applications are open Saturday, Feb. 15, for fall 2020. The final day for applications is June 30. For information, visit [sanjac.edu](http://sanjac.edu).

**Public auditions for "The Perils of Truly Sweet"**  
The San Jacinto College Central Campus Department of Theatre will host public auditions for "The Perils of Truly Sweet" Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. at the Powell Arena Theatre (Building 13). For information, call 281-476-1828.

**Spring installment payment plan due Feb. 24**  
Students using an installment payment plan for the spring 2020 semester have a payment due Monday, Feb. 24, by 7 p.m.

For more information, contact a campus business office at 281-998-6150.

**Registration opens Feb. 24 for summer courses**  
Registration for summer classes starting May 11 and June 1 opens Monday, Feb. 24. For more information, visit [sanjac.edu](http://sanjac.edu).

**Community Education Center events**  
The San Jacinto College Community Education Center is located at 8060 Spencer Highway in Pasadena in Building 1, room C1.108.

The Community Education Center will host the following February workshops that are free and open to the public.

To register, call 281-478-2786 or email [communityeducation@sjcd.edu](mailto:communityeducation@sjcd.edu).

**Vida Activa después del Cáncer (Spanish)**  
Wednesdays: Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 10 a.m. to noon.

**A Matter of Balance information session, demos**  
Fitness for Adults, ages 55 and older, Wednesday, Feb. 5, noon to 1 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 20, noon to 1:30 p.m.

**"How to Apply for Free Job Training"**  
Thursday, Feb. 6, 1-3 p.m.

**"Women and Wealth: a Clear View to Retirement"**  
In collaboration with MDT Advisers, Tuesday, Feb. 18, noon to 1 p.m.

**It's Time Texas**  
Community Challenge is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 20, from 1:30 p.m., Student Center Ballroom, Building 14, Room C14.264.

**Active Living After Cancer English information session**  
Wednesday, Feb. 26, noon to 1 p.m.

**A Matter of Balance**  
Fitness for Adults, ages 55 and older, Thursday, Feb. 27, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Visit <https://www.sanjac.edu/sites/default/files/in-line-files/Senior-Focus-Winter19.pdf> for information.

# San Jac plans 2020 Gala with a Twist

The San Jacinto College Foundation has invited the community to participate in its 2020 Gala with a Twist, announcing the fundraising campaign at the college's board of trustees meeting Monday, Jan. 27, 2020.

"We're thrilled to take a new, virtual approach to our gala this year," said Ruth Keenan, the foundation's executive director. "It's a new decade, and we're excited to mix things up a bit. Launching this engaging, online fundraiser in lieu of our traditional dinner event allows us to considerably reduce costs and focus on what matters most - helping our students succeed."

For this year's campaign, 100 percent of proceeds will benefit San Jac students with immediate needs. Donations will offset costs such as tuition, books, food, clothing, transportation and child care for student recipients who have found themselves in unexpected circumstances and who need urgent assistance.

San Jacinto College's campus food pantries will be one of this year's fundraising beneficiaries, serving as a vital resource for students in need of food and meal vouchers. According to the United Health Foundation and the United States Department of Agriculture, 14 percent of Texas households are experiencing food insecurities, meaning they cannot easily afford or have limited access to food.

Other campus resources like the college's coat closet will be bolstered by donated proceeds, as many San Jac students utilize the resource for winter clothing, everyday clothing, and even job interview outfits.

"Fundraising campaigns like this are critically important to our success," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "These generous donations enhance our ability to help students in the ways they need it most. Some face an unexpected emergency and need immediate help, and others are working day in and day out to overcome chronic obstacles like food insecurity and homelessness. It's our mission to help every student achieve their educational goals, and this campaign is one way the community can help us do that."

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH), there were an estimated 25,310 homeless individuals in Texas in 2019, with nearly 1,400 unaccompanied young adults ages 18-24.

San Jacinto College's student population of nearly 45,000 each year certainly reflects the statewide demographics of these at-risk populations, and the college continues its mission to meet the needs of its diverse student body.

Over the past decade, the San Jacinto College Foundation has raised more than \$15 million, awarded more than 12,000 student scholarships, and helped fund campus resources that play an integral role in helping San Jac students reach their educational goals.

Community members wishing to contribute to this year's Gala with a Twist fundraiser can learn more about the campaign and can donate at [sanjac.edu/twist](http://sanjac.edu/twist) or by calling 281-998-6104.

# Melillo announces spelling bee winners



Melillo Middle School staff announced the winners of the campus spelling bee held Dec. 19. Shown are, left to right, Chris Bui, assistant principal; Savannah Flores-Lewis, second place winner; Bryce Lartigue, first place winner; and Diane Wheeler, principal. Lartigue will advance to the district spelling bee to be held Feb. 11, at South Houston High School. Photo by Debra Yocum

# Remember When

**40 years ago (1980)**  
Scarsdale resident Charles Snyder was in good condition after being hit head-on in his car just south of the Beamer-Choate Road intersection.

Questions surrounding school taxes were being asked of the Pasadena Independent School District. A districtwide reappraisal program was underway, and the tax rate and appraisal would determine tax due.

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Pony-Colt baseball division formally changed its name to the South Belt Area Pony-Colt.

**35 years ago (1985)**  
The investigation of a Jan. 4 shooting death of a 13-year-old Kirkwood South resident was turned over to Harris County Juvenile Probation.

**30 years ago (1990)**  
The Slaughter vs. Monsanto trial surrounding the Brio site went to the jurors as both sides completed their arguments.

South Belters Joe and Peggy Bennett were preparing for their annual Salt Grass Trail Ride. They served as cooks for the ride and had been involved for more than 10 years.

Clear Creek Independent School District officials gathered soil samples from the play area at Weber Elementary. The soil was gathered from depths ranging to three feet to test for toxicity. Dobie decathlon won regional match scoring 4,000 points ahead of its nearest competitor, Deer Park.

Former Dobie football player and 1986 graduate Sedic White died after being shot several times following an argument in the 5900 block of Southwind which is off Cullen and Bellfort.

**25 years ago (1995)**  
A runoff election for San Jacinto College and city offices was scheduled.

Dobie students Ashley Smith and Aaron Brown were selected to perform with the all-state band at the Texas Music Educators Association convention.

Southeast Area Ministries annual report stated the ministry assisted more than 7,000 persons the previous year.

A Galveston County deputy constable working a security job at Frankie Carter Randolph Park shot a suicidal man. The man had fired a shotgun once then put the barrel to his mouth. The constable ordered him to drop the weapon and fired a warning shot before shooting the suspect in the leg.

**20 years ago (2000)**  
A newborn was abandoned at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. She was named Danielle Martin - after hospital CEO Dan Martin.

Longhorn cheerleaders finished fifth in the United Cheerleading Association national finals held in Disney World.

**15 years ago (2005)**  
Sixteen-year-old Melissa Mata died as a result of a multi-vehicle accident on Beamer at the Beltway.

The San Jacinto College South music department hosted jazz musician Maynard Ferguson for a performance.

A new business in a strip center on Hughes at Beamer raised questions. The windows were blacked out, a camera monitored the front door, and only select persons were admitted after ringing a doorbell. The business was later found to be an illegal gambling establishment with eight-liner machines and was closed after a raid.

Frazier Elementary held its second annual Family Hoedown. Proceeds from the event helped defray medical costs Rhonda Parmer, principal, who was receiving treatment for cancer.

**10 years ago (2010)**  
Jim Phillips was named the new head football coach at Dobie High School. The move came just two weeks after newly appointed Derek Fitzhenry resigned from the position before even starting.

A man was arrested after fatally shooting his estranged wife and her 15-year-old daughter at the Summer Cove apartments on FM 1959 at Gulfstream. Police say Jaime Cole, 39, came to the apartment around 7:30 p.m. to drop off his 2-year-old and 10-year-old sons. Upon his arrival, Cole and his wife, Melissa Dawn Cole, 31, got into an argument. At some point, the fight escalated and turned violent. When Melissa Cole's 15-year-old daughter tried to intervene, Jaime Cole pulled out a gun and opened fire.

Both were struck multiple times and were pronounced dead at the scene. Jaime Cole left his 10-year-old son at the scene but fled with the toddler. An Amber Alert was issued, and the pair were spotted at a Walmart in Wharton County. Police say Cole was trying to buy ammunition. A state trooper took Cole into custody. He was charged with capital murder. Cole's sons were unharmed, as was a second juvenile female at the residence at the time of the shootings.

**5 years ago (2015)**  
A former South Houston High School student and his parents filed a \$1 million civil rights lawsuit against the Pasadena Independent School District, alleging that an on-campus police officer used excessive force the previous May, causing bodily injury and psychological damage. In the suit, Cesar Suquet alleged that Michael Y'Barbo, an on-campus PISD police officer, repeatedly struck him with a metal baton following a dispute over a confiscated cell phone. The case was settled later in November for \$60,000.

The father of a 3-week-old baby died Feb. 8, following a fight the previous night when he was accused of breaking into his neighbor's car near Southport and Bazin. Melvin Lee Nelson, 30, initially refused medical help before being pronounced dead at his home. Autopsy results later determined his death was caused by heroin and alprazolam (Xanax) toxicity.

**1 year ago (2019)**  
Deputies from the Special Operations Division of the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office seized a massive amount of methamphetamine following an undercover operation. Deputies confiscated 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of the contraband after a traffic stop around 11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the 600 block of Edgebrook. The drugs had a street value of approximately \$600,000.

Jess Fields Sr. was recognized as the Pasadena Independent School District's 2018 Distinguished Citizen of the Year at a ceremony held Jan. 31. President and owner of Rosewood Funeral Home, Fields is a member of the PISD Education Foundation Advisory Board and is one of the founding donors of the McDonald's Texas Invitational basketball tournament.

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## Meador Elementary celebrates 100 days of school

Meador Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school Feb. 4. Students and staff wore 100-day shirts for the schoolwide parade. Shown left is, first-grade teacher Kim Cowan wearing her 100-days cape. Shown below are, left to right, Tara Merida (counselor), kindergarten Julius Thompson Jr., kindergartener Genesis Chirinos, third-grader Francisco Rivera III, kindergartener Ellie Bacot, second-grader Hanna Hernandez, kindergartener Isabella Cedillos, second-grader William Dunn, third-grader Arlett Guzman, third-grader Evelyn Padilla and Beverly Bolton, principal.

Photos submitted



## South Belt Elementary announces February VIPs



Above are the South Belt Elementary VIPs for February. The students were chosen by their teachers, based on their ability to display the character trait of the month: Generosity. Shown, left to right, (first row) Christian Mata, Paisley Charles, Payton Meyer, Liam Tamez, Grace Ngo, Zoey Rodriguez, Jaslene Valencia, Aulahna Moore, Brinlee Ceynar, (second row) Drake Hughes, Rahim Jafri, Alaina Melchor, Julian Herrera, Charlie Mathew, Alison Chen, (third row) Aryan Napal, Sharon Nguyen, Jeremiah Johnson, Maesyn Poullard, Korvin Ton, Chacidy Carter, Paris Valencia, (fourth row) Riley Hensley, Sabrina Cavazos, Abygail Herrera, Gabriel Castillo, Jayden Grimaldo, Carter Pham, (fifth row) Isaiah Ambriz, Adrian Garza, Jaylen Hill, Langston Hughes, Alayna Rodriguez and Gabby Ramirez. Not shown is Damian Sullivan.

Photo by Lakiitha Green, school counselor



## Questionnaire prints Feb. 13

The questionnaire sent to Harris County Precinct 2 constable candidates by the *South Belt Leader* will be printed with responding answers in next week's *Leader* issue. All questionnaires were received by the *Leader* past the Feb. 4 deadline. In the interest of readers knowing candidates' positions, the information will print in the Feb. 13 issue.

## Dobie names 2020 Hall of Honor inductees

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ness Administration from the University of Houston's Executive Management Program in 1998.

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

**Sgt. First Class James Daigle, Class of 1983**  
Sgt. First Class James Daigle is a war hero. He enlisted in the Army in 2004 after his son Alan Daigle, a U.S. Marine and Dobbie graduate, was injured in Iraq. Daigle has been awarded two Purple Hearts for wounds received during combat in Afghanistan. President George W. Bush honored Daigle with a pinning ceremony of one of his Purple Heart medals in Dallas. He has also obtained

the following awards: a Bronze Star medal with "V" for valor; the Legion of Merit; two Meritorious Service medals; four Army Commendation medals; two Army Achievement medals; the Combat Medical Badge; Air Assault Wings; both Gold and Silver Spurs for service in the U.S. Cavalry; the National Defense medal; both Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary medals; NATO Deployment medal – the Presidential Unit citation; Valorous Unit citation; Navy Unit Commendation; and others.

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



James Daigle

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

**Rhonda Foster, faculty member, 1983-2005**  
With more than 20 years under her belt, Rhonda Foster has seen her share of wins. It all started when she joined Dobie High School in 1983. During her first semester at Dobie, Foster taught P.E., then health the following semester. In November 1983, under the helm of then coach Joan Walker, Foster coached track as an assistant. She also served as the head coach of the girls' cross-country team until 1992. One year into her coaching career, Foster coached the girls'



Rhonda Foster

cross-country team to state. From 1987 to 1994, Foster coached the girls' soccer and cross-country teams. In 1992, Foster switched teams with then coach Phil Reidel to coach boys' cross-country, while Reidel coached girls' cross-country. She continued to teach boys cross-country for 14 years.

Foster was certainly the coach of all trades. For the 1994-1995 school year, she decided to coach girls' softball until her departure in 2005. Her excellent coaching ability led to many successes for her students and teams. Under her leadership, Dobie alum Ras Bowman won the state title in the 800-meter run in 1998. Another Longhorn alum, Scott Lengefeld went to state twice as an individual in cross-country in 1995 and in 1996. The Dobie girls' softball team, under her leadership, knocked it out

the park in 1995 and won the state championship in softball UIL, carrying with them an undefeated title of 33-0 all the way to state. Out of the nine starters on the team, five signed to play division I college softball.

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

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

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

## CCISD students win big at livestock show, auction

The 38th annual Clear Creek ISD Livestock Show and Auction was held Jan. 23, at the West Agriculture Barn. This was the culmination of months of hard work for these students in the Future Farmers of America programs across CCISD's five comprehensive high schools.

FFA students work throughout the summer and fall semester to raise animals, 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 CCISD Livestock Show.

"These students put in a lot of time and care raising these animals and completing other non-livestock projects," said JT Buford, career and technical education program manager in CCISD. "They are required to feed their animals a minimum of two times a day, morning and evening, seven days a week no matter the weather or temperature. Hours are spent feeding, grooming, and training with animal projects trying to perfect showmanship for the animal and exhibitor while trying to unlock the animal's greatest genetic potential."

A total of more than \$153,000 was raised for FFA students across the district this year. The CCISD Livestock

Auction benefits students by providing an opportunity for them to explore and develop a passion for production agriculture, learn valuable lessons in money and time management, and offers the opportunity to potentially fund additional animal projects or future education expenses.

"The CCISD Livestock Show and Auction would like to thank the community for deeply believing in the CCISD FFA members and programs by continuing to support us each year," said Buford. "Lastly, I'd like to thank all of the CCISD Ag teachers for their selfless dedication to their students and FFA programs. Without them, the Livestock Show wouldn't be nearly as successful."

Below are the top awards, sale prices and buyers for this year which include:  
Grand Champion Steer, Naomi Browning from Clear Brook High School, the Jackson family for \$6,500; Grand Champion Pig, Alexis Coffey from Clear Falls High School, Diversified Vapor Solutions for \$5,000; Grand Champion Lamb, Mason Corona from Clear Brook High School, Lansdowne-Moody Company for \$2,000; Grand Champion Goat, Yancey Grice from Clear Creek High School, PBK Architects for \$1,500; Grand Champion Turkey, Aaron Douglas from

Clear Lake High School, Joe & Jeanie Engle for \$5,500; Grand Champion Broilers, Jacob Corrao from Clear Springs High School, the Jackson family for \$1,000; Grand Champion Rabbits, Austin Robinson from Clear Springs High School, PBK Architects for \$1,400; and Best of Show Ag Mechanics, Dale Bragg from Clear Falls High School, Compass Equipment Rental for \$5,000.

Best of Show Horticulture, Yancey Grice from Clear Creek High School, the Jackson family for \$800; Best of Show Floral Design, Alexandra Ruiz from Clear Brook High School, Melanie Sweeney for \$400; Best of Show Visual Arts, Mackenzie Zimbeck from Clear Lake High School, CCISD Cabinet for \$450; Best of Show Food Science, McKenzie Crow from Clear Falls High School, the deMasi family for \$700; and Reserve Champion Steer, Isabell Cranfill from Clear Springs High School, Galveston Bay RV Resort for \$5,500.

Reserve Champion Pig, Kaylyn Baugh from Clear Falls High School, Northwinds Construction for \$2,200; Reserve Champion Lamb, Sarah Barrera from Clear Springs High School, 45 Truck Sales for \$1,500; Reserve Champion Goat, Kathleen Johnson from Clear

Springs High School, Carnes Cattle Company for \$1,500; Reserve Champion Turkey, Jessica Stewart from Clear Springs High School, the Jackson family for \$1,700; Reserve Champion Broilers,

Alexis Wright from Clear Creek High School, IDGC Construction for \$1,000; and Reserve Champion Rabbits, Olivia Read from Clear Lake High School, Dawn Gibbs for \$1,200.

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## South Belt students study Lunar New Year

South Belt Elementary first-graders learned about the celebration of the Lunar New Year in different countries. Students participated in various arts and crafts as they learned about the new year. Shown right are Abriella Nguyen (left) dressed in traditional New Year clothing to share with others about New Year customs and Amelia Hoang. In the photo below are, left to right, (front row) Andrew Duong, Madeline Herrera, Amelia Hoang (middle row) Dahlia Ellis, Mariah Mendez, Dannie Nguyen, Safa Bukhari, Carson Pham, Arian Banda (back row) Jorge Sanchez, Alaina Melchor, Claudette Reyna, Zayan Jafri, Audi Gallegos and Ava Castro.



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## Beverly Hills, Melillo recognized

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The organization based their selection process on interviews with campus and community members,

achievement data, suspension rates, quality of lessons, and student work. Beverly Hills Intermediate and Melillo Middle

School will be recognized as Schools to Watch for a three-year period. After the third year, they must demonstrate continued progress on

specific goals in order to be re-designated. Pasadena ISD, Beverly Hills Intermediate, and Melillo Middle School will join

recognized school districts across the country at the National Forum Schools to Watch event in Washington DC on June 26.

## Dobie HOSA share accomplishments



Dobie HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) participated in the Texas HOSA Area 6 Leadership Conference Jan. 17 - 18. The conference was held at Barbers Hill High School in Mont Belvieu, Texas. The following students placed in the top five in their categories, and the top three in each category will advance to Texas HOSA State Leadership Conference in Galveston April 1 - 3. The students spent long hours preparing for competition. The Dobie HOSA Advisors are Cheryl Sanders R.N., Dr. Rob Francis DC, Dr. Larry Wald DC and Corey Perry CPhT. HOSA Future Health Professionals is an organization that students who are interested in a career in health care are able to join. They learn from health care professionals during MedTalks about their profession, take field trips to local colleges and exhibits, and compete in more than 50 events related to health careers. Dobie results at area include first place HOSA bowl team members Thuyen Vu, Kennedy Ho and Ashley Nguyen; third place CPR/First Aid members Elna Nguyen and Eloy Sanchez; third place CPR/First Aid members Malha Akhter and Tyler Dang; second place dental science Alexis Kamal; fifth place veterinary science Thuc Vo; third place clinical specialty Maryam Badr; and fourth place CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) mem-

bers Sadie Capuchino and Jose Trujillo. HOSA state officer candidate Henry Nguyen was endorsed by Area 6 voting delegates after giving a speech and submitting a video. Earlier in December students participated in online testing to advance directly to state or area competition. Dobie results for online testing include first place Medical Law & Ethics Jessica Vu, who advanced to state; second place Medical Law & Ethics Amy Hoang, who advanced to state; fifth place Medical Law & Ethics Mary Pha; fifth place Medical Math Lewis Le; second place Behavioral Health Danyal Rizvi who advanced to state; third place Behavioral Health Tina Pham who advanced to state; seventh place Behavioral Health Corey Britton; 13th place Medical Spelling Tasmeha Kazi, who advanced to area for second round; second place Officer Exam Henry Nguyen advanced to area for Credentialing; fourth place Officer Exam Amy Ngo advanced to area for Credentialing; fifth place Pathophysiology Leyna Pham; and top 10 percent Health Care Issues Exam Henry Nguyen advanced to state. Shown top left are, left to right, HOSA Bowl team Thuyen Vu, Kennedy Ho and Ashley Nguyen. Shown top right is, CPR/First Aid team member Elna Nguyen. Her team partner Eloy Sanchez is not shown.

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### February school prayer walk postponed

The prayer walk hosted by School Prayer Walks USA originally scheduled Feb. 15 at Pearl Hall Elementary will be postponed. A new date has not yet been scheduled. Check the *South Belt Leader* for a notice of the next school prayer walk. For more information, call 281-484-0901.

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## Stuchbery Elementary celebrates Lunar New Year



On Monday, Jan. 27, Stuchbery Elementary celebrated Lunar New Year by having students and teachers dress in traditional Vietnamese clothing to greet and welcome other students, parents and faculty into school and wish them "Chuc Mung Nam Moi." Students also enjoyed books, songs and art about the history of Lunar New Year. Shown left are, left to right, (front row) Julie Lam, Thu Nguyen, Denise Duong, Kenton Nguyen, Allison Hua, Minh Luong, Khloe Huynh, Christy Dinh, (back row) Ngan Nguyen, Cheryl Fox, Anna Pham, Lehang Nguyen and Jessica Tran. Shown below are, left to right, (front row) Lehang Nguyen, Denise Duong, Allison Hua, Thu Nguyen, Minh Luong, Julie Lam, Austin Nguyen, Peter Vo, Kenton Nguyen, Khloe Huynh, Anna Pham, Jennifer Cai, Christy Dinh, school principal Joey Hernandez, (back row) Kevin Vo, Chi Li, Ronaldo Le, Ashley Ly, Tammy Tran, Sophie Nguyen, Angel Vo, Vivian Cai, Khanh Huynh, Ngan Nguyen and Jessica Tran.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## SBHLL accepting Jrs./Srs.

Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials are still hosting registration for junior/senior division players (ages 13 to 16) through Feb. 15. The registration fee is \$200 per player. Those wishing to play this season may complete the process online at <http://sbhll.activeports.com/Register>. There will also be separate in-person sign-up dates Feb. 14 and Feb. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tryouts will then follow Feb. 15 thereafter the registration session is complete.

## Dobie girls secure postseason berth, while boys get closer

Playoff berths are being secured at a quick pace, and the Dobie varsity girls' team is the holder of one of those precious commodities.

Blanking Rayburn 18-0 in the opening quarter, Dobie went on to crush the host Lady Texans 71-26 Feb. 4, clinching a playoff berth for the fourth overall season.

Head coach Jasmine Hartman and her Lady Longhorns are two-for-two since Hartman took over the program before the 2017-2018 season.

The win over Rayburn has the Lady Longhorns at 21-10 overall, including 10-4 in District 22-6A play, which is good for third place at present.

Humble is one game back at 9-5, while Atascocita and Summer Creek have secured the top two seeds.

Dobie has a home game against South Houston Feb. 7 before ending the regular season at Memorial Feb. 11.

Things could change, but if the playoffs began now, the Lady Longhorns would face either North Shore or Beaumont United in the bidistrict round of the playoffs. Those two teams are currently tied for first-place in District 21-6A with identical 11-1 marks.

But the key for the Dobie girls is to keep winning

and to go into the postseason with momentum.

**JFD boys near berth**  
The Dobie boys' team is also looking very good in the quest for the postseason.

An 18-9 fourth-quarter run helped greatly as the Dobie varsity boys team inched ever-so-close to a playoff berth with a 56-44 victory over Sam Rayburn Feb. 4 at Dobie.

The Longhorns, now 9-5 in league play and sitting fourth in the standings, have games against South Houston and Memorial — the winners of a combined six district games — before finishing against District 22-6A co-leader Summer Creek.

Humble, which is fifth at 6-6, still has remaining games against Kingwood and Atascocita among its

four, so Dobie could also get a little help there.

Against Rayburn, senior standout Marquice Scott led the way with 14 points and Jalen Lendsey fired in 12 as the Longhorns stayed in the mix for a playoff berth.

Cameron Guy and Siron Ward added seven points each, and Jaylon Jackson added eight rebounds.

With the win, the Longhorns were able to get back on track after a 66-35 loss to Atascocita Jan. 31.

In that, Scott cracked double figures with 10 points but the Longhorns shot just 25 percent from the field.

If the playoffs began today, the Longhorns would qualify as 22-6A's No. 4 seed and would go against state-ranked North Shore.

But the locals are just one back behind Kingwood for the No. 3 seed and could move up. At the moment, Atascocita and Summer Creek, both 11-1, could be headed for a tie. **Continued on Page 6B**

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## Clear Brook football welcomes Towels III

The Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the recommendation to name John Towels III as the new boys' athletic coordinator and head football coach at Clear Brook High School during their regular meeting January 20.

Towels joins the Wolverines with more than 20 years of teaching and coaching experience.

He previously served as the defensive coordinator at Duncanville High School in Duncanville ISD, where he helped guide the Panthers to two consecutive 6A Division I state championship games.

"Although I have been coaching for 20+ years, the last four years have been an eye-opening experience," said Towels.

"Playing in a state

championship game is a blessing, but the work, the dedication, and the sacrifice needed to get there is strenuous. I look forward to emphasizing hard work and development at Brook while creating a system of success."

Just days ago, Towels learned Clear Brook won't see much change after the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment, announced Feb. 3.

Brook will vie against the remainder of Clear Creek ISD as well as Brazoswood and Dickinson in District 24-6A action.

For more information about the UIL's realignment, including a full look at the District 22-6A and District 24-6A lineups in addition to the Clear Brook and Dobie's 2020 and 2021 schedules, see Page 3B.



## Youth leagues are victims of mower theft

South Belt Girls Softball Association and Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League officials are seeking the community's help in determining just who stole the SBGSA's riding lawn mower and weed eater as well as the SBHLL's junior/senior division riding lawn mower just weeks from the start

of the 2020 regular season for both organizations.

Officials have contacted the Harris County Sheriff's Department, which patrols El Franco Lee Park, for help in finding video or other evidence that could help determine a description of the person(s) or vehicle used in the thefts, which is

believed to have occurred on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 2).

According to SBGSA player agent Adriana Estrada, field director Rob Ramirez went to the league facility at El Franco Lee Park on the morning of Feb. 3 to mow some of the fields and perform general field maintenance

when he discovered the theft.

Estrada told the Leader she had retrieved some paperwork from the league's concession stand at around 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, and noticing nothing out of the ordinary. The park normally closes at 10 p.m. If fields are not in use, often time, Estrada said,

lights are turned off earlier. The exact time frame of the thefts, however, is unknown.

She added the stolen lawn mower is the only one the league possesses, and with teams already **Continued on Page 2B**

### District 22-6A Basketball

**Dobie girls host S. Houston**  
Friday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Dobie High School

**Dobie boys at S. Houston**  
Friday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m., S. Houston High School

**Dobie girls at Memorial**  
Tuesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., Memorial High School

**Dobie boys host Memorial**  
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### District 24-6A Basketball

**Brook girls at Alvin**  
Friday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Alvin High School

**Brook boys host Alvin**  
Friday, Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Clear Brook High School

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## Dobie softball prepares for 2020

One of the final eight programs remaining in Region III a season ago as a regional quarterfinalist, the Dobie softball program has already begun preparation for what could very well be another outstanding season.

Series wins over North Shore and Clear Springs got the Lady Longhorns to that third playoff round in 2019. Now, despite the task of rebuilding the middle infield at shortstop and

second base, head coach Robin Rackley welcomes back perhaps as much varsity playing experience as any other program in the 22-6A ranks.

The regular season begins Monday, Feb. 17 as the Lady Longhorns face Clear Brook in the regular season opener for the second straight season. In 2019, Dobie topped Clear Brook 7-2.

Dobie still has plenty of scrimmage action

in addition to an alumni game coming prior to the opener. On Feb. 7, Dobie's varsity team will travel to Manvel to take on Friendswood and host Manvel.

The preseason continues Saturday, Feb. 8, at Lady Longhorn Field on campus with a 10 a.m. alumni game planned.

Any former players are invited to dust off their cleats for the action. Those planning to play may contact head coach Robin Rackley at [rackley@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:rackley@pasadenaisd.org).

Clear Creek will visit the Pasadena ISD Complex Feb. 12 to take on Dobie, and the Lady Longhorns will then host a six-team scrimmage Feb. 15 at Dobie High School and El Franco Lee Park.

That multi-team scrimmage begins at 9 a.m. as Friendswood, Manvel, Cy-Lakes, Clear Springs and Clear Falls will also be involved.

## Delgado honors Bryant



Dobie senior team tennis captain Sebastian Delgado paid tribute to his favorite all-time professional basketball star Kobe Bryant as he recreated Bryant's iconic photo following the Los Angeles Lakers winning a fourth NBA championship. In this case, Delgado clutched Dobie's 2020 Lamar University/Ron Wesbrooks Invitational championships trophy the team won Feb. 2 at Lamar University. See more about Dobie's team win and the upcoming Pasadena ISD Franklin/Kramer Invitational on Page 2B.

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# San Jac dominant in openers

Playing the role of unruly visitors, the San Jacinto College baseball team put together a dominant performance at the Baton Rouge Community College Invitational to open the 2020 JUCO season Jan. 31 through Feb. 3.

Despite losing Jackson Rutledge to the MLB ranks last season, the Gators again have built a tremendous pitching staff for 2020, and it was on display during the opening

weekend. Sophomore Mitchell Parker, an All-American as a freshman in 2019, struck out 11 over four innings in the season opener against Panola as the Gators went on to win 14-1.

Panola freshman Trhea Morse, a 2019 Lutheran South Academy graduate, took the loss for the Ponies on the mound.

San Jac got three hits from leadoff hitter Mason Lytle, and Hunter Townsend tripled for the

locals. Antonio Valdez and Alan Shibley had two hits each for the winners.

Also for Panola, 2018 Clear Brook High School graduate Gavin Machado walked and scored a run as the Ponies' starting catcher.

In the first of three games to close out the tournament against Baton Rouge, the Gators won 19-8 as Lytle had a pair of hits and scored four runs.

Valdez had three hits and drove in five runs, in-

cluding doubling and tripling.

Shibley went 3 for 4 and drove in three runs, and Cole Turney doubled twice for SJC.

The Gators' winning pitcher was Bryant Salgado, who fanned nine in 3 1/3 innings.

Next came an 8-3 win for San Jacinto over Baton Rouge. Townsend was 2 for 4 with two runs batted in, and Chezzare Gonzalez was solid in relief.

The Gators' Luke Lit-

tle, ranked as the No. 2 JUCO eligible prospect in the country, got the win on the mound after four innings of work for the lefty as the starter.

In the final game of the weekend for SJC, the locals rolled 21-2 over a depleted pitching staff for Baton Rouge.

Lytle and Blaine Robinson drove in four runs each, and Brandon Birdsell pitched four innings for the win as SJC started the season 4-0.



Charlize Beniquez (center) of Clear Lake High School won the Region VI varsity girls' diving crown, with Clear Brook's Gabby Smith (right) second and Clear Falls' Alyssa Catiglione third as Clear Creek ISD swept the top-three medalists' spots Jan. 30 at the Pearland Recreation Center to advance to the Class 6A State Championships at the University of Texas in Austin Feb. 14-15.

## JFD's Perez takes third at CCGC

At right, Dobie senior golfer Alexis Perez fired a single-round 81 to take third place as the Longhorns hosted their own spring tournament Feb. 4 at Clear Creek Golf Club. Perez was a regional qualifier a season ago as the lone Pasadena ISD linkster to reach that level. Now in her final high school season Perez, a Kutztown University signee, appears well on her way to being a top contender at the District 22-6A Championships coming in the latter part of March.



## Coyote softball wins 3; freshman Thomas solid

Freshman Kailee Thomas handed the bulk of the pitching load as San Jacinto College won three of five games to open 2020 at the Chipola Invitational in Youngsville, La.

Tamera McKnight paced the offense in an 8-4 victory over Odesa as the Coyotes got a complete game from Thomas. Overall, she allowed one earned run and struck out six in the

win. Morgan Childs was 2 for 3 with two runs driven in and two runs scored.

Ashley Ramber had two hits, scored a run and drove in another. Audrey Garcia also had a pair of hits.

In an 8-0 win over Snead State, Childs had two more hits and drove in a pair of runs, and Lexi Saenz tripled. Garcia, who hit .714 in the tournament, had two hits.

Thomas earned another

pitching win after she went five innings, allowing one hit with three strikeouts.

Lake Land put a 14-3 loss on San Jac, and the locals battled back from an 8-5 deficit only to fall 8-7 to returning national champion Chipola.

In its final game, San Jac topped Iowa Western 10-5 as Thomas got her third win. Childs went 3 for 5 with four runs batted in.

## Dobie tennis wins Wesbrooks crown

Dobie's mixed doubles teams came away with round robin victories to lead the Longhorns to a third straight championship at the Lamar University/Ron Wesbrooks Invitational in Beaumont as the spring season continued.

Kristy Morales teamed with Quan Dinh for a dominant win in the mixed doubles A bracket, while Thailony Kam Trevino joined Lael Martinez for the victory in the mixed doubles B battle.

Dobie played fairly solid in several of the other brackets as the Longhorns held off Beaumont West Brook and Nederland for the team crown. Wesbrooks, the longtime Lamar University tennis coach, who once had Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. under his guidance, was on hand as usual to present the victors' trophy.

"I know the kids were real excited to win, particularly with coach Wesbrooks presenting the award," Moreno said. "This is always our favorite event of the spring, and I was very proud of the kids for playing so well."

Top boys' player Sebastian Delgado faced a tough draw in A singles and fell out early, while Brian Nguyen made the semifinals in boys' B singles.

In girls' A singles, Dobie's Julia Bui advanced to the finals before losing to Nederland's Megan Dao as Dao avenged an earlier loss to Bui this spring.

The boys' A doubles duo of Kyle Redmon and Tristan Pedraza reached the semifinals, and Jennifer Ho teamed with Megan Rodriguez to make it to the semifinals in girls' A doubles. As for the girls' B doubles, Gisell Morales and Erica Hay scored a big victory in girls' B doubles.

Next up, Dobie hosts the Franklin/Kramer Invitational Feb. 7-8, although the Dobie High School courts are being resurfaced and repainted and will not be ready for play just yet. Instead, Dobie will play its opening matches at Dawson High School.

## Brook's Smith reaches state diving

What a memory to have created for her senior year!

Clear Brook High School diver Gabby Smith kept her season alive Jan. 30 at the Region VI Diving Championships in Pearland, capturing second place to grab an automatic state berth.

Clear Creek ISD actually ran the table at regionals, seizing each of the state berths.

Clear Lake's Charlize Beniquez was the RXI gold medalist, with Smith

taking home silver. Clear Falls' Alyssa Catiglione was the bronze medalist.

Now, all three are headed to the University of Texas at Austin Feb. 14-15 for the UIL State Championships.

Sven Schultz, former longtime Clear Brook aquatics coach who later became an assistant principal at both Brook and Clear Springs, is retired and leading the Bay Area Stars Diving Team.

Having guided Smith over her short two-year

career, Schultz promises little in the way of state results but is excited to see what Smith can do in her final meet.

"You're going to see the best of the best at state, including some national champions," Schultz said.

"Obviously, we were very proud for Gabby at regionals. She performed to her capabilities and even exceeded them at times in the meet. In high school, there are 11 dives versus five for the Olym-

pics, so you really have to stay focused for a long time over the course of a single day."

The state berth was vindication was Smith, who took fourth at district as a junior and therefore missed out on advancing.

"The big picture is to go have fun and enjoy the experience and let the results play out," Schultz said.

"It's a great time for all the qualifiers, being able to compete at the University of Texas."



The Dobie No. 1 junior varsity team won first-place honors at the fourth annual "Having a Wilson Blast!" Tennis Tournament hosted by Dobie High School. The Longhorns were a perfect 5-0 in round-robin play, beating Galveston Ball, Dickinson, Dobie No. 2, Santa Fe and Texas City. Team members, from left to right, are William Ho, Charles Sanchez, Ashley Huynh, Dominic Ortiz, Tiffany Tran, Son Truong, Linh Phan, Natalie Vo, Crystal Mejia, Nhi Dinh and Melanie Vo.

## Southbelt Dolphins welcome new players, etc.

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League continue to host new player/drill team, cheer/mascot registration Saturday, Feb. 8 and Feb. 22, at Blackhawk Park.

Both registration sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Dolphins are one of the long-standing members of the Bay Area Football League. The preseason and practices will get

started in July.

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

## Thieves strike SBGSA, SBHLL

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practicing in preparation for the start of the Feb. 24 opening day festivities, field maintenance could fall behind.

The same goes for

SBHLL, which has reported its own mower theft. South Belt Youth Soccer Association president Alex Dokhani told the *Leader* the league's field equipment storage

was vandalized as well, but nothing appears to be missing at this time. However, the damage has been done elsewhere.

Anyone with information about the thefts is

asked to call the Harris County Sheriff's Department at 713-741-8243.

To offer assistance to the leagues with field maintenance, etc., call Estrada at 832-891-3579.

## JFD nines open 2020



Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres is set to lead his Longhorn program into the 2020 season as scrimmages get underway beginning Saturday, Feb. 8, with the locals traveling to Alvin to face the Yellowjackets at 11 a.m. Dobie will have another scrimmage at Baytown Sterling Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. before hosting home scrimmages against Clear Lake (Feb. 17 at 3:30 p.m.) and Clear Brook (Feb. 21 at 3 p.m.). Once again for 2020, the Longhorns' varsity team will start the regular season at the Border Olympics in Laredo Feb. 27-29.

Photo by John Bechtle

## Dobie High School Varsity Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 8	at Alvin scrimm.	11 a.m.
Feb. 14	at Baytown Sterling scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 17	Clear Lake scrimm. (Dobie)	4 p.m.
Feb. 21	Clear Brook scrimm. (Dobie)	3:30 p.m.
Feb. 27-29	at Laredo Border Olympics	TBA
March 5-7	Pasadena ISD Invitational	TBA
March 9	Clear Brook	4 p.m.
March 12-14	at Goose Creek ISD tourn.	TBA
March 20	*at Summer Creek	7 p.m.
March 24	*Summer Creek	4 p.m.
March 27	*Pasadena	4 p.m.
March 28	*at Pasadena (Maguire)	2 p.m.
March 31	*at Humble	7 p.m.
April 3	*Humble	4 p.m.
April 4	*Kingwood	1 p.m.
April 7	*at Kingwood	7 p.m.
April 9	*at Atascocita	7 p.m.
April 14	*Atascocita	4 p.m.
April 17	*Rayburn	4 p.m.
April 18	*at Rayburn (Maguire)	2 p.m.
April 21	*at South Houston	4 p.m.
April 24	*South Houston	4 p.m.
April 28	*Memorial	4 p.m.
May 1	*at Memorial	4 p.m.

\* Denotes District 22-6A games

At right, Dobie made it a three-peat at the 7th annual Lamar University Ron Wesbrooks High School Invitational in Beaumont, beating out Beaumont West Brook and Nederland for the title. Several individual honors were won, as well, including firsts in the girls' "A" doubles (Erica Hay/Gisell Morales), and "A" and "B" mixed doubles (Kristy Morales/Quan Dinh and Thailony Kam Trevino/Lael Martinez); seconds in the girl's "A" singles (Julia Bui), boys' "B" singles (Brian Nguyen); and girls' "A" doubles consolation (Tiffany Tran/Natalie Vo). Hoisting the winners' traveling White Division trophy are, from left to right, (front row) Lael Martinez and Brian Nguyen, and (back row) Thailony Kam Trevino, Erica Hay, Gisell Morales, Kristy Morales, Quan Dinh, Julia Bui, Natalie Vo and Tiffany Tran. Other winning team members were Jocelyn Salazar, Jennifer Ho, Megan Rodriguez, Sebastian Delgado, Tristan Pedraza, Kyle Redmon, Kiet Nguyen and Dylan Ta.



# Sports Calendar

# UIL delivers biennial realignment plan statewide

## BASKETBALL Friday, Feb. 7

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

## Tuesday, Feb. 11

Dobie varsity boys hosts Memorial, 7:00  
 Brook varsity boys at Clear Lake, 7:00  
 Dobie varsity girls at Memorial, 7:00  
 Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 7:00  
 Brook JV boys at Clear Lake, 5:30  
 Brook JV girls host Clear Lake, 5:30  
 Dobie JV girls at Memorial, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys hosts Memorial, 5:30  
 Dobie sophomore boys hosts Memorial, 5:30  
 Brook sophomore boys at Clear Lake, 5:30  
 Dobie freshman A boys hosts Memorial, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A girls host Clear Lake, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A boys at Clear Lake, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman A girls at Memorial, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys hosts Memorial, 4:00

## Friday, Feb. 14

Dobie varsity boys host Summer Creek, 7:00  
 Brook varsity boys at Clear Creek, 7:00  
 Brook JV boys at Clear Creek, 5:30  
 Dobie JV boys host Summer Creek, 5:30  
 Brook sophomore boys at Clear Creek, 5:30  
 Dobie sophomore boys host Summer Creek, 5:30  
 Brook freshman A boys host Summer Creek, 4:00  
 Brook freshman A boys at Clear Creek, 4:00  
 Dobie freshman B boys host Summer Creek, 4:00

## SOCCKER Friday, Feb. 7

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

## Saturday, Feb. 8

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

## TENNIS Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8

Dobie varsity hosts Franklin/Kramer, Dawson, TBA

## SOFTBALL Friday, Feb. 7

Dobie varsity at Friendswood scrimm., TBA  
 Dobie JV Orange at Manvel scrimm., TBA

## Saturday, Feb. 8

Dobie softball hosts Alumni game, Dobie, 10 a.m.

## Wednesday, Feb. 12

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

## Saturday, Feb. 15

Dobie varsity hosts 5-team scrimm., El Franco, 9 a.m.

## Monday, Feb. 17

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

## TRACK AND FIELD Friday, Feb. 7

Brook varsity boys/girls host Wolverine Relays, TBA

Two school years after pitting the Pasadena ISD ranks with one of the most competitive school districts in the Region III ranks, the University Interscholastic League has eased the stress on the locals a bit.

The UIL, the official governing body of extracurricular activities in Texas, released its biennial realignment decision for all classes Feb. 3.

There were some notable changes, as always.

Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year and continuing through 2021-2022, Pasadena ISD will be joined in District 22-6A with Channelview

and Deer Park, comprising only a seven-team lineup for most team sports.

The Humble schools, meanwhile, will now join Beaumont West Brook, North Shore and C.E. King to form 21-6A, which should become the most competitive district in the Region III ranks.

As expected, there was little change involving the Clear Creek ISD schools, which will remain in District 24-6A with Brazoswood and Dickinson.

Alvin, previously a member of 24-6A, also took a bit of a hit, joining Pearland and Dawson of Pearlland ISD and three Alief ISD schools, not

to mention Strake Jesuit and Alvin ISD's Shadow Creek, one of the state's most competitive programs over the past two years.

One realignment detail worth noting came in Class 5A, where La Porte now resides.

The folks at La Porte surely were looking forward to a drop in classification but could not have expected the travel the Bulldogs will now endure.

For that matter, there has to be some head shaking going on in Friendswood.

Beginning next school year, La Porte will be matched in District 9-5A

with the three Goose Creek ISD schools (Baytown Lee, Baytown Sterling and Goose Creek Memorial), Beaumont United, Friendswood, Galveston Ball and Port Arthur Memorial.

**District title anyone?** There will always be a few holdouts, but there can't be many Pasadena ISD enthusiasts who aren't thrilled with the UIL's moves.

Since its arrival last school year and already into this one, Humble ISD has proven its dominance in the 22-6A major team sports.

Kingwood is the two-time defending league champion in volleyball,

and the Mustangs' baseball team currently holds the 22-6A crown. Kingwood is also the two-time team tennis champion.

Atascocita bagged 22-6A titles in girls' basketball and football, and Summer Creek was tops in boys' basketball and softball.

And Humble ISD programs are well on their way to boys' and girls' basketball crowns.

There simply hasn't been much room for Pasadena ISD.

Perhaps that will change in the near future. Make no mistake, longtime Pasadena ISD rival Deer Park is still Deer Park, and Channelview has made noise in several of the team sports of late.

But there's much to suggest that a big door has swung open where it relates to PISD. Coaches nor players shy away from competition, but Pasadena ISD has had its share.

Dobie hasn't won a district title in football since 2010. Will that drought end?

The one possible drawback? Districts 21 and 22 will meet in the first round of the playoffs, otherwise

known as the "bidistrict" round.

In the sport of football, Dobie is assured of being a Division I playoff representative regardless of 22-6A finish.

In 21-6A, North Shore and Atascocita are the largest schools, meaning if both qualify for the football playoffs, one or the other would face Dobie in that first round.

**JFD sets FB sked** Dobie varsity football coach Kevin Berneathy moved quickly following the realignment announcement to set the program's opponents for the next two seasons.

Specific dates, locations and times will be determined, but the Longhorns will scrimmage against Clear Springs in August and will open the 2020 regular season against Alief Elsik, followed by Bellaire, Friendswood and Dickinson.

The Longhorns will take on Channelview, Pasadena, Deer Park, Memorial, Rayburn and South Houston, in that order, in District 22-6A action.

**24-6A sees little change** In 24-6A, Brazoswood has replaced Alvin moving forward. That's it, folks.

Where might the biggest changes be seen? Brazoswood is notoriously very competitive in girls' soccer, softball and baseball. Elsewhere, Clear Creek ISD should control things.

### 21-6A Athletics Alignment 2020-2021 through 2021-2022

- Channelview
- Deer Park
- Dobie
- Memorial
- Pasadena
- Rayburn
- South Houston

### 24-6A Athletics Alignment 2020-2021 through 2021-2022

- Brazoswood
- Clear Brook
- Clear Creek
- Clear Falls
- Clear Lake
- Clear Springs
- Dickinson

## Darren Lajaunie scholarship tennis plans ongoing; Dobie, HTTC youth players to benefit via funding

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

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

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

Darren Lajaunie began his tennis career playing tennis at Dobie High

School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. Members of the Dobie tennis team will be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament in his honor.

Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011. This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor his memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

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

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

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

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

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

Donations may now be made via the web-

site with a credit card or one may mail a check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX 77059, or contact Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson at cjlajau nie@gmail.com with any questions.

The Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is now

a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

Volunteers are still accepting tennis racket donations. Call 281-480-6933 to make a donation or to learn added details.

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

### Dobie High School

#### Varsity Softball

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 7	at Manvel/FRWD scrimm.	TBA
Feb. 8	Alumni Game (Dobie)	10 a.m.
Feb. 12	Clear Creek scrimm. (PISD)	6 p.m.
Feb. 15	5-Team scrimm. (Dobie)	9 a.m.
Feb. 17	Clear Brook (PISD)	6 p.m.
Feb. 20-22	College Station tourn.	TBA
Feb. 25	*at Summer Creek	6 p.m.
Feb. 27-29	Pearland tourn. (Dobie)	TBA
March 3	*Pasadena (Dobie)	4 p.m.
March 6	*at Humble	6 p.m.
March 7	*Kingwood (PISD)	1 p.m.
March 9	*at Atascocita	12:30 p.m.
March 17	*Rayburn (PISD)	6 p.m.
March 20	*South Houston (PISD)	6 p.m.
March 24	*Memorial (PISD)	6 p.m.
March 27	*Dickinson (PISD)	6 p.m.
March 31	*Summer Creek (PISD)	6 p.m.
April 3	*Pasadena (PISD)	6 p.m.
April 7	*Humble (PISD)	6 p.m.
April 9	*at Kingwood	6 p.m.
April 14	*Atascocita	6 p.m.
April 17	*Rayburn	6 p.m.
April 21	*South Houston (PISD)	6 p.m.
April 24	*Memorial (PISD)	6 p.m.

\* Denotes District 22-6A games

### Brook High School

#### Varsity Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb. 10	at La Porte scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 14	Pas. Memorial scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Santa Fe scrimm.	4 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Dobie scrimm.	3 p.m.
Feb. 24	Pas. Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 27-29	at La Porte tourn.	TBA
March 3	at St. Thomas	6 p.m.
March 5-7	Clear Creek ISD tourn.	TBA
March 9	at Dobie	4 p.m.
March 12-14	at Alvin tourn.	TBA
March 17	*Clear Creek	6 p.m.
March 20	*at Clear Creek	6 p.m.
March 24	*at Clear Falls	6 p.m.
March 27	*Clear Falls	6 p.m.
March 31	*at Clear Springs	6 p.m.
April 3	*Clear Springs	6 p.m.
April 7	at Barbers Hill	6 p.m.
April 9	Barbers Hill	6 p.m.
April 14	*at Dickinson	6 p.m.
April 17	*Dickinson	6 p.m.
April 21	*at Alvin	6 p.m.
April 24	*Alvin	6 p.m.
April 28	*at Clear Lake	6 p.m.
May 1	*Clear Lake	6 p.m.

\* Denotes District 24-6A games

### Dobie Football 2020-2021

- Week 1: Alief Elsik
  - Week 2: Bellaire
  - Week 3: Friendswood
  - Weeks 4: Dickinson
  - District 22-6A Play
  - Week 5: Channelview
  - Week 6: Open
  - Week 7: Pasadena
  - Week 8: Deer Park
  - Week 9: Memorial
  - Week 10: Rayburn
  - Week 11: South Houston
- Note: The exacts dates and locations of all games will be determined at a later date.*

### Brook Football 2020-2021

- Week 1: at Texas City
  - Week 2: at Friendswood
  - Week 3: La Porte
  - Weeks 4: Fulshear
  - District 24-6A Play
  - Week 5: at Clear Lake
  - Week 6: Clear Falls
  - Week 7: at Clear Creek
  - Week 8: Brazoswood
  - Week 9: at Dickinson
  - Week 10: Open
  - Week 11: Clear Springs
- Note: The exacts dates and times of all games will be determined at a later date.*

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

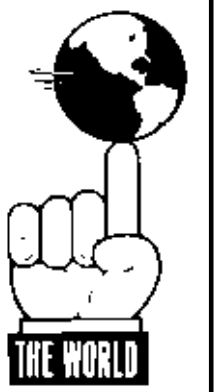
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 7:30 a.m.  
**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Allendale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For additional information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascitizensbank.com.  
**Fun Bunch** - for senior citizens, ages 55 and older, meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call Ronn Canon at 281-610-8999 or the chamber at 281-481-5516.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday,

Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com.  
**Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - "Breakfast with Bill," Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for additional information, or drop in.  
**Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.  
**Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details.  
**Mended Hearts Cardiac Support Group** - A national organization dedicated to inspiring hope in heart patients and families meets the second Monday at the Clear Lake Heart Towers auditorium, 495 Medical Center Blvd., Webster. A free meal begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a speaker. For information, call 281-538-4648.  
**Toastmasters** - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/.  
**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.  
**Sagamont Civic Club** - Meetings are held the second Monday, Sagamont Park Recreation Center, 11507 Hughes Rd.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting Mondays, 7:30 p.m. in the education bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
**AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in.  
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9:30 a.m.  
**CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.  
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**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. 10:30 a.m.

**Tri-County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Susan Hooper at 832-723-7671. Noon

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

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**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #1530 meets at the Sagemont Park Community Center, 11507 Hughes Rd., 1:30 p.m. For information, call Jeanette Sumrall at 713-946-3713. 2 p.m.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at [dr.glandorf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dr.glandorf@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

**Young at Heart Senior Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details. 10 a.m.

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

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**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Alledale's Kitchen & Cocktails, 5010 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email [nalix@texascitizensbank.com](mailto:nalix@texascitizensbank.com). 9:30 a.m.

**NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. For details, call 281-910-1971 or visit [aglownet.org](http://aglownet.org). 10 a.m.

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**ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - American Business Women's Association-South meets the second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speaker. Women of all ages/occupations invited. Bring business cards. Reservations appreciated. Visit [www.seen-abwa.org](http://www.seen-abwa.org). Noon

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**Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets monthly on the second Thursday (except June, July and December) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email [pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com](mailto:pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/PARCTX](http://www.facebook.com/PARCTX). 7 p.m.

**Congregation Shaar Hashalom's** - Rabbi Stuart Federow hosts free discussions on Judaism and religion in general, open to the public at Sawa Restaurant and Grill, 16608 El Camino Real. This is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. For details, contact the office at 281-488-5861 or at [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org). **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM-518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

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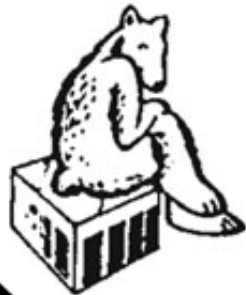
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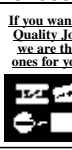
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# Wolverine boys stay in hunt; girls miss out

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 if form holds true down the stretch.  
 Meanwhile, the Clear Brook Wolverines are trying to hold steady in the 24-6A varsity boys' race, with upcoming games against Clear Lake and Clear Creek likely to determine the team's eventual finish.

Defending district champion and current frontrunner Dickinson improved to 9-0 Feb. 4 at home, cruising past the Wolverines 81-63 as University of Houston commit Tramon Mark led the way with 33 points.  
 With the loss, the Wolverines dropped to 4-4 in league play with four

games remaining. Brook is still very much in the mix for a postseason berth but would like to surpass Clear Lake and Clear Creek for as good as second place.  
 Both of those squads are 5-3 to this point with the Falcons also owning a first-half win over the Wolverines. Brook is a

half game up on Clear Falls, which just has three games remaining but five losses.  
 The Wolverines have now won 22 overall games this season, but getting to the playoffs after missing out a season ago remains the primary goal.  
 Sophomore Ke'Mauri Millender continues to

lead the Wolverines in scoring this season, with senior Brandon Andrews next up.  
 After facing winless Alvin Feb. 7, the Wolverines will go against Clear Lake and will get Clear Creek down the line. That's when the race will all play out.  
 Clear Brook's girls were officially eliminated from contention following a 61-32 loss to Dickinson, which will secure the likely No. 4 seed in District 24-6A.  
 Clear Springs has locked up the championship at 10-0, with Clear Creek and Clear Falls in.

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

(As of Feb. 5)

Teams	W	L
Summer Creek	11	1
Atascocita	11	1
Kingwood	9	4
Dobie	8	5
Humble	6	6
Memorial	4	8
Rayburn	3	9
South Houston	2	10
Pasadena	1	11

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

(As of Feb. 5)

Teams	W	L
Summer Creek	13	1
Atascocita	12	1
Dobie	10	4
Humble	9	5
Kingwood	5	7
Memorial	5	9
Rayburn	3	11
Pasadena	2	11
South Houston	2	11

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

(As of Feb. 5)

Teams	W	L
Dickinson	9	0
Clear Lake	5	3
Clear Creek	5	3
Clear Brook	4	4
Clear Falls	4	5
Clear Springs	3	6
Alvin	0	9

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

(As of Feb. 5)

Teams	W	L
Clear Springs	10	0
Clear Creek	8	2
Clear Falls	8	3
Dickinson	4	7
Clear Lake	2	8
Clear Brook	2	8
Alvin	2	8

## Cowboys, Cowgirls still seek members

The Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls of the Bay Area Football League still have openings for football players as well as cheerleader, drill team and mascot availabilities.  
 The Cowboys still have spots for peewee (ages 5 and 6) as well as junior division (age 10) players.  
 Eligible drill team and cheer members may be between the ages of 8 to 13, and mascots must be age 7.  
 For more football news, call team athletic director Denny Wranich Jr. at 713-876-1491. Drill, cheer and mascot questions may be directed to Jemyre Felton at 832-309-7133.

### Dobie boys vs. Rayburn

Fri., Feb. 7  
 Veterans, 5:30 p.m.

### Dobie girls vs. Rayburn

Sat., Feb. 8  
 Veterans, noon

At right, Dobie freshman midfielder Daniel Blanco (21) had an assist as the Longhorns defeated Atascocita 2-1 Feb. 4 at Veterans Stadium, giving the locals four wins in five matches with one tie, which came via a 2-2 outcome Jan. 31 at Kingwood. With upcoming games coming against Sam Rayburn and South Houston, the Longhorns have a chance to collect additional points heading into a battle with second-place Memorial coming mid-month. The Longhorns are 7-1-4 overall this season.  
 Photo by John Bechtle

## 22-6A Girls' Soccer Standings

As of Feb. 5

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Atascocita	5	0	0	15
Kingwood	4	1	0	12
Summer Creek	3	1	1	10
Memorial	3	2	1	10
Dobie	2	3	0	6
Pasadena	2	3	0	6
Rayburn	0	4	0	0
Humble	0	4	0	0
S. Houston	0	4	0	0

## 22-6A Boys' Soccer Standings

As of Feb. 5

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	4	0	1	13
Memorial	4	1	0	12
Humble	4	1	0	12
Kingwood	2	1	2	8
Atascocita	2	2	0	6
Pasadena	1	2	0	3
S. Houston	1	4	0	3
Rayburn	0	3	1	1
Summer Creek	0	4	0	0



## Dobie boys' soccer seizes top spot; now 4-0-1

Another exceptionally competitive boys' soccer race is playing out in District 22-6A as defending champion Dobie has been busy fending off plenty of challenges.  
 Through five games, the Longhorns have remained relatively unscathed. Eli Donaho and Jean Arreguin scored goals, both on assists by Jonathan Mendez as the Longhorns held off Atascocita for a 2-1 win Feb. 4 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.  
 With the win, Dobie (4-0-1) has jumped to the top of the district with 13 points, but Memorial, Humble and Kingwood all remain close in the mix.  
 Speaking of Kingwood, Dobie's lone tie in league play came Jan. 30 as the Longhorns and Mustangs played to a 2-2 draw.  
 In that one, Anthony Nery and Oscar Medrano put in goals for the Longhorns, with Daniel Blanco and Mendez assisting.  
 Dobie sophomore Eris Acosta has continued to play well for his team in goal.  
 Meanwhile, the Dobie girls are looking to get back on track after losses to Kingwood and Atascoc-

ita (7-0) in recent games.  
 The Lady Longhorns are now 2-3 in league play and in need of some wins to get closer to the front-runners. Of note, though, is that the Lady Longhorns appear to have played through the tough part of the first half schedule.  
 The difference? Atascocita and Kingwood are proven regional contenders, and Summer Creek has been one of the highest-scoring teams in the region to this point in the season.  
 With games coming against Rayburn and South Houston, the Dobie girls are intent on getting things going in the right direction again.

## Texas Tech, Whaley to begin 2020 softball run

At right, Class of 2018 Dobie High School graduate and District 22-6A varsity softball Most Valuable Player Yvonne Whaley is among an exceptionally talented outfield group ready to start the season for Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Winding up 42-16 a season ago, the Red Raiders are in the nation's top 25 in four different polls to start 2020. As for Whaley, she is looking to take another step forward after she started 33 games and made 43 total appearances as a freshman. She was also an Academic Big 12 Rookie Team member. Texas Tech begins the 2020 campaign Feb. 7-9 in New Orleans at the Big Easy Classic.



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