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### Beltway 8 closures set

At least one inside lane on both the east-bound and westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads from Beamer to South Wayside Drive will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, March 31.

The U-turn lanes on the Beltway 8 frontage road at Beamer and at Pearland Parkway will both be closed continuously until midnight, Friday, March 31.

Both the Blackhawk exit and Monroe entrance on Beltway 8 will be closed through Saturday, July 8.

### Knights hold fish fry

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a fish fry fundraising dinner on Fridays from March 17 through April 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall Road. The menu includes a breaded catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn on the cob and iced tea or lemonade. The cost is \$10, eat in or take out. Baked fish fillets are available in limited quantities.

### Bush holds two meetings

Laura Bush Elementary, located at 9100 Blackhawk Blvd., will have two informational meetings for parents who will have children enrolling in kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year and are interested in the dual-language program. The meetings will be held at the campus Tuesday, March 21, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information about the program, contact Stephanie Tellez, dual language coordinator, at 713-740-0928 or stellez@pasadenaisd.org.

### Library seeks donations

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale, is seeking donations of gently used fiction and nonfiction books. There is a particular need for adult soft-backs (pocketbooks) and all children's books. CDs and DVDs are also being sought.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least two southbound main lanes on the Gulf Freeway from Bay Area Boulevard to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed continuously from 9 p.m. Friday, March 17, through 5 a.m. Monday, March 20.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway from FM-1959/Dixie Farm Road to FM-528/NASA Road 1 will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, March 31. Alternate exit/entrance ramps will be closed.

### Gulfhaven opens food bank

Gulfhaven Church, 10716 Sabo Road, is opening a food bank each Wednesday for the first three weeks of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The food pantry will be open the fourth Thursday of the month from 2 to 7 p.m. For those in need of food subsidy, come by on one of the above scheduled days and time. Bring personal documentation to register. For additional information, contact 713-562-4580 or gulfhavenchurch@txsda.org.

### CrossRoads health fair set

CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will hold a health fair Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature health screenings, mammograms and blood donations. ID required.

### Lariaettes hold Spring Show

The Dobie Lariaettes will hold their annual Spring Show from Thursday, Apr. 6, through Saturday, April 8, in the school auditorium, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each.

### Dobie Theater to perform

Dobie Theatre UIL will hold a one-act play on Thursday, March 23, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Entry is \$5.

### PIP to meet March 21

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria, in the staff meeting room on the first floor. Guest speaker will be HPD Sgt. Tracy Hicks, who will discuss the topic of auto theft. PIP consists of police and citizens working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, call HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1777.

### Sageglen meets March 20

The Sageglen Community Association's monthly meeting will take place Monday, March 20, at the Sageglen Community Building, located at 11610 Sageyork, beginning at 7 p.m. For more information, call 281-481-2160.

### Leader correction

Both the March 2 and March 9 editions of the *Leader* erroneously referred to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital CEO Kyle Price as Kyle Preston. The *Leader* staff apologizes for any confusion.

## SJC receives prestigious national award

The Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence recognized San Jacinto College as one of the top five community colleges in the nation, presenting the school a Rising Star award. The announcement was made at a luncheon in Washington on Tuesday, March 14.

"I am honored and humbled to accept this Rising Star award on behalf of the entire San Jacinto College community," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "This award is for our students. They are the focus of our work and our efforts. We want them to achieve their goals and we want to eliminate barriers that

could impede their success. This recognition as one of the top five community colleges in the nation is proof that we are accomplishing those efforts."

For its efforts, the college was awarded \$100,000. The area school was one of 10 finalists for the prestigious Aspen Prize, which was presented to Lake Area Technical Institute of Watertown, S.D., earning it \$600,000. In all, the Aspen Institute awarded \$1 million in prize money.

Florida's Broward College (Fort Lauderdale) and Indian River State College (Fort Pierce) were both named Finalists with Distinction, and

fellow Texas school, Odessa College (Odessa), also received a Rising Star award. Each of the three schools received \$100,000.

Other Aspen Prize finalists included Anoka-Ramsey Community College (Coon Rapids, Minn.), Chaffey College (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Northeast Community College (Norfolk, Neb.), Pasadena City College (Pasadena, Calif.) West Kentucky Community and Technical College (Paducah, Ky.).

Launched in 2011, the Aspen Prize is awarded every two years to a community college achieving high marks in student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings for graduates and access and success for minority and low-income students. From the more than 1,100 community colleges nationwide, San Jacinto College was first selected among the top 150 last spring. A selection committee then narrowed down those institutions to the top 10, and then selected the Aspen Prize winner, two Finalists with Distinction and two Rising Star recipients.

"San Jacinto College is delivering highly-skilled graduates to fuel economic growth and enable social mobility in the Houston region," said Joshua Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and author of *What Excellent Community Colleges Do*. "Student completion rates have risen steadily and substantially since San Jacinto College reorganized and began to develop a strong culture where everyone at the college is uniquely focused on and held accountable for student success."

Between 2007 and 2016, San Jacinto College increased the number of certificates and associate degrees awarded by 161.7 percent. Last academic year, 7,019 students earned a certificate or degree from San Jacinto College. This increase is due to a focus on student success and the support students receive along their paths from when they first arrive at San Jacinto College through graduation.

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### Hellyer receives honor

San Jacinto College was presented a prestigious Rising Star award at the Aspen Institute's biennial conference in Washington on Tuesday, March 14. The school was recognized for its 30-percent increase in graduation/transfer rates over the last five years. The college was awarded \$100,000 in prize money. San Jacinto College Chancellor Brenda Hellyer is shown to the left accepting the award from U.S. Rep. George Miller at the ceremony.

Photo courtesy of Aspen Institute

## Son to be tried as adult, accused of killing Dobie grad, husband

The teen son accused of killing his mother, 1992 Dobie graduate Dawn Whitely Armstrong, and her husband, Antonio Armstrong, at the family's Bellaire-area home last July will now be tried as an adult, a judge ruled last week.

Now 17, A.J. Armstrong was only 16 at the time of the alleged capital murders and was initially charged as a juvenile.

The judge's decision stemmed from new evidence presented that appeared to show probable cause and examples of past delinquent behavior.

Prosecutors revealed the teen, who has consistently maintained his innocence, had recently been pulled from his private school before the shooting and had been grounded from using his car or cell phone.

Additionally, he had been caught smoking marijuana, and investigators reportedly found a crack pipe and stolen debit cards in his room while searching the residence.

The story has made international news, as Antonio Armstrong was once a star football player at Texas A&M University and briefly played in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins.

More recently, the couple owned 1st Class

Training in Bellaire and reportedly served as pastors at their church. Antonio Armstrong also served as a motivational speaker.

The couple was found shot early Friday, July 29. According to police, the teen suspect called 9-1-1 around 1:40 a.m. while hiding in the closet to report there was a masked man inside the family's home. Investigators were suspicious of the boy's story, however, as there were no signs of forced entry, and the home's alarm system was still armed.

Both victims were shot in the head with a .22-caliber pistol that belonged to Antonio Armstrong. Pillows were placed on each of the victim's heads, presumably to muffle the sound of the gunshots. The murder weapon was found in the home's kitchen along with an undisclosed note. The suspect's 12-year-old sister was also home at the time and reportedly slept through the incident.

The teen's mother was pronounced dead at the scene, and his father was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he later died.

If convicted, the teen faces life in prison with a possibility of parole after 40 years.

## Police seek armed robbery suspect

Houston police are searching for a suspect accused of robbing the Family Dollar store in the 10900 block of Fuqua at Sabo on Wednesday, March 8.

According to police, the suspect entered the store around 9:10 p.m., produced a pistol and demanded cash from the register. The crook reportedly then fled the scene on foot toward Beamer.

The suspect is described merely as a male wearing all black with his face covered. Anyone with any information about this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crimestoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## Mayor launches homeless initiative

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner recently announced a more holistic approach to reducing homelessness and invited the community to help implement it. The mayor's plan involves expedited efforts to permanently house the homeless, more shelter beds, new public health and safety regulations and an anti-panhandling awareness campaign.

"Houston has achieved significant reductions in homelessness in recent years, but I am committed to doing even more," said Mayor Turner. "It is simply not acceptable for people to live on the streets; it is not good for them, and it is not good for the city. We will tackle this complicated issue, and we will do it humanely with a meaningful approach that balances the needs of the homeless and the concerns of neighborhoods they impact. We will need everyone's patience and help to make it work."

At the center of the mayor's plan is expansion of The Way Home, the coordinated housing initiative of 100 public and private organizations that has reduced overall homelessness by 57 percent over the last five years. Another 500 chronically homeless individuals will be placed in permanent supportive housing within six months. Coupled with this aggressive goal, the community, often with direct city support, is continuing to invest in new permanent supportive housing units, but more apartments are still needed. The mayor is calling on apartment owners and landlords with vacant units to step forward and be part of the solution.

Another 215 shelter beds will become available in August when the new Star of Hope campus on Reed Road is finished. In addition, the city is pursuing creation of one or more secure and

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## Tragedy strikes former resident

Tragedy struck former resident and Dobie graduate Scott Seago on March 4 when his house caught fire in Warwick, Mass., killing his wife and four of their children.

While Seago and his daughter Vivian Seago, 10, were able to escape the blaze, Seago's wife Lucinda Seago, 42, and four of their children, Peter Seago, 7; Demetria Seago, 9; Martin Seago, 12; and Nicholas Seago, 15, died in the fire, which was deemed an accident by State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey, reportedly caused by a wood stove.

In addition to losing five family members in the blaze, Seago's house was declared a total loss.

Before moving to Massachusetts, Seago was

an active member of the South Belt community, and he was a member of the 1992 Dobie Academic Decathlon team that won the national title. His parents continue to reside in the area and are members of Sagemont Church.

A donation page has been established to help Seago and his daughter recover from the incident. At press time, nearly \$60,000 of a \$100,000 goal had been collected.

To donate funds, visit <http://bit.ly/2IUGNPo>. Warwick resident Louise Doud is also collecting furnishings and housewares to set up an apartment for Seago and his daughter.

To donate items for this cause, contact Doud by phone at 978-544-2181 or by email at [lpdoud@gmail.com](mailto:lpdoud@gmail.com).

## Fun fest, dog parade set for April 8

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will jointly host the second annual South Belt Family Fun Fest and Strut Your Mutt dog parade on Saturday, April 8, at Clear Brook City Park, located at Blackhawk and Scarsdale, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The event will feature a 1.5 and 3 mile fun run/walk, Strut Your Mutt dog competition and KidsSafe fingerprinting. In addition, there will be a disc jockey, a live band, inflatables, demonstrations and try it workshops, games, disc golf and more. A display of live native reptiles is being provided by Karen Duston, a naturalist/environmental scientist from San Jacinto College. Sensei Dale Garagrave of Ikushinkan Dojo will

provide Aikido (a form of Japanese martial art) demonstrations, and Maximum Impact Cross Fit will provide workout demonstrations.

The run/walk, which will begin at 6 p.m., will be equipped with multiple water stops. Everyone that completes the course will be awarded a medal. Entry fee for the run/walk is \$20 for adults and includes a T-shirt if registered by Monday, March 27. Entry fee for the run/walk is \$5 for children 12 and under and includes a participant wrist band.

The Strut Your Mutt dog competition will begin at 4 p.m. Nine judged categories include prettiest, ugliest, largest, smallest, diva, and macho dogs. Other categories will be best trick, best

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## EFL splash pad set to open April 8

Harris County Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis and other officials will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, April 8, for the new splash pad at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road.

Precinct One park and construction officials, along with Harris County engineers and architects, joined contractors for a final walk-through of the 2,778-square-foot splash pad on Thursday, March 9.

"A splash pad is an excellent addition to the park that already has a spacious playground,

nature trails and sports fields," said Chambers Washington, superintendent of Precinct One's Parks Department. "The water facility will provide children a fun and refreshing way to cool off in the summer months."

The aquatic-play features include Fill 'n' Spill, Water Sprout, Jet Way, Mushroom Maze, Baseball Spin 'n' Spray and other fun activities. The splash pad has two covered seating areas — each with two picnic tables.

The splash pad will be open from April to October from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## County workers check splash pad



A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place Saturday, April 8, at El Franco Lee Park commemorating the opening of the park's new splash pad. The event will be hosted by Harris County Precinct One Commissioner Rodney Ellis, along with other county officials. The splash pad was the last project the late El Franco Lee promised the South Belt community. County inspectors are shown above giving the project a final walk-through.

Photo submitted

## In My Opinion

### Tamijani responds to story, editorial

I completely understood the analytic journalistic side of finding out more about this Latino PAC group looking to score more representation in PISD. The fact that they aren't exactly insiders to what goes on in the meetings and whatnot concerns you, which is justified. But it doesn't concern me or underrepresented families sending their kids to these schools. More on that in a bit.

But Mrs. Flickinger, the word "allegedly" was used 4+ times in that article. Pasadena's racist history is not "alleged." It is fact. A KKK bookstore in the middle of town, the district commanded by high courts to admit minority teachers in the 80s, and opening a secular Memorial High School in the 2000s to separate decent housing neighborhoods with white folks from the low-income apartment areas that go to Rayburn is indeed factual history. This is but a tip of the iceberg from other out-of-touch cases Pasadena has dealt to its majority Hispanic community (it's technically 48% in the censuses only because it doesn't count tens of thousands of undocumented immigrants too afraid to report information ever. This is undeniable).

My father became the first ever soccer coach for Rayburn High School. You might want to check out the comparison for attention paid to youth soccer in Pasadena, and the love of the sport by a vast majority of its young families.

My family has witnessed this passive attitude to local Hispanics for over a quarter century, and it's ever more present now with racist rhetoric from the White House telling you to fear and hate immigrants.

Mayor Johnny Isbell's greed for power over demographics of the city to benefit he and his friends' interests were proven racist by the US Constitution and federal courts.

As for your opinion piece's critiques of the views of this PAC, it should be noted that board member Quijano is a Cuban-American multimillionaire due to owning many area McDonalds, which contributes to local kids' unhealthy diets (I don't think PISD cafeteria meals are a lot better). Don't believe the results? Look at funding for our schools' abysmal athletics and physical education (aside from accomplishments for Dobie, which is in Houston).

She also does not effectively relate or reach out to extremely impoverished local immigrant families, something this organization knows a good bit about. In fact, even if she were a flawless example of Hispanic representation in the board of trustees, how in the world is one or two members acceptable? District leadership do not engage with these poor families daily. They don't know what it's like to quit their extracurricular passions to work two jobs to support their single mom and little siblings while living in a trailer park bordering one of the district's schools. They don't know what it's like to make a 3.9 GPA only to be encouraged to attend local mediocre colleges, when a white student in Deer Park is visited by the likes of UCLA or Vanderbilt.

We have a school district naming schools after their experienced elderly white board members that grew up in a time when the only Mexicans living in Pasadena had ranches residing there back when the land was CALLED Mexico. That's not in touch. That's not representation.

No, I do not discourage this attempt to bring a more balanced, diverse representation to PISD and the Pasadena city council. I welcome it.

At the bare minimum, maybe they can make the district stop building roofs that cave in during moderate rain storms for Pete's sake.

**Samson Tamijani**  
**Publisher's note:** Thanks for your comments. First, let me say two versions of "alleged" were used for a total of 3 references, not your statement of 4+ times. Two involved the ongoing court case against the City of Pasadena which requires the use of "alleged" since the outcome of that trial has not yet been determined. The third usage was: "Pasadena's alleged racist history." While there is no doubt some racist people live and work in Pasadena, they are not representative of all Pasadena residents, or the school district.

The part of your letter I enjoyed most was about your father being the first ever soccer coach at Rayburn. I did not know your father, but I can imagine the problems he encountered. Coach Jon Schmidt, who had been a trainer, not a coach, turned out to be a fantastic winning coach as Dobie's

### Local library events set

#### Parker Williams Library

The following are scheduled at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale.

TaxAide is available Mondays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through April 17. There will be no assistance on Good Friday, April 14. Volunteers from AARP TaxAide will assist with federal income tax preparation, tax questions and filing tax returns at no charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bring a photo-ID, Social Security card and any official documentation for oneself and all dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements and other necessary forms.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be at the library Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through April 8. VITA offers free tax assistance for those earning \$54,000 or less annually, persons with disabilities and taxpayers with limited English vocabulary. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic tax return preparation with electronic filing for qualified individuals.

Thursday, March 16, 1-6 p.m. Classic Disney Movie Marathon. Feature presentations include *The Little Mermaid* at 1 p.m., *Aladdin* at 2:45 p.m. and *Beauty and the Beast* at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 17, 4:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Day craft. Create a custom leprechaun Operation style-game.

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) presents *How to be a Successful Bidder*.

Tuesday, March 21, 2 p.m. United Way Thrive presents a program titled *Money Basics*.

Wednesday, March 22, 2:30 p.m., the Internet class is Files and Folder Management.

Wednesday, March 22, 5 p.m. Basic Life Skills: Basic Safety. Learn basic safety tips from the National Safety Council for home, on the road and at work.

Wednesdays, Preschool storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays, Toddler storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays, Vietnamese learning time. Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m. and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

For more information on these programs, phone the library at 281-484-2036.

#### Bracewell Branch Library

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

Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. Spanish computer class

Saturday, March 18, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. English learning; 12:30 p.m. Lego playtime

Tuesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m. Baby storytime; 10:30 a.m. Toddler playtime

Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. Polliwog club; Live animals

Wednesday, March 22: Computer courses: 2 p.m. Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. Basic Powerpoint

For more information, call the library at 832-393-2580. All events are free and open to the public.

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

## Fun Fest, dog parade April 8

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costume and best owner/pet costume.

Pet chipping and pet-related exhibitions will provide dog care and training tips. A \$5 registration per dog includes a participant wristband.

Operation KidSafe, sponsored by State Farm Insurance agent Steve Sipes, will record the fingerprints of each hand along with a full digital head and shoulder photograph of participating children. The information is printed and provided to the parent for safekeeping.

Multiple food trucks and a concession stand will feature snow cones, cotton candy and drinks.

There is a \$5 fee for each child participating in the activities. Wristbands can be purchased in advance on the chamber website at [www.southbeltchamber.com](http://www.southbeltchamber.com) or at the event.

All proceeds benefit the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Education Outreach Committee. The Education Outreach Committee provides school supplies, shirts and undergarments for children in the South Belt community. Event organizers are enthusiastic about the upcoming function.

For information, contact the chamber office at 281-481-5516 or [info@southbeltchamber.com](mailto:info@southbeltchamber.com).

"It will be something fun for the whole family," said Judy Harrison, who chairs the chamber Education Outreach Committee. "It will be an opportunity for the community to come enjoy the outdoors, enjoy the park and enjoy the festivities."

Early packet pickup and registration for the run/walk will be Friday, April 7, at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce building, located at 10500 Scarsdale.

Event-day packet pickup and registration will take place Saturday, April 8, at the Clear Brook City MUD building, located at 11911 Blackhawk, from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Registration for sponsorships, run/walk, dog competition as well as wristband purchase is available online at [www.southbeltchamber.com](http://www.southbeltchamber.com). In addition, forms for the run/walk and dog competition are available on Page 4B, at the Clear Brook City MUD and the chamber office.

Forms can be completed and mailed or returned, with payment, to the chamber office. Strollers, as well as dogs on leashes, are welcome.

For information, contact the chamber office at 281-481-5516 or [info@southbeltchamber.com](mailto:info@southbeltchamber.com).

## Leader checks out social media

**By Mary Doan**

A member of the *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page has reported that the Liquor Depot, 11623 S Sam Houston Parkway, a store next to Kroger near the intersection of Sabo and Beltway 8, had been robbed and shots were fired. The armed robbery took place on Monday, March 6, around 8 to 9 p.m. The store owner described the robber as a male, dressed in black, whose face was covered.

The robber had reportedly withdrawn his gun and demanded money from the register. As the robber was leaving the store, the store owner attempted to get a picture of the robber; however, the robber fired a shot in the store owner's direction, hitting the window of Great Clips next door.

To report any information on the Liquor Depot armed robbery, contact Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS(8477) or the Houston police, robbery division. Submitted tips will remain anonymous.

For more information, visit the *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page or see the *Leader* 9, 2017, issue of the *Leader*.

On Wednesday, March 8, around 9 p.m., a young man robbed the Family Dollar store on Fuqua at gunpoint. He was dressed in all black, his face was covered, and he wore sunglasses. He reportedly took the cash and fled on foot toward Beamer.

Members say that there is a possibility he was heading toward the Sage Hollow apartment complex.

To report any information on the Family Dollar armed robbery, contact Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS(8477) or the Houston police, robbery division. Submitted tips will remain anonymous.

For more information, visit the *South belt & Sagemont area crime alert* Facebook page. See Page 1A.

Talented Pasadena Independent School District employees will be performing with the Houston Symphonic Band on Friday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, 11111 Beamer Road.

The performance includes music by composers such as Brian Balmages, Julie Giroux, Karl L. King, and many others. Local Pasadena ISD employee Eric Brown will play a solo tuba performance entitled, "Concertino for Tuba and Band." Many other

Join SEEN-ABWA for the monthly luncheon Thursday, April 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque (private meeting room), 9005 Broadway (FM-518), Pearland.

Twenty dollars covers the meal and meeting fee. RSVP by Tuesday, April 4, at [www.seen-abwa.org/](http://www.seen-abwa.org/).

The guest speaker is Gaylyn DeVine who will present "Equal Pay...Why Does It Matter?"

SEEN-ABWA meets April 6

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### Melvin J. Medack



Melvin J. Medack, 82, of Pearland died March 7, 2017.

He was born in Hamilton, Texas, on Jan. 30, 1935, to Walter E. Medack and Gertrude Leitko Medack. He was married to Mary Lou Medack for 62 years.

Melvin and Mary Lou lived in Sagemont from 1964 to 1987.

Melvin had a proud career as a civil service contractor for NASA, Rockwell International and finally McDonnell Douglas.

During that time, he worked on the Gemini Program, the Skylab Program and the Space Shuttle Program.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, King of Kings Lutheran Church and Epiphany Lutheran Church and humbly

served in leadership roles at each.

He had a passion for his family, playing golf and working with computers.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by wife; sisters Shirley Mosemann and Donna Foster; brother Steven Medack; children Susan McGrath, Pamela Dekle and husband Wayne Dekle, David Medack and wife Renee Medack, Terry Medack and Cindi Powel; grandchildren Samantha Sprouls-McGrath and Chris Nenko, Kara and Charlie McGrath, Heather McGrath and J.J. Hennessy, Brandon and Erica Dekle, Kaitlyn McGrath and Zachary Empey, Shannon Medack, Brook McGrath, Steven and Lauren Black, Nicholas Medack, Harrison Medack, Darcel and James Stewart, Rachele and John Siminof; and great-grandchildren Laban Walls, Whisper Dekle, Nola McGrath and Rory Sprouls Mcgrath Nenko.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017, at his home in Cleveland, Texas.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1937, to Earl Newton and Myrtle Flynn in Pasadena.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Louise Johnson; and granddaughter

Michelle Newton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years Janet Jacobs Newton; stepmother Bert Newton; stepfather Patricia Owens; daughters Debbie L. King and Kelly L. Newton; sons Billy L. Newton Jr., Paul E. Newton and Robert Good; grandsons (whom he had the opportunity to help rear) Mark Newton and wife Kaylee Newton; Matthew Newton and wife Rosie; Jonathan Newton and wife Meghan and Jeffrey Newton; grandchildren Tara Davenport and husband Tony; Joseph Chambers; Billy L. Newton III; Joshua Newton; Ruth Anne Newton; Timothy Newton and Benjamin Newton; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends.

Visitation was Monday, March 13, 2017, at Pace Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland.

The funeral service was Tuesday, March 14, at Oak Shade Baptist Church, in Cleveland.

## San Jac wins national award

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College is also planning to construct a new technologically advanced Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology, another direct response from the region's industry. Funded through a bond referendum approved by voters in the District in 2015, the new center will be the region's hub for petrochemical and manufacturing training, directly supporting the economic engine in the Gulf Coast region and preparing people for careers at all levels.

"Our industry partnerships are crucial to helping us fill the employment pipeline in a number of fields that are thriving in the Houston region," said Dan Mims, chairman of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees. "We value these relationships and are thankful for the benefits our students receive from having experts involved in our programs."

#### Addressing Outcomes

In selecting San Jacinto College as an Aspen Rising Star recipient, a panel of distinguished leaders in higher education evaluated the college's efforts in several areas including completion and labor market outcomes. San Jacinto College has developed a number of innovative initiatives that put students on a path to success. For example, San Jacinto College faculty developed a reading first and math re-design for students without college-level reading skills. This course combines developmental reading, developmental math and college algebra into one course and had a success rate of 71.4 percent in fall 2015, compared to traditional algebra success rates of 53.7 percent.

Another example is the college's Integrated Reading and Writing course, an accelerated developmental reading and writing course that moves five courses to two. Students who take the course are succeeding at a higher rate in Composition I than students who took separate reading and writing courses, 66.9 percent to 52.3 percent, respectively.

To ensure students achieve labor market success, San Jacinto College has aligned program learning outcomes to industry standards. The college monitors labor market trends and develops programs in partnership with local industry representatives. Each program maintains an advisory committee comprised of local experts who meet annually with faculty and staff to review student success data, curriculum, facilities and equipment and job placement.

The maritime and petrochemical industries are two of the strongest in the Gulf Coast region. In January 2016, San Jacinto College opened its fourth campus, one that specializes in maritime training, located along Port Houston. This new campus was a direct response to industry demand, and reflects a true partnership between the college and local businesses who are looking for a local site to train incumbent workers. San Jacinto

College is also planning to construct a new technologically advanced Center for Petrochemical, Energy and Technology, another direct response from the region's industry. Funded through a bond referendum approved by voters in the District in 2015, the new center will be the region's hub for petrochemical and manufacturing training, directly supporting the economic engine in the Gulf Coast region and preparing people for careers at all levels.

"Our industry partnerships are crucial to helping us fill the employment pipeline in a number of fields that are thriving in the Houston region," said Dan Mims, chairman of the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees. "We value these relationships and are thankful for the benefits our students receive from having experts involved in our programs."

**Closing the gap**  
Another area that the Aspen Institute panel evaluated was around achievement gaps between different groups of students and how San Jacinto College addressed those gaps. To effect a cultural change, in 2009 the college created an immersive two-day training based on Skip Downing's *On Course* principles. The training, titled *Success at San Jac* was mandatory for all employees. San Jacinto College also instituted a new faculty academy, new staff orientation and a re-connected program to refresh long-term employees to sustain momentum. These initiatives resulted in an institutional commitment to student success.

"From these faculty and staff initiatives, we were able to create and implement a number of student success initiatives and services to support our students as they navigate their first semester at San Jacinto College through graduation," said Hellyer. "We have seen an increase in our graduation rates of more than 160 percent over the last 10 years, and much of that success is a direct result of how we are helping students earn their certificate or associate degree."

Some student success initiatives that resulted from the college-wide approach to student success include Aid Like a Paycheck and a new Open Educational Resources (OER) degree. Aid Like a Paycheck provides students with financial aid refunds every two weeks, rather than in a lump sum 30 days after the semester begins, which is the methodology for most financial aid students. The result is that students are better able to manage their financial resources throughout the semester so they can stay enrolled and graduate. San Jacinto College provides financial literacy and coaching for students from entry through completion.

The OER degree will be a general studies associate degree program that will

provide significant cost savings to students because they will not have to buy traditional course materials such as high-cost textbooks.

In lieu of traditional print textbooks that can cost several hundred dollars per copy, students who participate in the new degree program will use digital Open Educational Resources course materials which are accessible online. For a nominal technology fee, San Jacinto College students will be able to utilize these resources, significantly reducing the cost of textbooks that many students face each semester.

San Jacinto College recognizes that achievement gaps exist between minority students and students of all other races and ethnicities. However, the college has been making significant strides in closing those gaps. *Community College Week* ranks San Jacinto College eighth in the country in awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students, and the college was recently recognized by *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine as one of the top 10 community colleges for Hispanics. The college has increased the number of certificates and degrees awarded to Hispanic students by 174 percent since the 2008-2009 academic year, and has increased by 109 percent the number of certificates and associate degrees awarded to African-American students.

The college's Men of Honor and Women of Integrity programs are two initiatives it has supported to provide its Hispanic and African-American students the support they need to complete what it is they started at San Jacinto College. Community members and San Jacinto College employees serve as mentors in each organization, offering guidance, encouragement and support to Hispanic and African-American students. The goal is to increase retention and graduation rates among the Hispanic and African-American populations, while also providing assistance in finding their educational and professional pathway.

Community colleges today enroll more than 40 percent of all U.S. undergraduates - 6 million students - working toward degrees and certificates. These include growing numbers of lower-income and minority students. Aspen's Rising Star winners demonstrate that community colleges can dramatically improve the success of students while in college and in completing a degree that leads to well-paying jobs and careers after college.

For more information about the 2017 Aspen Prize winner, Finalists with Distinction and Rising Stars as well as information and lessons learned from all the prize finalists, visit <http://as.pn/1kr>.

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### Billy L. Newton Sr.



Former South Belt resident, Billy L. Newton Sr., age 79, died peacefully on Friday, March 10, 2017, at his home in Cleveland, Texas.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1937, to Earl Newton and Myrtle Flynn in Pasadena.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Louise Johnson; and granddaughter

Michelle Newton.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years Janet Jacobs Newton; stepmother Bert Newton; stepfather Patricia Owens; daughters Debbie L. King and Kelly L. Newton; sons Billy L. Newton Jr., Paul E. Newton and Robert Good; grandsons (whom he had the opportunity to help rear) Mark Newton and wife Kaylee Newton; Matthew Newton and wife Rosie; Jonathan Newton and wife Meghan and Jeffrey Newton; grandchildren Tara Davenport and husband Tony; Joseph Chambers; Billy L. Newton III; Joshua Newton; Ruth Anne Newton; Timothy Newton and Benjamin Newton; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends.

Visitation was Monday, March 13, 2017, at Pace Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland.

The funeral service was Tuesday, March 14, at Oak Shade Baptist Church, in Cleveland.

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## PISD announces top science fair winners



Shown are the top-performing middle school science fair winners in the Pasadena Independent School District. Displaying their trophies, the winners are, left to right, (front row) Ella Daley from Carter Lomax Middle School, Best in Show; (back row) Timothy McCartney from Bobby Shaw Middle School, Best Experimental Design; Holly Tran from Carter Lomax Middle School, Outstanding Real World Application; Hannah Brooks from Carter Lomax Middle School, Honorable Mention; and Alexis Benestante from Carter Lomax Middle School, Honorable Mention. Not pictured are Thang Tran from Morris Middle School, Most Original; and Mauricio Leal from Melillo Middle School, Honorable Mention.

Photo by Jade Wise

## Dobie honor roll announced for 4th six weeks

The following honor roll has been released for J. Frank Dobie High School for the fourth six weeks. The students on the honor roll are:

**Ninth Grade**  
Abrianna Isabel Aguilar, Ashley Lizbeth Amaro, Tamecia Nicole Anderson, Elian Adalberto Andrade Ortiz, Colby William Arnold, Anilu Itzayana Arrieta, Eduardo Benavides, Alyssa Mercedes Bernal, Alesia Michelle Bill, Justin Duane Blogg and Breanna Mechele Boutte.  
Marshall Arthur Bradley, Jesse Manuel Bustamante, Jasmine Marie Cano, Sadie Rae Capuchino, Christen Chantil Carpio Moni, Janie Manely Carrizalez, Ramon Cedillo, Diego Alan Cerda, Victoria Pham Chu, Courtney Van Chung and Sophia Colmenares.  
Danielle Joy Colunga, Alexander Corpus Estrada, Johana Nohemi Cristal Eiel, Bianca Gabrielle Cruz, Esperanza Daniela Cruz, Enoch Ruben Curiel, Tammy Tam Dang, Victoria Thien-Nga Dao, Purba Angela Daria, Darius Jamar Davis, Jessica Rene De La Cerda and Darian Jay Delgado.  
Khang Hoang Do, Quang Ngoc Do, Ivan Arturo Dominguez, Angelina Phuongthanh Dong, Gabriela Jasmin Dorantes, Alonso Dosal, Marcus Jordan Doss, Alejandro Julian Duenez, Kay Duong, Annette Florine Eonne, Joshua Dean Erickson, Jonathan Espinal and Efosa Osagie Ewansihia.  
Granyeli Feliciano, Nancy Mitchell Flores, Stephanie Judith Flores, Viviana Frias, Lee Andrew Frost, Noe Alejandro Garcia Moreno, Adriano Garcia, Jocelyn Garcia, Mayela Lizbeth Garcia, Nayeli Garibay, Madison Lane Garrett, Yanelly Garza and Eden Gaytan.  
Brianna Lynnette Gomez, Daniela Gomez, Noah Elijah Gonzales, Vivian Nicole Gonzalez, Kyus Ivan Gordon, Alejandra Zafiro Gracias, Rogelio Dejesus Guajardo, Carlos Catalino Guillen, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Amy Guzman, Emilly Guzman, Kayla Alia Hall, Abu Hasnat, Alina Isabel Herazo and Christian David Hernandez.  
Laila Ellyse Hernandez, Xavier Hernandez, Athena Tuyet Ninh Ho, Jacob Vinh Ho, Kennedy Bao Ho, Peter Quoc-Vuong Hoang, Tiffany Thanh Hoang, Stephanie Nicole Horton, Doan Thy Ba Huynh, Katelynxuan Thi Huynh, Vivian Quynh Huynh, Adrian Cain Johnson, Anyiah Joy Johnson and Caroline Renee Jordan.  
Tasmeha Jahan Kazi, Michelle Alexandra Kelley, Irene Sojung Kim, Patrick Joseph Kimes, Truong Vu Quang Lai, Ashley Marie Lam, Phat Minh Lam, Kayla Marie Lawson, Daniel Isaias Lazzano, Hannah May Lazo, Gia Hoang Le, Jessica Kimmai Le, Trung Vo Dinh Le, Vicki Phuong Le, Kari Edith Leija and Taylor Anita Levias.  
Elaine Anh Lien, Jeremiah Forsyth Little, Edward Aaron Longoria, Erin Marie Loosier, Samantha Eliana Lopez, Milow Lozano, David Edward Lukner, Trung Quang Luu, Vivian Luu, Tin Chanh Ly, Jorge Emiliano Martinez Islas, Katelyn Daniela Martinez Puerto and Isaac Martinez.  
Lauren Jasmin Martinez, Mark Anthony Martinez, Selestia Oralia Martinez, Marissa Ann Maxwell, Christian Jamiechicas Medina, Leah Alana Medlock, Andrew Mendez, Ava Jolie Maya Rainwater Mendez, Jonathan Adolfo Mendez, Christopher James Mendiola-Garcia and Elizabeth Diana Mendoza.  
Dwayne Anthony Mills, Jesse Ray Mitchell, Taiya Antone Mitchell, Isaiyah Joseph Montanez, Colby Austin Moorer, Brooke Madison Morales, Juliana Moreno, Shayna Victoria Motel, Madsyn Danielle Munoz, Allison Neira, Alyssa Quynh Nguyen and Ashley Nguyen.  
Bao Thien Nguyen, Daisy Tuyet Tran Nguyen, Danny Thanh Nguyen, Donna Ngoc Nguyen, Elina Tu Thanh Nguyen, Jacob Bui Nguyen, Jennifer Han Nguyen, Jessica Tien Nguyen, Johnny Quang Nguyen, Le Thi Diem Nguyen, Nhien Ngoc Nguyen, Thanh Phuong Nguyen and Tuyet Ngoc Nguyen.  
Tien Thi Tuyet Nguyen, Xavier Deshawn Nunn, Jose Jesus Ovalle, Tiffany Karely Oviedo, Allie Tae Parker, Sebastian Pena, Maria Fernanda Peredo Aguilar, Christopher Jose Perez Medrano, Evamaria Perla, Anthony Perrett, Hughes Pham and Kelly Nguyen Pham.  
Ngan Kim Phan, Timmy Thanh-Tu Phan, Abraham Joe Pizano, Kiandra Kamille Porter, Marissa Ramirez, Kiarizel Daylee Ramos, Helen Chastine Rankin-Diaz, Jonathan Gabriel Resendez,

Christian Reyes, Emily Jazmin Reyes, Jose Alberto Reyes, Gerardo Jesus Rivas, Danyal Mehdi Rizvi, Ambar Argentina Robles, Ariel Christina Robles and Ashley Anay Rodriguez.  
Ashley Isabelle Rodriguez, Julian Alexander Rodriguez, Naomi Sarai Rodriguez, Sirena Elaine Rodriguez, Miracle Joyce Rollins, Alex Christian Rosalez, Jackson Taefil Ruiz, Aliyah Janae Salas, Caroline Marie Salinas, Cecilia Marie Salinas, Tommy Alexander Salinas and Ana Isabel Sanchez.  
Eloy Sanchez, Emanuel Sanchez, Julian Ramiro Sanchez, Ryan Eugene Sarazen, Hailey Michelle Schwerdtfeger, Marquise Trevion Scott, Jose Xavier Segovia, Miranda Nicole Serrano, Maryam Shahid, Fernando Sifuentes and Felicity Michelle Soto.  
Vincent Quang Ta, Cherelle Aurora Tamayo, Elizabeth Allen Taylor, Charderial Allense Terrell, Alexis Orlo Thomas, Kobe Isiah Thompson, Amy Tieu, Preston Scott Tipton, Minh Hoang To, Aidan Christopher Torres, Dianna Torres, Imegen Rayne Torres and Sidney Milen Torres.  
Ashley Andreaduron Tovar, Alexander Vu Tran, Benjamin Vu Tran, Charlie Kha Tran, Hoang Thanh Tran, Jordan Minh Thanh Tran, Justin Hieu Ngoc Tran, Savannah Elizabeth Tran, Simon Toan Tran, Son Hai Truong, Ashley Joanne Tsikis, Sarah Micaela Tyler and Amaode Uchendu.  
Kiara Zafiro Valencia, Mo Nai Ann Vallery, Yazmin Guadalupe Vasquez, Alexys Rayne Vela, Oscar Norberto Velasquez, Vanessa Yvette Villarreal, Cammy Ngoc Vu, Kathy Hoang Vo, Angela Vy Vu, Jessica Ngoc-Anh Vu, Mary Ngan Vu, Tan Duy Vu, Thuyen Cao Vu and Trang Dai Ngoc Vu.  
Zoe Elizabeth Whitley, Kayla Michelle Wilkerson, Zachery David Willett, Rayvn Rochelle Williams, Camryn Lee Wincher, Adrian Rene Zepeda, Andrew Jacob Zepeda and Kimberley Judith Zometa.

Adrian Cristobal Montez, Azul Itzel Mora Campos, Alejandro Moreno, Jonathan Roger Moreno, Jade Janae Nanez, Luis Andres Neira, Kayla Janae Newsome, Anh Thu Ngoc Ngo, Jeany Phan Ngo, Judy Ngo, Quoc-Truong George Ngo, Aaron Tyler Viet Nguyen and Alan Tuyet Nguyen.  
Andy Nguyen, Bao Tran Nguyen, Dalila Thao Nguyen, Danny Nguyen, Danny Huy Nguyen, Dat Huu Nguyen, Elena Tran Nguyen, Jennifer Ngoc Nguyen, Justin Khang Nguyen, Kennedy Hoa Nguyen, Khanh Mai Nguyen, Michelle Kim Nguyen, Natalie Mai Nguyen and Nikki Mai Nguyen.  
Randy Quang Nguyen, Ronald Tai Nguyen, Tai Tri Nguyen, Thy Doan Anh Nguyen, Tiffany Ngoc Nguyen, Victor Phong Nguyen, Precious Udodirim Oguamanam, Fredy Eduardo Orellana, Katherine Valeria Orta, Alana Evonne Ortega, Adolf Daniel Ortuno and Melissa Osuna.  
Sara Christine Otwell, Wendy Marie Pantoja, Cayla Sofia Pena, Dominique Desiree Peralta, Alfredo Perez, Bianca Elizabeth Perez, Erick Alexander Perez, Minh-Triet Ngoc Pham, Rachel Pham, Amy Nhi Phan, Khoi Kevin Phan, Taylor Tress Pleasants, Diana Vanessa Quijada and Rijja Rasool.  
Roberto Emmanuel Rayos, Faith Renteria, Alexa Reyes, Hugo Cesar Rios, Ashley Crystal Rivera, Gustavo Alejandro Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Erasmo Ruiz Hernandez, Joanna Michelle Salazar, Lidia Alicia Salazar, Valeria Berenice Salazar, Christian Jared Saldivar and Yarenie Salinascano.  
Kareem Andres Salomon, Gabriel Alfonso Sanchez, Kaitlyn Nicole Sanchez, Justin Lee Sanders, Heidi Sabrina Saucedo, Lauren Elizabeth Schwausch, Neema Mohamad Shafaei, Camille Hope Smith, Kalista Lanae Smith, Rachel Celeste Smith, Emily Solis and Giovanni Solis.  
Jocelyn Solis, Victoria Adelina Solis, Ashley Lynette Sorto, Michelle Ta, Lance Logan Tanner, Michaela Cora Taylor, Christian Andres Tijerina, Autumn Celeste Tillery, Ariana Kaylee Toran, Fernanda Torres, Tien Hoang Tran, Alexis Hang Thu Tran, Dinh Phu Tran and Lily Ann Tran.  
Mary Tran, Patrick Tinh Tran, Taylor Tran, Dominic Nguyen Trinh, Clare Aine Vanpelt, Leslie Vargas, Luis Rey Vasquez, Tanner Davidmichael Vega, Cristian Everardo Vela, Zoe Nicole Vela, Marco Antonio Velazquez, Ryan Noel Velazquez and Melissa Vidal.  
Franklin Villalobos, Izabelle Lee Villarreal, Dat Huu Vu, Hao Nhat Vuong, Ariyana Alise Williams, Kayla Danielle Wilson, Caitlyn Juliette Woitena and Jack Henry Yu.

**Eleventh Grade**  
Jonathan Christopher Acosta, Adela-Marie Alanis, Pedro Alba, Raymundo Alba, Sara Ihsan Baker Alubustami, Baillie Mckenna Ankenbruck, Christiana Ugochi Anyanwu, Francesca Marie Arellano, Luis Omar Arellano, Emerson Humberto Arias Canas, Rogelio Armenta and Clarissa Marie Arredondo.  
Denise Rose Avalos, Jacqueline Claribel Ayala, Leonardo Baez, Jose David Barahona Madrid, Garrett Raul Barrientos, Felicia Michelle Barton, Cynthia Alexandra Bautista, Hillary Veronica Bazaldúa, Cebrayra Janae Rynicia Bell and Trinity Myshel Blockmon.  
Daniel Giovanni Botello, Mark Antonia Brent, Ethan

Deishawn Davis, Andrew Nathaniel De Hoyos, Andrea Del Villar Martinez, Daniel Michael Delarosa, Diamante Alexia DeLeon, Graciella Del Rosario Delgado, Tristany Rita Demo, Christina Janene Dhalai and Allyson Adriana Diaz.  
Thuy Thi Dinh, Natalie Michelle Diosdado, Rodrigo Diosdado, Mason Napoleon Douglas, Miguel Anjel Elizarraras, Henry Lee Ellis, Joel Alfredo Erazo, Sergio Ricardo Escobedo Trujillo, Alex Jacob Estala, April Jessine Estrada and Yajairy Yamileth Fernandez Cantarero.  
Zachary Taylor Fernandez, Maria Jose Figueroa, Sandra Concepcion Figueroa, Erin Alyse Fleming, Eduardo Francisco Flores, Robert Garcia Flores, Karina Frias, Zackery Eli Frias, Alex Giovanni Fuentes, Michelle Fuentes, Joseph Ramon Gallien and Shalma Gama.  
Angelica Garcia Cantu, Gisselle Garcia, Jacquelyne Andrea Garcia, Liberty Bobby Garcia, Mark Anthony Garcia, Ovidio Jesus Garcia, Yennifer Ngoc Garza, Klarissa Heidi Garza, Mayela Garza and Jasslyn Gomez Portillo.  
Jasmin Sarai Gomez Velasquez, Maxine Angelina Gomez, Cyrus Rene Gonzalez, Jessica Arlette Gonzalez, Aleida Darian Gonzalez, Edgar Gonzalez, Esmeralda Nicole Gonzalez, Paola Aseret Gonzalez, Mahogany Shante Green, Nicolas Francisco Guerra and Jazmin Alanna Guerrero.  
Cassandra America Guevara, Maria Paula Gutierrez, Alena Hay, Jakara Dominique Henry, Maritza Janeth Hernandez, Michael Ismael Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Edward Hidalgo, Jimmy Noah Hinojosa, Alice Gio Ho, Lynn Tuyet Ho, David Vie Hoang, Chelsey Jeanai Holman and An Thien Huynh.  
Muhammad Fahad Iqbal, Kimberli Izaguirre, Elizabeth Brittney Jasso, Jesus-Alejandro Jasso, Javier Jimenez, Douglas Joseph Jones, Jakob Brandon Jones, Trent Aidan Jones, Cynthia Joselin Juarez, Genesis Alexandria Juarez and Josiah Michael Knight and Donisha Leeshae Lawson.  
Jason Dang Le, Loc Hoang Phuc Le, Vina Le, Sebastian Leal Rodriguez, Sarah Michelle Lewis, Fizza Khan Lodhi, Andrew Nigel Logan, Alexis Liselda Lopez, Eliana Yasmeen Loreda, Marcus Loya, Tiffany Tida Bichthuy Ly, Alejandra Magana, Aran Maldonado and Jordan Nathaniel Marcum.  
Jorge Cristian Martin, Hugo Ulises Martinez Garcia, Lesley Ada Martinez, Kathleen Mackenzie Masterson, Zithally Medrano, Amanda Isabel Mejia Hernandez, Brittney Marisela Mejia, Daniel Mejia, Tanya Yolanda Mendez, Jacqueline Mendoza and Leonard Louis Meyers.  
Maliba Morshed Mir, Muniba Morshed Mir, Zaki Mortaza Mir, Hana Osama Mohamad, Mallerim Morales, Carlos Alejandro Moreno, Krystal Moreno, Kevin Jerrod Morrison, Reyna Nering, Amber Tien Nguyen, Angel Anh Nguyen, Anh Quoc Nguyen, Anthony Duc-Huy Nguyen and Dominic Minh Nguyen.  
Emily Quynh Nguyen, Jenny Kim Nguyen, Justin Hoang Nguyen, Nam The Nguyen, Sean Hung Nguyen, Tan Nguyen, Tina Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, Tommy Thai Nguyen, Tommy Tin Nguyen, Trinh Nguyen, Truc Thanh Nguyen, Vincent Thanh Trung Nguyen and Vy Phuong Nguyen.  
Huy Quang Ninh, Victoria Chukwunonso Onozie, Natalie Elizabeth Orta, Alexis Rae Oses, Desmond Elijah Owens, Ryan Edward Pair, Rosa Alicia Palencia, Victoria Palos, Samuel Angel Parker, Priyal Patel, Maria Jose Pedrosa Rodriguez, Jacquelyn Pena, Andrea Carolina Perez, Gisselle Perez and Huong Quynh Le Pham.

**Tenth Grade**  
Alondra Acevedo, Alejandro V. Aguirre, Martin Alvarado, David Patrick Amaya, Hector Ulises Anaya, Alexandra Yoselin Andrade Ortiz, Victoria Isabel Aranda, Sergio Edgardo Arellano, Josiah Elias Constante Arenas, Arismendy Aristy, Elyssa Karman Armenta, Julian Arredondo, Erick Duban Atrisco and Victoria Noemi Ayala.  
Ulvi Baktashi, Corina Gisselle Banda, Vivian Alizeyah Banda, Christian Antoine Blackmon, Ailyn Michelle Bonilla, Kelvin Ivan Bonilla, Diego Alessandro Calderon Vargas, Meloni Camacho, Francisco Javier Camargo and Roberto Elias Campa.  
Ricardo Garza Canales, Alyssa Lauren Carrico, Yazmine Athena Carrillo, Iaisi Lachelle Carrington, Jadda Marie Carter, Angel Alexander Castillo, Connor Anthony Caughlin, Elsa Ceballos, Diocelina Chavez-Sanchez, Preston Van Chung, Erik Cruz Cisneros and Tania Lashaun Collier.  
Montserrat Contreras Vazquez, Sara Elaine Cortez, Jelesua Renee Crawford, Angela Leticia Cruz, Oliver Delarosa, Raul Delgado, Yousef Arsan Diab, Stephanie Lan Do, Dang Hai Doan, Jacklynn Le Duong, Katelynn Nguyen Duong, Tiffany Tram Duong and Jacqueline Duque.  
Elizabeth Bettye Early, Osasere Edo-Ewanshia, Sean Garrett Ehlinger, Maritza Elizalde, Mariela Elizondo, Marissa Danielle Enriquez, Christopher Matthew Escalera, Angela Escamilla, Leah Graciela Escobar, Eric Escobedo, Jonathan Caleb Escobedo, Hiram Isaias Flores, Jason Jordy Flores, Kaitlyn Denise Flores, Katherine Flores and Rubin Flores.  
Iqra Fnu, Richard Adrian Fructus Castro, Quinn Caleb Gabino, Atziri Galarza, Ana Isabel Gallardo, Stephanie Gallegos, Natasha Rae Gangestad, Benito Ivan Garcia, Yareli Garcia, Paulina Garcia, Genesis Isela Gaytan, Nicholas Roland Gaytan, Adam Israel Gil and Megan Erin Glass.  
Darianna Renee Glenn, Angel Isaiyah Gomez, Eduardo Gomez, Destinee Rai Gonzales, Gabriella Veronica Gonzalez, Jonathan Gonzalez, Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez, Victoria Lauren Gonzalez, Daija Danielle Green, Karen Anh Green, Keandre Dewayne Green, Carlos Guerra and Emily Kristel Guzman Ibarra.  
Megan Tien Harris, Nicholas Alexander Hartnett, Thomas Alexander Henry, Carmen Paola Hernandez Irabu, Daniel Alexander Hernandez, Katelyn Nicole

Joshua Valtierra, Leilani Isabel Vargas, Ivan Vazquez, Cesar Rafael Villarreal, Michael Noah Villarreal, Marvin Roberto Villatoro, Nguyen Thanh Vo, Igor Zoyim Benoit Vouffo, Holly Thao Vu, Nhi Xuan Vu and Johari Amina Weaver.  
Earnest Lee Webb, Yvonne Anahi Whaley, Bryan Anthony Wheatley, Bryn Gerallynn Williams, Jacob Alan Young, Sami Lin Yu, Monica Aidee Zabala, Cesar Refugio Zamora, Stefany Elizabeth Zamora and Stephanie Zarate.

**Twelfth Grade**  
Robin Emmanuel Acac, Mishelle Lucero Acosta, Adeana Nathalie Aguilar, Janeth Silvia Amador, Ciriah Lashell Amerson, Elijah Noel Argueta, Antonio Armenta, Oscar Armenta, Carlos Daniel Azahar, Natalie Celine Balle and Valencia Rae Barrientos.  
Summer Rayne Basham, Jazmyyn Deyvion Bolden, Allison Marie Bravo, Jada Alon Bridges, Joseph Dayliion Broussard, Kyarah Dejhane Brown, Joseph Gabriel Bustamante, Marissa Chanel Butler, Shanycie Marie Cabales and Kynedii A'shari Calais.  
Victoria Anne Campbell, Alayna Noelle Cano, Nick Simon Carcamo, Elena Isabel Cardenas, Braden Elissa Carker, Nancy Carrera, Delana Nicole Carrillo, Ashali Rena Carter, Joseph Adam Castaneda, Kristy Giselle Castellon and Clarissa Marie Castillo.  
Michael Lee Castillo, Andrea Guerra Cavazos, Jordan Emmanuel Cervantes, Andrea Chapa, Diana Sarahi Chapa, Vanessa Vianey Chapa, Isabel Mercedes Chavez, Colton Pham Chu, Toneschara Marcey' Lorna Clarke and Jarely Florela Claros.  
Breanna Ja'sanay Coleman, Lacedrian Dominique Kaitli Coleman, La-Daiyjah Rykell Elise Cook, Naya Jamirra Cooper, Emily Elizabeth Corona, Alyssa Victoria Corpus, Nathan Andrew Covarrubias, Ailia Nichelle Crawford, Belen Areli Cruz, Lesly Michelle Cruz, Miguel Fernando Cruz and Chaele Allison Cubos.  
Trinity Alexis Curry, Rickey Tyrone Curtis, Jimmy Tuan Dang, Lananh Thi Dang, Courtney Hang-Nga Dao, Julia Anne Dasilva, Amanda Maria Davila, Ajah Desiree Davis, Jeremy Gerard Davis, and Adrian Alexander Delossantos.  
Brynn Erin Dempsey, Alvin John Deveza, Abcer Arsan Diab, Euro Andres Diaz, Ivan Mauricio Diaz, Vu Huy Dinh, Jay Do, Tuan Thanh Do, Mary Mytam Doan, Jazmyyn Arisa Drumgo, Katrina Danielle Dukes, An Gia Duong, Jasmine Danyle Edwards, Jordan Matthew Efrid, America Celeste Eguia, Yovanna Verenise Elizondo, Lauren Taylor Escobar and Tiffany Renee Flippin.

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## PISD awards honorable mention ribbons



Shown, displaying the prizes awarded, are the honorable mention ribbon winners from the middle school science fair. The winners are, left to right, (front row) Sabrina Pector, Morris Middle School; Connor King, Melillo Middle School; Sheba Joshy, Carter Lomax Middle School; Emily Hoang, Carter Lomax Middle School; (back row) Sydney Bodiker, Carter Lomax Middle School; Mia Gallardo, Marshall Kendrick Middle School; Noah Garcia, Melillo Middle School; and Noah Zavala, Marshall Kendrick Middle School.

Photo by Jade Wise

## Students impress at PISD science fair

More than 100 Pasadena Independent School District students filled the Carmen Orozco Professional Development Center Monday, Feb. 27, ready to present their projects at the annual PISD Middle School Science Fair.

Participating students represented 11 middle school campuses.

Denise Ridgeway, middle school science specialist and facilitator of the event, was impressed by the variety and quality of the students' projects.

"The student projects were highly competitive this year," said Ridgeway. "More individuals than ever before received recognition at the fair."

The level of science learning was evident in the quality of the projects. The awards ceremony was well attended by students, parents and faculty members from across the district.

Serving as judges for the science fair were science peer facilitators, science leaders and teachers from the campuses, high school science campus content specialists and many district curriculum specialists from the ATPC program and technology department.

The students were judged in eight categories including plant, physical, human and health, math, consumer and environmental sciences, and team division.

First, second and third place ribbons were awarded in each category as well as special trophies for Best in Show, Outstanding Real World Application, Outstanding Experimental Design, Most Original and Honorable Mention.

The trophy winners are:

**Best in Show**  
Ella Daley from Earnesteen Milstead Middle School.

**Outstanding Real World Application**  
Holly Tran from Carter Lomax Middle School.

**Outstanding Experimental Design**  
Timothy McCartney from Bobby Shaw Middle School.

**Most Original**  
Thang Tran from Morris Middle School.

**Honorable Mention**  
Alexis Benestante from Carter Lomax Middle School, Hannah Brooks from Carter Lomax Middle School and Mauricio Leal from Melillo Middle School.

The ribbon winners are:

**Honorable Mention**  
Angel Arroyo from Fred Roberts Middle School, Sydney Bodiker from Carter Lomax Middle School, Nathaneal Chapa from Earnesteen Milstead Middle School, Mia Gallardo from Marshall Kendrick Middle School, Noah Garcia from Melillo Middle School, Emily Hoang from Carter Lomax Middle School,

Sheba Joshy from Carter Lomax Middle School, Connor King from Melillo Middle School, Tan Nguyen from Rick Schneider Middle School, Sabrina Pector from Morris Middle School and Noah Zavala from Marshall Kendrick Middle School.

**STEM Challenge School Winner**  
Morris Middle School.

**Consumer Science**  
First place winner was Dylan Nguyen from Melillo Middle School.  
Second place winner was Mauricio Leal from Melillo Middle School.  
Third place winner was Isabella Condado from Carter Lomax Middle School.

**Environmental Science**  
First place winner was Alexis Benestante from Carter Lomax Middle School.  
Second place winner was Xitlaly Trevino from Carter Lomax Middle School.  
Third place winner was Hannah Brooks from Carter Lomax Middle School.

**Health and Human Science**  
First place winner was Holly Tran from Carter Lomax Middle School.  
Second place winner was Amy Nguyen from Carter Lomax Middle School.  
Third place winner was Kathryn Tran from Carter Lomax Middle School.

**Life Science**  
First place winner was Melanie Loreda from Carter Lomax Middle School.

Second place winner was Nayah Laurent from Earnesteen Milstead Middle School.  
Third place winner was Laela Salazar from Carter Lomax Middle School.

**Math Science**  
First place winner was Thang Tran from Morris Middle School.  
Second place winner was Samantha Wilkerson from Morris Middle School.  
Third place winner was Mariah Rodriguez from Fred Roberts Middle School.

**Plant Science**  
First place winner was Alexandra Rosales from Carter Lomax Middle School.  
Second place winner was Tommy Le from Melillo Middle School.  
Tied for third place were Sarah Salazar from Melillo Middle School and Rebecca Aldaba Ruiz from Lonnie B. Keller Middle School.

**Physical Science**  
First place winner was Ella Daley from Earnesteen Milstead Middle School.  
Second place winner was Kaitlyn Webb from Melillo Middle School.  
Tied for third place were Axel Olmedo and Gissely Garza both from Earnesteen Milstead Middle School.

**Team Division**  
First place winners were Isabella Ambrosio and Angelica Gonzales both from Lonnie B. Keller Middle School.

## Ellington Airport celebrates 100th anniversary

City of Houston Airports launched its celebration of the 100th anniversary of Ellington Airport with a special

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo parade float dedicated in honor of the milestone. The Houston Airports

Rangers escorted the float during the annual parade. Valued airport partners from the Bay Area Houston

Economic Partnership, the Texas Air National Guard, 147th Reconnaissance Wing and the Ellington Task Force rode on the float and on horseback with the rangers.

The float was dedicated to Ellington Airport and its 100 years of supporting aviation and now aerospace operations.

Since first being established on May 21, 1917, Ellington Airport has undergone many transformations and operational changes while remaining a consistent and important piece of Houston's aviation story.

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# J. Frank Dobie honor roll named

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# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, B.J.**  
Longtime local optometrist **Dr. B.J. Garner** celebrates his birthday Monday, March 20. Best wishes are sent from wife **Laura**, family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 16 through March 22.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Blow out the candles on March 19 for **Rosemary Padilla**. Light the candles on a happy birthday cake for **Jae Lee** on March 20. **Maria Vargas** marks a day of celebration on March 22.

**Bush Elementary**  
Send a happy birthday greeting to **Maria Martinez** March 16. Enjoy a slice of birthday cake on March 20 with **Tram Kim**.

**Frazier Elementary**  
On March 16, **Christine Roberts** celebrates a birthday. On March 20, **Bertila Guerrero** celebrates a birthday. Light the birthday candles on March 21 for **Maria Campos**.

**Meador Elementary**  
Celebrating a birthday March 22 is **Sheila Wilborn**.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a birthday cake for **Shelby Willis** is March 22.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday March 18 to **Linda Reyes**.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Light the candles for a double celebration March 18 for **Kara Stroud**. The day for a party for **Veronica Briseno** is March 19. A birthday greeting is sent to **Patricia Castillo** March 21.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Marking a birthday March 22 is **Carlynn "Carly" Frank**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Share in the birthday celebration for **Martha Alfaro** March 17. Send a birthday greeting March 18 to **Lindsey Goode**. Enjoy a birthday celebration with **Ashley Moss** March 20. Light the birthday candles March 21 for **Berence Saldivar**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Celebrating a birthday on March 19 is **Nita Boehm**. A double birthday celebration is in order March 21 for **Hannah Arning**. **Tiffani Saucedo** enjoys a birthday March 22.

**Dobie High**  
Blow out 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 **Cirila Isidro** celebrate a birthday March 18. Warm birthday greetings are sent to

**Jennifer Johnson** March 19. Light the birthday candles on March 21 for **Carol Declercq**.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, March 16: **Brandy Pimental, Kelly Cobble, Nathan Nick and Nikki Pullin**; Friday, March 17: **Nickole Chapman, Yvonne Russell, Sherri Golightly and Larry Morgan**; Saturday, 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**; Sunday, March 19: **Tammie Little, Tonyka Smith, Cindy Dominguez, Shanna Young and Keith Pinchbeck**; Monday, March 20: **Roxanne Wheeler, Ken Ditttrich, Martinez Joaquin, Carol Dawkins, Al Vanek, James Leslie, Martha Heinrich and Sheri Rose**; Tuesday, March 21: **Suni Ballard, Jamacia Zabala-Gonzalez and Joseph Block**; and Wednesday, March 22: **Kristy Poole, Crystal Pettibone, Maria Ybarra, Michael Hansen, Edwin Watson and Gary Hooks**.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**  
Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com) with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

# Ellington begins 100 year celebration

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spaceport," said Houston Airports Chief External Affairs Officer Saba Abashawl. "We want to celebrate this milestone with the community who made it all possible, and we have an amazing event planned."

This rich history will be celebrated on Saturday, May

20, 2017 with a centennial celebration at Ellington Airport.

The event will be a free family-friendly event to thank the local community for its contribution to the success of the airport.

Additional details will be announced via the flyHouston.com website.

# CCISD tells voters about deadlines, etc.

The Clear Creek Independent School District will hold a school board and bond election on Saturday, May 6, and is encouraging community members to register to vote.

The last day to register to vote is April 6, 2017.

To register to vote, an applicant:

- Must be a United States citizen;
- Must be a resident of the county in which the applicant wants to register;
- Must be 18 years or older on election day;
- Cannot be a convicted felon;
- Has not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

voter information is up-to-date, visit at [www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote](http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote).

If a voter will be 65 years of age or older on Election Day, has a disability, or will be outside the county during early voting hours and on election day, the voter may apply to vote by mail.

Those who qualify may request an Application for Mail Ballot by contacting CCISD Election Coordinator Melody Hermes at 281-284-0181 or email at [mhermes@ccisd.net](mailto:mhermes@ccisd.net).

Those who qualify may also locate the Application for Mail Ballot online at [www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqabm.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqabm.shtml).

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Thursday, April 25, 2017.

Early voting is during the weeks of April 24 through April 29, and May 1-2. Election day is Saturday, May 6, 2017. For more information about the bond, visit [www.ccisd.net/bond2017](http://www.ccisd.net/bond2017).

Without voter registration applications, visit [www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote](http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote).

The online application is not complete until it is printed and mailed. To verify registration status and ensure

encouraged to bring questions, thoughts and opinions to share with everyone present.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston and is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

For more information, contact the synagogue office at 281-488-5861 or at [cs@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:cs@shaarhashalom.org).

# Shaar Hashalom hosts open discussions

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's own Rabbi Stuart Federow will host free, open to the public, weekly discussions. The sessions are held every second Thursday of the month at Victor's located at 1425 Nasa Parkway in Houston (next to the "space" McDonald's), at 7 p.m.

The discussions are open to the public and guests are

# Chamber seeks fun seniors

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's Fun Bunch meeting is open to residents age 55 and older. Meetings are held monthly at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, located at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. For more information, call the chamber at 281-481-5516.

# Mayor launches homeless, panhandling initiative

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professionally-managed covered outdoor spaces with restroom facilities where up to 75 individuals could stay temporarily.

development, an idea Mayor Turner has wanted to pursue since seeing something similar

during last year's trade mission to Mexico City.

The mayor's plan also

takes aim at panhandling with a new ordinance prohibiting obstruction of roadways and

an anti-panhandling media campaign involving TV, radio, print and social media ads, street signage, billboards and a way to donate to service organizations via text and online giving. The campaign, which is being funded by 15 management districts, urges residents to help bring about "meaningful change" by donating their "spare change" directly to organizations that provide services. The public awareness campaign will be coupled with a pilot program to connect panhandlers to employment opportunities. The signs and ads are expected to be up and running within a month.

"In this city, we are not going to abandon our most vulnerable," said Turner. "The goal is to get as many people as possible into permanent housing or shelters, but even with all of the assistance being offered, there will still be people who choose to stay on the streets. It would be wrong to tell these people they cannot be here or there without providing a suitable alternative. I am inviting the community and City Council to help identify locations in their districts we can use as temporary outdoor shelters and for feeding the hungry."

The city will continue weekly cleanups of encampments to address health and safety concerns while the homeless are transitioning to shelters and permanent supportive housing.

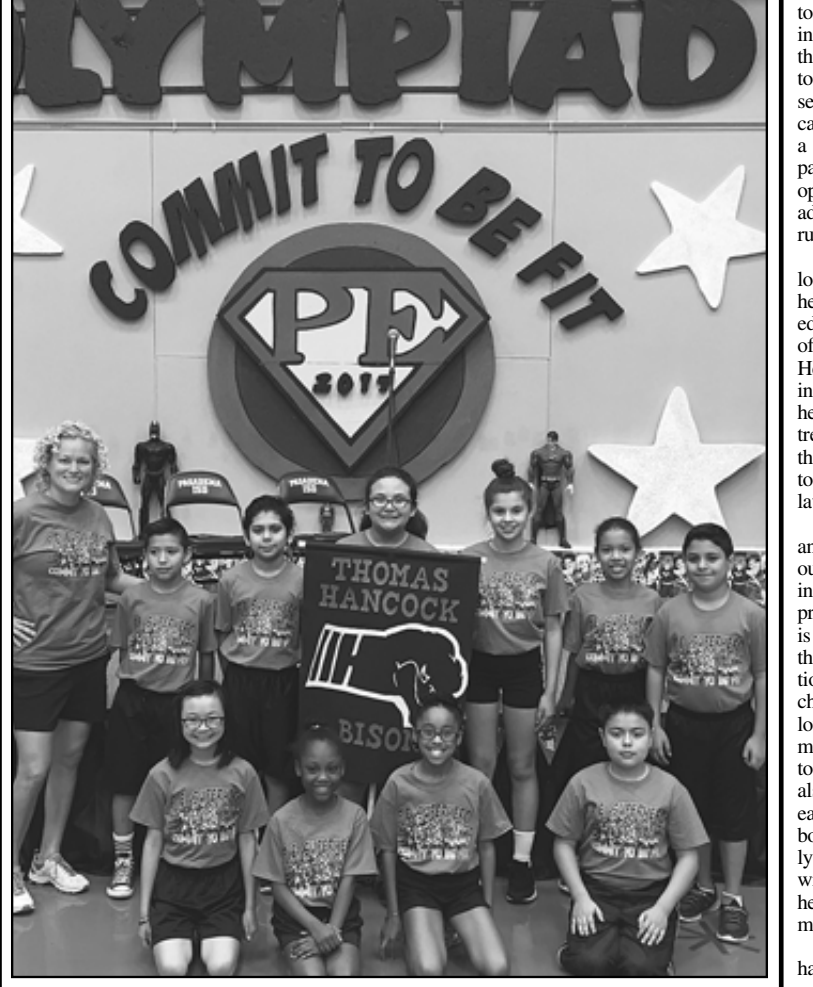
The Houston Police Department Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) is expanding so there can be increased interaction and assistance for the homeless. Another component is a new ordinance outlawing tents on public property. This ordinance will prohibit people from putting up tents, but will not make it illegal to sleep outdoors.

There will be a 30-day transition period during which HPD's HOT team will work compassionately to redirect people in encampments to housing alternatives.

"This is a best practice across the nation and is based on public health and safety concerns," said Turner. "We cannot have people setting up tent cities where there are no restrooms or other accommodations to meet basic human needs. Not only is it unsanitary, but it also deters from the goal of getting people into permanent supportive housing."

The Texas Department of Transportation is assisting by installing "no camping" signs at freeway underpasses and is working to allow the city to have access to the underpasses for parking and economic

# Hancock Olympiad students named



Pasadena ISD holds a biannual Olympiad highlighting 10 fourth-grade students from each elementary campus. Participating in this year's event from Hancock Elementary are, left to right, (front row) Kristi Nguyen, Tania Blair, Z'Niyah Riggs, Cesar Bedoya, (back row) Sara Bo (coach), Nelson Gutierrez, Uriel Polito, Kassandra Garcia, Mia Navarro, Anastasia Anowey and Nicholas Casas. Photo submitted

# Remember When

**40 years ago (1977)**  
Twelve-year-old Jodie Fiore, a sixth-grade student from Beverly Hills Intermediate, won the annual Pasadena Independent School District spelling bee.

Several members of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call regarding the birth of a baby in the Scarsdale area. The crew delivered the baby at the scene. The mother and baby were then transported to Memorial Southeast Hospital in good condition.

**35 years ago (1982)**  
A 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass driven by Justine J. Fitts rammed through Central Ace Hardware on Beamer.

PISD trustees approved \$55,368 for the purchase of girls' physical education uniforms. Board member Rudy Schubert had previously questioned the practice of providing uniforms for boys but not for girls.

Two members of Houston's Guardian Angels appeared at a meeting of the South Belt Crime Watch Association.

**30 years ago (1987)**  
A chance discovery of 100 cheerleading and drill team uniforms as well as marijuana plants were found in the residence of Fred Herman. Police pursued a man fleeing the

scene of a fight who fled into Herman's apartment in the Edgebrook Apartment complex. The police could not find the man but found the uniforms and marijuana.

Tu Ngo, the owner of the local Stop and Gone, was arrested by Constable Precinct 2 Deputy Steve Long, after the deputy issued three tickets to teens leaving the convenience store in possession of beer.

**25 years ago (1992)**  
Trustees of the Clear Creek school district were expected to order the immediate closing of Weber Elementary at a board meeting.

Drilling at the Brio toxic waste site began despite objections from area residents.

The Metro board was expected to consider a \$324 million commuter rail service proposal at its board meeting.

**20 years ago (1997)**  
In its fifth consecutive entry in the National Academic League championship tournament, the team from Thompson Intermediate burst out of a third-quarter tie to defeat Carson Junior High of Mesa, Ariz., 45-40.

Workmen prepared the old Little League ballfields at Crosswell Field on Sabo to accommodate one of the country's largest theater complexes, the AMC 30, to be constructed later.

South Belt area residents Carlos Sepulveda and George Minter won the city finals of the two-ball tournament sponsored by McDonald's and the National Basketball Association.

**15 years ago (2002)**  
The Beverly Hills Bear Brains defeated the Thompson Lions 52-48 at Bondy Intermediate School in the district championship game of the Pasadena Independent School District National Academic League double-elimination tournament.

Constable Gary Freeman, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and community volunteers stuffed over 18,000 eggs for the 12th annual Easter egg hunt which was also sponsored by Harris County Commissioner El Franco Lee.

**10 years ago (2007)**  
Cpl. Robert W. Englbrecht, who was severely injured in Iraq in a Hummer vehicle bombing that caused the loss of his right eye and left leg, was scheduled to return to his mother's Beverly Hills home.

Riverstone Ranch resident Thu Anh Pham, 26, and her husband, Huan Cong Ngo, 32, were struck by an automobile and killed while taking a walk. Pasadena Memorial student Ramon Andres Mejia, 17, was charged with two counts of

criminally negligent homicide.

**5 years ago (2012)**  
Servant-Savior Presbyterian Church held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the proposed facility on Hughes. The original building was destroyed by fire in April 2010.

Southeast Area Ministries (SeAM), a Christian-based nonprofit organization of 22 churches of various denominations and more than 120 individual volunteers, celebrated its 25th anniversary. Created in 1987, SeAM provides emergency service to those in crisis, including single mothers and needy children.

**1 year ago (2016)**  
Former longtime Dobie varsity football head coach Hensley "Buzzy" Kieth died March 13 at the age of 81. Kieth coached at the area school from 1985 to 1994. During Kieth's debut season in 1985, Dobie went 10-0, winning a district title.

The *Leader* received multiple reports of suspicious people knocking on doors and ringing doorbells at area homes throughout the community. Most reports have taken place in the Wood Meadows subdivision, particularly on Brook Meadow Circle and Brook Meadow Drive.

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## Houston airports report increase in numbers

According to a 2016 year-end traffic report, Houston airports saw more than 54.5 million passengers in 2016.

More than 11.5 million international travelers passed through George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) in 2016, an increase of 7.6 percent over the previous year. This increase is due in large part to the continued expansion by international carriers launching new service and routes from IAH and the establishment of international commercial air service at Hobby.

"More and more airlines are finding Houston attractive due to our favorable location with easy connections to destinations in the United States and Latin America as well as our friendly business and tourist climate," said Houston Airports Director of Air Service Development Molly Waits. "We look forward to continued success for our airline partners as we work with them to promote and grow air travel from Houston."

Bush Airport serves as a global gateway to more than 70 international destinations and offers service to more Mexican destinations than any other U.S. airport. Bush Airport tallied record highs in its international passenger totals — more than 10.7 million travelers passed through the airport in 2016, an increase of 1.5 percent over the previous year.

Hobby Airport saw more than 12.9 million passengers in 2016, a 6 percent increase over the previous year.

The growing statistics are nothing new: Demand for travel from Hobby Airport has increased steadily over the past decade, growing by more than 46 percent over the past 10 years.

Southwest Airlines began international flights in late 2015, and 2016 marks the first full year of international passenger traffic from Hobby with more than 800,000 passengers using commercial service to travel to international destinations.

Last year was a busy year for Houston Airports.

- Hobby Airport was recognized as a 4-star airport by Skytrax, making it one of just three airports in the United States to earn the special rating.
- Houston Airports' award-winning website was unveiled in May 2016 which focuses completely on the passenger journey—from getting to the airport to getting to the gate for a flight.
- A second eopark location opened in Spring 2016, giving passengers access to an additional 2,300 covered spaces at an economical rate.
- AirBridge Cargo's expansion included the launch of a Houston to Abu Dhabi flight.
- American Express opened its Centurion Lounge in Terminal D.
- TSA Pre application centers opened at Bush and Hobby airports.
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection expanded Mobile Passport Control to Houston Airports.
- EVA Air increased Houston flights to daily service.
- Spirit Airlines added two destinations to its Houston route map.
- Singapore Airlines expanded service along its new route to Manchester, England with the A350 aircraft.
- Passengers were given a diverse selection of new food and beverage and shop options with the rollout of a new concessions program.

## PISD communication team wins at TSPRA



Shown, holding a Texas School Public Relations Association sign at the 2017 conference are, left to right, Bruce Stone, communication coordinator; Art Del Barrio, director of communication; Reesha Brown, communication specialist; Rob Smith, multimedia specialist; and Jade Wise, graphic designer. Photo by Mark Kramer

## PISD wins top awards at TSPRA

The Pasadena Independent School District Communication Team has earned 14 prestigious 2017 Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) Star Awards for excellence in school communications. The awards were announced Feb. 22 at the association's 55th annual conference in Galveston.

"I am proud of this talented team of communication professionals," said Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Pasadena ISD school superintendent. "We see the excellent work they do daily, but it is especially rewarding to be recognized by professionals outside the district. Congratulations to the communications team for the continued work they do in support of our kids."

This year, the team earned three gold, eight silver and three bronze awards out of 1,082 entries.

The team of eight promotes the school district

through creative writing, graphic design and video production.

Their handiwork can be seen in newspaper articles, programs, fliers, handbooks, posters and a host of other venues.

Communication coordinator Bruce Stone received a gold award in the invitation/announcements category with his invitation design for the Roberts Middle School dedication.

The invitation, inspired by the school's mascot the Aviator was made to look like a boarding pass.

As a team, Stone along with communication specialists Reesha Brown and Melissa Trevizo earned a gold award in the program category for the State of the District brochure. This piece featured design by Stone and writing by Brown and Trevizo, outlining the district's statistics and points of pride.

Also taking home gold,

was multimedia specialist Rob Smith in the video—promotional marketing category for his Read-A-Book Boogie video. This video includes animation and multiple shots of students cut together to promote the district's summer reading initiative.

Brown and Trevizo were also honored with six awards in the published news feature category, including four silver and two bronze awards.

Graphic designer Jade Wise also took silver in the poster category with his College Week poster featuring photos of graduates.

Pasadena ISD 2017 Communications Awards are:

- Gold Star: Program** State of the District: Reesha Brown, Bruce Stone and Melissa Trevizo.
- Gold Star: Invitation/Announcement** Roberts Middle School Dedication Boarding Pass: Bruce Stone.
- Gold Star: Video – Promotional/Marketing**

- Read-A-Book Boogie:** Rob Smith.
- Silver Star: Poster** 2015 College Week Poster: Jade Wise.
- Texas Invitational Poster:** Rob Smith and Bruce Stone.
- Silver Star: Published News or Feature** Community School Grad Beats Odds, Pursues Nursing Degree: Reesha Brown.
- Dobie Iraqi Refugee Pours Life as an American Citizen into Writings:** Reesha Brown.
- Five Transplanted SHHS Seniors Trade Limited Opportunities in Mexico for Diplomas in the U.S.:** Reesha Brown.
- Pasadena High School JROTC Cadet Receives National Award, Makes History:** Melissa Trevizo
- Silver Star: Video – General Interest/Feature Story** Mini Grants, Major Benefits – Learning in Motion: Rob Smith.
- Pasadena ISD Vanguard Community Service Awards 2016:** Rob Smith.
- Bronze Star: Published News or Feature** A Competitor at Heart, New Pasadena ISD Superintendent Takes on Fresh New Challenges While Making History: Reesha Brown.
- Keller Middle School Students Honor Their Own, Raise Money for Juvenile Arthritis:** Melissa Trevizo.
- Bronze Star: Video – General Interest/Feature Story** Pasadena ISD Vanguard Community Service Awards 2016: Rob Smith.

## Dobie students take second place in CPR at HOSA

By Jonathan Chapa  
Dobie High School students Kimberly Bui and Kelly Tran took second place in CPR/first aid on Friday, Feb. 10, at the Health Occupations Students of America Area 6 Spring Conference.

HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of Association for Career and Technical Education.

The organization's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and to increase the delivery of equality health care to all people.

In order to compete, competitors must know the CPR/first aid guidelines.

Competitors start with online testing, then the top ten teams advance to area competition where they compete by demonstrating CPR/first aid skills.

The top three teams in area move on to state, where they will take another test over the materi-

als and the top ten compete again in the skills portion. The top three teams at State advance to the International HOSA Conference in Orlando, Fla., which will take place on June 21-24 at the Disney Coronado Resort.

Tran is a senior, who has competed in HOSA CPR/first aid for two years. This year she advanced to area after placing sixth in online testing, but her teammate decided not to compete. She found a replacement, Bui, a junior, to be her teammate. Bui worked to learn the skills required and took a test on CPR/first aid.

Tran and Bui will compete at Texas HOSA State Conference in Corpus Christi from March 31-April 2.

Dobie has five teachers who are part of the health science program, which is associated with medical terminology.

One member of the health science program is Cheryl Sanders, RN, a world health research teacher.

"Dobie has 11 students competing at the state conference."

"Their HOSA Bowl team

has competed for three years and placed fourth last year at state. They have been working very hard this year as seniors to try to make it to international competition," Sanders said.

As the state of Texas passed House Bill 5 regarding vocational education, students can now obtain a high school diploma with an endorsement in one of the following pathways (required curricula).

Students must obtain four credits in their pathway to graduate: medical terminology in ninth grade, principles of health science in 10th grade, health science theory or clinical rotations in 11th grade and a practicum double block class in which students explore health careers with hands-on activities in 12th grade.

"All of these students have put in many hours studying both at school after hours and at home. They have learned many skills that they can use in their future health careers. We are so very proud of their accomplishments," Sanders said.

## Dobie students compete in HOSA



Dobie High School students Kimberly Bui (left), 12th-grader, and Kelly Tran, 11th-grader, received second place in CPR/first aid on Feb. 10 at the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Area 6 Spring Conference. Both students will compete at the Texas HOSA state conference in Corpus Christi March 31-April 2. Photo submitted

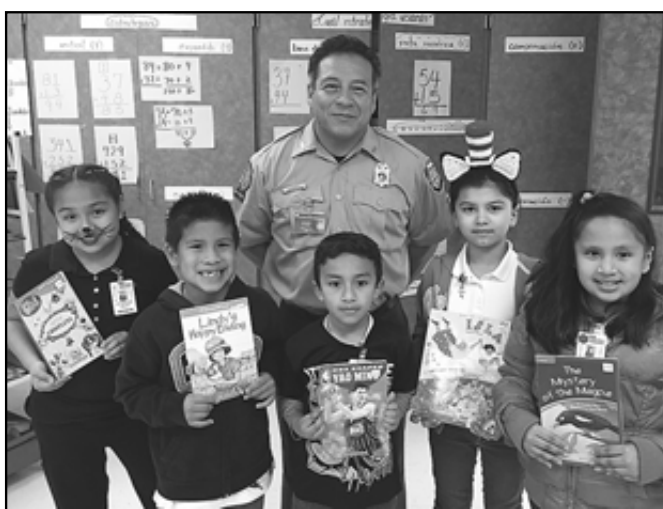
## Laura Bush Elementary celebrates Read Across America

On Thursday, March 2, Laura Bush Elementary celebrated Read Across America Day. Volunteers from the community, as well as district and school personnel, read aloud to every classroom on the campus. There were 750 books donated to Laura Bush Elementary, so all students went home with a book to put in their personal library. Reading was celebrated campus-wide with many participating in the character attire of Dr. Seuss. In the photo, right, are, left to right, Kathy Anderson, teacher; Abel Hernandez, third-grader; Rayanna Turner, fourth-grader; Spencer Foster, fourth-grader; and Quincy Thompson, fourth-grader. Photos by Stephanie Tellez



Shown above, Candice Arthur, district language arts curriculum specialist (back row) poses with first-graders, left to right, Seth King, Isaac Montalvo, Sada Abalos and Gabriel Garza. Photos submitted

Shown right, Ezekial Alvarez, firefighter (back), stands with second-graders, left to right, Jacqueline Calvo, Orlando Gomez, Daniel Jasso, Juliet Maldonado and Daisy Lopez who display their books.



## CCISD emphasizes security

It was a different day and age when many of Clear Creek ISD's campuses were built, said Erich Kreiter, director of Safe and Secure Schools.

Currently, each of the district's 45 campuses keeps security cameras at the entries and exits, common areas and parking lots.

When a \$367 million bond passed in 2013, the district rebuilt McWhirter Elementary School and Clear Lake High School. With those rebuilds, the district was also able to install digital security cameras in each of those buildings.

The rest of the district's campuses still have analog cameras, Kreiter said.

"With analog cameras, the picture is distorted," Kreiter said. "There's no zoom-in

and no pan feature. Upgrading cameras is like upgrading computers," he said. "The older cameras contain outdated technology."

Today, the district is looking to make its campuses as safe and secure for students as possible.

If the \$487 million bond passes, \$8.1 million will be devoted to new and enhanced safety and security measures districtwide.

The proposed bond would result in a \$0.035 tax rate increase. This would equate to a \$5.47 per month increase for a homeowner of a median home valued at \$223,635.

"Under this proposed bond, every campus will be touched in some way by these upgrades," Kreiter said.

To date, it's been about 10

years since any kind of upgrade has been made to many of the district's security cameras.

The upgrades that could be made by a proposed bond would add fish-eye and PTZ or, Pan-Tilt-Zoom, cameras, which are able to take video of a larger area and zoom in to see specific images such as a license plate, Kreiter said.

"We would be able to do a lot more with less camera," he said. "It would give us better coverage and quality."

District officials would use the bond money to also upgrade school alarms and badge access programs.

Like the security cameras, some of the alarm systems are also getting older, Kreiter said. If the bond passes, the district will be able to do some cabling at some of the

schools, which would prevent false alarms.

The district also hopes to streamline the way employee access badges are handled as well.

Currently, access badges to the district's various campuses are handled through seven separate systems, because of years of various upgrades.

Passage of the bond would allow district officials to convert all programs to one system, which would reduce the time it takes employees to become authorized to gain access to respective campuses.

"Technology gets better every day," Kreiter said. "We'll never be able to keep up, but we are committed to do what we can to keep systems in place to protect our students and facilities."

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# PISD students advance to state SkillsUSA

Nearly 70 Pasadena Independent School District students from the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School and Sam Rayburn High School earned high marks in the District 9

SkillsUSA competition last weekend. The annual event invites students to compete in various hands-on events in trade, technical and leadership fields. Students work against the

clock to showcase their knowledge and skills in computer aided drafting, cosmetology, criminal justice, automotive design, collision repair and restoration, computer maintenance and culinary arts.

From the Lewis CTHS, 24 students earned first place honors, 25 students placed second, five students earned third place and seven students earned Best in Show.

Three students from Rayburn earned top scores including Estrella Gutierrez who placed first in a hands-on small engine repair challenge and second in a prepared speech leadership contest. Dalton Star earned third place in the hands-on small engine repair challenge.

These students will advance to the state conference in Corpus Christi in April where they will compete against thousands of students enrolled in career and technical education (CTE) courses. **Lewis Career and Technical High School**

For Audio Video Broadcasting, Heaven DeLeon, Julia Hernandez, Carmen Pedraza and Paloma Pena placed first.

For Audio Video TV Production, both Emily Arellano and Marvin Barrera placed second.

For Audio Video AV Production Quiz Bowl, Heaven DeLeon, Sarah Goodrich, Carmen Pedraza, Paloma Pena and Darin Pulido placed second.

For Audio Video Digital Camera, both Sarah Goodrich and Darin Pulido placed third. For Audio Video BPA AV Production, Leonardo Flores and Adriana Salazar placed second.

For Auto Collision Repair, Gerardo Lopez placed second and Enrique Acevedo placed third.

For Auto Collision Refinishing, Ruby Villegas placed second and Rudy Flores placed third.

For Auto Tech Automotive Quiz Bowl, Hunter Groves, Alvaro Guerra, Cesar Guerrero, Edgard Ramirez, Pablo Rodriguez and John Tortorice placed first.

For Construction Carpentry, Juan Carlos Campozano placed first, Alan Enriquez placed second and Ricardo Carlos placed third.

For Construction Tool ID, Valeria Servin placed first, Karen Pareles placed second, Robert Bennett placed third, Juan Valdivia placed fourth,

Kevin Vidal placed fifth, Marcus Castillo placed sixth and David Guzman placed seventh.

For Construction Building Trades Project Best in Show, Robert Bennett, Juan Carlos Campozano, Ricardo Carlos, Alan Enriquez, Elias Hernandez, Michael Neason and Karen Pareles placed best in their category.

For Cosmetology Nail Art, Ligia Nava placed first.

For Cosmetology Outstanding Chapter, Lisset Arroyo, Jasmine Jimenez and Glennasia Simien placed first. For Cosmetology Individual Member, Claudia Rivera placed first.

In Computer Maintenance, Spencer Messick placed second.

For Computer Maintenance Innovation Computer Build Project, Ricardo Behran, Noe Bonilla, Jafet Mora and Ronaldo Villarreal placed best in their category.

For Criminal Justice Career Display Board, Jessica Arredondo, Adriana Balmaceda, Melissa Chapa, Derek Delgado and Dulce Santos placed best in their category.

For Criminal Justice Building Search, Angelhi Eguren, Chelsea Esparza, Isabella Juarez and Brenda Silva placed second.

For Criminal Justice Felony Traffic Stop, both Angelhi Eguren and Chelsea Esparza placed second.

For Criminal Justice Misdemeanor Traffic Stop, Andres Melchor placed first.

For Criminal Justice Crime Scene Investigation, Ian Jaimies, Abigail Lopez and Monica Rodriguez placed second.

For HVAC/Electrical Residential Wiring/Electrical Construction Wiring, Jacob Dehoyos placed first, Carlos Camero placed second and Ernesto Gonzalez placed third.

**Sam Rayburn High School**  
For Small Engine Hands-on Small Engine Repair Challenge, Estrella Gutierrez placed first and Dalton Stark placed third.

For Small Engine Prepared Speech Leadership Contest, Estrella Gutierrez placed second.

For Small Engine Project Rebuilt Pressure Washer, Alberto Gutierrez placed best in their category.

For Welding Level Two Welding, Alexander Serrato placed first and Mauro Bugarin placed second.

For Welding Team Fabrication, Miguel Alonso, Hector Benavidez and Israel Picon placed first.

# Frazier Elementary celebrates father, son rodeo

Frazier Elementary rounded up all the cowboys and their sons for a night of food and fun at its Father and Son Rodeo Feb. 24. Below, left to right, kindergartners Michael and Mason Aguirre with their father (back row) Michael Aguirre. Photo by Gary Williams




Above, second-grader Adam Guerra enjoys dinner with his father Javier Guerra. Photo by Susan Blue




Right, kindergartner Jacob Katz waits on his dad as they play a game of corn hole. Photo by Susan Blue



Shown, left, second-grader Julius Salazar has a talk during dinner with his dad Ricky Salazar. Photo by Susan Blue



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## Electronic recycling set

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The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

From Old Galveston, turn left onto Brantly; go past a dock with signs to the right and turn left onto Loop Road/Broussard. The recycling center will then be on the left-hand side.

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## SJC public events set

San Jacinto College invites the public to attend the following events.

### Wind Ensemble Concert

The San Jac wind ensemble will perform a concert Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m., in the Monte Blue Building, Corbin Hall, on Central campus. The event is free and open to the public.

### Softball game

The San Jac softball team plays Neosho County Community College Wednesday, March 22, at 2 p.m., on South campus. For a season schedule, visit [sanjacsports.com](http://sanjacsports.com).

### Education Center Events

The San Jac College Community Education Center's March calendar will feature a special event on Mandarin Chinese language and culture.

A Glimpse of China will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on March 21. Participants will sample treats and receive a free keepsake gift.

The Center will also hold a Career Pathways Coaching and Testing workshop from 1 to 5 p.m. on March 22.

Events are free; preregistration is required by sending an email to [communityeducation@sjcd.edu](mailto:communityeducation@sjcd.edu) or calling 281-478-2786.

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# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## District 24-6A baseball approves new format

This might be a first. Looking to replicate playoff-style baseball, District 24-6A teams have gone to a new format for 2017. Each of the eight district teams will still play each of their seven opponents twice, but will do so in a back-to-back format. As an example, Clear Brook traveled to Clear Falls March 14 in the District 24-6A opener for both teams. Clear Falls won the game 1-0. On Friday, March 17, the Wolverines will host Clear Falls to again face the Knights. The Wolverines will essentially play home-and-home series with each of their district foes this season. The theory is that teams do not have to face the same pitchers twice.



Dobie's Kimberli Izaguirre (19) and her Lady Longhorns are headed to the Class 6A playoffs as the No. 3 seed in District 22-6A play after finishing the regular season at 10-3-1. The locals will play at Atascocita, the No. 2 seed out of District 21-6A, in the opening playoff round. Dobie will face Atascocita Friday, March 24, at Galena Park ISD Stadium. Match time is 7 p.m. Photo by Nick Tamayo



Despite a 4-2 loss to Memorial that ended a 46-match streak of no losses in district play for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team, the group will enter the playoffs as the No. 1 seed in District 22-6A play and will face Goose Creek Memorial in the bidistrict round. Above, senior Sabino Lazano (9) will help lead the Longhorns into that matchup, with match details to be determined. Photo by John Bechtle

## Local SBAST Sharks seeking coaching staff

The South Belt Area Swim Team Sharks program is seeking coaches for the upcoming 2017 season. For those interested in assisting the area's long-standing youth swimming program, an application can be found at [www.sbast.org](http://www.sbast.org). The completed application is then to be emailed to [andreatparker@att.net](mailto:andreatparker@att.net) by March 20. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, possess previous swimming or coaching experience and have certification in lifeguard/CPR/AED and water safety training. Applicants are required to be available to the team beginning April 24 through July 7 for practices, meets and other team activities. For more information about the Sharks, visit the team's website at [www.sbast.org](http://www.sbast.org).

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## No. 4 San Jacinto College men's hoops to NJCAAs

The San Jacinto College men's basketball team, saddled with just one loss all season, will get its chance to play for a national championship. The Ravens dominated the field at the Region XIV championships at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas, punishing Panola 92-67 in the title game to run the table.

**(1) San Jacinto College vs. Spartanburg/Connors St.**  
Tuesday, March 21, 5 p.m. ET  
Hutchinson Sports Arena, Kan.

At 32-1, San Jacinto is now headed to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Men's Basketball Championship, set for March 20-25 in Hutchinson, Kan., as the top seed. Ranked fourth in the Continued on Page 2B

## Locals now 4-0 Lady Longhorn softball powers its way to unbeaten mark in 22-6A

The easy part out of the way, the Dobie varsity softball team is set to take on state-ranked Deer Park and two other tough opponents to close out the first half of District 22-6A action.

**Lady Longhorns host Deer Park**  
Tuesday, March 21, Dobie, 4:30 p.m.

In beating South Houston, Sam Rayburn and Pasadena, the Lady Longhorns scored 49 runs and allowed just three improving to 4-0 in league play along the way. Two of those games lasted just three innings due to the mercy rule, and a third game went five innings.

Dobie will next host Deer Park Tuesday, March 21, at Dobie High School. Game time is set for 4:30 p.m. The Lady Longhorns will then close out the first half of league play with games against La Porte and Pasadena Memorial.

## CB competes, too Davis, Singleton pace JFD track

The Dobie varsity track and field programs continued to push forward this season, with the boys' and girls' teams excelling at the March 9 Bayshore Olympics at La Porte High School.

Camille Singleton scored another win in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.98 seconds, and several other Lady Longhorns also came up big. Ladayijah Cook was one of those top performers for the locals. She was second in the high jump after clearing 5 feet, and she was part of two different relay teams that each finished second.

Clear Falls swept the relays, with Dobie second in all three. In the 4x100-meter relay, Dobie's time of 50.47 was second-best as Jakara Henry and Erin Flemings teamed with Jade Giron and Camryn Ridge.

Cook joined Ridge, Giron and Singleton in the 4x200-meter relay as the Lady Longhorns finished at 1:44.26 for second place. In the 4x400-meter relay, a time of 4:07.80 was also second as Cook was in the mix along with Briasia Garza, Giron and Singleton.

A top long jump of 16'8 1/2" landed Flemings third overall, and Victoria Onozie (6'4") and Jamesetta Seals (6'3") were 3-4 in the discus. Seals was fifth in the shot put with a throw of 32'7", and Onozie was sixth with a throw of 32'4". Dobie came up with a great showing in the 100-

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## Brook boys on hold

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In the game, Dobie struggled as the Mavs dealt the Longhorns just their second 4-0 deficit of the season before finishing off a 4-2 win. Deer Park and Memorial tied for second place in 22-6A, with Sam Rayburn edging South Houston by one point to snag the No. 4 seed.

In girls' play, the Lady Longhorns tied Memorial 2-2 to end the regular season and wound up third in the final standings at 9-3-2. The locals will face Atascocita, the No. 2 seed from District 21-6A.

Meanwhile, the Clear Brook varsity boys' team will go into its final game of the regular season with a slim chance to get into the playoffs, but it won't be easy as several things need to go Brook's way. Continued on Page 6B

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## Dobie baseball wins; Brook falls

Euro Diaz played like a senior leader, getting four hits, driving in three runs and pitching well as the Dobie varsity baseball team outlasted Beaumont West Brook 7-6 March 14, in Beaumont. West Brook had tied the game at 6-6 with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning, but the Longhorns did not quit. In the top of the ninth inning, the Longhorns plated a run to take the lead, then closed out the Bruins in the bottom of the ninth for the win.

Daniel Garza also pitched four strong innings for the Longhorns, who got a combined nine strikeouts from Garza and Diaz. Owen Castillo had three hits in the game for the Longhorns.

The game was scoreless until the sixth, when visiting San Jacinto plated four runs. With two more runs in the seventh, Gonzalez had plenty of working room to close out the win. But little went the way of San Jacinto in the nightcap as Lamar State went on to win 8-0, handing the Coyotes their first loss in conference play.

McHenry tripled and Deleon doubled, but San Jac registered just four hits in the game overall. San Jacinto will continue its mid-season barrage of road games, playing a doubleheader at Alvin March 17.

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# Sports Calendar

## SOCCKER

Friday, March 24

**Bidistrict playoffs**

Dobie varsity girls vs. Atascocita, GPISD, 7:00

Dobie varsity boys vs. G.C. Memorial, TBA

## SOFTBALL

Tuesday, March 21

Dobie varsity hosts Deer Park, Dobie, 4:30

Friday, March 24

Dobie varsity hosts La Porte, Dobie, 4:30

## TRACK AND FIELD

Thursday, March 23

Dobie JV girls at South Houston invite, TBA

Friday, March 24

Dobie varsity girls at city meet/Rice University, TBA

Friday, March 31

Dobie varsity girls at Rockhold Relays, Baytown, TBA

## BASEBALL

Thursday, March 16

Dobie varsity hosts South Houston, Dobie, noon

Friday, March 17

Brook varsity hosts Clear Falls, 7:00

Brook JV at Clear Falls, 7:00

Brook sophomores at Clear Falls, 4:30

Tuesday, March 21

Dobie varsity vs. Sam Rayburn, Maguire, 4:00

Brook varsity hosts Clear Creek, 7:00

Brook JV at Clear Creek, 7:00

Brook sophomores at Clear Creek, 4:30

Friday, March 24

Dobie varsity vs. Pasadena, Maguire, 4:00

## TENNIS

Thursday, March 23

Dobie varsity at Sunseri Memorial tourn., TBA

Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1

Dobie varsity at Beachcomber Classic, Galv., TBA

# SBYSC/TetraBrazil to offer youth camp

With five World Cups to their name, Brazil stands alone as the most decorated soccer nation.

This summer, aspiring American players will have the opportunity to learn the secrets of their amazing success directly from more than a dozen Brazilian coaches who will spend 10 weeks traveling around the country and sharing their knowledge.

TetraBrazil, the most popular Brazilian soccer coaching program in the United States, has been invited to host one of their exclusive youth training camps in the South Belt area.

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club has teamed up with TetraBrazil to host the TetraBrazil Soccer Camp July 31 through August 4 at the South Belt Youth Soccer Club's facility at El Franco Lee Park.

The camp will run Monday through Friday, and each child will be coached by a member of TetraBrazil's elite team of soccer coaches trained to work within these programs.

TetraBrazil is a part of Challenger Sports which will host more than 3,500 soccer programs this year and will coach more than 200,000 players between the ages of 3 and 19.

TetraBrazil provides day camps, team camps and high school camps to youth players of all ages.

The unique TetraBrazil curriculum contains more than merely techniques and tactics. Each member of the TetraBrazil coaching staff will bring an authentic taste of the flair, passion and creativity of Brazilian soccer to the camps.

In addition to learning advanced footwork, new skills and the most effective moves used by top Brazilian players, campers will warm up to samba music, learn Portuguese phrases and discover what it is like to grow up and play soccer in a country where the game is treated like a religion.

Each camper will receive a free TetraBrazil soccer camp T-shirt and

soccer ball, a Brazilian soccer poster and camp certificate.

In addition, any child who registers online at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com) at least 45 days prior to camp will receive a genuine TetraBrazil soccer replica jersey.

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is offering TetraBrazil soccer camp sessions for the following groups:

Ages 8 to 11 – Half Day Camp (9 a.m. to noon) \$162.

Ages 12 to 16 – Half Day Camp (9 a.m. to noon) \$162.

Teams are also welcome to attend and receive a week of focused Brazilian instruction to prepare them for the fall season.

Space is limited, and parents are encouraged to register online in advance to avoid missing out.

For additional information and to register, visit [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com).

For more information about TetraBrazil or the Challenger Sports program, call Mike Rees at 512-416-7706, or direct email to Rees at [mrees@challengersports.com](mailto:mrees@challengersports.com).

TetraBrazil is a division of Challenger Sports, a corporation registered in Kansas, which provides camps, clinics, tours, tournaments, team trainers, uniforms and equipment to soccer clubs in each state and throughout Canada.

In addition to coaching youth players Challenger will also run hundreds of free parent/coach soccer clinics throughout the country in partnership with the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Challenger Sports is the only soccer camp that has been accredited by The American Camping Association. ACA is the national camp accreditation body in the United States and verifies that a camp has complied with at least 300 standards for health, safety, and program quality, recognized by courts of law and government regulators.

# SJC baseball's Arrington logs career win No. 700

By Amanda Fenwick  
SJC marketing/sports

San Jacinto College baseball head coach Tom Arrington recorded his 700th career win last month when freshman Jacob Cantleberry threw a no-hitter against Midland College in a 9-0 win Feb. 11, at the Tournament of Champions.

Arrington is in his 17th season at the helm at San Jacinto College, which is one of the most storied junior college baseball programs in the country.

Arrington has guided his San Jac teams to

nine National Junior College Athletic Association World Series tournaments, including five national runner-up finishes (2003, 2004, 2010, 2012 and 2016).

"These wins are a tribute to our players, those who have played here as well as our current team, and to our coaching staff," said Arrington.

"Wins are great, but it is equally, if not more important, to help develop our student-athletes so that they become great students, great athletes and great citizens."

Arrington began his coaching career in 1991 at the College of Mateo before moving on to San Francisco State University and College of Marin.

He came to San Jacinto College in 2000 as an assistant coach and was named head coach in 2001.

"We are so proud of all that Tom has accomplished," said Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor for strategic initiatives.

"He continues to produce well rounded student-athletes that are finding success both on and

off the field." "I've been a part of some tremendous moments while here at San Jac as an assistant under Tom," said San Jacinto College baseball assistant coach Kory Koehler.

"His 700th victory is as memorable as any. To win 700 games in Region XIV is a feat of its own, but to have it done while your pitcher throws a no-hitter is downright unbelievable!"

San Jacinto is in the midst of Region XIV play at present and will host Blinn College Thursday,

March 16 at 6 p.m. Arrington is aiming to get his program back to the national tournament after the squad played for the title in 2016.

The 2017 team is made up almost entirely of newcomers but is playing well. San Jacinto College baseball home games are played at John Ray Harrison Field at Andy Pettitte Park on the San Jacinto College North campus.

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit [sanjac.sports.com](http://sanjac.sports.com).



Veteran San Jacinto College head baseball coach Tom Arrington (right), now in his 17th season with the program, notched his 700th career victory as the Gators defeated Midland last month. In 2016, Arrington got San Jac within one win of a national championship. Photo by Rob Vanya

# Dobie, Brook tracksters show speed, power

Continued from Page 1B meter dash as Ridge's time of 12.96 was fourth, with Yvonne Whaley fifth in a time of 13.13. At 13.38, Rachel Smith was seventh.

**Davis wins pair**  
Jeremy Davis scored a pair of wins in the field events to lead the Longhorn boys' effort.

In the discus, Davis finished at 55'6" for the top spot, and he also won the shot put at 51'9 1/2."

Daniel Williams came away with a pair of third-place finishes in the hurdles.

At 15.35, Williams was third in the 110-meter hurdles, and his clocking of 42.75 was third in the 300-meter hurdles, with

teammate Earl Newton taking fifth in a time of 43.10.

Jacoby Davis cleared 6'0" for fifth place in the high jump, and the Longhorns' 4x200-meter relay team of Jacoby Davis, Jeremy Hernandez, Williams and Mason Douglas wound up fifth at 3:35.25.

**Brook boys shine**  
The Clear Brook boys also came up with a great effort at La Porte, with

Loranzo Thompson and Tyler Garcia scoring individual wins.

The Wolverines' Kenneth Pree also set a school record in the long jump (23'2 1/2") while finishing second.

Thompson was the

champion of the 200-meter dash with a finish of 22.66, and Garcia won the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 41.00.

Pree simply had a big day for the Wolverines.

In addition to setting that new school record in the long jump, Pree went 43'3" in the triple jump for second place, and he was also third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 57.37.

Jake Allison placed third in the discus with his best throw of 31'10," and a time of 23.16 netted Braelon Hill third in the 200-meter dash.

The Wolverines were also third overall in a pair of relays, including the

4x200- and 4x400-meter events.

Pree gained another top-three medal as he was in on the mix in the 4x400-meter relay, teaming with Tyler Garcia, Mark Milton and Thompson for a time of 3:27.95.

In the 4x200-meter event, Brook was represented by Hill, Thompson, Milton and Garcia for a time of 1:31.53.

Fourth place in the 110-meter hurdles went to Brook's Caleb Nettles at 15.75, and teammates Brieson Moore (fifth at 15.80) and Corey Fairer (eighth at 16.29) also competed for the Wolverines.

A time of 11.31 gave

the Wolverines' Jarrett Smith sixth place in the 100-meter dash.

**Brook girls at Aldine**  
The M.B. Donaldson Relays at Aldine ISD were shortened by weather, but a couple of Lady Wolverines performed well prior to the end of the day.

At 12:59.92, Reagan Dunlap was second in the 3,200-meter run, and Kayla King's time of 16.67 placed her fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.

The Lady Wolverines were sixth in the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 49.81 as Maya Farooq, Kennedy Crutchfield, Ayanna Mason and Keaira Connor teamed for the locals.

# SJC men's hoops off to nationals

Continued from Page 1B nation, San Jac was a solid pick for an at-large bid to the national tournament, but took care of business on its own.

In the final, head coach Scott R. Germander was able to substitute freely as the Ravens put the game away early in the second half.

Lamar Hamrick came off the bench to score 18 points in the win, with Jordan Duffy adding 17. Konstantin Kulikov had 15 points, and Corey Davis came up with 12.

San Jacinto College will enter the national tournament as the highest-ranked (No. 4) team to have won its respective conference tournament.

Top-ranked South Plains (Texas) lost in the Region V tournament, 82-74, to Western Texas. Second-ranked Hutchinson (Kan.) and No. 3 North-west Florida State were

also defeated in post-season play.

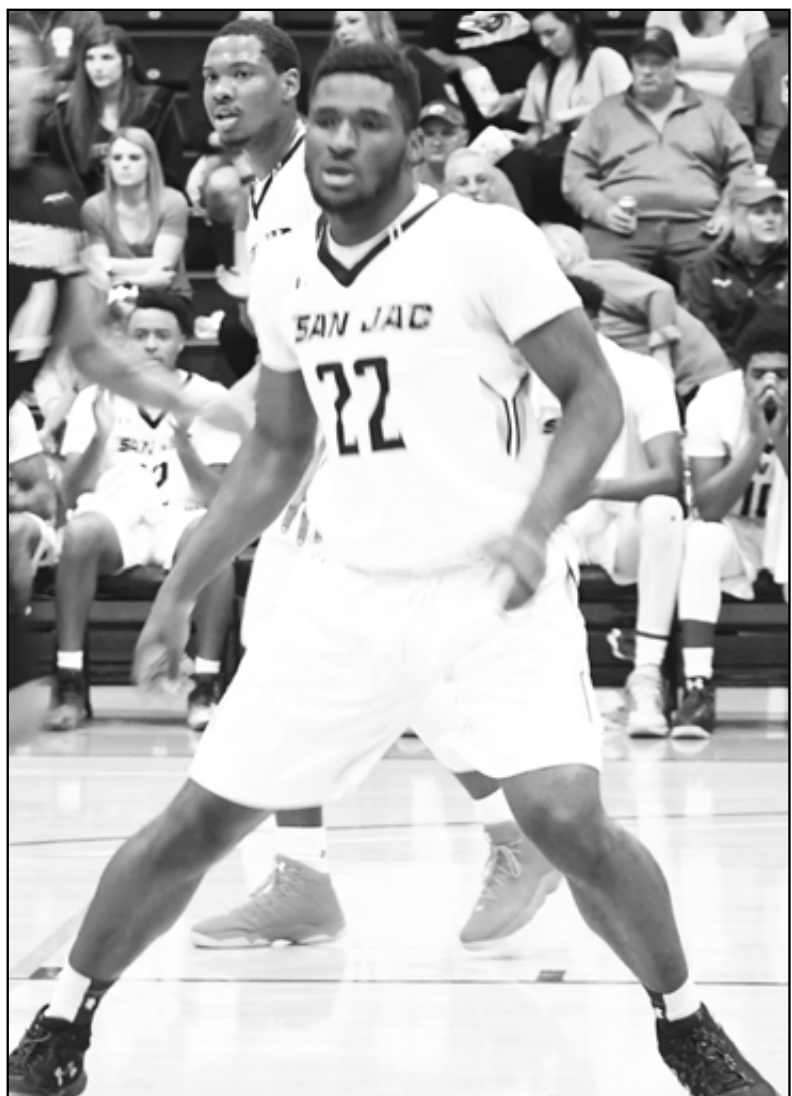
South Plains, Hutchinson and NWFS all subsequently gained at-large bids to the national tournament.

**SJC women fall**  
The San Jacinto College women's team had hoped to join the men's squad at nationals, but lost a heartbreaker in the Region XIV semifinals.

No matter, the women's team is advancing anyway. Although Kilgore defeated San Jacinto 64-56 in that semifinal round at regionals, the National Junior College Athletic Association's selection committee chose San Jacinto, 24-8, as one of its four at-large teams.

After the completion of the regional tournament, San Jacinto women's basketball head coach Mike Madrid was named the Region XIV Coach of the Year.

At right, San Jacinto College's Kabir Muhammed, who leads the team in rebounding this season at 8.4 per game, is hoping the Ravens can close out a terrific season with a national championship. It all starts March 20 in Hutchinson, Kan.



## NJCAA Men's Basketball

March 20-25  
Hutchinson, Kan.  
Hutchinson Sports Arena  
Opening Round Games

(16) Spartanburg vs. (17) Connors St.  
(9) Jones County vs. (24) Caldwell Tech  
(13) St. Petersburg vs. (20) Highland  
(12) Gillette vs. (21) Walters St.  
(15) Panola vs. (21) Shelton St.  
(10) Southern Idaho vs. (23) N. Oklahoma  
(14) Motlow St. vs. (19) Coffeyville  
(11) Indian Hills vs. (22) Monroe  
Tuesday, March 21, 5 p.m. ET

(1) San Jacinto vs. Spartanburg/Connors St.

### Remaining seeds

(2) South Plains – (3) Georgia Highlands – (4) Hutchinson  
(5) Odessa – (6) E. Florida St.  
(7) Vincennes – (8) NW Florida St.

## NJCAA Women's Basketball

March 20-25  
Lubbock, Texas  
Rip Griffin Center  
Opening Round Games

(16) San Jacinto vs. (17) Harford  
Monday, March 20, 11 a.m. ET  
(9) South Plains vs. (24) Monroe  
(13) Jones County vs. (20) W. Nebraska  
(12) Wabash Valley vs. (21) Cochise  
(15) S. Georgia Tech vs. (18) Motlow St.  
(10) Shelton St. vs. (23) N. Dakota SCS  
(14) Walters St. vs. (19) Tyler  
(11) N.E. Oklahoma vs. (22) Iowa Western  
Tuesday, March 21

San Jac/Harford vs. (1) Gulf Coast State  
Remaining seeds  
(2) Odessa – (3) Chipola  
(4) Hutchinson – (5) Salt Lake  
(6) Trinity Valley – (7) Tallahassee  
(8) Seward County

## Area sports, news

### SB Dolphins set registration

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League has set upcoming registration dates for the 2017 season, with practices starting in July.

The registration dates include a Saturday, March 25, session from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center, in addition to April 22, May 20, and June 24, also from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sagemont Community Center. Games begin in August, and the regular season runs into November.

### Lajaunie tennis coming

The 2017 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will now be held at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena formerly known as Strawberry Park, April 28-30. The DLTSF will continue to award college scholarships to the seniors on the Dobie High School tennis team, in addition to qualifying members of the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are finalizing plans for its 6th annual memorial tennis tournament, set to make its first appearance at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center.

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

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

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

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt, a luggage tag and enjoy a complimentary opening morning breakfast snack.

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

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 28. There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets are now on sale and are \$15.

Silent auction items this year include an autographed tournament T-shirt from the band Los Lobos, an autographed polo shirt from retired race car driver Mario Andretti and current Indy race car driver Marco Andretti (grandson), an autographed picture from the Houston Rockets, dance lessons from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Clear Lake and much more.

Opening night special activities this year include HTTC hosting a complimentary cardio tennis clinic for adults, and a children's clinic full of fun tennis games for ages 12 and under. There will also be plenty of giveaway prizes.

Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website at the end of March. In May, the Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry fee for the tournament is: \$35 for singles; \$22.50 per player for doubles.

Players may also register at [www.setteo.com](http://www.setteo.com). Registration deadline is April 14.

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 29, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at [www.DLTennisScholarships.com](http://www.DLTennisScholarships.com) includes pictures from last year's tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships details and more.

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

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

# Christmas, Walker, Jeans lead Lions' eighth-grade track team to title

The Bondy seventh-grade boys' team kept the Patriots in the mix for a team sweep, but Thompson's eighth-grade team prevented that with a big win at the Pasadena ISD intermediate track and field championships.

The Lions collected 149 points in the eighth-grade division to win the team title, with San Jacinto second at 128. Beverly Hills was third overall with 89 points.

In all, Thompson captured top team honors in three meets.

Thompson also stayed close in the seventh-grade standings, but the Patriots came away with 179 points for the win, followed by the Lions' 135. Beverly Hills was again third with 91 points.

**GAT 8s take title**  
The Lions were the pride of the district in the eighth-grade division after claiming top team honors. Thompson captured gold medals in seven different events, including six individual.

Jayson Turner once again stood out for the Lions, playing a role in three different wins. Devin Caballero, meanwhile, was a double gold medal-winning performer.

Turner's banner day began in the 100-meter dash as he hit the finish line first in a time of 11.80 seconds for the gold medal.

With Turner running the anchor leg, the Lions won the 4x100-meter relay easily. Traylon Ansley, Brandon Salinas and Razmon Williams were also in the

mix for the champion Lions at 48.35.

As for Caballero, he came in at 5:21.62 for the championship in the 1,600-meter run.

Caballero then took a second individual gold medal for his time of 8:21.66 in the 2,400-meter run.

Bryson Phillips was dominant for the Lions in the 100-meter hurdles as his time of 15.57 captured top honors in the event by more than a second.

The Lions scored 18 big points in the high jump as Turner cleared 5'7" for the gold medal, and teammate Jeremiah Ballard was in at 5'6" for second place and a silver medal.

Demo Tucker once again led the way for the Lions in the discus, where Thompson dominated. Tucker finished at 116'0" to win the gold medal easily, and teammate Josue Vasquez was third at 111'10". Austin Rhoden came up with a fourth-place effort of 108'10".

The Lions' Nicolas Esparza also contributed well as his best throw of 39'3/4" was third for a bronze medal.

Other medal winners for the Lions included Salinas, whose time of 25.39 landed him second place and a bronze medal in the 200-meter dash.

Thompson claimed third place in the 4x200-meter relay in a time of 1:44.60 as that foursome included Salinas, Williams, Braden Gant and Turner.

Ballard and Phillips missed out on medals in the 300-meter hurdles, but scored for the Lions nonetheless.

Fourth place went to Ballard and his time of 45.96, with Phillips fifth in a time of 46.03.

Williams also added a fourth-place finish to his ledger, going 16'1" in the long jump.

Gant's final finish of 35'3" in the triple jump was good for second place, and Salinas was sixth at 32'2".

The Lions' Darrius Pamplin placed sixth in the pole vault after clearing 8'0".

**BHI 8s are third**

Beverly Hills scored a highlight en route to third place overall by winning the 4x200-meter relay. That foursome of Keon Thompson, Trevion Williams, Tommy Guerrero and Chezhiah Lynch were in at 1:42.25.

The Bears continued the scoring in the 100-meter dash, with Thompson in at 12.07 for second place and teammate Guerrero fourth at 12.29. The Bears' Williams was sixth at 12.34.

Guerrero proved to be up to the challenge in the long jump as his best effort of 17'8 1/2" was second-best across the district.

The Bears challenged San Jacinto for the top spot in the 4x400-meter relay before taking second place.

At 4:01.87, the Bears' foursome claimed a silver medal behind the effort of Michael Ramirez, Lynch, Manuel Hernandez and

Adrian Barragan. Hernandez and Ramirez went 2-3 in the 400-meter dash as the Bears scored key points.

At 58.54, Hernandez was second, with Ramirez in at 59.29 for third place.

The Bears kept solid points coming in during the 800-meter run.

Ronoldo Gonzalez snagged a bronze medal for third place in a time of 2:19.20, and Taizhon McKinney's time of 2:21.45 was fifth-best.

In the 100-meter hurdles, the Bears' Barragan grabbed a bronze medal for third place in a time of 17.44.

Gonzalez also competed in the 1,600-meter run, where his time of 5:33.29 was fifth.

In other events, Brandon Mack's time of 26.49 was sixth in the 200-meter dash. Jalen Hollins' time of 47.89 placed him sixth in the 300-meter hurdles.

**Lion 7s are second**

Bondy simply had too much overall talent in taking first place in the seventh-grade boys' division, but the Lions were right behind for second place.

Zaire Walker was one of several who starred for the Lions.

At the end of the day, Walker had claimed three gold medals, as did teammate Conlie Christmas.

Calvin Jeans won a pair of championships for the Lions, both in the weights. Walker's outstanding time of 5:22.56 was plenty good enough to win the 1,600-meter run, with Jefferson Ford in for a silver

medal and second place at 5:32.76.

Walker doubled his win total in the 2,400-meter run as his time of 8:03.53 was again the district's best. Teammate Isaac Cortez placed fourth in a time of 8:34.14.

At 34'9", Walker was the clear winner of the triple jump, with the Lions' Cortez in at 31'3" for third place and a top-three medal.

Conlie Christmas also came up with a trio of individual victories for the Lions, both in the hurdles.

At 15.71, Christmas cruised to the win in the 100-meter hurdles.

Christmas then won the championship in the 300-meter hurdles, posting a time of 48.06.

A leap of 5'3" in the high jump also was good enough to give Christmas a third gold medal.

Jeans duelled with the Bears' Dakarey Ramsay in the weights. While both excelled, Jeans came out on top in both events.

Bondy more than doubled up the rest of the field in the seventh-grade division, scoring 185.33 points for the team title.

Beverly Hills was second with 86 points, and the Thompson girls were third with 66 points.

The race was closer in the eighth-grade title chase, but Bondy prevailed with 179 points, with Thompson second at 135.

Beverly Hills put together 91 points for third place.

**Lady Lion 8s are second**

Ambreon Jones starred for the Lady Lions' eighth-grade team, winning a pair of individual events and helping the Lady Lions to a pair of second-place relay finishes in the championship meet.

Jasmine Benitez was the gold medalist in the pole vault for the Lady Lions, and Marrisa Soto claimed the top spot in the shot put.

At 32'7", Soto was the easy winner of the shot put final, with teammate Victoria Thomas second for a silver medal at 30'0".

Jones blazed her way to a finish of 17.75 seconds for the district championship in the 100-meter hurdles, with teammate Diarra Hypolite the runner-up in a time of 18.57.

Raven Finister was sixth in the same event in a time of 19.79 to contribute to the Lady Lions' cause.

In the triple jump, Jones won the event by almost three feet to claim the top spot with a leap of 30 feet, 8 inches.

Benitez was the winner of the pole vault at a height of 6'1", and the Lady Lions' Ridge placed third for a bronze medal at 6'0".

Thompson came away with second-place finishes in the 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relays, with Jones also taking part in those.

Beverly Hills won the two sprint relays, and

res sixth at 2:35.81.

In the 4x200-meter relay, the Lions finished second to Beverly Hills with a time of 1:48.11. In that one, Christmas was joined by Terrand Booker, Ford and Ke'mauri Millender.

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Thompson came away with second-place finishes in the 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relays, with Jones also taking part in those.

Beverly Hills won the two sprint relays, and

relay, where Lopez, Jonathan Torres, Cortez and Lazarus Gonzales teamed for a time of 4:21.20.

The Lions were sixth in the 4x100-meter relay as Cameron Gray, Ryan Saxton, Lopez and Booker combined to deliver a time of 59.10.

**BHI 7s capture third**

In taking third place, the Bears' seventh-grade team excelled in the two sprint relays, capturing a pair of wins.

At the 4x100-meter distance, Damonte Seymore, Trevon Johnson, Treilyn

Burrell and Brendann Williams teamed for the win at 50.23.

Trajan Davis joined Johnson, Burrell and Williams in the 4x200-meter relay as the Bears won once more at 1:46.81.

The Bears' Burrell also excelled in the 200-meter dash as his time of 25.85 was good for second place and a silver medal.

Dakarey Ramsay was second in the shot put at 38'10 1/4" for a silver medal, and his throw of 99'5" in the discus was third-best in the event.

In other events, Lopez was sixth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.40, and a time of 49.78 placed Emmanuel Drain fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

A time of 4:26.12 netted the Bears sixth place in the 4x400-meter relay, as that foursome included Jose Ramirez, Allen Gonzale, Jahir Reyes and Johnson.

At 5'0," Darren Ortiz tied for fourth place in the high jump, and the Bears' Seymore was in sixth-best in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.14.

## Bondy girls sweep team titles GAT, BHI track finish strong

The Pasadena ISD track and field season was dominated by Bondy, but that didn't stop the Beverly Hills and Thompson girls from finishing the intermediate season on a high note.

Bondy more than doubled up the rest of the field in the seventh-grade division, scoring 185.33 points for the team title.

Beverly Hills was second with 86 points, and the Thompson girls were third with 66 points.

The race was closer in the eighth-grade title chase, but Bondy prevailed with 179 points, with Thompson second at 135.

Beverly Hills put together 91 points for third place.

**Lady Lion 8s are second**

Ambreon Jones starred for the Lady Lions' eighth-grade team, winning a pair of individual events and helping the Lady Lions to a pair of second-place relay finishes in the championship meet.

Jasmine Benitez was the gold medalist in the pole vault for the Lady Lions, and Marrisa Soto claimed the top spot in the shot put.

At 32'7", Soto was the easy winner of the shot put final, with teammate Victoria Thomas second for a silver medal at 30'0".

Jones blazed her way to a finish of 17.75 seconds for the district championship in the 100-meter hurdles, with teammate Diarra Hypolite the runner-up in a time of 18.57.

Raven Finister was sixth in the same event in a time of 19.79 to contribute to the Lady Lions' cause.

In the triple jump, Jones won the event by almost three feet to claim the top spot with a leap of 30 feet, 8 inches.

Benitez was the winner of the pole vault at a height of 6'1", and the Lady Lions' Ridge placed third for a bronze medal at 6'0".

Thompson came away with second-place finishes in the 4x100-meter and 4x200-meter relays, with Jones also taking part in those.

Beverly Hills won the two sprint relays, and

the Lady Lions were next. In the 4x100, Jones and Ridge teamed with Mooney and Deaira Jackson for a time of 55.25.

The same four athletes teamed up at the 4x200 distance, with the Lady Lions second in a time of 1:55.57.

The Lady Lions also scored big in the 200-meter dash as Janelle Mooney posted a time of 29.11 for second place. Teammate Ridge ran third overall in a time of 29.49.

At 55.29, Kenya Horton was third for a bronze medal in the 300-meter hurdles, and Isabella Delgado was fifth in the event in a time of 57.77.

Jada Sawyer just missed a top-three medal in the 100-meter dash, with her time of 14.47 good for fourth place.

Thompson's 4x400-meter relay team claimed the fourth spot in the event with the time of 4:51.22 as the Lady Lions' foursome included Benitez, Abby Duron, Karisa Hernandez and Grace Castaneda.

With a best throw of 58'8", Soto just missed a top-three medal in the discus as she was fourth.

Castaneda's time of 1 minute, 9.96 seconds handed her fifth place in the 400-meter run.

**BHI 8s capture third**

Amari Singleton came up with a pair of individual district championships for the Lady Bears, who also won a pair of relays en route to third place.

Singleton, the younger sister of Dobie varsity track and field star Camille Singleton, won championships in the 800-meter and 2,400-meter runs for the Lady Bears.

In a time of 2:38.38, Singleton championed the 800-meter run, and her clocking of 9:38.72 was also easily the best in the 2,400-meter run for Singleton to score 20 quick points.

Amya Ray and Janya Hunt were joined by teammates Nikalya McIntyre and Breana Hayward as the Lady Bears won the 4x100-meter relay in a time of 54.59.

At 1:55.49, the same four athletes represented Beverly Hills in the

4x200-meter relay for the championship.

Bondy won top honors in the 4x400-meter relay, but the Lady Bears were second for 16 team points in a time of 4:45.03.

That foursome for Beverly Hills in the 4x400 includes Ray, McIntyre, Hunt and Esmerelda Calvillo.

In other events, Devin Richard's time of 18.88 was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles, and Haywood was fifth at 14.50 in the 100-meter dash.

Richard also cleared 4'0" for sixth place in the high jump.

**Lady Bear 7s are second**

Maya Scott paved the way to second place for Beverly Hills in the seventh-grade division, and Jennifer Ibe grabbed three top-three medals.

Scott grabbed her gold medal quickly, taking first place in the 100-meter dash in a time of 14.22.

Her teammate, Riani Benton, claimed a bronze medal for third place in a time of 14.37.

The Lady Bears also did well in the 400-meter dash, with Analaura Elizarravas third in a time of 2:53.25, and Victoria Ramirez fourth at 2:55.38.

Ibe bagged a gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles as her time of 18.66 was good enough for the win in a close finish.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Ibe was in the final sprint for the gold medal before taking third place at 20.28.

Ibe's third top-three medal of the meet came in the 4x100-meter relay as she teamed with Nikole Welcome, Sydnye Forde and Scott for third place in a time of 56.77.

The Lady Bears eventually took fourth place in the 4x400-meter relay in a time of 5:05.19. That foursome included Ramirez, Lilly Nguyen, Valery Baez and Elizarravas.

KeAsia Robinson and Forde answered the call for the Lady Bears in the high jump.

At 4'10," Robinson was second for a silver medal, and third place and a bronze medal went to Forde at 4'8".

The Lady Bears' De-

metria Delgado claimed second place in the shot put as she came up with a personal season-best of 26'5 1/4".

Forde also triple jumped her way to 25'3" for fifth place.

**Thompson 7s are third**

Kendall Brown and Melody Guerrero delivered gold-medal performances to help Thompson's seventh-grade team place third in the final team standings.

With a throw of 30'1", Guerrero made her way to the top of the list in the shot put event, and teammate Nevaeh Zermeno placed sixth in the same event with a top throw of 23'4 3/4".

Guerrero was also in contention for the gold medal in the discus, but eventually took second place with her best throw of 67'7".

Brown actually captured three different top-three medals to help lead the Lady Lions.

Her gold medal win came in the triple jump as she made her way to the 28'9" mark.

At 1:10.53, Brown was third in the 400-meter run for six points, and teammate Makayle Yeilding was fifth with a time of 1:13.77.

Yeilding and Brown were joined by Ashlyn Ross and Sindy Puerto in the 4x400-meter relay as the Lady Lions were second at 4:57.64.

Isabella Padilla of Thompson finished sixth in the 2,400-meter run with a time of 10:20.79.

Natalie Onozie medaled for the Lady Lions in the 100-meter hurdles as her time of 20.28 was third-best across the district.

Montserrat Alba posted a time of 59.62 for fifth place in the 300-meter hurdles, and the Lady Lions placed sixth in the 4x100-meter relay.

In that one, Onozie, Majesti Yates, Kori Pounds and Ashlyn Ross teamed for a time of 59.06.

Those same four athletes represented Thompson in the 4x200-meter relay, where a time of 2:07.02 also netted the team sixth place.

## Dobie football's Conerly headed to UMHB



Dobie defensive lineman Caleb Conerly (seated center) will continue his education and playing career at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor after signing a letter of intent with the Cru this winter. Those with Conerly at the signing included, left to right, (seated) Matt Conerly (father), Becky Benner (mother), (standing) Donald Randle (Dobie varsity football defensive coordinator) and Mike Norman (Dobie varsity football head coach). Conerly will play for a UMHB team that won the NCAA Division III national championship a season ago and is reloading its roster for a run at possible back-to-back crowns.

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**  
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** - 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.  
6 - 8 p.m.  
**CrossRoads UMC** - Invites everyone to the Thursday night service beginning with a light meal and fellowship at 6 p.m. followed by a praise, worship and prayer service at 7 p.m. at 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Afterward both pastors lead a Bible study in English and Spanish. Everyone is welcome.  
**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. Call 281-481-1238 for details.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-856-1611.  
**Al-Anon (English)** - Support for family and friends of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
**Alateen** - Support for teens, friends and family members of alcoholics/addicts, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Alcohol problems? Meets Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., St. Stephen

Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta St. For details, call 713-306-4366 or 713-480-4166.  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**  
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.  
**Interfaith Care Partners** - ministry at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., for those with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and caretakers, meets on the third Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., for continental breakfast, arts/crafts, exercises, entertainment, devotional break, lunch, and game. Family members or acquaintances are invited. For details, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas at 713-682-5995; or visit www.interfaithcarepartners.org.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details.  
Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - West End Group, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Rd. 39, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611.  
6 p.m.  
**Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish)** - Support for family/friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787, or drop in.  
7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-856-1611.  
8 p.m.  
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**MONDAY, MARCH 20**  
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, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 2 p.m.  
**Genealogy Group** - The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meets from 2 to 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 [LizHicks@erootrot.com](mailto:LizHicks@erootrot.com). 3:15 p.m.  
**Houston Area Parkinson Society** - Free exercise and speech therapy for adults with Parkinson's, 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit [www.hapsonline.org](http://www.hapsonline.org) for details. 6 p.m.  
**New Directions Singles** - Age 60 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. 6:30 p.m.  
**ESL at CrossRoads UMC** - Academic ESL classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No fee to attend. Call Cris at 832-724-4296 to register. 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.  
**Pearland Overeaters Anonymous HOW Meeting** - Mondays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2535 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland. Enter door next to recycling bins. For details, call 713-865-3668 or visit [www.oahouston.org](http://www.oahouston.org). 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](mailto:LynneAnnH@yahoo.com) or visit [www.crisishotline.org](http://www.crisishotline.org).  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
**Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group** - meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the Team Conference Room. Anyone who's lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Mrs. Barry Craven at 281-486-4241 or R. Sanchez at 281-337-4365. 7:30 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. Interested persons welcome. Door prizes. Free parking. For details, visit [www.clgms.org](http://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 nonmembers. Everyone is welcome. For details, contact 281-488-5861 or [csh@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:csh@shaarhashalom.org).  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Russell at 832-483-6715.

friends of alcoholics/addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, room 215, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787. 6:30 p.m.  
**Breast Cancer Support Group** - Meets monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Clear Lake Regional Breast Diagnostic Center, 200 Medical Center Blvd., Suite 106, Webster. For details call 281-526-6840.  
**Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets monthly on the third Tuesday (except December, June and July) at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd. in Pearland. For details, call Gary at 281-993-8335. 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 bldg. For information, call 713-856-1611.  
**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.  
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**  
7 a.m.  
**AAA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for details, or drop in. 9:30 a.m.  
**Young at Heart Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Doris Byerly at 713-944-4474 for details. 10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 for details. Noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 2245 N. Main, Pearland. For details, call 713-856-1611. 1 p.m.  
**Hometown Heroes Park** - has free Hump Day Dance to practice ballroom dance, 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. League City nonresidents must purchase activity card. Help is available to assist learning dance moves. For details, call Neva Schroder at 417-838-2204. 6 p.m.  
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**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For information, call 281-484-9243.

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I have read and agree to the above terms.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23**  
7 a.m.  
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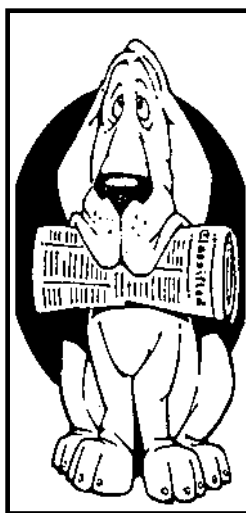
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**Brook boys still playing**

**Dobie soccer prepare as bidistrict playoffs arrive**

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**Lady Eagles solid**

The Dobie varsity girls don't have much time to celebrate a successful season that included a 9-3-2 record and a third-place finish in District 22-6A.

Dobie will first go against Dawson, also a playoff team, in a warm-up match Monday, March 20, at Dawson High School. Match time is 6 p.m.

The two teams were supposed to play in a non-district match earlier this season, but poor weather did not allow for it.

Lady Longhorns' head coach Bryan McDonald hopes the tussle with Dawson will help prepare his team for what promises to be a tough first-round battle against District 21-6A runner-up Atascocita.

In any other year, the Lady Eagles might have won the championship, but at 11-1-1, they were just a pace behind first-place Kingwood.

At 18-1-1 overall, Atascocita lost just the one game to Kingwood and played Goose Creek Memorial to a 0-0 tie in another league game.

In the second game of the season, the Lady

Eagles dealt Dobie a 2-0 setback at the Humble ISD Invitational at Turner Stadium. But that was the weekend when temperatures dipped into the 30s, so Dobie can hope for a warmer opportunity this time.

Humor aside, Dobie had hoped to avoid playing either Kingwood or Atascocita in the first round by finishing second in district. It just didn't happen.

Dobie needed to beat La Porte outright March 10 at home but needed two late goals to force a 2-2 in the final five minutes.

The Lady Longhorns then closed out the regular season with a 2-2 tie March 13 against Memorial at Veterans Stadium.

But make no mistake, Dobie has been solid in the midfield and on defense for much of the season. If the team can capitalize on scoring chances against Atascocita, then the season could continue beyond the first round.

"We've played Atascocita in the regular season the last three years and are 1-2 against them," McDonald said. "Obviously they have a solid program,

but if we can control the pace of the game, play more of our style and then maybe convert a chance or two, then I like our chances.

"We're going to go up against Dawson (March 20), treat it like a playoff game and get ready to give it everything we have against Atascocita in the first round. It really boils down to playing our game and playing clean with no mistakes."

**Dobie boys rest up**  
Having played three games in six days to close out the regular season, Dobie varsity boys' soccer head coach Justo Manrique gave his players a couple of days off prior to resuming practice.

It was a well-deserved break for a program that has now delivered three consecutive district championships – a first in Pasadena ISD varsity boys' soccer.

Along the way, the Longhorns went 46 matches in a row without incurring a loss. Quite a feat. But now it's over, and the Longhorns can now focus on chasing a Region III title.

Dobie will face Goose Creek Memorial Friday,

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**Dobie boys vs. G.C. Memorial**

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March 24, at 7 p.m. That much has been decided. But as of press time, the two head coaches and district athletic directors had yet to meet to flip a coin to decide location. The match will either be played at GCM High School or Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

Dobie is looking to advance to the area round for the third consecutive year.

What a special ride it has been for each of the team's seven seniors, including three who have been with the varsity team for four seasons – Sabino Lozano, Andy Garcia and Alejandro Flores.

These seniors were also part of Manrique's incoming freshman class four years ago when he took over the program. "I'm proud of all of these guys, and the seniors have so much to be proud of. After that first practice four years ago, there's no way I would have guessed that we would eventually win three district titles in a row.

"We finished fourth in district that first year and lost in the first round to Deer Park, but we have played really well these past three years."

Of course every district title and playoff run is special, but Manrique admits this 2017 championship was the hardest to earn.

District 22-6A proved to be as evenly-matched as ever. The Longhorns played several one-goal games, and had to come from behind more than once to force a tie.

"I think it just shows the consistency that these boys have been able to deliver for the past three years," Manrique said.

"It says a lot about these boys that they have been able to get it done game after game in tough situations."

If nothing else, the 10-day break before this post-season was needed.

"This season was just a grueling battle every time out, and we knew it would be. Deer Park was tough. Memorial was tough. All of the PISD schools made it hard on us. Somehow we

managed to battle through and win that third title.

"We have injuries and bumps and bruises. Every team does. But we need this break to rest up, get back on track and to be able to get back to the practice field some.

"In that loss to Memorial, we missed some scoring chances, and we had some goalkeeping issues that I really think can be solved by getting back out on the practice field and working at it."

Manrique will no doubt reference the 4-0 non-district loss to eventual 21-6A champion North Shore as well as the defeat against Memorial when preparing the Longhorns for the postseason.

Against North Shore, some key players rested with injuries that they would have played through had it been the postseason.

Against Memorial, Dobie had little to play for with the league title already in hand.

Yes, it would have been nice to extend the loss-less streak to 47, but it just didn't happen. And now that the playoffs have arrived, no team can afford excuses.

"It's time to go out there and get it done," Manrique said. "Every year the goal is to win district and to make a deep playoff run, and now that time is here.

"We have what it takes, and we just have to get everybody rested up and healthy, and then go play hard against Goose Creek Memorial and get this playoff run started off right."

**Brook boys on hold**

The Clear Brook varsity boys' team still has a chance to get into the playoffs as the No. 4 seed in District 24-6A.

That said, the Wolverines need several things to go their way when league play concludes Monday, March 20.

Brook first has to beat second-place Dickinson on the road at Sam Vitanza Stadium, then has to hope that both Clear Lake and Clear Creek lose their finales. Stay tuned.



Dobie junior goalkeeper Ramon Cahue directs traffic on the defensive end of the field during the Longhorns' season finale against Memorial. Although the Longhorns struggled in allowing four goals to Memorial in that game, the team allowed just 13 goals over 14 games en route to a third straight District 22-6A title.  
Photo by John Bechtle



The Lady Longhorns' Tania Collier (7) beats a La Porte player to the ball during a late-game moment as the two teams battled for second place March 11. As it stands, Dobie will now face Atascocita in the bidistrict playoffs March 24 at Galena Park ISD Stadium. Match time is 7 p.m.  
Photo by Nick Tamayo

**Dobie soccer's loss-less streak ends at 46**

The loss-less streak has ended, but what a special run it was for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team. Beginning with the final game of the 2014 regular season and ending in the final game of the 2017 regular season, the Longhorns went 46 straight matches without a loss.

Head coach Justo Manrique took over the program prior to the 2014 campaign. That first season, the Longhorns wound up fourth in the District 22-6A race and lost to Deer Park in the bidistrict round of the playoffs by a 2-1 score.

In 2015, the Longhorns won the first of three straight district titles, beating Port Arthur Memorial in the bidistrict round before losing to Clements in the area round.

A season ago, the Longhorns produced a second consecutive 22-6A title without suffering a loss. The team put a 4-0 loss on Port Arthur Memorial and outlasted Alief Taylor 1-0 in the area round. North Shore then defeated Dobie 1-0 in the regional quarterfinals.

The 2017 season began with 13 straight matches without a loss in district. Memorial ended the run March 13 with a 4-2 win, but the Longhorns had bagged a third straight league crown by then.

What's ahead in the playoffs? That's yet to be seen, but it's been a great three-year run of success for this program. The legend of Dobie varsity boys' soccer continues.



Dobie's Andy Garcia (7) has been with the varsity program during each of his four seasons, and teammate Edwin Saldivar for three. Both players were key contributors to a Longhorn loss-less streak in District 22-6A play that extended to 46 matches before ending.  
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Dobie's Megan Glass (15) and a La Porte player vie for control of the ball during second-half action of the two teams' game March 11 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. La Porte jumped out to a 2-0 lead before Dobie came back with a pair of late goals to force a tie. That tie was enough for La Porte to secure second place in 22-6A, with Dobie third at 9-3-2 this season.  
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