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DQ to offer free cones

On Thursday, March 19, residents may celebrate the first day of spring by getting a free small cone from participating Texas Dairy Queen stores, including the location at 12930 Scarsdale. At press time, it was unclear what other local stores were participating.

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. 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, March 20. 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, March 20. At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 from Vista to SH 225 will be closed daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. through Thursday, April 2. At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 from Vista to SH 225 will be closed nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, April 2. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Knights to hold fish fries

Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fundraising fish fry dinner for Fridays in Lent on March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu includes breaded catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea or lemonade. Cost is \$10 eat-in or take-out. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities. Profits will go toward local and community projects.

March 14 set for prayer walk

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at Genoa Elementary, 12900 Alameda Genoa Road. This is a nondenominational gathering to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff. The prayer occurs outside the school building and school officials are notified. For more information, call 281-484-0901.

Gulf Freeway closures set

The southbound entrance ramp on the Gulf Freeway will be completely closed at NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 until further notice. The southbound entrance ramp on the Gulf Freeway will be completely closed at FM 518 until further notice. At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Tuesday, March 31. At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, March 31. The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Lasso events planned

There will be a series of mandatory events for those wishing to join the Dobie Lasso JV dance team including Lasso clinics to be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. March 30, March 31 and April 1 in the school's Lariaette Room. The mandatory Lasso tryouts will be held Thursday, April 2, in the school's Lariaette room beginning at 4:30 p.m. The program is open to all incoming freshmen. For more information, email Chelsea Henning at chenning@pasadenaisd.org.

Mt. Olive holds craft show

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, located at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., will host its monthly craft vendor market Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will include everything from A-Z and different foods and refreshments. To participate in the market, contact the event coordinator at 832-949-2504.

Moore offers scholarships

Moore Elementary student council is offering four scholarships to graduating seniors from Dobie and Lewis Career & Technical high schools who attended Moore in fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Thursday, April 9, to be considered.

Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, March 14, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials from damaging the environment. For additional information, visit www.houstonolidwaste.org or call 311.

Local officials address coronavirus concerns

While there are no known cases of COVID-19, also known as the coronavirus, in the South Belt area, local residents and area officials are taking precautions to prevent the disease from spreading. Fears of the virus have caused a shortage at local stores of supplies, such as hand sanitizer, toilet paper and water, as many residents prepare for the worst. Many South Belters have taken to social media to share photos of empty store shelves, while others have shared locations that are still stocked with supplies in order to help others. There are currently four known coronavirus cases in Harris County, all of whom had traveled internationally. At press time, all four remained in good health. On Wednesday, March 11, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner declared an emergency health declaration and announced that the remainder of the 2020 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo would be canceled as a precaution. "This decision did not come easy," Turner said. "But the health and safety of our people is paramount." The annual attraction, which draws hundreds of thousands of attendees, was originally scheduled to last through Sunday, March 22. HLSR officials were caught off guard by the announcement, as they had no prior knowledge of the decision. The city has also postponed its annual Tour de Houston bike ride, originally scheduled to take place Sunday, March 15. Turner said if the ride can not be rescheduled for later, it will also be canceled. All remaining spring city CIP meetings will also be canceled. The annual Harris County Easter egg hunt, originally planned to take place Saturday, March 14, will also be canceled. **Continued on Page 6A**

SVFD inspects new vehicle



Members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department are shown above inspecting their new ladder truck at the manufacturer's facility in Appleton, Wis., in preparation for its delivery later this month. Funding for the truck was provided by the Clear Brook City MUD in a grant to the fire department. It will service the South Belt area MUDs. SVFD members shown above are, left to right, Sr. Capt. Ross Schreck, President Ed Baker, Chief Chuck Tylka and Clear Brook City General Manager of Operations Dean Baier.

Residents receive unwanted newspapers

The *Leader* has received several complaints from local residents about unwanted newspapers being delivered to their homes. The most common of these newspapers is La Voz de Houston, a Spanish-language publication distributed by the Houston Chronicle. According to the Chronicle's website, La Voz is distributed every Wednesday and Sunday to 147,000 single-family homes in densely populated Hispanic areas. The vast majority of those homes, however, never signed up for a subscription. Newspapers and magazines will often distribute their product for free in an effort to increase their circulation, so they can, in turn, charge more for advertising. A common concern is its affect on stormwater. **Continued on Page 2A**

2 former CCISD teachers face indecency charges

Two former Clear Creek ISD teachers made headlines this past week for indecency-related crimes. On Monday, March 2, former Clear Creek High School AP English teacher Kenneth John Fontenot pleaded guilty to two third-degree felony charges related to child pornography. He was sentenced to six years in prison. Fontenot, 52, was arrested at his home in March 2019. Investigators said Fontenot possessed hundreds of illegal photos and videos, primarily of pre-pubescent children – some as young as 3 years old. Fontenot reportedly told the police he had been viewing online child pornography for 20 years. Fontenot will be eligible for parole after serving 18 months – or one-quarter of his sentence. The following day, former Space Center Intermediate math teacher Samantha McFerrin was charged with sexually assaulting two students, ages 13 and 14. McFerrin, 29, faces two felony charges: aggravated sexual assault of a child under 14 and sexual assault of a child, ages 14-17. Court records show that an investigation into one incident led to the discovery of the second. The initial incident involved the 14-year-old student. The two allegedly shared nude photos on Snapchat, before the relationship escalated to include physical activity. The pair reportedly had sex at least 15 times in McFerrin's truck. McFerrin also allegedly shared nude photos with the 13-year-old victim. That relationship also involved to include physical activity, and McFerrin reportedly performed oral sex on the boy in her classroom. Records show that McFerrin bought one of the victims a computer as an incentive to keep their relationship quiet. McFerrin, who is married, turned herself in Tuesday, March 3. She is currently wearing an electronic ankle monitor while she is out on a \$70,000 bond. A teacher at the school since 2016, McFerrin resigned during an initial interview. Clear Creek ISD officials are asking any other students who have additional information about this investigation to come forward. **Continued on Page 2A**

Tobias shines at state AD tourney



Dobie High School senior Cameron Tobias excelled at the state Academic Decathlon championship, held in San Antonio Feb. 28 through March 1, taking home gold medals in essay and social sciences and silver medals in economics and literature at the varsity level. This capped a successful competition season for Tobias, who also came in overall first place varsity at the district and region competitions. Tobias will graduate in May and has been accepted to Texas A&M University for the fall. See next week's *Leader* for a complete story.

Commissioners reject proposed constable study

A study proposed by Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia to evaluate the efficiency of the county's constable patrol program was pulled from the March 10 Commissioners Court agenda after more than a hundred of community members and law enforcement officers criticized the idea. Garcia, who formerly served as Harris County sheriff, originally proposed the item to review the program's costs and effectiveness. Many others, however, viewed the proposal as an attempt to do away with the program altogether. Garcia contended this was never his position. All eight constables and current Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez spoke out against the plan. "It's part of the community policing DNA in our Harris County law-enforcement community," Gonzalez said. "In no way should the contract program ever go away." Garcia pulled the agenda item after only three people spoke in opposition. "That employees are worried about their paycheck, they're worried about their mortgages and things of that nature, that, I regret that this item and the way that it was communicated has caused that kind of concern," Garcia said. "That wasn't the intent."

Man, 44, stabbed

Houston police are investigating the stabbing of a man that occurred in the 4300 block of South Shaver Street about 10:50 p.m. Friday, March 6. The victim, Laskia Jackson, 44, was transported to an area hospital in an unknown condition. According to police, Jackson and a male family member, 20, got into an altercation in an apartment at the above address. During the incident, Jackson was stabbed in the chest with a knife. Currently, there are no charges in this incident, pending further investigation.

Morris receives international honor

Morris Middle School was recently recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work campus. Presented by Solution Tree, a leading provider of educational tools, the distinction honors schools that successfully implement the group's Professional Learning Communities at Work process and for increasing student achievement. Morris is among only 200 schools and school districts in the United States and Canada to receive this honor. Schools and school districts with a successful PLC program implement a learning approach for students that is continuous and includes career-oriented learning, starting with administrators and teachers. PLC educators are called upon to incorporate **Continued on Page 2A**

Chamber to hold annual banquet

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will hold its 36th annual banquet Friday, March 20, at the Palms Banquet and Event Center, 15301 Gulf Freeway, from 6 to 9 p.m. Titled *Looking for Fun in all the Right Places*, this year's event will have an *Urban Cowboy* theme. All incoming board members, as well as the 2020 chamber president, will officially be sworn in at the event. The chamber member of the year and volunteer of the year will also be honored. State Sen. Larry Taylor will once again serve as master of ceremonies. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact the chamber at 281-481-5516 or info@southbeltchamber.com.

Lopez named Brook principal

The Clear Creek ISD board of trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Sharon Lopez as the new principal of Clear Brook High School. She will take over for Dr. Michele Staley, who was named as CCISD's new executive director of special services. Lopez is returning to Clear Brook High School, where she previously served as an assistant and associate principal **Continued on Page 2A**



Dr. Sharon Lopez

Mayor speaks at Martin meeting



On Thursday, March 5, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner (right) spoke to a full-capacity room at Space Center Houston at a CIP town hall meeting hosted by Houston District E City Council Member and recently selected Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin (left). Topics discussed at the function included the coronavirus (COVID-19), the area's homeless, crime and upcoming construction projects. See next week's *Leader* for complete story. *Photo by Marie Flickinger*

In My Opinion

Perales gives thanks

I would like to thank you for Publishing the Blood Drive held at St Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, Sunday, March 01.

We obtained 49 units of blood, which can help save up to 147 lives. Thank you,

Janie Perales

Texas primary voting statement

Yesterday (March 3) Democratic voters across Harris County experienced unprecedented wait times to cast their votes in the Texas Primary.

Because of the increase in registered voters and the enthusiasm to participate in the primary process, we expected higher than usual turnout but did not anticipate a break down of the process on the level we experienced last night.

The countywide voting program was designed to give voters increased access to voting locations and simplify the process by not requiring voters to have only one place to choose from on election day. The Texas election code is written by the Republicans in Austin and requires both parties to agree on ALL locations in order to have countywide voting in a primary election. The Harris County Republican Party used the threat of walking away from the countywide program to pick locations that were convenient to their base voters, allowing for fewer locations in heavily Democratic areas, even going so far as to place a supplemental item on the Harris County Commissioners court agenda to question placing a poll in the Pleasantville neighborhood.

Additionally, HCRP choose to not participate in a joint primary that would have allowed for the sharing of resources such as voting machines and staff at all locations.

We are so grateful and proud of our election judges and workers who did a fantastic job under incredibly difficult conditions.

To everyone who waited in line for multiple hours: Thank you so much for your patience and grace and commitment to Democracy in Harris County.

We will be working with the Harris County Clerk on all possible ways to fix the issues voters experienced yesterday and continue to expand access to voting throughout Harris County and particularly in the areas that experienced that longest lines and wait times.

The ability to vote is fundamental to our Democracy, and the intentional hindrance of voting is an affront to all our shared val-

ues. The Harris County Democratic Party is committed to working hard to elect Democrats who believe the right to vote is sacred and will fight for your right to cast your ballot with a reasonable amount of effort.

Nisha Randle



Josie would like to hear from you

I want to wish my mom, "Mamma Josie", a happy 90th birthday, Aug. 27, was her special day and we had a family dinner in New Braunfels to celebrate her life. Mamma Josie is a founding member of Beverly Hills subdivision and most of her children went to King of Glory Pre-school, Atkinson Elementary, Beverly Hills Intermediate, and of course J. Frank Dobie High School. Mamma Josie took care of kids for over 30 years and was often called upon by the principal of Atkinson to help out families in need. Mamma Josie ran the food booth for the Mustangs Little League Football team for years and made dinners for families in need when Saint Luke's Catholic Church would call. I'm posting this now because she has not been in good health lately and I was hoping that if "Mamma Josie" ever touched your life, would you send her a note. My address is 6011 Biltmore Ct. Rosenberg TX 77471.

Adam Carlin

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint this week:

Thursday, March 12, 5 – 6 p.m. Tween craft, for ages 9 – 12. Create a note for another girl that would make her feel strong and powerful. Materials are provided.

Thursday, March 12, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Spanish computer class for adults and seniors

Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Polliwog Nature Club, for preschoolers ages 3-5 years, toddlers ages 18-36 months. This event is designed for little polliwogs to hop into nature by developing their nature knowledge and skills through a variety of books, songs, crafts, and hands on animal experiences brought to you by Harris County Precinct One. This is a special monthly series. Space is limited. Open to first 30 children. First come, first served.

Wednesday, March 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m. Computer help session for adults and seniors. The session content is based on student questions about computer use.

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 Scarceland Blvd.: Thursday, March 12, 1 p.m. Spring Break Showtime with the presentation of Frozen II (rated PG, 103 minutes), for ages 10 and older. "Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient, autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land. They set out to find the origin of Elsa's powers in order to save their kingdom," according to Internet Movie Database (IMDB).

Thursday, March 12, 2 p.m. Computer Basics II. Learn how to use advanced keyboard functions, type up documents and learn the basics of internet use. This class expands on knowledge learned in Computer Basics. Due to limited space, registration is required.

Saturday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. The sensory friendly movie "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil" will be shown. The lights will be low, the sound will be down and there will be plenty of room for everyone to move around as needed. Refreshments and film have been generously donated by State Farm.

Saturday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. Learn Korean With Rhee, for adults. For those interested in learning another language, meet at the library and learn together! Registration is requested.

Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m. "The Environmental Impact of Your Food Choices." Join attorney Robert B. Rapfogel in an enlightening talk about helping the world around us by our food choices. There will be samples of food items including Beyond Meat burgers available after the presentation. The speaker is the co-founder of Meat Your Future, an online community that examines the health, environmental and moral issues related to our society's use of animals.

Monday, March 16, 2 – 4 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Monday, March 16, 6 – 8 p.m. Captivating Cards Gameplay, for ages 8 and older. Join in the card-playing fun with UNO, Exploding Kittens or other captivating card games in the community room. Participants can bring games including Magic, Yu-Gi-Oh and Pokémon for an exciting night of games, fun and community.

Wednesday, March 18, 5 p.m. Escape Room 101 – Hiding Places, for ages 7 and older. The hunt starts in the community room. Escape Rooms generally have clues hidden in all sorts of places. Learn a little more about how to identify the different sorts of hiding spots and places that clues might be waiting for participants.

Wednesday, March 18, 6 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons. Character sheets and dice will be provided. Meet on the library floor to start an adventure. This program is open to patrons ages 16 and older. Space is limited, so registration is required.

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

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.

Tuesday, Yoga storytime, 4:30 p.m. For children, ages 4 to 10, this is a peaceful time for children to learn mindfulness through story, song, breathing and light movement.

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

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

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

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

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

Library hours are: Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 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.

Genoa celebrates Dr. Seuss



Genoa Elementary celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America week by dressing as characters from his books, especially on March 3 Cat in the Hat Day. Shown above are, left to right, Jocelyn Avila, kindergartener; Elva Moreno Genoa resource teacher; and Nicolette Martinez, kindergartener. Photo submitted

Genoa student of the Month



Leiland Irizarry (holding sign) a fourth-grader at Genoa Elementary School, has been chosen Outstanding Student of the Month for January. According to school officials, Irizarry is kind and such a good-hearted kid. He is so helpful with other peers who need an extra push in his classroom. He is also sweet and nice to his teachers. Shown above are, left to right Michael Saperstein, manager of Parker Williams Library; Irizarry; Karen Garza, Genoa assistant principal; and Rosanne Kerr, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce member. Photo submitted

HCAD encourages homeowners to use homestead exemptions

The Harris County Appraisal District is encouraging homeowners to make sure they have the homestead exemptions to which they are entitled.

"One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower their property tax bill is to file a homestead exemption," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser.

A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. "Homestead exemptions can reduce the appraised value of your home, and as a result, they can lower your property taxes," Altinger said.

Available homestead exemptions include:

- School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$25,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.
- County taxes: If a county collects a special tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control, a homeowner may receive a \$3,000 homestead exemption for this tax.

- Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 years of age or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$25,000 exemption available to all homeowners.
- Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for the \$10,000 homestead exemption. They qualify as soon as they turn age 65 or become disabled.

- Local Option Exemption: Taxing units may offer an exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

- Partial exemption for disabled veterans: Texas law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.

- The exemption amount is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

- 100 Percent Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans: A disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployment by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been in effect at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible with certain restrictions that include the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran and the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the disabled veteran died and remains the residence homestead.

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- Focus on learning.
- Build a collaborative culture.
- Create a results orientation.

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commitment to PLC concepts, implementation of these concepts for at least three years and clear evidence of improved student learning over that period. Once measurable results can be seen, the school must showcase its practices, structures and culture and submit an application for consideration by the PLC Review Committee.

According to the group, educators in the schools and districts selected for this recognition have shown "a sustained commitment to helping all of their students achieve at high levels. They have been will-

ing to alter the structure and culture of the organization to reflect their commitment. We applaud them and congratulate them for achieving this very significant milestone on the never-ending PLC journey." Recognized model PLC schools are listed on allthingsplc.info, where they share implementation strategies, structures and performance with other educators interested in improving their schools. Tools for team collaboration, articles and research about PLCs, blog posts and other related resources are also available on the site.

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Morris Middle School honored

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Thompson February students of the month



Thompson Intermediate recently announced February Students of the Month. These students are nominated by teachers for showing Thompson Pride, even when no one is watching. Shown above are, left to right, Marvin Jerezano, seventh-grader; Jesus Gamez Cepeda, eighth-grader; Aliyah Sanchez, eighth-grader; and Rubi Martinez, seventh-grader. Photo submitted

Students win Houston Rodeo art contest



South Belt Elementary third-grade students recently won the Houston Rodeo art contest. Each student won a blue ribbon and passes to the rodeo for their families. They will have their art displayed at the Houston Rodeo. Shown above are winners Grayson Riley (left) and Tori DeHoyos. Photos submitted

Lopez named principal

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versity last month and will graduate May 2, 2020. "The previous positions and experiences have taught me how to work to bring people together for one cause," said Lopez. "By giving all team members a voice, we know we are all in this together, we are all here to ensure the best learning environment for our students."

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forward to most, she stated that the energy and excitement of high school is unmatched.

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Papers cited as litter

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panter drainage, as residents frequently don't even pick up the unwanted papers, leaving them in the street to cause blockage. Sagemont resident Mary Rose, who lives on Sageberry, said she and her grandson routinely walk through her immediate neighborhood to pick up the unwanted newspapers to clear the streets of debris, noting that it requires a 33-gallon trash bag just to collect them from a three-block radius.

Rose further said she and most of her neighbors don't even speak Spanish.

"It's in Spanish," Rose said. "I couldn't read it even

if I wanted to. Even my Spanish-speaking neighbors don't read it. I could see it if people were reading it, but they're not."

Sagemont resident Daniel Bartow, who lives on Sage-trail, also disapproves of the unwanted deliveries.

"It's littering," Bartow said. "And it's a huge waste of paper."

While entire communities are not allowed to withdraw from the free deliveries, individual residents may request to be removed from the La Voz delivery list by calling the Houston Chronicle Customer Service line at 713-362-7211 and entering option 6.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook group shared a post of a surveillance video taken of a vehicle break-in in Clear Brook Meadows from the Neighbors App. The incident happened on March 11 at 2:41 a.m. It was reported that at least two vehicles were broken into. The member encourages anyone who recognizes the vehicle or suspect to contact Precinct 2 Harris County Constable's Office.

A member of *ASHLEY POINTE SUBDIVISION* Facebook page advises parents to talk to their kids about

road safety when walking home from Weber Elementary. The member states that they almost hit a child with a vehicle after picking up children from school because the child entered the roadway without even looking. The boy was probably 8-9 years old and distracted talking to friends. The member stated that they are glad that they are vigilant and were driving slowly, but the boy kept crossing the road without looking at the approaching cars.

There has been reported to multiple Facebook pages that there has been a shortage of water and other household items in local grocery stores.

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San Jac ATD Leader College of Distinction

San Jacinto College is one of 10 community colleges nationwide to have earned Achieving the Dream (ATD) Leader College of Distinction status for achieving new, higher student outcomes and narrowing equity gaps.

"Accelerating improvement in student success outcomes is difficult work and requires a sustained commitment from the entire college community," said Dr. Karen A. Stout, president and CEO of ATD. "Small but national recognitions like this one are important for affirming and applauding the often unsung and behind the scenes work of these institutions."

ATD created the Leader College of Distinction award in 2018 to recognize colleges that have continued striving to meet challenging student success goals, often earning Leader College status several times. Leader Colleges of Distinction must show improvement in three measures, including a lagging indicator such as completion, and are also required to show how they have shrunk performance discrepancies in at least two metrics between groups disaggregated by gender, race/ethnicity or socioeconomic status.

"San Jacinto College is dedicated to the academic and career success of our students," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and college president. "Our Board of Trustees, faculty and staff are committed to continually finding new ways to remove barriers for our students so that they can complete their certificates or associate degrees. We are excited about receiving the Leader College of Distinction designation from Achieving the Dream and thank the review committee for this recognition."

San Jacinto College has developed specific initiatives that support student success while closing the equity and completion gaps.

Those initiatives include mandatory New Student Orientation for first-time-in-college students with a focus on career guidance assessment; faculty professional development in Avid Higher Education (AHE) and course mapping; partnerships with local school districts to develop tools to help eighth graders make informed decisions of Texas endorsements; developing Open Educational Resource (OER) classes and programs that have saved students more than \$10 million in textbook costs; and faculty provided academic support and services through the Student Success Centers, Writing Centers, Veteran's Centers and mentoring.

The college increased persistence from year-one to year-two by 4 percentage points from 61 percent to 65 percent.

A further look into the data shows a 5 percentage point increase that eliminated the equity gap between first generation and non-first generation students (from 5 percent to 0 percent).

The college attributes this success to the redesigned onboarding program that includes the New Student Orientation for students with fewer than 15 semester credit hours during which students

complete a career assessment and meet with an adviser to review the assessment results, discuss potential careers and select a career pathway.

San Jacinto College also shows increases in completion of a certificate or associate degree within four years of initial enrollment. Although the equity gaps did not close in any of the studied groups, all groups show an increased student completion rate of 8 percentage points and no gaps increased.

"We really attribute this increase in completion rates to a reduction in the number of semester credit hours our students take from 94 in 2014 to 84 in 2018," added Williamson. "This means our students are completing their degrees in less time, and are getting into the workforce or transferring to a four-year college or university to complete their educational journeys."

Only colleges that have been Leader Colleges for three or more years were eligible to apply for this status. San Jacinto College first became an Achieving the Dream Leader College in 2011.

ATD anticipates that earning the new honor will position colleges to be successful in competing for Achieving the Dream's Leah Meyer Austin Award. In addition, the increased visibility should help accelerate the adoption of effective practices across the Network Institutions and the community college field as a whole.

Achieving the Dream leads a growing network of 277 community colleges committed to helping their students, particularly low-income students and students of color, achieve their goals for academic success, personal growth, and economic opportunity. ATD is making progress in closing academic achievement gaps and accelerating student success through a unique change process that builds each college's institutional capacities in seven essential areas. ATD, along with 75 experienced coaches and advisers, works closely with Network colleges in 44 states and the District of Columbia.

Surrounded by monuments of history, industries, maritime enterprises of today and the space age of tomorrow, San Jacinto College has served the citizens of East Harris County, Texas, since 1961.

The college is fiscally sound, holding bond ratings of AA and Aa2 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's. San Jacinto College is a 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence Top 10 institution, a 2017 Aspen Prize Rising Star Award recipient and an Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction.

The college serves approximately 45,000 credit and noncredit students annually and offers eight areas of study that put students on a path to transfer to four-year institutions or enter the workforce.

San Jacinto College's impact on the region totals \$1.3 billion in added income, which supports 13,044 jobs.

For more information about San Jacinto College, call 281-998-6150, visit sanjac.edu.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEBBIE!
Special birthday wishes are sent March 12 to **Debbie Boeger** from family and friends.
LARRY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Tuesday, March 17, are sent to local businessman **Larry Morgan** from his wife **Mary Ellen**, family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 12 through March 18, 2020.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song March 15 to **Manuela Juarez**. Break out the party favors March 16 for **Tiffany Aldridge**.

Burnett Elementary
Light the candles on a double-layer cake for **Hong Doan** and **Maria Ruiz** on March 15.

Bush Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting to **Jayan Fender** March 12. Enjoy a slice of birthday cake March 13 with **Lindsey Pelton**. Join in the birthday fun with **Mayra Tapia-Gonzalez** on March 14. Send birthday wishes to **Maria Martinez** March 16.

Frazier Elementary
Blow out the candles March 15 for **Mirtha Hernandez**.

Genoa Elementary
The day for a party for **Veronica August** is March 13.

Meador Elementary

March 13 is the day for a layered cake for **Jennifer Dowling**. **Myriam Garcia** enjoys a birthday March 14.

Moore Elementary
Join in the birthday fun March 15 for **Esmeralda Chacon**. Send a birthday greeting March 18 to **Hisela (Isela) Pena**.

Stuchbery Elementary
Light the candles March 18 on a birthday cake for **Linda Reyes**.

Melillo Middle School
The day to celebrate with a cake for **Troy Ralls** is March 14. Blow out the candles for a double celebration March 18 for **Lissnette Burgos** and **Kara Ross**.

Roberts Middle School
Celebrating a special birthday March 14 is **Crystal Polo**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Break out the balloons and party favors March 15 for **Christopher Monita**.

Thompson Intermediate
The day for a birthday celebration for **Caleb Lopez** is March 6. Send a birthday greeting March 9 to **Alexandra Alvarado**.

Dobie High
Adrian Amador and **Sandra Rodriguez** share a birthday March 12. On March 14, triple birthday wishes are sent to **Elizabeth Cross**, **Alma Gallegos** and **Robert McGill**. Blow out the birthday candles March 16 for **Clara Ullman**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Nancy Schwab** and **Karrie Valerio** who share a birthday March 17. **Mallory Castillo**

and **Meredith Williams** celebrate a happy birthday March 18.

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

Thursday, March 12: **Debbie Clark, Maria Riojas, Debbie Johnson** and **Heather Murphy Burris**; Friday, March 13: **Matthew Hanks, Heidi Dalk, Shane Terry, Sharon Jobe, Max Hernandez** and **Becky Gilley**; Saturday, March 14: **Allison Weatherly, Chris Williams, Curtis Scope, Ron Shafer** and **Angelique Garcia**; Sunday, March 15: **Teri Posey, John Dies, Renee Guillot-Rodriguez, Jeanne Cook, Christopher Lozano** and **Melissa Robinson**; Monday, March 16: **Brandy Pimental, Kelly Cobble, Nathan Lewis** and **Nikki Pullin**; Tuesday, March 17: **Nicole Chapman, Yvonne Russell, Sherri Goughly** and **Larry Morgan**; and Wednesday, March 18: **Orenia Craven, Gina Rodriguez, Meredith Jones, Derek Jones, Jodi Johnston, Charlene Hardin, Alicia Rodriguez, Josh Nance, Tristan Sorria, Andre Rohrman, Daniel Goeman** and **Andrea Charles**.

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

Thompson lists honor roll names

Thompson Intermediate officials announced fourth six-weeks honor roll for the 2019-2020 school year.

Seventh grade
Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz, Manal Kamran Aleem, Jonathan Lee Alexander, Keiley Erin Anthony, Daniel Zakai Arceaux, Grace Isabelle Arriola, A'nyia Marie Beasley, Lorenzo Betancourt Mejia, Lorian Betancourt Mejia, Nathaniel Lee Borjas, Kaylie Bui and Stephanie Phuong Bui.

Emily Jade Cano, Jonathan Jerry Carter, Joana Casas, Danielle Annaya Chenier, Alejandro Del Villar Rodriguez, Kristin Thi Do, Vyvy Tuyet Huynh Do, Abril Delacruz Dosal, Anyia Hope Epps, Andre Benoit Espinosa, Viviana Soleil Fernandez and Lindzey Rebecca Flores.

Elizabeth Christine Garcia, Brianna Garza, Alfonso Eloy Gonzales-Adame, Yazmine Yvette Gonzalez, Mason John Harris, Emily Marie Hernandez, Leonel De Jesus Hernandez, Marvin Antonio Jerezano, Xavier Michael Keller, Reigne Sadaie' Knoxon and Iakovos-Panagiotis Kostikoglou. Jacob Paul Lam, Natalia Le Goenaga, Nathan Le, Mayte Marfil, Priscilla Grace Martinez, Rubi Citlaly Martinez, Kiana Thi McCombs, Abriana Laniece Neco, Ny Ha Bao Nguyen, Ryan Oscar Nguyen, Trish Thuy Nguyen, Avery Elyse Owens and Henry Alexander Pacheco-Moreno.

Nikolas Alexander Pelaez, Eric Thomas Perez, Julianne Le Pham, Tony Phan, Madison Victoria Puente, Jayd Armani Ramirez, Matthew Noah Rangell, Jayden Lawrence Reimer, Joel Jesus Reyes, Derek Rodriguez, Emily Nicole Rodriguez, Katherine Michelle Sabillon-Velasquez and Eva Nancy Salinas.

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

Eighth grade
Maricela Aguilar, Meeha Akbar, Chelsea Adeola Akinloye, Alyssa Ann Allen, Sheylene Briget Amaya, Cassius Aiden Arredondo Zuniga, Ezekiel Nicolas Arriaga, Michelle Avalos, Enrique Banda, Houston Jakob Banda, Gianna Barreiro, Mohannad Mohamed Bataineh, Nancy Maribel Bazaldua, Arianna Gabrielle Brown and Brooklynn Raleigh Bush.

Diego Camacho, Jorge Alfredo Camacho, Jill Yvette Canales, Dominick Sebastian Chavez, Desanae Elissa Cisneros, Christopher Henry Compean, Heli Marlene Contreras, Ariel Alberto Cortez Amaya, Amyiah Re'shae Cotton, Ashley Marie Cruz, Aislynn Diana Curtis Brooks, Julissa Alize Duarte, Dylan Miles Erickson and Katya Isabela Flores.

Jesus Alejandro Gamez Cepeda, Eliud Garcia, McKlaus Erick Alexander Garcia, Yazmin Garza, Titus Quoc Giang, Karley Mitchell Goeman, Kira Nicole Goeman, Lydia Golenko, Diana Guadalupe Gomez Chicas, Catherine Brian Gomez, Ricardo Alonso Gomez, Miranda Guadalupe Gonzalez Garza and Alex Natalia Gonzalez.

Alana Marie Goree, Eva Lynn Grile, Ayesha Hasan, Ethan Cross Hernandez, Julia Lucia Hernandez, Zara Melania Hobson, Tyler Phillip Hudgens, Kaleigh Lynn Hughes, Eric Dinh Huynh, Muhammad Mujtaba Iqbal, Makayla Sudario Johnson, Megan Lee Johnson and Shalini Rhnea Johnson.

Colten Gabriel Keys, Sebastian Alexander King, Quynh Nhat Ky, Emely Yulissa Lazo, Dennis Paul Le, Rachael Yvan Le, Tommy Le, Jordan Christina Leahman, Nathan Riley Lind, Joshua Jeremiah Lopez, Victoria Marie Luna, Jennifer Ly, Ashley Alizah Martinez, Cesar Antonio Martinez, Daisy Juliet Martinez, Gabriel Javier Martinez, Frida Mejia, Lillian Irene Mendez, Darianny Mercedes, David Felipe Miranda, Roselynn Molina, Michael Anthony Montano and Jasmin Renee Mooney.

Isabel Jolie Nava, Kevin Navarro, Tran Bao Ngo, Alex Cong Nguyen, Elxy-Lyn Nguyen, John Tang Nguyen, Tam Le Duc Nguyen, Taylor Truong Nguyen, Terry Thanh Nguyen, Troy Anh Nguyen, Tuyet Thien Nguyen, Tyler Toan Minh Nguyen and Cindy Ni.

Ayah Zakah Palomares, Mary Grace Venant Pelekamoy, Belle Alexandria Pringler, Haley Louise Precella, Jayden Jeremiah Rangell, Mandilynn Kay Riley, Kimberly Siomara Rivera, Daniel Adrian Rodriguez, Sophia Rose Rodriguez, Itzel Romero, Kaylee Jasil Ruiz, Valerie Amber Salazar, Emily Salinas, Jorge Salinas, Aliyah Nicole Sanchez, Angelina Love Sanchez and Alyson Renee Schwausch.

Madelyn Grace Sepulveda, Jasmine Rayne Stewart, Kenton Dat Thai, James L Thomas, Dulce Maria Torres-Padilla, Jimmy Tran, Vinson Vinh Tran, Anthony Xavier Turner, Blaine Anthony Turner, Vivica Viviana Valencia, Julissa Vega, Walter Jacob Velasquez, Cardin Vo, Mai Anh Tran Vo, Hallie Hoa Vu, Iveen Bao Phi Vu, Mathew Quoc Vu, Teresa Ngoc Vu, Stephen Michael Curtis Wiggins and David Enrique Zelada.

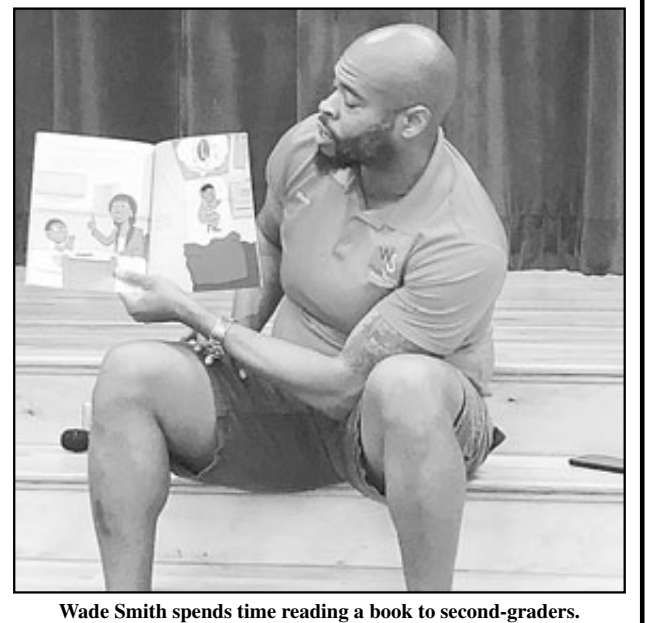
Meador hosts Reading With the Pros



Meador Elementary hosted Reading With the Pros Feb. 3. Former Houston Texan Wade Smith, founder/executive director of the Wade Smith Foundation, sponsored this literacy outreach event. Smith and special guests read books and spoke to students about the importance of reading, education and college. Shown above are, (left to right), Albert Johnson III, NFL legend/Miami Dolphins; Michelle Wallace executive chef/assistant general manager, Gatlin's BBQ; Dr. Richard Harris II; Natalie Hee, FOX 26 reporter; and Houston Police Department Officer Jeremy Lahar, public affairs/community relations. Photos submitted



Natalie Hee interacts with kindergarteners during story time.



Wade Smith spends time reading a book to second-graders.

Remember When

40 years ago (1980)
Residents of Gulf Palms continued their fight against a nuclear site in their neighborhood.

All local subdivisions were under contract with Storer Cablevision since the Sagegen Community Association and Wood Meadow Civic Association entered into contracts with the company.

Pasadena Independent School District did not require sex education to be taught in the schools.

35 years ago (1985)
Two early morning rape attempts by two different suspects were averted. One victim was a 23-year-old female who was accosted behind Dobie's agriculture building and the other was a college student inside a Sagemont home.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department prepared to plant crepe myrtles in the esplanades in the South Belt area.

The *South Belt-Ellington Leader* received the School Bell award for journalism excellence at the state convention of the Texas State Teachers Association for the second straight year.

30 years ago (1990)
Pasadena Independent School District officials were disappointed that their \$100 million bond issue was de-

feated by a nearly 2-to-1 margin.

Clear Creek ISD officials selected an independent consultant to determine any health risks for students and personnel at Weber Elementary.

State Sen. Chet Brooks secured a slot in the upcoming general election by defeating Lloyd Criss in the Democratic primary.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was preparing for its second annual trade fair.

South Belt teenagers were invited to attend various sessions of Dobie High School's *Say Whoa* program. Sessions concerning problems and challenges were available for teens to talk about, one of which was suicide.

25 years ago (1995)
Single-member voting districts were favored by four of the seven member board at the Clear Creek Independent School District.

Plans for a \$1 million professional building on Highland Meadow Drive at Resource Parkway were announced.

20 years ago (2000)
Jonathan Barrica was shot at his Kirkwood South home. Students were affected and began fundraising to help the family establish a reward for the capture of the perpetrators.

A house fire severely damaged the house directly across from Barricas.

Jo Ann Delgado won the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1 position. Jo Ann Matranga defeated Democrat Virginia "Ginny" Stogner and was to face Tom DeLay in the November general election.

15 years ago (2005)
Three current and former Dobie students and one southwest Houston man were arrested and charged with capital murder in connection with the homicide of Luan Cong Pham. Pham, 18, was shot inside his home to keep him from testifying against one of the suspects on an assault charge.

Sandra Sanchez, 33, was found dead in the backyard of her leased Sagemeadow home. As personnel from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department arrived, she was surrounded by two dogs. While she had numerous bites on her body, there was no evidence the bites caused her death.

Explicit language in the book *Forever*, by Judy Blume, caused a South Belt parent to contact PISD officials to begin steps to remove the book from school libraries. Superintendent Dr. Rick

Schneider ultimately ordered the removal of the book.

10 years ago (2010)
Longtime South Belt resident Bob Mitchell was one of 28 travelers who made a trip to Washington, D.C., to lobby federal officials to re-examine President Barack Obama's proposed 2011 NASA budget.

Mitchell, who currently serves as president of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, has a long history of dealing with the aerospace industry. He joined BAHEP in 2000 to oversee the statewide implementation of the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program and, in 2009, was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry to the Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee. Joining Mitchell were Friendswood Mayor David Smith and Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2 Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, among others.

5 years ago (2015)
Former South Belt resident Edith Sax, originally believed to have drowned in April 2014, was likely murdered, police said after new evidence surfaced in the case. Detectives said money was likely the motive, as Sax had a multimillion dollar estate. Crime Stoppers of Houston offered \$30,000 for information leading to an arrest in the case, but the homicide still remains unsolved.

Sally Mitchell announced she was retiring as executive director of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce after serving more than seven years in the position. Mitchell remains a member of the chamber through her husband's company, PCR Interests.

1 year ago (2019)
Two local crimes involved heroic dogs. The first incident occurred Friday, March 8, when a dog named Hurricane spotted a dead female body in a field by the corner of Sandy Hook and Binghamton. The body was later identified as Angel Marie Peckham, 21. No immediate arrests were made in the case. The second incident took place two days later on Sunday, March 10, just a few blocks away in the 11700 block of Davenport Court. In that case, three people suffered nonlethal gunshot. A heroic dog named Zero attempted to stop the shooter but was fatally shot, itself. Local firefighters attempted to save the dog, but their efforts were unsuccessful. Javian Castaneda, 17, was charged with three counts of felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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:

Elementary Music Festival, March 5, 7 - 8 p.m., Philips Gym.

Dobie High School - Wind Ensemble Indianapolis Preview Concert, March 6, 7 - 8 p.m., Dobie auditorium.

South Belt Elementary First Grade Program, March 19, 7 - 7:45 p.m., South Belt Cafe.

Big Art Day, March 20, 5 - 8 p.m., Veterans Memorial Stadium.

High School Choir Pre-UIL Concert, March 20, 3 - 8 p.m., South Houston High School.

High School Choir Pre-UIL concert, March 21, 9 a.m. - noon, South Houston High.

Middle School Orchestra benchmark, March 24, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pasadena High School.

Sparks Elementary first grade "Deep in the Heart of Texas" concert, March 26, 1:30 - 2 p.m.

Matthys Elementary first grade Rodeo Program, March 26, 6 - 6:45 p.m., cafeteria.

Gardens Elementary second grade performance, March 26, 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m., Gardens cafeteria.

Sparks Elementary - first grade "Deep in the Heart of Texas" concert, March 26, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Rayburn High School Choir Pre UIL Concert, March 26, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Rayburn High School auditorium.

Middle School Choir benchmark, March 27, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., South Houston High School.

Middle School Band benchmark, March 27, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Pasadena High School.

Dobie High School Band-Willis Jazz Festival, March 28, all day, Willis Performing Arts Center.

Dobie High School Band - Willis Jazz Festival, March 29, all day, Willis Performing Arts Center.

Memorial High School Choir Pre UIL Concert, March 30, 7 - 8 p.m., Stanley J. Oakes PAC.

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Student chorus scholarship winners of Bay Area Chorus

Two local high school seniors were recently awarded \$1,500 scholarships by the Bay Area Chorus (BAC) of Greater Houston.

Elizabeth Jackson from Clear Brook High School was the recipient of this year's Priscilla Ennis Music scholarship. This scholarship is designated for a student who intends to pursue vocal performance training in college.

Kiley Phillips of Pasadena Memorial High School received the Maryellen Oliver Music Education scholarship. This scholarship is designated for a student who intends to pursue Vocal Music Education as a major in college.

All the scholarship applicants auditioned in front of three judges by singing two songs from classic vocal literature.

Dr. David Nickeson and Geri Foster, BAC scholarship co-chairs, presented the awards to the winners at the end of the auditions.

The BAC has been awarding college scholarships to local high school seniors since 1980. A number of scholarship recipients are now choral directors teaching in Texas schools.

Many others maintain vocal studios and teach private voice to high school students.

A former BAC scholarship recipient sings opera in Europe and the United States, and many more are active soloists in church, community and professional ensembles.

One of the oldest non-profit Houston choral groups, BAC has brought heartfelt performances to the city of Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast since 1965.

Milton Pullen currently serves as the BAC artistic director.

The next performance of the chorus will be held Sunday, May 3, at the Clear Creek High School auditorium.



Shown above are, left to right, Dr. David Nickeson, BAC scholarship co-chair; Kiley Phillips, Pasadena Memorial High School student and recipient of the Maryellen Oliver Music Education scholarship; and Geri Foster, BAC scholarship co-chair.



Shown above are, left to right, Dr. David Nickeson, BAC scholarship co-chair; Elizabeth Jackson, Clear Brook High School student and recipient of this year's Priscilla Ennis Music scholarship; and Geri Foster, BAC scholarship co-chair.

Photos by Kelli Glenn

South Belt first-graders celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday



South Belt Elementary first-graders celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. Students made "Cat in the Hat" hats, brought in Dr. Seuss books to share with others and took turns reading their favorite book to fellow students. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Quan Nguyen, Carson Pham, Audi Gallegos, Dahlia Ellis, Claudette Reyna, Madeline Herrera, Emma Villa (middle row) Isaac Colon, Jorge Sanchez, Mariah Mendez, Dannie Nguyen, Zayan Jafri, Safa Bukhari, Gabriel Garcia, (back row) Sammie McCardell, Ava Castro, Alaina Melchor, Amelia Hoang, Andrew Duong, Alison Chen and Arian Banda.

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Autism talks promote independence skills

Megan Skrbec will present a lecture titled, "I Did it Myself!: Teaching Adaptive Skills to Promote Independence" March 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building, University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The presenter's aim is to discuss strategies that promote independence and teach a variety of adaptive skills.

Participants will see an overview of ways to prompt new skills, break down complex skills into easier steps and target different adaptive skills.

Caregivers and educators

The Autism Speaker series is a free, monthly lecture provided by third-year graduate students in UHCL's Behavior Analysis program and other invited guests from the community.

Lectures are open to the public.

To register, visit www.uhcl.edu/autism-center/speaker-series/.

Dobie Lariaettes win grand championship award



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes competed in the Ascension Dance contest Feb. 22 at Atascocita High School. The Lariaettes came out on top winning overall grand champion in their division. The Lariaettes also had the highest team jazz score of the contest with a 98.6. The Lariaettes were happy to end the last contest of the season with a huge win! The Lariaettes are now gearing up for the annual spring show April 16 - 18. Shown above are, left to right, (front row) Victoria Armenta; Eva Perla, Lariaette director; Mady Vela; Brooke Morales; Charlize Tamayo; Hannah Woernley; Osayi Edigin; Brianne Sisson, Lariaette assistant director; (middle row) Tamecia Anderson; Yanelly Garza; Aliyah Salas; Josie Garcia; Alissa Vara; Desiree Miller; Jolany Chevez; Hallie Nelms; Dani Bulman; Kia Ramos; Angela Yu; Lian Yui; Granyeli Feliciano; Ariel Hernandez; Chelsea Henning, Lariaette assistant directors; (back row) Ashlyne Medina; Rayven Gavin; Johana Jasso; Melanie Rios; Alicia Davila; Alani Chapa; Clarissa Rodriguez; Haley Salinas; Sarriona Hobbs; Allison Guevarra; Emily Hernandez; Roselin Serrano; Carolina Miranda; Analaura Elizarraras; Rhellin Lewis; Marilee Quiroga; Jimena Alvarez; Alize Cantu; Lauren Deramus; Soleil Rocha; and Jade Cazrez.

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Local officials address coronavirus concerns, offer prevention tips

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28, at El Franco Lee Park has also been canceled.

The annual Family Fun-fest/Strut Your Mutt event, originally scheduled to take place at Clear Brook City MUD Park Saturday, April 4, has also been canceled.

Local school districts are also keeping a close eye on the possible spread of the virus.

Pasadena ISD

"Pasadena ISD is closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak," the school district said on its website. "Despite the recent developments related to the coronavirus (COVID-19), the risk to our community remains extremely low. We will continue to work with the Harris County Department of

Health and the Center for Disease Control.

"Custodial staff is disinfecting all of our campuses daily. Please help us to remind your child to wash their hands regularly. School nurses are following exclusionary criteria for all communicable diseases, including reminding parents to keep sick children home."

Clear Creek ISD

"The Clear Creek Independent School District is monitoring the Coronavirus situation and is in contact with local, state and federal authorities," the district posted on its website. "While there are no reported cases in our area, we will always err on the side of caution when it comes to the wellbeing of our community."

"CCISD nurses are well trained in identifying and monitoring individuals who exhibit symptoms synonymous with coronavirus and the flu. Nurses have been instructed to ask travel questions if students or staff present symptoms such as a fever, shortness of breath and coughing."

"The CCISD maintenance and operations team has increased cleaning of classrooms and surfaces. Each campus has been provided with the communicable disease plan for COVID-19, and we anticipate an updated plan from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) soon."

Memorial Hermann

"To further protect the health of our patients, work-

force and the community, and prevent the potential spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), Memorial Hermann is modifying its visitor policy across all Memorial Hermann acute-care and rehabilitation hospitals and Convenient Care Centers, effective Tuesday, March 10, at 7 a.m. until further notice," the hospital system announced in a press release.

"The modified visitor policy limits the number of visitors per patient, restricts the number of access points and implements screening of all visitors."

- Visitation will be limited to two adult (18 years or older) visitors per patient, per day.

- All visitors and patients, including vendors and con-

tractors, will be screened at designated entry points, including the Emergency Center.

- For patients in isolation, visitation will be limited to one adult (18 years or older) visitor per patient, per day. These visitors will also be required to wear personal protective equipment and will not be permitted to visit common areas within the facility.

"The brief screening process includes a temperature check and questionnaire. Individuals cleared through the screening process will receive a color-coded wristband, which must be worn throughout their hospital visit. Visitors who are sick or do not meet screening criteria will not be allowed to enter

the facility."

Prevention

The CDC and local health authorities recommend the following practices to prevent the spread of any virus, including COVID-19:

- Wash one's hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing one's nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

- Avoid touching one's eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

- Stay home when sick.

- Cover one's cough or

sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Contacts

For more information about COVID-19, visit the following:

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/index.html

- Houston Health Department at www.bit.ly/2020Coronavirus

- Texas Department of State Health Services at www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/

- World Health Organization at www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus.

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SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

All-district hoops soon

With Dickinson of District 24-6A competing in the boys' state basketball tournament beginning March 13, the 22-6A all-district selections will be eligible for release thereafter. The Leader will also soon reveal the 22-6A picks.

Dobie VB invites youths

Current fifth- and sixth-grade students planning to attend Dobie High School are invited to attend the Lady Longhorns' upcoming spring league March 24, March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21 and April 28 - six dates in all - at the Dobie campus. Cost is \$60, cash only, per player and includes instruction in the basics of the game, including passing, serving, hitting, setting, blocking and digging. There will be two sessions of instruction and four weeks of tournament play directed by Dobie varsity girls' volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton. For additional information, direct email to Sexton at dsexton@pasadenaisd.org or call her at 832-509-7269.

Tasco softball tops JFD; grabbing the top spot

A battle of District 22-6A varsity softball unbeaten went to host Atascocita as the Lady Bulldogs scored three runs in both the fourth and sixth innings on their way to an eventual 10-4 victory March 9. Atascocita's Katie Cimusz and Kelsie Kelso both homered and doubled as the Lady Eagles took over sole possession of first place with the win. Yessenia Pena and Jasmín Benítez went deep for Dobie (14-4-1 overall), which slipped to 4-1 in the first half of league play. In a special Saturday game, Dobie got a shut-out pitching performance from Marisa Perla to handcuff Kingwood March 7. Pena homered in the sixth inning, and Bella Perez was 1 for 2 with an RBI. Perla scattered five hits and struck out six while working around four walks. The Lady Longhorns will return to 22-6A play March 17 against Rayburn and will then go against South Houston and Pasadena Memorial to close out the first half of district play.

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Dobie boys' soccer dynasty wins sixth straight crown

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
While each is different by nature, each is just as sweet as the last.

The Dobie boys' soccer program extended its dynasty this season, winning the District 22-6A Championship for the sixth consecutive time with still two remaining regular season matches.

Dobie has earned 40 of a possible 42 points in league play and will represent 22-6A as its champion when the bidistrict playoff round begins March 26-28.

While the 2017 team won the Region III crown and advanced to state for the first time in school history, this group is still on line to deliver the program's fewest losses, boasting a 16-1-4 mark with the two regular season matches to go.

The focus at the moment is clearly on the present, but it's also worth noting that the work to get to this point actually began the day following Dobie's area round shootout loss to Strake Jesuit in 2019.

Disappointed in that he believed that group had enough talent to push for a second regional crown but instead fell short, Dobie head coach Justo Manrique urged returners to step it up in all phases, both on and off the field.

According to Manrique,

as many as five probable starters for this season were instead ushered out, and the returning seniors Eli Donaho, Imanol Pena and Adrian Garcia took charge.

"I'm a big believer in that kids will rise to the expectations set in front of them, and every year we strive to improve on the mystique and overall standard of the program," Manrique said.

"That standard was already in place when I got here, and we have tried to keep it going every year. It starts with your seniors, because things trickle down."

And as stated earlier with some players moving on there was an increased focus on off-field expectations.

There would be an increased presence in the weight room in an effort to stave off injuries, and the possibility of missing games due to no pass, no play would not be tolerated. Basically, Manrique said, a housecleaning ensued.

Whether the routine produces another run to regionals remains to be seen. Manrique has stated numerous times that past Dobie teams have possessed more talent, and that certain teams across Houston do as well.

Still, this is a district championship group with

one loss and four ties against a top-level schedule. "This group is about effort, sacrifice, leadership and a love for team," Manrique said. "This group has

lost to North Shore and lost to Strake Jesuit, so obviously if we see those

teams in the playoffs, our kids want to beat those guys. Once you are in the

running for the regional title, anything can happen."

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The Dobie varsity boys' soccer group of Class of 2020 seniors includes a few who have been a part of more than one 22-6A championship. The seniors include, left to right, Julio Martinez (12), Anthony Nery (11), Eli Donaho (7), Manuel Trejos (25), Imanol Pena (10), Jonathan Mendez (8), Oscar Beltran and Adrian Garcia (5). Photo submitted

JFD tracksters impressive at Bayshore Olympics

Was it Amari Singleton's run of 2 minutes, 27.63 seconds in the 800 for the gold medal or Keasia Robinson's leap of 5 feet, 2 inches for the win in the high jump?

Perhaps it was the Lady Longhorns' collective effort in the 4x100 relay that was good for the gold in 49.32 seconds? How about a win for Christian Tovar at 131 feet in the discus, or Cameron Guy's run to gold in the 200 at 24.53?

At the end of the day, all of those performances and more were noteworthy as the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' track and field teams excelled at the Bayshore Olympics in La

Porte. With the District 22-6A Championships coming the first week of April, the respective Dobie squads appeared to be kicking things into gear at the right time.

Aside from the win in the 4x1, the Lady Longhorns were second in both the 4x2 and 4x4 relays. The Longhorn boys were second in the 4x1 and third in the 4x2, the 4x4 and the distance medley relay.

Make no mistake, Humble possesses one of the quickest 4x1 groups in the region come district time, and the respective boys' teams from Atascocita and

Summer Creek will prove both deep and challenging overall talent.

Similarly, the Humble ISD schools will prove their skill and depth at district in the girls' meet come April, but these Dobie teams are making their mark and should have little trouble getting their fair share of qualifiers to

the District 21-22 area meet and then possibly regionals.

The Dobie teams were forced to skip the Clear

Lake Invitational the week prior due to school being canceled but managed to dial it back up at La Porte.

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Sagemont-Beverly Hills opening day is March 21

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League will begin playing regular season games March 16, and the league's annual Opening Day celebration is set for Saturday, March 21 in the area.

The league's March 21 parade will get its start this year at San Jacinto College South, with teams and their coaches and staffs encouraged to take part.

The parade route will leave San Jacinto College,

proceed along Beamer before turning left on Scarsdale and then right on Blackhawk and eventually arriving at the SBHLL facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Opening day ceremonies will begin March 21 at 10 a.m. with the official "first pitch" and an announcement of raffle winners.

Live Sagemont-Beverly Hills games and the league's carnival begin at 11 a.m.

Dobie baseball holds off Clear Brook 9-6

Alan Lopez and Justin Blogg drove in two runs each and Xavier Cantu went four solid innings for his first pitching win of the season as Dobie defeated neighboring Clear Brook 9-6 in a sloppy game March 9 at Longhorn Field.

The Longhorns, using both timely hits and a couple of poor throws from the Wolverines, built a 7-2 lead through three innings and withstood a three-run seventh from Clear Brook

to get to 7-2-1 this season with the Baytown varsity tournament coming March 14-16.

Cantu went the first four, allowing six hits and two earned runs, striking

out five and walking a pair.

Senior Domenic Martinez came on in the top of the seventh and fanned a pair to earn the save. It was Dobie's fifth win in

six games, while Clear Brook has now lost six straight, including five at the Clear Creek ISD Classic (see Page 2B).

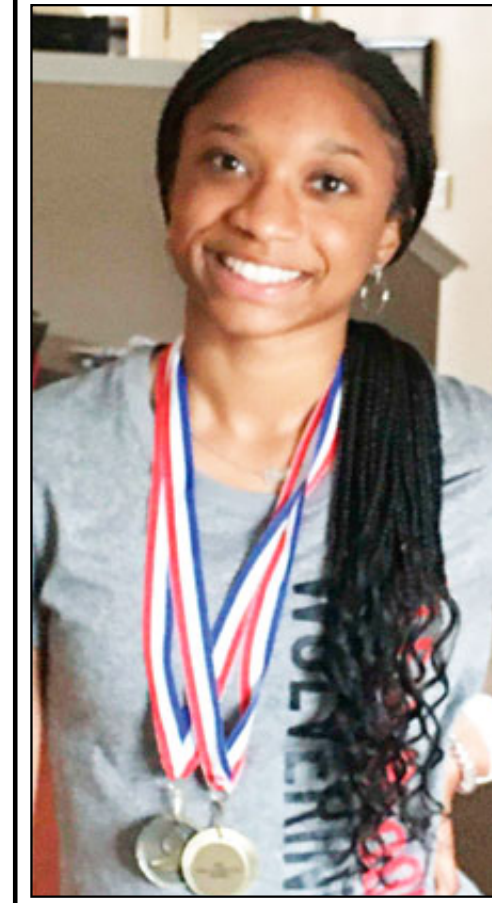
The Longhorns will now head for Baytown, with Clear Brook playing games March 12 at Galveston Ball and March 13 at Friendswood as part of the Goose Creek ISD Invitational.

Brook will begin District 24-6A play March 17 at home against Clear Creek.

The Longhorns will be looking to build upon two successful weekends. The locals went 3-1-1 in Laredo at the Border Olympics and then produced three additional victories at the Pasadena ISD Invitational.

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Dickson double winner at RJC



Clear Brook sophomore sprinter Camryn Dickson highlighted her team's track and field performance at the Ruben Jordan Classic in League City March 6, bettering her meet record in the 200 with a win of 24.51 seconds, which topped her 2019 meet record of 24.8. Also in this season's Jordan Classic, Dickson won gold in the 100 with a time of 12.02. For the 2019 state meet (100) qualifier, Dickson appears to be kicking her routine into gear at the right time.

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Longhorn soccer collects sixth title

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The Longhorns, at least on paper, really won't play another meaningful game until the postseason begins

at month's end. But Manrique, architect of each of the six championships and now in his seventh season with the Longhorns, says

a serious approach will be taken. You always want to stay healthy, but with respect to ourselves and the compe-

tion, we are going to go out there with a focus," Manrique said. "At this point, you want the momentum to continue."

22-6A Boys' Soccer Standings

As of March 12

Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	13	0	1	40
Humble	9	3	2	29
Memorial	10	4	0	33
Kingwood	8	4	3	27
Atascocita	7	6	1	22
Pasadena	7	7	7	15
S. Houston	2	11	1	7
Rayburn	1	11	2	5
Summer Creek	0	12	2	2



At 13-0-1 in District 22-6A varsity boys' soccer play with two matches remaining, Dobie has captured a sixth consecutive league championship and will represent the district as the No. 1 playoff seed when the postseason begins late this month. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Oscar Anoruo

(manager), Eli Donaho, Jonathan Mendez, Imanol Peña, Manuel Trejos, Anthony Nery, (back row) Sergio Tenchon, Oscar Beltran, Eris Acosta, Adrian Garcia, Julio Martinez, Alan Lopez, Oscar Medrano, Max Parra, Jonathan Torres, Jean Arreguin and Oscar Aparicio.

Dobie tracksters answer bell as 22-6As near

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Given what the Longhorns delivered at La Porte, it's hard to imagine girls' head coach Charles Washington or his boys' counterpart, Irvin Theodile, being any happier.

was 10th in the 100.

In those relays for the Lady Longhorns, the 4x1 group included Ambreon Jones, Amya Ray, Jackson and Briana Haywood.

The same four ladies represented the school in the 4x2 for a second-place finish.

In the 4x4, the Lady Longhorns were again second as that foursome included Sanchez, Jones, Ray and Singleton.

"Yes, we were very pleased to go out there and produce such solid times, and a lot of season bests for the ladies," Washington said.

"I really believe we are peaking at the right time. Now we will have to see how we respond after Spring Break, but I expect they'll be ready."

"We understand how competitive the 22-6A meet should be, but all we ask is that they go out there, have some fun, and give it their best on a given day. From there, you let things play out."

For the boys, Rushad Ball grabbed a silver medal for second place in the 110 hurdles at 16.57 seconds, and Deon Singleton medaled with a bronze for third place in the long jump with an effort of 20-6 1/2.

Jason Brooks was a silver medalist in the shot put with a best effort of 49-11,

and his toss of 121-4 was good for fifth in the discus.

Alberto Campa kept his fine season going in the distance events as his time of 9:50.07 handed him a bronze medal for third place in the 3,200 run. As

for the 1,600 run, Campa was fourth at 4:32.74.

Dontavion Crosby went 40-2 1/2 for third place and a bronze medal in the triple jump, and he was ninth in the long jump at 17-10.

Jonathan Baldwin's best long jump try placed him seventh at 18-8. Javen Sanchez placed seventh with a shot of 40-3.

Keith Evans was seventh in the 100 (12.19) and eighth in the 200 (23.58).

Zach Wallace's time of 54.53 was ninth-best in the 400.

The Dobie boys will next run at the Purnell Relays, hosted March 20 by the Angleton varsity program.



The Lady Longhorns' 4x100 relay squad highlighted that segment of the meet at the Bayshore Olympics in La Porte and combined for the win and a gold medal in a time of 49.32 seconds. The Dobie 4x1 relay team included, left to right, juniors Dearia Jackson, Ambreon Jones, Briana Haywood and Amya Ray.

Lajaunie tennis sign up set

The annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3.

Following graduation, Lajaunie went on to attend the University of Texas in Austin, before working as an electrical engineer for the Johnson Space Center.

As for the 2020 tournament, doubles teams may register for \$45 per team (\$22.50 per person) and individual singles players may register for \$35 each.

The action begins May 1 at 6 p.m., with May 2 play starting at 8 a.m. If necessary, play will be completed May 3.

All 2020 players will receive a free tournament T-shirt and goodie bag, as well as a complimentary breakfast and lunch.

Organizers are still seeking donors for the various events for 2020.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donations may be made via credit at the organization's website at <https://dltennis.com> or via check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, TX 77059.

For additional information, contact Camille Lajaunie, committee chair, at cjlajaunie@mail.com.

Lady Longhorns sit second

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The Lady Longhorns stayed perfect with a 5-2 win over Humble March 6, scoring a pair of insurance runs in the sixth en route to the win.

Karlle Barba was the star in the circle for the locals, going the distance and striking out 10 in the game with just the two earned runs.

Bella Perez led off the sixth with a triple, and Kristen Barba later added

a clutch two-run single as the Lady Longhorns went on to the victory.

Perez had two hits in the game and drove in a run, and Leslie Longoria had two hits and scored a run to pace the offense.

CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor is seeking athletic nominations

The Clear Creek ISD Athletic Hall of Honor Board of Directors is seeking nominations for the fifth class of elite athletes and coaches whose athletic super stardom spanned between 1948 and 1987.

The inductees must be graduates, or coaches, of Webster High School, Clear Creek High School, Clear Lake High School or Clear Brook High School during these years.

Below are the complete requirements for induction into the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor:

1. Nominee must have been a graduate of Webster, Clear Creek, Clear Lake or Clear Brook high schools between the years of 1948 and 1992.

2. Nominee must have been out of a CCISD high school for a period of 10

years.

3. Nominee must have attended a CCISD high school.

4. Nominee must have played in a UIL sanctioned or Board approved sport.

5. Nominee must be present at induction ceremonies (If a nominee is deceased or physically unable to attend, a representative from the family may accept for them.)

6. Nominee must possess good character throughout his or her life.

7. Nominee must have been an outstanding athlete while at a CCISD high school.

8. College degree and playing their chosen sport in college or professionally is not a must but could help in decision making by the selection committee.

9. Coaching nominee must have coached in CCISD.

For more information on the history of the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor and to submit a 2020 nomination form, visit www.ccisd.net/athletic-hallof-honor. Deadline for submissions is May 1.

Submissions will be reviewed and voted on by the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Selection Committee.

Rutledge is Nats' No. 3 guy



Former San Jacinto College right-hander Jackson Rutledge, the 2019 JUCO Pitcher of the Year, enters the 2020 professional baseball season as the Washington Nationals' No. 3-rated prospect, including the organization's top-ranked pitcher. Rutledge was selected by Washington with the No. 17 overall pick in the first round in 2019 after starring at San Jacinto College. As a pro last summer, Rutledge appeared in 10 overall games, fanning 39 over 37 1/3 innings with a 2-0 record and 3.13 earned run average.

Outstanding pitching, power lift 15th-ranked SJC baseball

Outstanding pitching once again carried the San Jacinto College baseball team, which swept Blinn in a three-game series to remain unbeaten in Region 14 action.

The Gators' three starters in the series allowed just one earned run over a combined 17 frames in the series as the Bucs could get little going on the offensive side of things.

In a 5-1 win to begin the set, Chase Wilkerson went four innings, striking out five for the win. Cole McMillian (four innings) and

Jonathan Jones then combined to allow just one hit over the final five frames for the win.

Tyreece Silas homered to pace the San Jacinto College offense, and Blayne Robinson doubled, scored a run and drove in a run. Braden Winget doubled and scored twice.

Staff ace Mitchell Parker allowed two hits and a run over six solid innings in the middle game with nine strikeouts as the locals won 5-2.

Mason Lytle homered, and Cole Turney doubled

twice, scored once and knocked in another. Antonio Valdez was 2 for 3 with a run scored and an RBI.

San Jacinto closed out the series sweep with a 3-0 shutout win as Brandon Birdsell moved to 4-0 this season with seven shutout innings and 10 strikeouts.

Reliever Luke Little then fanned three over the final two frames to close out the win and the series. Alan Shibley homered among his three hits and Valdez tripled and scored.

Thompson boys' track and field dominates Pasadena championships

There was plenty to celebrate at the Pasadena ISD intermediate track and field championships at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena as the Thompson Lions boasted both boys' division championships and the Beverly Hills Bears winding up third in both divisions.

The Lions coasted to the team crown at the eighth-grade level with 150 points, while Beverly Hills' total of 111 was third-best.

In the seventh-grade division, Thompson tallied 134.5 for the championship, and the Bears were third with 89.

Lions' 7s are champs
Winning the 4x1 and 4x2 relays provided a huge boost to the Lions in the seventh-grade boys' championships.

Caleb Reyes and Jayden Guerra teamed with Darius Ichirl and Cameron Mathews to win the 4x1 at 49.18 seconds, scoring 20 big points for the Lions.

Shifting to the 4x2 event, it was the same four competitors who posted a time of 1:46.06 for the

win, adding another key 20 points to the team total. The Lions got a lift from Joe Requena in the 2400 run as his time of 9:03.19 gave him second place and a silver medal. Requena narrowly missed another medal as his clocking of 6:03.23 was good for fourth in the 1600 run. The Lions' Carlos Salazar was sixth in the same event at 6:08.34.

As for the 800, Julz Martinez's time of 2:40.14 was good for third place, and teammate Adam Aguilar's time of 2:42.00 netted him fourth.

Elsewhere, Nathaniel Martinez placed fifth in the 100 hurdles at 19.07. In the 400, Martinez scored another medal, this one a silver, as his time of 1:04.77 was second.

Thompson poured it on in the 100 as Mathews was first to the finish line in a time of 11.84 for the gold medal. As for the 200, Ichirl's time of 25.50 scored him second place and a silver medal.

Jeremiah Walker went home with a silver medal for second place in the pole vault at 7-0 on more

tries than Bondy gold medalist Noe Gutierrez as both were successful at the same height. Able Gonzalez of Thompson (6-0) was fourth.

At 82-5, Hunter Stacey won second place and a silver medal in the shot, with teammate Requena third for a bronze medal at 79-6.

Kaden Dilliard was a bronze medalist in the triple jump after an effort of 31-4, and teammate Kevin Elias (30-0½) was fifth.

In other events, the Lions' Elias was fourth with a time of 53.94 in the 300 hurdles. Ichirl's high jump of 5-0 was fourth-best in the district, and the Lions' Elias (5-0) was tied for fifth.

BHI 7s are third
Christopher Lopez scored a bronze medal at the 2400 distance as he posted a time of 9:03.19 in the event, scoring eight points.

Teammate Tariq Riley was solid in the 800 as his effort of 2:31.61 was second-best for a silver medal in the event.

At 12.56, Shadrack Allen took the bronze medal

for third place in the 100. Chris Jones, taking part in the 400, was fifth at 1:05.86.

The Bears' combined for second place in the 4x2 behind the Lions as Elvis Nguyen and Caleb Romar teamed with Andie Williams and Allen at 1:48.31.

In the 4x4 relay, the Bears also took a silver medal for second place in a time of 4:22.65 as Williams, Jones, Romar and Riley combined for a time of 4:22.65.

The Bears' Elvis Nguyen secured a bronze medal for third place in the high jump.

Beverly Hills went 4-5-6 in the 200 as Williams (27.13), Elvis Nguyen (27.29) and Gabriel Sifuentes (27.30) all scored.

Antonio Gomez got in on the fun as his time of 54.44 was fifth in the 300 hurdles.

Bears' 8s take third
A highlight for the Bears came in the 1600 run as Antonio Gomez's time of 5:54.17 gave him a gold medal and 10 team points.

Teammate Christopher

Lopez, running with Gomez much of the way, was second at 5:57.21.

Ethan Nguyen was a gold medalist for the Bears in the long jump as he went to the 17-10 mark for the win.

Two runners gave the Bears a great effort in the 2400 run, with Alejandro Lopez second at 8:37.40, and teammate Damian Ross third with his clocking of 8:37.65.

Ryan Le of the Bears placed second for a bronze medal in the 300 hurdles at 48.24.

The Bears gave it a great run in the 4x1, eventually winding up second as Ethan Nguyen, Demarques Ross, Dylan Jackson and Antwoine Wilson combined for a time of 48.66.

It was also second place for the Bears in the 4x4 relay for a silver medal as Ray, Le, Jackson and Ross delivered a time of 4:08.65.

Rodrick Drumgo

BHI also fares well

Terrell leads Lady Lion sevens to track crown

Chardel Terrell was one of the big stars of the day, leading the Thompson seventh-grade girls' track and field team to the Pasadena ISD track and field championship at Auxiliary Stadium.

At day's end, the Lady Lions collected 132.50 points for the team win, with Beverly Hills fourth with 74 points in the seventh-grade scoring.

In the eighth-grade point chase, Bondy and Thompson waged a two-team seesaw afternoon, with Bondy outlasting the Lady Lions.

The Lady Patriots wound up with 154 points, edging Thompson's 147 total.

Lady Lion 7s
Terrell has had a terrific season for the Lady Lions, and she kept it up at the championships.

She cruised to the gold medal in the 2400 run with a clocking of 9:28.24, with teammate Lauren Garza right there for second place and the bronze at 9:40.72.

Terrell was far from done, however, as she also led the way to the finish line in the 800, coming in at 2:40.28 for a win of more than 17 seconds. She also went to the 26-7 mark for fifth place in the triple jump.

Stacie Harris came up with yet another gold-medal effort of 18.00 in the 100 hurdles, winning easily. Teammate Alina Sanchez was in at 20.79 for fifth place in the same event.

The Lady Lions also came up with the gold medal and 20 team points in the 4x200 relay, with Stephen, Herte, Andrea Garcia and Harris combining at 1:58.80.

chased a medal in the weights, taking second and a silver medal at 97-4 in the discus, with teammate Jonathan Grider fourth at 93-1. Drumgo also took silver in the shot put with his best of 38-11.

Ross also ran the 200 for the Bears, eventually grabbing a bronze medal for third place in a time of 25.19.

Jackson stepped up for the Bears in the 800 for fourth at 2:22.39. At 12.74, Nguyen was fifth in the 100.

The Bears' foursome in the 4x2 relay netted fifth place for a time of 1:45.37 as the group included Adam Ray, Ethan Nguyen, Wilson and Darrion Lewis.

Beverly Hills put together another group effort in the 1600 run, with Rosas earning third place and a bronze medal at 5:32.72. Andrew Deleon, meanwhile, was fourth in a time of 5:36.05, and Lopez was sixth at 5:42.64.

GAT's 8s roll to crown
Just one aspect of the Lions' roll to 150 points and the overall team title at the eighth-grade level came in the 4x1 as Darius Jones and Waymond Hayes teamed with Kai Conerly and Christian Epps for a time of 48.11, the gold medal and 20 team points.

Jah John Hawkins and teammate David Miranda were huge in the 100 hurdles as Hawkins' time of 17.19 produced a gold medal, with Miranda's time of 18.62 fourth-best in the event. The Lions' Jesus Gamez placed sixth with a time of 18.69.

Hawkins was equally impressive in the 300 hurdles, winning another gold medal in a time of 45.94.

Conerly and Dempsey Spears gave the Lions another big effort in the high jump, with Conerly clearing 5 feet, 8 inches for the gold medal win and Spears making his way

over the 5-6 mark for second and a silver.

With an impressive effort of 34-4½ in the triple jump, Hayes was easily the district's gold medalist, scoring 10 points for the Lions.

Conerly took another gold medal in the shot put event, dominating with a throw of 46-1.

Teammate Antonio Hernandez was third for a bronze medal at 38-6. Randy Reyes of Thompson posted a throw of 37-10 for fifth place.

It was Epps leading the way for the Lions in the 200 as he clocked in at 25.13 for second place and a silver medal.

Teammate Gabriel Martinez was fifth at 26.26. In the long jump, the Lions' Ariel Cortez was second for a bronze medal at 17-1.

Keon Simpson, meanwhile, was fourth with his best of 16-1.

The Lions dashed their way to a bronze medal for

third place in the 4x2 as Hayes, Epps and Conerly joined Simpson for a time of 1:42.33. Walter Velasquez gave the Lions a bronze medal for third place in the discus with a top throw of 93-9.

Gabriel Martinez of the Lions was third in a time of 12.52 in the 100 for a bronze medal, and teammate Jones was in at 12.67 for fourth place. River Carroll's time of 1:00.15 was fourth-best in the 400.

Gamez came up with a sixth-place finish of 51.29 in the 300 hurdles.

In the 4x4 relay, the Lions finished sixth at 4:26.21 behind the combined effort of Carroll, Anthony Medina, Anthony Turner and Simon Sepulveda.

As for Sepulveda, he was sixth at 6-5 in the pole vault to help his team and finish a strong season. So 2020 belonged to the Lions, leaving the rest of the district to look ahead at them.

Sports Calendar

BASEBALL

Thursday, March 12 through Saturday, March 14

Dobie varsity hosts Goose Creek ISD Classic, TBA

Brook varsity at Alvin ISD Classic, TBA

Brook sophomores at North Shore H.S. Classic, TBA

Friday, March 13

Brook JV hosts Friendswood, 4:00

Saturday, March 14

Brook JV hosts Pasadena Memorial (2), 10 a.m.

Monday, March 16

Brook JV at Clear Creek, 6:00

Brook sophomores at Clear Creek, 4:00

Tuesday, March 17

Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 6:00

SOCCER

Tuesday, March 17

Brook varsity boys at Alvin, 7:30

Brook varsity girls host Alvin, 7:30

Brook JV boys at Alvin, 5:30

Brook JV girls host Alvin, 5:30

Friday, March 20

Brook varsity boys at Clear Lake, 7:30

Brook varsity girls host Clear Lake, 7:30

Brook JV boys at Clear Lake, 5:30

Brook JV girls host Clear Lake, 5:30

SOFTBALL

Saturday, March 14

San Jacinto College at Lamar State (2), 1:00

Errors primary culprit as CB baseball goes 0-5

As pleased as he was that his Clear Brook varsity baseball team opened the regular season with three wins at the Anzaldua Memorial Classic in La Porte, Wolverines' head coach Gene Flores warned that if, for some reason, his squad didn't continue to execute well moving forward, things could get away in a hurry.

Well, many of Flores' worst fears were realized at the Clear Creek ISD Invitational March 5-8, with the host Wolverines going winless in five games. For the most part, suspect glove work was the culprit each time.

In a 5-4 loss to North Shore in the opener March 6, Brook's Dolezal went 3 for 3 with a pair of home runs, but the Wolverines committed three errors in the end as the Mustangs escaped with the win.

Later in the day, visit-

ing Hebron walked away with a 3-1 victory as the Wolverines had three more errors. Brook starting pitcher Travis Watson struck out six over five solid innings with just one earned run allowed, but it wasn't enough.

On day two, Clear Brook made a total of six more errors in an 8-2 loss to Pearland and a 12-4 setback against Bellaire. The Wolverines' Sebastian Pichardo doubled in both games.

In the final game of the event for both teams, Seven Lakes was helped by three errors in an eventual 7-2 win.

Pichardo doubled for a third time in all, but the locals could not overcome the miscues. Starting pitcher Aaron Calhoun was solid, going 4 2/3 innings with five strikeouts and just one earned run allowed.

Alvin ISD Baseball Classic
March 12-13
March 12
Brook vs. Galveston Ball
10 a.m., at Ball
Brook vs. Elkins
12:30 p.m., at Ball
March 13
Brook vs. Friendswood
10 a.m., at Friendswood
Brook vs. Strake Jesuit
12:30 p.m., at Friendswood

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 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.

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

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.

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

11:30 a.m.
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.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

7 p.m.
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 pearlandarearepublican-club@gmail.com or visit 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, second Thursdays, 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.

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, MARCH 13

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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

11 a.m.

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

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

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

5:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., in the Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for details or to RSVP for child care.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16

10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Mondays, 10 - 11 a.m. Literature

Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

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

10:30 a.m.
Seniors and Law Enforcement Together - SALT meetings are 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Madison Jobe Senior Center, 1700 East Thomas St., in Pasadena on the third Monday. No December meeting. January meeting is on the second Monday. Meetings start timely and teach seniors how to avoid identity theft, scams, fraud, etc. Police officers and sheriffs may be in attendance. Free. Refreshments served. For details, call 713-477-0175.

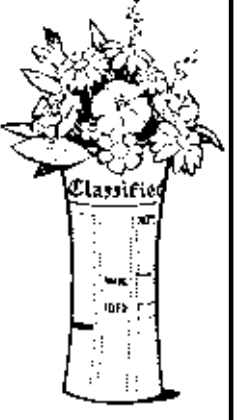
11:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous Deer Park - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through Fellowship Hall in back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

2 p.m.
Genealogy Group - The Parker Williams Genealogy group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first and third Mondays at the Parker Williams Library, Beamer at Scarsdale. The public is invited to attend. For details, email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.

6 p.m.
New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Pkwy. For details, call Margarita at 832-715-9658.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills. Call 281-488-2923 for details. **Continued on Page 4B**



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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, MARCH 16

6:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd., next to the fire station. For details, call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565 or visit <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>. 7 p.m.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group - gives coping skills in a non-threatening environment to adults who have lost a loved one to suicide. For details email LynneAnnH@yahoo.com or visit www.crisishotline.org or call 832-416-1177.

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

The Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society - Meets the third Monday at Clear Lake Park Bldg., 5001 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook. Presenters explore topics such as fossils, planetary geology, mineralogy, lapidary, jewelry making, fossil and mineral collecting. Field trips to Texas collecting sites and surrounding states. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit www.clgms.org.

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. For details, call 713-472-0565. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Free dance lessons - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180. 1:30 p.m.

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

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - NARFE Chapter 941 meets the third Tuesday, El Franco Lee Park Community Center, 9500 Hall Rd. Visitors welcome. For details, call Roy at 713-734-1461 or EFL Center at 281-464-9708. No meeting in Aug.

Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details/classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drjglandorf@sbglobal.net or 281-488-6318. 7 p.m.

Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club - meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 7900 Fuqua (inside Covenant of Faith United Methodist Church). There is no meeting in December. For details, contact Cathy at houston-skyscraper-shadows.org or call 713-332-6294.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 22930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com. **Positive Interaction Program** - meets the third Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, first floor staff meeting room. PIP is police and citizens working together making neighborhoods safer. Bring a friend. For information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 281-218-3900.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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.

Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group that meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 50 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. Deposits are being taken for Black Hills, Badlands and Legends of the West in South Dakota, July 15-21, 2020; and a Hawaiian Cruise on the Pride of America/Norwegian Cruise Line, Nov. 7-14 2020. For additional information, call Marilyn 713-444-6744. 9:30 a.m.

The Community Club - meets monthly on the third Wednesday at Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., in Pasadena. Social time is 9:30 a.m.; meeting is at 10 a.m. The club is a charitable organization of women helping the Salvation Army feed and care for homebound elderly/disabled people, children and the homeless, providing scholarships for Bridge Over Troubled Water clients. Day trips may be scheduled, followed by a guest speaker/program with fellowship and lunch. New members and guests are invited. For details, email jmopry@yahoo.com. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details. 11:30 a.m.

Houston Hobby Airport Lions Club - meets monthly, first and third Wednesday, Golden Corral, 4021 Spencer Hwy., Pasadena. December may be an exception. For information, email Teresa Dover at doverbookkeeper@aol.com. 1 - 3:30 p.m.

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., in Pearland. Variety of speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or email nalix@texascti.zensbank.com. 10 a.m.

Clear Lake Bridge Club - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at jpochnsner@aol.com for details. 6 p.m.

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

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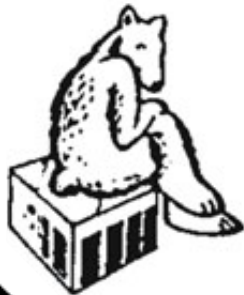
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Dobie softball coaches watch Pleasants compete at LSU

At right, Dobie softball assistant coaches, from left, Chris Swinnen, Mat Ortiz and Carmela Swinnen, took advantage of Spring Break to head to Baton Rouge to watch 2019 Dobie graduate Taylor Pleasants (front) play as a member of the Louisiana State University women's softball program, and Pleasants did not disappoint. Going 3 for 4 with a 2-run homer to dead center field, Pleasants drove in four runs in the game to lead fourth-ranked LSU to a 9-1 win over South Alabama. In helping LSU to a 21-3 overall record, Pleasants has been a top performer from her first game forward. To this point, Pleasants is hitting .383 with three doubles, a triple and four home runs. She's tied for the team lead with 21 runs batted in and has scored 23 runs. LSU will now open Southeastern Conference play March 13, traveling to No. 16 South Carolina for a weekend series.



Dobie baseball out to solid start at 7-2-1

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In its PISD tourney opener against Mayde Creek, the Longhorns scored six runs in the third inning to break things open and went on to win

9-1. Lorenzo Mendez, off to a great start at the plate through 10 games, was 2 for 3 with a run scored and four runs batted in. Alan Lopez and Mikey

Torres doubled, and Torres drove in two while Lopez was 2 for 2 with a pair of runs scored and two driven in. On the mound, Marti-

nez fanned seven in earning the victory. Dobie then topped Westbury 8-2 as Daniel Garza scored three runs and Noah Torres drove in three. Torres also tossed three hitless frames, striking out four.

In a 13-6 win over Alief Taylor, Christian Cleckley and Blogg drove in two runs each and the Longhorns scored 11 runs in the first inning to support Lopez on the mound.



Dobie senior catcher Justin Blogg is off to a great start at the plate for the Longhorns with extra-base hits in numerous games as the team now heads to Baytown for its final tournament appearance.



The Longhorns' Sean Bonner (29) checks in with the coaching staff after reaching base in the team's win over Mayde Creek March 6. Bonner was 1 for 2 with a walk in the game and scored a run in the easy win.

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JFD girls' soccer to finish

Kingwood, Atascocita, Summer Creek and Memorial are safely in the varsity girls' soccer playoffs, with the Dobie girls looking to finish strong in its final two games against South Houston March 16 and Memorial March 21.

After a 1-1 tie against

Atascocita March 6 at San Jacinto College South, Dobie is 5-6-1 with the two remaining games, good for fifth place.

Senior Victoria Chu is on pace to lead the team in scoring for the second straight season, as she has 34 points with 17 goals.

Pear Run coming May 9

The 2020 Pear Run returns to the Pearland Town Center Pavilion Saturday, May 9, as the community is invited to take part in a 10k run or a 5k run/walk to help raise funds for the Pearland Police Department.

In 2019, the event raised proceeds of \$50,000 that

was utilized to help purchase a mobile command center for the Pearland Police Department as well as allowing the Pearland Police Honor Guard to attend Police Week in Washington, D.C.

To register for the 2020 event, visit the run website at www.pearrun.com.

At right, Dobie senior left-hander Domenic Martinez has tuned things up for his Longhorns in recent days as the team has gone 7-2-1 overall through 10 games. The Paris College signee was the winning pitcher in a 9-1 victory over Mayde Creek March 6 as he struck out seven over four innings. He then entered the game against Clear Brook March 9 with the Wolverines having already scored three times and earned the save with a pair of strikeouts in an inning of work.

Photos by Gary Williams



JFD at Baytown

March 12

JFD vs. Sterling
9 a.m.

JFD vs. Clear Falls
11:15 a.m.

March 13

JFD vs. Barbers Hill
9 a.m.

JFD vs. La Porte
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