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Sagemeadow holds election

The Sagemeadow Homeowners Association will hold an election for the position of vice-chair, Saturday, April 3, from 10 to 2 p.m. The election will be held at Sagemeadow Park, 11219 Sageyork Drive. Nominations will still be accepted in person at the monthly HOA meeting, Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m.; also at Sagemeadow Park. The details of the election and the position can be found on the website, <https://sagemeadow.org>. All homeowners of Sagemeadow are urged to participate. For any questions, email at info@sagemeadow.org or leave a message at 832-377-0847.

Drive-thru fish fry held

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will host a drive-thru fish fry Fridays through March 26, 4 to 7 p.m. in the rear parking lot. Dinner consists of a breaded USA catfish fried fillet, hush puppies, corn on the cob, French fries, tartar sauce and a drink. Baked fish fillets are available in limited quantities. Cost is \$10. Cash and credit are accepted. All money raised will benefit KC local and community projects.

COVID numbers continue

As of Wednesday, March 17, there were 118 confirmed deaths among South Belt residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic, up four from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 5,190 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 247 remain active. To date, 49 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 120 of the 3,747 confirmed cases remain active. A total of 35 from the ZIP code have died, an increase of three from the previous week.

Of the 3,851 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 116 remain active. To date, 34 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one from the previous week. According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there are 366,192 total confirmed cases. Of those, 349,720 have recovered from the disease, while 12,981 cases remain active. A total of 3,473 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within both the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Furman to Scott Street/ Fellows Road daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, March 27.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, April 4.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed at Spencer Highway continuously through 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 19.

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 517 to FM 518 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, March 31.

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Wednesday, March 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31. Both the northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps between IH 610 South Loop and Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Kirkwood Civic set March 25

The Kirkwood Civic Association will meet on a conference call meeting March 25 at 7 p.m. The phone number is 605-475-6006; access code: 4382419. Visit the Facebook page of Kirkwood Civic Club or call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990 for more information.

K of C hosts blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 is hosting a blood drive at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, March 21, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. COVID-19 protocols (masks and social distancing) are observed. Make an appointment online at https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/323998. Drop-ins are welcome and will be assigned an appointment. For details, call Val Comeaux at 713-582-5358.

Meeting set for March 26 on controversial school

State Rep. Dennis Paul will host a public meeting at 6 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Melillo Middle School, located at 9220 Hughes Road, to address the future status of the controversial charter school in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision, which has remained half-constructed for several years, causing many complaints from residents who view the property as an eyesore.

The meeting has been months in the making, as event organizers said officials from the charter school have been less than cooperative in agreeing to participate in the forum.

Under construction for more than five years, work on the new charter school in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision has once again come to a standstill, frustrating many residents that have

long opposed the project.

Located on a nine-acre site on Riverstone Ranch Road at Kirksage, the property was set to house the Elite College Prep Academy - Riverstone, a branch of Houston Gateway Academy.

At press time, it remained unclear why construction was halted, as multiple calls from the *Leader* and Paul's office to both the school and its attorneys went unanswered. The campus has been dormant, however, for several months - well before the current COVID-19 scare.

This is not the first time work has stopped on the school, as construction has been met with problems since it began in 2015.

Contract disputes have been cited multiple times for work delays. The validity of these

claims is suspect, however, as the local campus has been the target of multiple criminal investigations. Court records further indicate the school has been the target of multiple civil suits for lack of payment.

In April 2019, the former head of the school, along with another employee, were indicted on

multiple federal charges, accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the campus.

Former Houston Gateway Academy Superintendent Richard Garza was charged with one count of conspiracy, two counts of theft con-

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Easter egg hunt set in COVID style

For the first time in the event's 30-year history, the annual Harris County Easter egg hunt - set to take place from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at El Franco Park, located at 9400 Hall Road - will be a drive-thru function this year due to COVID-19 fears.

Hosted by Precinct 1 County Commissioner Rodney Ellis; Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado; and Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia, the event was completely canceled this past year due to the ongoing pandemic.

This will mark Garcia's first time participating in the family event since being elected this past November.

The Clear Brook City MUD is also co-hosting the function.

According to Delgado, 1,000 bags of candy will be available to area children.

The Easter Bunny will also be present at the function, organizers said.

Out of health concerns, the event will include just one entrance and one exit. All COVID-19 safety protocols will be in place.

Luna dies in off-duty cycling accident



Walter Luna

Houston firefighter and longtime South Belt resident Walter Luna died the evening of Tuesday, March 9, in an off-duty cycling accident.

A 1989 Dobie graduate, Luna was an engineer/operator at Houston Fire Department Station 72D in the Clear Lake area and served more

than 26 years with HFD.

At press time, the specific details of the incident were not made available.

"On behalf of the @HoustonFireDepartment, our deepest condolences to the family of Engineer Operator Walter Luna who was killed today in an off-duty cycling accident," HFD Chief Samuel Peña said in a tweet following the accident. "E/O Luna served the city of @HoustonTX for 26.5 years; last stationed at 72D. Please keep the Luna family in your prayers."

See related obituary on Page 2.

Vandals damage Bishop Park gazebo



Constable officers from the office of Jerry Garcia are investigating damage caused by vandals in Bishop Park on Blackhawk late Saturday night. A minimum of \$5,000 damage was done. Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District which manages the property for the district's taxpayers is seeking information on the damage. CBCMUD is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest of the vandal(s). Anyone with information on this case should call Sgt. Robert Sanchez at 281-481-9189.

Fatal shooting near Alameda Genoa

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male that took place about 12:25 a.m. Saturday, March 13, in the 9800 block of Fabiola Drive near Blackhawk and Alameda Genoa.

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

According to police, officers were dispatched to a shooting call to the above address and located

the victim unresponsive in the roadway. Paramedics were called and pronounced the male dead at the scene. A witness reported seeing a light-colored, four-door sedan driving away from the area shortly after the gunshots were heard.

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

HPD investigates Genoa shooting

Houston police are investigating a fatal shooting that took place around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, in the 12100 block Palmtown Street near Fuqua and SH 3/Old Galveston Road. The case will be referred to a Harris County grand jury.

The victim, Wesley Doss, 42, was pronounced deceased at the scene. According to police, officers were dispatched to a shooting call at a residence at the above address and were advised that Doss had been shot once by his elderly stepfa-

ther. Statements indicate there was a disturbance that escalated into a shooting.

The male shooter, 67, and another family member in the room at the time of the shooting provided statements and are cooperating fully with detectives.

At press time, no arrests had been made.

Harris County District Attorney's Office, determined the case would be presented to a grand jury.

Robbery at Scarsdale Shell

The Shell gas station located in the 12500 block of Beamer at Scarsdale was robbed at gunpoint around 3:15 a.m. Saturday, March 6.

According to officials from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, the store clerk reported that a black male with a full face mask and gloves displayed a handgun and demanded the money from the cash register. The clerk complied giving the suspect \$1,200 in cash.

The suspect then fled the scene on foot, heading north on Beamer.

Deputies canvassed the area but were unable to locate the suspect. Investigators said there was surveillance footage of the robbery.

Anyone with any information on this case is urged to contact the Harris County Sheriff's Office at 713-221-6000 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Neighbors save 7 from house fire



A house caught fire around 1 a.m. Sunday, March 14, on Sagedowne near Beamer. Seven occupants, including four children and three adults, were saved from the burning home by the actions of four heroic neighbors. The victims were renting the house and were not covered by the homeowner's insurance. They lost nearly everything in the blaze. The *Leader* is assisting the family recover from the incident. Pictured below, the heroes responsible for saving the lives of the occupants are, left to right, Ivan Madrigal, Jorge Cardenas, Chris Cardenas and Alejandro Almaguer. Chris was treated at the hospital for an injury he incurred while breaking a window as he was attempting to wake the family.



Family with 4 children needs help

A South Belt family is in need of assistance after their home on Sagedowne near Beamer was destroyed by fire early Sunday, March 14.

Three adults and four children, were asleep in the house at the time of the blaze but were saved by heroic neighbors, who broke windows to gain access into the fiery home.

Those in the home at the time of the fire included two adult visitors and a mother and her three children.

Two of the family members suffered from minor smoke inhalation and were treated by paramedics at the scene.

The contents of the home were not insured. The family was renting the home.

The family is now currently staying in an apartment with a relative but is in need of a more permanent housing arrangement, as well as baby supplies and clothes.

Firefighters from Houston Fire Department Station 70 were the first responders to arrive at the multi-alarm incident shortly before 1 a.m., finding that all seven occupants had been safely extricated from the home by neighbor Jorge Cardenas, his brother Chris Cardenas and their uncle Alejandro Almaguer and Ivan Madrigal.

Chris Cardenas lacerated his arm on a window during the rescue, requiring stitches.

Jorge Cardenas was humble in his role as a hero. "We just did what we had to do," Cardenas said.

Cardenas' mother is an employee at Stuchbury Elementary, where one of the fire victims is a third-grade student, along with Cardenas' son. The other three child victims are 3 years old and younger, including a newborn.

Upon their arrival, emergency crews saw

heavy smoke coming from the rear of the house and were able to determine it was a wind-driven fire.

According to HFD Station 93 Capt. Joshua Vogel, it appeared the fire started on the patio of the residence, before being blown into the home by strong winds.

"It looks like right now, maybe something back there may have gotten knocked over or started in the back patio," Vogel said at a press conference outside the home. "It swirled for a bit, then started charring, then moved into the house."

At press time, the exact cause of the fire was still under investigation.

Vogel said firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the blaze.

"We went out the back and we were able to go inside and prevent the fire from spreading to the rest of the house," Vogel said.

Despite the firefighters' best efforts, however, the Davonda Brown family lost nearly everything in the blaze.

The *Leader* is accepting donations to help the family in their recovery efforts.

"The most important thing for us right now is housing," said fire victim Davonda Brown. "If anyone knows homeowners or is a homeowner and would like to help, we will be able to pay rent moving forward but just ask for a little leeway with the moving process. Other things we could use are diapers size 3 and pull-ups size 4. We may also need a storage unit and a truck for box truck to move whatever we may be able to salvage and store. But any help is much appreciated."

To contribute, email mynews@southbeltleader.com or jeffturnipseed@att.net.

County clerk moves to full operations

Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth announces that all County Clerk's offices will be moving toward full operations. This comes after Gov. Greg Abbott issued an order that goes into effect on March 10, lifting the mask mandate in Texas and increasing businesses and facilities' capacity in the state to 100 percent.

"I am concerned about the new ruling, but I hope that people will do the right thing to protect their health and the health of others," said Hudspeth. "County administration is evaluating the order but has given us initial guidance regarding general operations."

County facilities can and should continue to operate in their current manner with all safety protocols in place. All county guidelines regarding employee and public conduct at county facilities can and should continue to remain in place. A complete set of guidelines is here. All persons entering any county facility, including employees, contractors and members of the public, are required to:

- Wear a face covering (unless medically unable or under the age of 2).
- Submit to a temperature screening and suc-

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Pollack named top principal



Milstead Middle School Principal Scott Pollack (left) was recently named Pasadena ISD's Elementary Principal of the Year. A former longtime South Belt resident, Pollack attended Frazier Elementary, Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School, graduating in 1993. Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell surprised Pollack at his campus with the honor. Dobie Principal Franklin Moses was named Pasadena ISD's Secondary Principal of the Year. Moses and Pollack will go on to represent Pasadena ISD in the Region 4 Principal of the Year contest.

In My Opinion

Weld sorry to learn ID; misses Popeye!

I miss Popeye! Does anyone know what happened to Earnest, the little man who sold newspapers at the beltway and Sabo? He was such a nice man. We often stopped to buy a paper that we had no intention of reading just to get a smile and a kind word from him. I think Sagemont Church must have taken him under their wing. He often had a sign promoting the church. Suddenly he was gone. I hope nothing happened to him.

On another note, I was disappointed to see the mystery donor of roses identified. It made a much better story when it was an anonymous person. I believe it was an extremely nice thing to do, and he is to be commended, but mystery man is much better.

David R Weld

Jackson's reasons to be up beat

I agree with Marie that a little happy news would be welcome. Perhaps by looking for the positives in all the negatives we face daily we can indeed find some happy news. Not to diminish in the least the sadness of job losses for some, but others have been able to work from home, spend time with family, and avoid the time and stress of rush hour traffic.

While COVID hasn't miraculously gone away as once thought, there is perhaps light in the tunnel as vaccines now exist and are made more available. And being taken. Perhaps soon we can reach the desired herd immunity level. With infection levels dropping the lockdown has been lifted. And, in spite of some reluctance, most of us continue to wear masks in public out of respect to each other and to prevent a possible resurgence. But we are out again.

Many of us have been able to increase donations to our favorite charities as we are not spending as much on travel, gas, entertainment, dining out and other discretionary items. Even the killing freeze had an upside. Now we will have an opportunity -and excuse- to spend more time outside rebuilding our gardens during Houston's fabulous Spring weather.

Also the power outages and frozen pipes gave us a chance to check on -or be checked on by- neighbors, to see if all was well or if help was needed. The neighborhood bond grew stronger.

Certainly the past year has been a bad one by any standard, but it's also giving us another chance to show who we are as individuals and a community. Usually we're tested by hurricanes and floods, and we've met all they had to offer and came out better for it.

The happy news is we rise to the challenge. We've done it before and we will do it again.

Ed Jackson

Bailey sets record straight on PISD

It must be Pasadena ISD School Board election time again. I have been hearing some disparaging claims regarding the district in several regards that are simply not true. One ridiculous claim is that the district and the board of trustees does not care about the kids or does not consider what is best for the education of the students of the district! Imagine that. I ask you to think back with me to late August, 2017, when Hurricane Harvey ravaged our area with 45+ inches of rain over a four-day period. It was during this time that the South Belt area suffered extreme flooding. Chief Tylika contacted Marie Flickinger seeking her help to locate another shelter for the South Belt area, as Sagemont Church was no longer accessible due to the excessive flooding. Marie thought she could get to Dobie HS and called Dr. DeeAnn Powell, Superintendent of Pasadena ISD schools, at about 10:30 PM to ask for assistance. Dr. Powell was flooded in herself but with the help of the Pasadena ISD Police Department immediately arranged for two doors to be opened electronically and Dobie HS was transformed into a 5-day shelter to any and all needing a safe, dry place to stay, many of whom had to be rescued in high water trucks and boats. Dr. Powell later notified the board of trustees as to her decision and of course, we all applauded her actions. It is estimated that about 3,300 people actually took refuge at Dobie for several days. The entire community stepped in to help feed these folks while they were there. Dr. Powell did not hesitate to make the decision to open the school to the kids and the families of the South Belt community and supported several schools in the area in functioning as disaster relief sites for several more weeks. Pasadena ISD stepped up in a big way during this time and also began district wide damage assessments and necessary repairs to get schools opened safely and as soon as possible.

Fast forward to 2020 when the U.S. was struck by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The staff and kids left for Spring Break and did not return through the end of the school year. Everything changed, almost overnight. District staff in all departments were busy reworking and revamping their end of year plans as well as dealing with personal family issues themselves. Virtual school plans took precedent. Child Nutrition, under the capable leadership of Mary Harryman, quickly geared up for this new reality with their highly successful and effective Curbside

Grab-and-Go Program. Between mid-March and August of 2020 just under 900,000 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper) were served to Pasadena ISD students in a drive-thru curbside service. This school year to date, Pasadena ISD Child Nutrition has served over 3,800,000 meals. Pasadena ISD is the only district in this area to have served meals through holiday breaks and Spring Break. Seven days of meals were served on the Mondays of the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring breaks. As recently as just a few days ago five days of breakfast and lunch were distributed on the Thursday before the recent ice storm in anticipation of school closings. These absolutely heroic efforts did not go unnoticed by the kids and families of our community or the business community. On March 2 Pasadena ISD was recognized as the number 1 large school district in the Houston Kroger School Food Rankings program and number 2 in the state. In these rankings and recognition it was said that the district was "selected as a top performing district for going above and beyond to provide nutritious meals for students, especially in times of crisis, including the Covid pandemic and February's winter storm."

I would submit to you that these are just two examples of the many ways Pasadena ISD has been operating as "a top performing district" over the last several years. Excellence is expected at Pasadena ISD. Many wonderful and effective programs are indicative of the passion, commitment and dedication to educating each and every student that walks through the doors of our schools. You might ask what stepping up in a time of disaster and Child Nutrition have to do with a great education. My answer to that is everything! In both of these examples the heart, passion and dedication of our school district is on display for all to see. These "can do" and "beyond expectations" examples permeates all aspects of the daily management and operation of an 8,000 employee/50,000+ students district with a \$552,601,000 budget.

The current Pasadena ISD school board plays a vital role in the vision, goal setting and governance of the district. Notice I did not mention management. Management is a role the state of Texas has designated to the administration of its just over 1,000 public school districts. Everyday district management is NOT and should not be a role of the trustees singularly or collectively.

I have seen recent social media posts from a slate of three current candidates claiming that when their slate of three is elected that they will change things because "then they will answer to us!" Nothing could be more detrimental to a school district. The board of trustees hires one employee, the superintendent. It is his or her responsibility to manage the district under the governance and oversight of the board of trustees who are elected officials.

I could go on sharing recent Pasadena ISD success stories and specific accolades and recognitions that Pasadena ISD and its current board of trustees have received in recent years that have come our way by virtue of the excellent job being done in the education of its students. That job starts with putting kids first in all opportunities and situations that we encounter. That is not a cliché nor a catch phrase to pay lip service to. Every decision we make starts with doing what is best for the kids and how we might best educate them.

As I mentioned above there are falsehoods, and innuendos being tossed about and represented as the truth by the three candidates calling themselves the "Educators" in this election. Since I have been on the PISD Board we have been honored as a state finalist school board by HEB Excellence in Education (2015), Honor Board of the Year Region 4 and one of five state finalists by TASA/TASB, (2019) and Technology Education Board of the Year award for the state of Texas, TECA (2021).

I would ask that you give the following candidates your full consideration in this important election. We are dealing with the education of our kids, our most precious asset and the future of our community. Mariselle Quijano, Nelda Sullivan, Noble Alix, Jr and Casey Phelan are experienced, poised and ready to Continue the Success of Pasadena ISD as well as the lives of those students fortunate enough to be a student in Pasadena ISD.

Jack Bailey
Proud Current Position 4 - Pasadena ISD School Board Member

Hernandez advises on face masks

Texans have a (Choice) Wear a Mask / Social Distance!

Since the Pandemic started and the thousands and thousands of Americans were affected and dying! Our Doctors and Nurses never had a (Choice) They just jumped right in to the front lines to save American lives. They never asked if you were Democrat or Republican! If you Bled Blue or if you Bled Red! No they just put their very lives in danger, Day In, Day Out, Month In, Month Out, and as our many Doctors and Nurses lost their lives all across the country. They were never given a (Choice) If they wanted to live or die. No they just kept stepping up to the front line to save American lives at the very risk of their own. So we have a (Choice); Wear a face mask! Social distance!

Save the lives of our Doctors and Nurses! By saving the lives of our Doctors and Nurses! We are saving our own lives! Wear a mask! Social Distance and save a doctor! Save a nurse! Save the world! Please pass it forward.

Randy Hernandez

Walter Luna



Walter Luna, 49, was born in Nederland, Texas, March 30, 1971. The son of Judi and Henry Luna, Walter graduated with honors from Dobie High School and then served honorably in the U.S. Military Corps. After earning three associates degrees, Walter was pursuing a bachelor degree in information technology at the

University of Houston at the time of his passing. Walter was an extraordinary husband, father, son, firefighter and friend.

His survivors include his wife April; daughter Makayla Potts and fiancé Sean Strickland; his mother; father-in-law Bill Pillars; grandmother Maria Graciela Luna; sister-in-law Robin Reed and brother-in-law David; nephews Joshua, Brendan and D.J. Reed; and many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Walter was predeceased by his father and his mother-in-law Margaret Pillars.

He was a member of the Houston Fire Department Academy Class of 1994. An experienced, committed engineer operator, his 26-year HFD service included a final assignment at Station 72 on the D shift. He was a proud member of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association-IAFF Local 341. His respect and love for his brothers and sisters in the fire service

Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library, is located at 9002 Kingspoint. For information, visit https://houstonlibrary.org/location/bracewell-neighborhood-library?items_per_page=200&events_or_virtual_programs, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> or call 832-393-2580.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation

Contactless Curbside services, known as HPL To Go, is available by appointment Mondays, noon to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers walking or riding a bike may also pick up reserved materials. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned with no overdue fees. The library continues to provide online resources so the public can enjoy the library at home. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop. Keep those items until further notice.

Additional resources

The Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access the digital resources and a link to obtain a temporary card. Under the Here's What's Happening link, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime, provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The storytimes can be found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a robust collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog to determine if a previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

All overdue fees will be waived through June 30, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020. While Bracewell remains closed, Wi-Fi is still available by coming to the library standing/sitting within 6 feet of the building. A password is not needed. Go to Settings, then Network and Internet, Wi-Fi and connect to HPL - Public. HPL is not accepting book donations at this time. Visit www.houstonlibrary.org to find virtual programs and digital resources. For more information, visit www.houstonlibrary.org to chat with a librarian 24/7, or to send questions through HPL's email reference.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library, is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> or call 832-927-7870.

For tax help through AARP, call the library for an informational packet that will be distributed by the library. Patrons will be given instructions on setting an appointment after receipt of packet.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"
- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.

- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show library card other form of ID.

Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's Drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-Books, comics or graphic novels.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.
- Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

Thursday, March 18, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join Mr. John Harbaugh and Mr. Jason Cruz for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation. #tod #tuesday #storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp1 #HCPL.

Friday, March 19, 1 p.m. Draw with Me. Join Ariel Perez who tries something a little difficult, but still fun and easy to follow. Residents will be needing pens and markers for these videos which will be featured on Facebook and Instagram.

Friday, March 19, 4 p.m. Codenames. Spymasters. Clues. Codenames! Join in as the library hosts an online game of Codenames. Two teams face off and race to find their operatives before the enemy finds them. An internet connection is required. Contact jason.cruz@hcpl.net for more information.

Tuesday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time Join Mr. John (John Harbaugh) and Mrs. Celeste (Celeste Plew) Families with children of all ages are welcome! This program will be on Facebook Live and can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary#storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp1 #HCPL

Tuesday, March 23, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, March 24, 1 p.m., Spanish storytime with Jason Cruz. The video will be on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and at 3:30 p.m., for ages 16 and older, Dungeons & Dragons is Online. Join Tanner Adams online. No prior experience is required. Email tanner.adams@hcpl.net for details.

was only strengthened by the recent years of political and legal challenges.

Walter met April at the age of 11 and they reconnected many years later through mutual friends. April was the love of his life. He adored her daughter and fiancé, and his in-laws. He strived to be a good firefighter and a better person. He never forgot from where he came, and he admired and honored his parents, aunt and uncle.

To his family and friends, Walter was loyal, kind, giving and fiercely loved. He lit up a room when he entered it. He was a shining light. Walter enjoyed smoking a good cigar with friends and many wonderful times with family members including father-in-law Bill and Makayla, whom he loved as his own daughter. He was sentimental and generous with his gifts to family and friends.

Walter also is missed by his beloved dachshunds Guinness, Bandit and Bella. Walter loved his memory of Bandit's secret life at the fire station where, as a puppy, he spent many shifts in service to the city.

The Luna family is appreciative for the support of the HFD family and the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association.

To send flowers or a memorial gift, visit the South Park Funeral Home Sympathy Store at https://www.southparkfunerals.com/store/southern-service?icn=desktop_memorial_obituary_link#.

The visitation and funeral were held Wednesday, March 17 at Sagemont Church.

Margarita V. Aguirre



Longtime South Belt area resident Margarita "Margie" V. Aguirre, 89, passed away peacefully in her Houston home surrounded by loved ones Wednesday, March 3, 2021, from heart and kidney conditions worsened by a recent battle with COVID-19. Everyone who knew Margie will miss her radiantly beautiful soul and will forever carry the deep void of her presence.

Margarita was born June 11, 1931, in San Luis Potosí, Mexico. In her youth, Margie enjoyed working on the family farm and riding horses. In 1959, she wed airman Rudolph "Rudy" Aguirre. She immigrated to the United States of America, tenaciously taught herself English and joined the hospitality industry as a hard-working member.

Margarita fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming an American citizen in 2018. Margie will be remembered fondly for her elegant style, the way her eyes sparkled when she was cracking a cheeky joke and how her smile beamed sunshine. She expressed her love through food and her UT Health Science Center Founders Fun Fest award-winning salsa was always a hit. Margie shared her love of bowling with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed quiet, simple pleasures like crocheting, playing rummy, or tending her rose garden. Margarita's greatest pride and joy was her family. She delighted in every minute spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Margie's very active retirement was devoted to volunteering with Cleveland-Ripley Neighborhood Center, UT House Medics and Pasadena Community Ministries. In 1960, Margie converted to Lutheranism and at the center of her community service was Zion Lutheran Church of Pasadena.

Margie reunites with her parents Abran and Leonarda Rodriguez; her sister Mercedes Corrie; her brother Domingo Rodriguez; her husband; and many friends.

Margarita leaves behind loving children Sandra Hernandez of Houston and Mark Aguirre of Homberg-Efze, Germany; grandchildren Eryka Nematpour and husband Capt. Bryan Nematpour of Dothan, Ala; Monica Hernandez of Houston; Patricia and Eric Aguirre of Homberg-Efze, Germany; grandchildren in her heart Jason Winters and his children of Dallas and Natasha Winters and her children

of Houston; and beloved great-grandchildren Evan, Emmett and Tobias Nematpour of Dothan.

She is also survived by her siblings Maria Davila and Nicolas Rodriguez of Monterrey, Mexico, and many extended family members and friends.

A public viewing service will take place Thursday, March 25, from 9 a.m. until her burial service at 1 p.m. at Forest Park East, 21620 Gulf Freeway in Webster. Her memorial service will be held Friday, March 26 at 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 5050 East Sam Houston Parkway South in Pasadena.

The family has requested monetary donations covering Margarita Aguirre's final resting expenses be made to the GoFundMe at <https://bit.ly/2MTggy9> or call 281-332-3111 for payments directly to Forest Park East.

Sylvia Hunter Brannon



Longtime South Belt resident since 1962, Sylvia Hunter Brannon, 89, went to be with her Lord and Savior after a long battle with cancer. At her passing, family members were by her side.

Sylvia was born Nov. 3, 1931, to Daniel and Annie Huett in Ravenden, Ark.

She married her first love Joseph A. Hunter of N. Little Rock, Ark., April 2, 1951. After Joe's passing she married her second love, Jack Brannon, in 1993.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her grandparents; parents; husbands; daughters Patricia Hunter Scarborough, Pamela Hunter and Paula Hunter; and seven siblings.

She is survived by daughters Phyllis Hunter Gray and husband James and Peggy Hunter Hansford and husband Gabe; grandchildren Joseph Manuel, Monica Gray Cauley and husband Nathan, Samantha Manuel Harrell and husband Matthew, Amanda Gray Duke and husband Josh and Gabby Hansford Gordon and husband Gaige; great-grandchildren Nathan Cauley, Aiden Harrell, Khloe Duke, Emily Harrell, Olivia Cauley and Presley Duke.

Sylvia loved bowling, reading, gardening, fishing and attending church.

A small graveside service was held Friday, March 12, where she was laid to rest at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster.

Linda Kay Carswell



Linda Kay Carswell, 73, of Pearland, passed away on March 15, 2021, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born Aug. 30, 1947, to loving parents Georgina "Clarice" (nee Albright) and Lucius Clifford Clark in Alpine, Texas. She spent her early years in the Rio Grande Valley and graduated from Pan American University of Texas-Pan American (now University of Texas Rio Grande Valley) after deciding to become a teacher.

She met Bob Carswell in 1981 and they were married on July 5, 1982. Linda taught English for 38 years and retired from Hastings High School in Alief. She spent much of her free time with family and her grandchildren. She was an avid reader, loved crossword puzzles, antiquing, and watching murder mysteries.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Paula Joyce Cameron. Left to cherish her memories are her husband of 39 years; her brother Russel Cameron; her daughters Daune O'Connell, Amanda Meyers, and Holly Gentle; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to Linda's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Re-

search Hospital at stjude.org. A memorial service will be held at Clear Lake Elk's Lodge at 623 Hanson Road, Kemah, at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, 2021.

Dr. Charles E. Nelson



Dr. Charles E. Nelson, 86, passed away March 6, 2021, in Webster.

He is survived by his daughters Shelley M. Perez and Julia L. Ulabarro; grandchildren Andrea Farrar, Jerrica Farrar and Logan Ulabarro; and great-grandchildren Teresa Castillon, Nadia Perez, Giovanni Perez, Adrian Perez, Libby Perez, CJ Swope and Cameron Swope.

He was preceded in death by his mom, Florence Denham Nelson and Edward J. Nelson; stepmom Blanche Nelson; and sister Barbara Carter.

Chuck was born Oct. 21, 1936, to Edward and Florence Denham Nelson in Yakima, Wash. Chuck's legal blindness was discovered at age 2. Chuck attended the School for the Blind in Vancouver, Wash.

After nine years at the school for the blind, his mother encouraged him to attend public high school. Charles went on to graduate from high school in 1954. He insisted on continuing his education and fought hard to be allowed to attend the University of Washington, as their first blind student.

He graduated in 1958, with a degree in elementary education and married his college sweetheart Shirley Haskins. Chuck then began his career as a fifth-grade teacher in the Highline School District in Seattle. Over the next few years, he continued to amaze his friends, family, colleagues and students with all the electronic devices he designed and created to improve learning in his classroom. During the next few years, Chuck and Shirley added two beautiful baby girls to their family, Shelly and Julia Nelson.

Chuck then decided he wanted to pursue a master's

degree. In order to continue his education, Chuck moved his family to Carbondale, Ill., and attended Southern Illinois University. He became the first blind student to achieve not only a master's degree, but also to graduate with his Ph.D. He was then hired by the State of Illinois Department of Disabilities and moved the family to Springfield, Ill. After a few years of working for the state, Charles was interviewed and hired at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, a satellite school for SIU, where he had previously attended. Chuck was the first blind professor to teach at SIU-E. Now known as Dr. Nelson, he taught at SIU-E for more than 30 years in instructional technology. He loved teaching college and continued to excel at his job. Chuck later retired and moved to Deer Park to be near one of his daughters and family.

Chuck was a social, active man, deeply involved in his community. He was elected to the public library board where he helped to raise money, plan and design the renovation of the public library in Edwardsville. He was also voted onto the public school board and participated in the planning and building of Edwardsville High School. Another project in which he was involved helped bring public access channel online for the city of Edwardsville.

Once Chuck moved to Texas, he found a church and immediately became involved with Sunday school classes, speaking, attending men's groups, various service projects and many other activities at Sagemont Church. He also completed the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy.

Chuck's hobbies included woodworking, gardening, cars, acting, reading, wine collecting, ham radio operating, computers and music.

He was most happy working in his workshop, building grandfather clocks and other furniture, by hand.

His family and friends will always remember him as an extremely smart, educated man who did not let his disabilities set his limits. His father treated him like any other child on a farm, despite being blind. He learned to do many things people believed blind people could not do. As a result of his parent's encouragement, Chuck set out to show the world all the amazing things people with disabilities can do.

The funeral service was held March 12 at Peevey Funeral Home.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *Southbelt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook group posted Saturday, March 13, at 12:27 a.m., that someone tried to break into their vehicle and then took off in a black vehicle on Sagemont Drive and Hughes Road.

Another member of the same Facebook group posted a video of a lady that the member stated she needs help identifying. The incident happened Wednesday, March 10 at 8:10 a.m., near the Blackhawk Boulevard, Carmalee, Fern Terrace and Lettie area. The member stated that she was trying to

give the lady the benefit of the doubt and not make an accusation but that the lady took something off their property that morning and would like it back.

A member from the Neighbor's app posted that there was a man walking around, looking through vehicle windows and asking to be let in to charge his phone. When the member declined to provide assistance, the man attempted to enter by grabbing the door handle and jiggling it, but the door was locked. The incident occurred Friday, March 12, on Fuqua Street near Highway 3.

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Beverly Hills names fourth 6-weeks honor roll

Beverly Hills Intermediate officials announced the fourth six-weeks honor roll.

Seventh grade
Aubrey Adler, Leonela Aguilera, Joseph Alejo, Dregon Alexander, Dulce Arias, Hus-sai Arias, Alyciana Armelin and Eduardo Arredondo.

Freddy Ayala, Brylon Badger, Mikalya Bain, Diego Barahona Martinez, Sara Beriny Nfor, Tanner Bo, Diana Bonilla and Julian Calderon Vargas.

Allen Campos, Angel Cano, Julissa Cantu, Thien Cao, Christian Castille, Payten Centeno, Daniel Chavez and Zenaida Cisneros.

Tiffany Contreras, Christina Dang, Jeremiah Davis, Katelyn De Leon, Josselyn Delgado, Hayden Do, Gilyzelle Escobar, Chloe Estes, Norman Fabian Alba, Emily

Flores, Esbeydy Fonseca, Jordan Galloway, Karyme Galvan, Ethan Garay, Edward Garcia and Johnny Garcia.

Christopher Gomez, Angel Gonzales, Ryleigh Gonzalez, Kaelyn Grice, Ella Guerra, Daniela Guerrero, Joel Gutierrez and Alejandro Hernandez.

Ashley Hernandez, Janice Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Mike Hernandez, Trinity Hoang, Ami Johnson, Jordan Johnson and Richard Le.

San Le, Jayden Lee, Fran-cia Luengo Montano, Ilana Luna, Nathan Luna, Peyton Lynn, Nayelly Marquez, David Martinez and Eduardo Martinez.

Evelyn Martinez, Natalia Martinez, Xavier Martinez, Mark Mata, Victor Mejia, Isaac Mendez, Nelson Mendez and Simon Montemayor.

Nathan Montez, Zariah Morales, Steven Morillo Rodriguez, Matthew Muniz, Tommy Ngo, Andrew Nguyen, Anthony Nguyen and Chloe Nguyen.

Dan Nguyen, Diana Nguyen, Gia Nguyen, Hannah Nguyen, Hoang Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Matthew Nguyen and Minh Nguyen.

Michaela Offord, Nair Olvera Guerrero, Ryan Pacheco, Waleska Palacios, Isabella Pena, Matthew Perez, Stephany Perez and Don Pham.

Hannah Pham, Mylan Piedra, Cynthia Pineda, Ademay Pol, Ezekiel Portales, Yaciry Portales, Austin Prouse and Jezreel Ramales.

Joaquin Ramirez, Daniel Ramos, Mariely Rangel, Lucas Reed, Kaitlyn Resendez, Alexander Resendiz, Aileen

Rivera and Isaiiah Rodriguez.

Alexander Salguero, Jacob Sanchez, Erik Santillanes, Alejandro Saucedo, Kaitlyn Sherwood, Cameron Smith Mickle, Savannah Talavera and Jaiden Torres.

Bladimir Tovar, Kayla Tran, Mike Tran, Khang Nguyen Duy Truong, Andres Valdez, Arianna Vasquez, Brandon Ventura and Theodore Villarreal.

Clayton Washington, Jai'ana Washington, Xandria Williams, Ximena Yezep, Yuliana Zambrano and Christopher Zarate Moreno.

Eighth grade
Rachel Alonso, Abigail Alvarez, Bryan Anderson, Malynia Armelin, Kael Arredondo, Sofia Banda, Rosette Calvillo and Kimora Campbell.

Mia Campos, Kailee Ca-

nales, Mikera Carraway, Aidan Carrillo, Thomas Castelan, Victor Chapa, Covan Chavez and Kobi Conaway.

Avangeline Cosse, Kiana Cruz, Eduardo Cuevas, Alexis Davis, Khaden Davis, Anthony Dinh, Samuel Errasti and Sarah Espinal.

Bethany Espinoza, Emir Espinoza, Jose Flores, Brenden Foxx, Jenny Gallardo, Angel Garcia, Faith Garcia and Aldemy Garza.

Alexandra Gomez, Freddie Gonzales, Christian Gonzalez, Javier Gonzalez, Jayden Hernandez, Juan Hinojosa Vasquez, Ruben Hinojosa and Valerie Hinojosa.

Halaina Hobbs, Addison Idele, Heaven Jackson, Melanie Jaramillo Zamora, Isaiiah Jasmine, Erion Jones, Abigail Koplin and Ximena Leal Garza.

Christopher Lopez, Fernando Lopez, Mia Lozano, Katlyn Martinez, Naomi Martinez, Samuel Martinez, Alexander Medina and Joy Menahem.

Daniela Mendoza, Mateo Mercado, Miguel Mercedes, Rayan Mirza, Jacob Mokarzel, Isabella Monita, Danilo Moran and Shazia Mustapha.

Riley Nguyen To, Bruce Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Nguyen, Linda Nguyen, Yanaiza Nino, Lex Palm and Angelina Paquinto.

Sofia Pastrana, Diana Pena, Jashara Pendleton, Jacqueline Peralta, Michelle Pham, Khanh Phan, Jamare Philbert and Isabelle Pichardo.

Tahllon Provost, Emili Quinonez, Gabriella Ramirez, Tariq Riley, Marcelo Rios, Yainely Robles, Christopher Rodriguez and Milly Salas.

Emily Sanchez-Fuentes, Rhema Sanni-Thomas, Omar Santos Fuentes, Lizbeth Serrano, Cindy Su, Jasmine Sunga, Jazmine Teissonniere and Andres Tolentino.

Anal Torres, Kyler Tran, Loi Tran, Sarah Trinh, Samantha Tam Nguyen Truong, Samantha Uribe, Yara Valois, Vivian Vega and Kennedy Villafana.

De'ashia Williams, Ray Williams, Jordi Zamudio, Michelle Zarate, Juliana Zollocoffer and Yuriana Zollocoffer.

South Belt Elementary announces VIPs



South Belt Elementary officials congratulate their VIPs for the month of March. These students were chosen by their teachers, based on their ability to display the character trait of the month - acceptance. Shown are, left to right, (first row) Conner McCoy, Lillian Mwaniki, Faith Cavazos, Thomas Duong, Montserrat Sanchez, Matthew Mejia, (second row) Sofia Garcia, Arianna Yanez, Diego Ramos, Sophia Garcia, Jake Sanchez, Camree Walker, Abby Peterson, (third row) Heily Buendia, Alora James, Cobe Walker, Presli Carroll, Gabriel Garcia, (fourth row) Arian Faulkner, Arian Banda, Aaron Martinez, Mateo Mancillas, Mason Rogers, (fifth row) Raiden Riley, Amber Nguyen, Grayson Riley, Brianna Scott, Joshua Salazar and Ruby Dent. Not shown are Ethan Brawley, Yamileth Davila, Annabel Elmore, Michael Esposito, Madeline Herrera, Payton Meyer, Kaynat Mian and Luna Molina.

Photo by Lakitha Thomas

Riverstone school meeting set for March 26

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cerning programs receiving federal funds, three counts of wire fraud and two counts of engaging in monetary transactions involving criminally acquired property.

Houston Gateway Academy IT specialist Ahmad Bokaiyan faced one count of conspiracy and three counts of wire fraud. The pair were accused of stealing more than \$250,000. According to investigators, Garza awarded a \$280,841.85 no-bid contract in 2014 to a company owned by Bokaiyan called Hot Rod Systems to build an IT system at the new campus, even though construction at the school had yet to begin. Bokaiyan then allegedly wired \$164,381 into Garza's personal bank account.

Investigators alleged Garza used these funds to purchase a condominium and a vehicle and pay toward a home loan. At the time of the indictments, it was reported that both suspects were fugitives from the law. Garza later told the *Leader*, however, this was untrue.

While Garza was initially suspended from duty, he is reportedly now back in his position of superintendent.

Following the criminal charges, the school hired a new

contractor to finish constructing the new Riverstone campus, with Frost Construction replacing Crain Group as the project's general contractor.

While there was some initial progress made at the site, Frost's work, too, soon came to a stop.

According to the school's website, officials are seeking a new contractor to finish constructing the campus.

"Houston Gateway Academy Inc. is pleased to announce the commencement of construction for a new charter school campus located in Houston, Texas," a post on the school's website stated. "HGA seeks competitive sealed proposals from qualified general contractors to complete unfinished construction of a 174,938-square-foot pre-K - 12th-grade facility that is approximately 40 percent constructed."

The new school was to be the fourth in the Houston Gateway Academy system and roughly twice the size of the other campuses.

Plans called for a three-story facility with such amenities as a band hall, natatorium, basketball gym, soccer field, full kitchen and cafeteria. The campus was designed to have

the capacity to eventually house 1,600 students.

In past issues of the *Leader*, school officials touted the new campus would have features superior to its traditional public school counterparts, including smaller class sizes and mandatory drug testing - for both students and staff.

Moore scholarships set
The Moore Elementary Student Council will offer three scholarships to graduating seniors from Dobie High School or Dr. Kirk Lewis Career & Technical High who attended Moore in the fourth grade. Applications can be accessed through the Dobie senior counselor's office website, Moore Elementary's website and the Dobie senior counselor's office. Applications must be returned by April 15 via email to DeeDee Pitts, Moore assistant principal, to be considered for scholarships.

Frazier offers scholarships
Frazier Elementary is offering five scholarships to graduating Dobie High School seniors who attended Frazier Elementary School. Applications are available at the Dobie College Now office and are due back to that office by March 26.

HPD features Explorer program
The Houston Police Department Southeast Division Post 8300 is offering its Explorers program every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the HPD Southeast Patrol Station, located at 8300 Mykawa, to area youth considering a career in law enforcement.

The Explorers program provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens.

For more information, call HPD Officer L.E. Anderson at 346-397-1363 or email lloyd.anderson@houstonpolice.org.

Thompson announces fourth 6-weeks honor roll

Thompson Intermediate school officials announced the fourth six-weeks honor roll.

Seventh grade
Julian Acevedo, Sureal Alcorta, Henry Armenta Alonso, Celeste Arriaga, Sean Arroyo, Kendall Ashworth, Lahnay Avendano and Alexander Baumgartner.

Megan Bui, Kimberly Castillo, Ethan Cavazos,

Alonzo Chapman, Kevin Ky Anh Chau, Ryan Ky Giang Chau, David Contreras and Breunna Davis.

Dinah Dean, Daphney DeLeon, Kenneth Dominguez Gonzalez, Hadi Elghawi, Cooper Estes, Cheyenne Evans, Calvin Flowers and Parrish Ford.

Helio Fruasto, Kayla Garcia Cortez, Max Garza, Emily Golenko, Adam Gonzales,

Ava Gonzalez, Abel Gutierrez, Abigail Gutierrez and Lance Heath.

Maddox Hernandez, Morgan Hill, Isabella Labra, Rayne Larson, Alex Le, Danton Le, Nathan-Cuong Huy Le and Breanna Lott.

Ava Macias, Jorge Martinez, Sarah Massey, Dulce Mejia Hernandez, Mehreen Mortaza Mir, Azriel Moreno, Ayden Munoz and Jawad

Ngo.

Gia Nguyen, Haley Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Victory Nwosu, Thalia Oddo, Jefry Ordonez and Jonathan Orellana Sarmiento.

Luke Penalzoa, Alex Perez, Emyly Pineda, Giovanni Ramirez, Natalie Rangel, Leila Reyes, Isaiiah Solorzano and Alison Soriano Gonzalez.

Daniel Soto, Mia Sudario Garza, Lillian Thomas, Kian Ton, Parker Tran, Fernando Vargas, Marissa Vasquez, Aidan Veitia, Hector Vela-Puerto, Leon Vu and Olivia Wheeler.

Eighth grade
Juliana Aguirre, Rigoberto Alanis, Ariana Alaniz, Manal Aleem, Jonathan Alexander, Sophia Alonso, Keiley Anthony, Daniel Arceneaux and Grace Arriola.

Jaydon Askew, Oscar Barajas, A'nyia Beasley, Lorian Betancourt Mejia, David Bonilla, McKenzie Bonner, Kaylie Bui and Miguel Caballero.

Emily Cano, Paris Cervantes, Danielle Chenier, Miranda De La Rosa, Alejandro Del Villar Rodriguez, Kristin Do, Vyvy Do and Abril Delaluz Dosal.

Kirsten Duong, Paul Elisondo, Aniya Epps, Andre Espinosa, Natalie Espinosa, Gabriel Fulgado, Elizabeth Garcia and Lauren Garza.

Max Garza, Genesis Gomez, Victoria Gomez, Alfonso Gonzales-Adame, Yazmine Gonzalez, Emily

Grimaldo, Isabella Guajardo and Erik Guerrero.

Patience Hayes, Emily Henriquez, Emily Hernandez, Lillian Herte, Lena Hoang, Marvin Jerezano, Jake Joslin and Reigne Knoxon.

Iakovos-Panagioti Kostikoglou, Yocelyn Lagos, Natalia Le Goenaga, Nathan Le, Karyme Leal, Gabriel Lopez, Shyla Marcano and Mayte Marfil.

Alexandria Martinez, Jorge Martinez, Juelz Martinez, Rubi Martinez, Yaretzi Martinez, Mark Massoud, Laura Mata and Kiana McCombs.

Julian Melchor, Lucius Monarez, Abriana Neco, Jenny Nguyen, Ny Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Trish Nguyen and Avery Owens.

Angel Padilla, Jabez Palma, Lauro Perez, Eric Perez, Julianne Pham, Tony Phan, Madison Puente and Damian Quinonez.

Ethan Ramirez Garivey, Matthew Rangel, Jayden Reimer, Andre Reyes, Domingo Reyes, Joel Reyes, Jack Herrera Roberts and Derek Rodriguez.

Katherine Sabillon-Velasquez, Carlos Salazar, Justin Salazar, Luis Salazar, Isabella Sanchez, Daniel Silva, Ethan Snow and Pitou So.

Jocelyn Stringer, Tristan Sudario, Jason Ta, Amari Taylor, Phillip Tran and Andrew Ullman.

Joscelyn Vazquez, Isaiiah Vivier, Khanh Vu Do, Megan Vu, Sophia Vu and Karis Williams.

Sweepstakes trophies at UIL



Thompson Intermediate officials congratulate the orchestra students, led by Mark Varian, above, for receiving two sweepstakes trophies at the University Interscholastic League competition. Students worked hard and put in a lot of extra hours to make this UIL season a success.

City urges residents to report damages from winter storm

The City of Houston has begun focusing on recovery efforts and is urging residents to report residential damage caused by last week's severe winter weather.

Houstonians can submit damages via the following "Personal Property Damage Reporting" forms including:

- An English form that can be found at the following link <http://bit.ly/DamageReportEn>.
- A Spanish form that can be found at the following link <http://bit.ly/DamageReportES>.

Affected residents are urged to report severe winter weather damage to their homes. This will help the City of Houston provide an accurate summary of affected structures, which is required for the city and state to qualify for federal recovery assistance.

Additionally, it will allow City of Houston staff to understand the type of help the community needs as staff coordinates local resource with area partners.

Do not use the survey to request direct assistance or disaster relief.

Submitting this form is not a way to receive aid.

Residents should continue to report broken pipes and water mains to 311 so that Houston Public Works can isolate the leak.

To keep call wait times low, report service requests to 311 online at <https://houston.tontx.gov/311> or via the Houston 311 app.

Houston residents should continue to visit www.HoustonEmergency.org for updates on the city's ongoing response to the winter storm. Recovery resource information is also available.

County Clerk moves to full operations

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cessfully pass the screening.

- Maintain social distancing at all times within a county facility.
- Comply with all other provisions established by the county.

Last summer, the Harris County Clerk's Office opened up most of its services to the public by appointment only, in addition to offering many services online, including electronic filing in real property, electronic filing in the courts (county civil and probate) and personal records.

"Our office will move forward with all previously set appointments but will accept walk-ins as well, during normal business hours," added Hudspeth. "Customers without an appointment may have to wait as we will continue to follow social distancing and protective guidelines."

Appointments for marriage licenses, birth/death certificates, DBAs and real property recordings are still encouraged. To make an appointment, go to www.cclerk.hctx.net/Appointments/AppointmentBooking or call 713-274-8600 if one has any questions. For other County Clerk's Office services, visit www.cclerk.hctx.net.

For additional information, check them out at HarrisCoTXClerk on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to stay updated about their services.

Home Grown lecture March 18
The Home Grown lecture "All About Basil" will be presented by Brandi Keller, Harris County Master Gardener program coordinator March 18. This free virtual lecture will start at 10 a.m. Registration is required. Visit <https://homegrows2021Q1.eventbrite.com/> for additional information.

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Dobie releases school honor roll for fourth 6-weeks

Dobie High School officials announced the fourth six-weeks honor roll.

Ninth grade
Ivan Acosta, Viviana Acosta, Elizabeth Aguirre, Rey Aguirre, Chelsea Akinloye, Imad Ali, Alyssa Allen, Tiara Allen and Adriyonna Alvarado.

Bianca Amaya, Sheylene Amaya, Xitlali Araujo Silvestre, Cassius Arredondo Zuniga, Michelle Avalos, Kevin Ayala, Nico Barr, Gianna Barreiro and Leonardo Barron Watson.

Katharina Bleith Ramirez, Jaydon Bonilla, Arianna Borrego, Camryn Broussard, Arianna Brown, Alan Bui, Brooklyn Bush, Tristan Calderon and Faith Calvillo.

Jorge Camacho, Kayden Campos, Jill Canales, Carolina Cantarero, Yen Cao, Cailen Carroll, River Carroll, Maxwell Cash and Maya Castellano.

Julian Cavazos, Aryana Chapa, Tracy Chase, Linh Chung, Julio Cisneros, Camryn Collins, Ariel Cortez Amaya, Haylie Cortez and Amyiah Cotton.

Alondra Cruz Balbuena, Ashley Cruz, Adan Curiel, Aislynn Curtis Brooks, Madison Cuyo, Pham Dang, Melanio De La Rosa, Emiliano De la Torre Carlos and Kevin Diaz Alvarado.

Richard Diaz, Anna Dinh, Loi Doan, Francisco Dunn, Vivian Duong, Emmanuel Elizondo, Brian Erazo, Dylan Erickson and Jorge Escobar.

Oscar Espinoza, Zoe Espinoza, Aubri Estes, Jennifer Estrada, Angie Fernandez, Gizelle Flores, Katya Flores, Kelly Flores and Nathan Flores.

Adriana Foreman, Jesus Gamez Cepeda, Vanessa Garay, Fernando Garcia De Santiago, Kevin Garcia Zarco, Eliud

Garcia, Johana Garcia, McKlaus Garcia and Ariana Garza. Daniela Garza, Yazmin Garza, Titus Giang, Lydia Golenko, Alexia Gomez, Catherine Gomez, Izabella Gomez, Jose Gomez and Ricardo Gomez.

Nicole Gonzalez Guerrero, Adrianna Gonzalez, Alexa Gonzalez, Arlett Gonzalez, Jocelyn Gonzalez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Alana Goree, Jonathan Grider and Juan Gutierrez.

Viridiana Guzman, Josiah Hamlin, Ayesha Hasan, Alyssa Hernandez, Antonio Hernandez, Edward Hernandez, Ethan Hernandez, Jazmin Hernandez and Jonathan Hernandez.

Kalen Hicks, Trenton Ho, Duc Hoang, Kasie Hoang, Malachi Hobbs, Zara Hobson, Vincent Holcomb, Tyler Hudgens and Juan Huerta Garcia.

Kaleigh Hughes, Eric Huynh, Steven Huynh, Zainab Imran, Muhammad Iqbal, A'kaylah Johnson, Aidan Johnson, Danija Johnson and Jady Johnson.

Makayla Johnson, Shalini Johnson, Takira Johnson, Jay Jones, Scott Kay, Noah Keigley, Sebastian King, Quynh Ky and Sang Lam.

Samantha Langston, Emely Lazo, Rachael Le, Ryan Le, Tommy Le, Jordan Leahman, Naima Leblanc, Xavier Lee and Angel Limachi.

Alejandro Lopez, Joshua Lopez, Katarina Lopez, Trinity Lopez, David Lozoya, Melanie Luengo Montano, Kaleb Luna, Mercedes Luna and Han Ly.

Jennifer Ly, Julie Machado, Alejandro Macias, Aidan Maldonado, Hailey Maldonado, Cesar Martinez, Daisy Martinez, Daniel Martinez and Gabriel Martinez.

Gwendlyn McGrew, Frida Mejia, Darianny Mercedes,

Shaina Miles, Roselynn Molina, Frida Monreal, Izel Montanez Olan, Michael Montano and Lesly Montoya.

Carlos Morales, Jazmin Morales, Yessica Moreira Ramirez, Isabel Nava, Kevin Navarro, Kameron Nettles, Jessica Ngo, Linh Ngo and Tran Ngo.

Anh Nguyen, Cindy Nguyen, Crystal Nguyen, Duyen Nguyen, George Nguyen, John Nguyen, Long Nguyen, Mason Nguyen and My-An Nguyen.

Nghi Nguyen, Peter Nguyen, Quan Nguyen, Taylor Nguyen, Terry Nguyen, Thanh Nguyen, Troy Nguyen, Tuyet Nguyen and Tyler Nguyen.

Vy Nguyen, Cindy Ni, Aaryan Nizam, Valeria Nunez Garza, Kyle Obregon, Jacqueline Ochoa, Yulissa Oliva Lopez, Diego Orta and Sabino Ortiz.

Lacie Pace, Hellen Padilla Palacios, Ayah Palomares, Adrian Pantoja, Abigail Panza, Audrey Paredes, Alton Parker, Sabrina Pector and Brianna Pedraza.

Mary Pelekamoyo, Jazmin Perez, Belle Perriod, Andrew Pham, Kim Pham, Linda Pham, Loan Pham, Vina Pham and Annie Phan.

Ricardo Pichardo, Sariyah Pickens, Christian Pierce, Sophia Posey, Cymone Potier, Haley Precella, Jacob Ramales, Arianna Ramos and Gael Ramos.

Angelina Rapalo, Jordan Rendon, Randy Reyes Chicas, Amalia Reyes, Ailyn Reyes, Emily Reyes, Joel Reyes, David Richard and Ariznelly Rivera.

Ja'kayla Rock-Butler, Alyssa Rodriguez, Jaretsy Rodriguez, Jeovany Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Maryssa Rodriguez, Sophia Rodriguez, Izel Romero and Stefanny Rosales

Gaitan. Damian Rosales, Amiyah Ross, Meadow Ross, Kaylee Ruiz, Melania Salazar, Valerie Salazar, Emily Salinas, Gustavo Salinas and Jorge Salinas.

Alyah Sanchez, Jalysa Sanchez, Zamyra Sanchez, Francisco Santana, Juanmanuel Santana, Jacklyn Santos, Alyson Schwausch, Isabel Segovia and Madelyn Sepulveda.

Malcolm Sherwood, Minza Siddiqui, Maddisyn Sockwell, Jesus Solache, Eric Solis, Nicolas Soto, Malaika Tapela, Maximo Tapia and Kenton Thai.

Ian Thomas, Kyle Thomas, Leonel Torres, Leyla Torres, Kimberly Tovar, Evelyn Tran, Kayla Tran, Lilly Tran and Ngoc Tran.

Thomas Tran, Y Tran, Eliana Trevino, Blaine Turner, Henry Valadez, Darien Valdez, Vivica Villalena, Liam Vasquez and Azael Villalena.

Jasmin Villeda, Cardin Vo, Misa Vo, Glory Vouffo, Hallie Vu, Mathew Vu, Mia Vu, Teresa Vu and Thomas Vu.

Trang Vu, Linh Vuong, Derek West, Ciara Williams, Evante Williams, Antwoine Wilson, Giselle Wittenberg, Zoey Celinda Zaragoza and Denise Zuniga.

10th grade
Alexis Acosta, Jordi Acosta, Jalen Adams, Evelyn Aguirre, Lizeth Aguirre, Valerie Akinloye, Kaylin Alexander Hamilton, Mia Alexander and Clarissa Alvarado.

Katherine Alvarez Benitez, Alize Alvarez, Carlos Amezcua, Xander Amparado, Ryan Anderson, Angel Arias, Janet Armenta, Jorge Arredondo and Allison Arroela.

Rabab Asif, Annabella Avila, Giovanni Avila, Yael Azuara, Sydney Bailey, Kennedy Baines, Janelle Barreiro, Ol-

ivia Bares and Saylor Beltran Fernandez.

Houda Ben Achour, Jennifer Ben-Smith, Dynasti Benson, Isabel Brasfield, Jared Brock, Noah Brock, Theresa Burchfield, David Caballero and Evelyn Cabello.

Jade Cabrera, Dylan Campos, Sully Cantu, My Cao, Abigail Carreon, Jaiya Carrier, Gavin Carrillo, Damean Castellano and Linda Castellan.

Gisselle Castillo, Jasmine Cazares Corona, Kyra Cervantes, Nathanael Chapa, Aaron Charles, Kayla Christie, Sofia Cisneros, Alexis Cline, Kayla Coleman and Kenneth Collins.

Isaiah Correa, Elizabeth Cowart, Madison Creekmore, Amy Cruz, Sofia Cruz, Anh Dang, Diana Nguyen Dang, Keiarra Davis Hathorne and Emily Delgado.

Jenevive Devora, Joe Diaz Rodriguez, Nhi Dinh, Viet-Vu Dinh, Jenny Do, Mai Uyen Doan, Ashley Dunn, Abel Espinoza and Leslie Espinoza.

Hayden Feil, Fernando Flores, Kaylee Frank, Matia Franklin, Tristan Fuentes, Megan Gallegos, Andres Garcia Covarrubia, Gracie Garcia Turner and Ariana Garcia.

Arturo Garcia, Brianna Garcia, Jasmin Garcia, Julissa Garcia, Noah Garcia, Alycia Garcia-Garza, Alec Garza, Ashley Garza and Damian Garza.

Gabriela Garza, Natalia Garza, Oscar Garza, Shairis Gil Rodriguez, Kameron Givens, Melanie Gone, Ariana Gonzales, Julianna Gonzales and Kylee Gonzales.

Hannah Gonzalez, Vanelle Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez, Wilson Gonzalez, Ravin Harvey, Dibanhi Hernandez, Emma Hernandez, Emmanuel Hernandez and Fernando Hernandez.

Marianna Hernandez, Sandy Hernandez, Victor Hernandez, Eleanne Herrera, Nigel Hill, William Ho, Trisha Hoang, Nevan Hulse and Ryan Humphrey.

Chance Hurd, Ashley Huynh, Kim Huynh, Cassidy Idele, Gloria Immaculate, Jaidia James, Victoria Jasso, Leslie Jimenez and Ian Johnson.

Justice Johnson, Bianca Kinder, Shemora Lafleur, Isabella Lara, Douglas Lawson, Brandon Le, Hue Le, Thalia Le and Mauricio Leal.

Angel Leon, Juanmanuel Leon, Jennika Lim-Tom, Greydi Logan, Ashly Lopez, Santiago Lopez, Hoang Long Luu, Ivan Mariscal and Emily Martinez.

Eyanna Martinez, Yair Martinez, Braxton Mayo, Tashjae McCann, Zachary McKenzie, Angelica Medina, Cindy Medina, Julissa Melenciano and Jacob Mikulski.

Connor Mohwinkel, Maria Monge Hernandez, Marilyn Montalvo, Andrea Montano, Jacob Montez, Deanne Moreno, Mario Moreno, Shishira Moreno and Alexandra Moya.

Isla Munoz, Aubree Myers, Mia Naranjo, Nhi Ngo, Anh Nguyen, Daniel Nguyen, Dylan Nguyen, Huyhoang Nguyen and Jonathan Nguyen.

Kelly Nguyen, Mason Nguyen, Ngoc Bao Chau Nguyen, Ngoc Tran Ky Nguyen, Ryan Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Thai Nguyen, Vivian Nguyen and Vy Vu Tuong Nguyen.

Carlie Nix, Samantha Olivias, Haley Olsen, Ju'dah Orobiji, Dominic Ortiz, Steven Oviedo, Ingrid Pasasin, Sydney Pector and Jordan Peralaz.

Erin Perez, Jaden Pham, Dang Phan, Vivian Phan, David Pichardo, John Pozo, Nathan Proctor, Thessaly Quintana and Alissa Ramirez.

Antonio Ramirez, Clarissa Ramirez, Destiny Ramirez, Marlee Reed, Sandy Reyes, Jacob Reyna, Annellee Richardson, Curtis Rivers, Ronaldo Rodriguez Roman and Alejandro Rodriguez.

Deanna Rodriguez, Fabian Rodriguez, Mariana Abril Rodriguez, Yariel Rodriguez, Marissa Rojas, Eva Rubio, Emily Salazar and Leyla Salazar.

Jessica Saldana, Alisa Sanchez, Charles Sanchez, Evelyn Sanchez, Nya Sanford, Ciera Santee, Emerson Sarabia, Rainy Sciba, Karina Serrano and Neyvia Soliz.

Christopher Soza, Carriek Steans, Emilee Sulak, Savannah Taplin, Alexis Taylor, Adrianna Terry, Cornell Thompson, Trinh Tieu and Jade Tran To Nguyen.

Irene Torres, Karen Torres, Luis Torres, Rachel Torres, An Tran, Britney Ngoc Vy Tran, Carol Tran, Hien Thi Tran and Khanh Tran.

Khoa Tran, Nhat Tran, Thang Nguyen Tran, Tiffany Tran, Vincent Tran, Johnathan Trott, Camden Turner, Giselle Valencia and Vianca Valencia.

Alan Vargas, David Vidal, Ashley Villagomez, Katherine Villalreal, Cardin Vo, Natalie Vo, Lay Vong, Khoi Vu and Minh Vu.

Phu Vu, Kimberly Webb, Ariana Walls, Kaitlyn Weong, Travis Webb, Maria Wence, Evelyn Wheeler, Jacob White and Elijah Williams.

Ainsley Willis, Derrick Woodley, Abigail Yanez, Shunia Young, Jared Zamudio and Emily Zuniga-Aguilera.

11th grade
Bayan Abdeljawwad, Angelica Acac, Eris Acosta, Nicolas Acosta, Victoria Acosta, Kemi Alade, Sahidul Alam, Adalynn Alanis and Montserrat Alba.

Julissabeth Alfaro, Jaidyn Almaguer, Naydelin Almaguer, Alfredo Alvor, Abraham Amaro-Diaz, Emily Amezcua, Rafael Arqueta, Hussiel Arias and Jonathan Arizpe.

Ublester Arroyo Espinoza, Khamani Ashby, Keegan Ashworth, Marco Ayala, Jazmyne Backman, Karlie Barba, Nickolas Baron, Jordan Barrett and Andre Barrientos.

Miguel Bazaldua, Raul Belman, Brian Blanco, Brianna Blanco, Kendall Brown, Gabriella Campo, Daniela Canas Ortiz, Kaitlynn Cantu and

Amy Cao. Ricky Cao, Ashley Castellanos, Alani Chapa, Mercedes Chapa, Mya Chapa, Alyssa Chapman, Jasmine Chew, Joe Chicas and Lydia Chicas.

Amayia Collier, Manuel Contreras, Isaac Cortez, Ashara Crum, Louies Cuellar, Malia Curry, Fernanda Davila, Lucinda Davis and Trajan Davis.

Michael De La Garza, Alonzo De Leon, Karina Del Villar, Blessing Ekwe, Mohamed Elghawi, Analaurea Elizarraras, Precious Ellison, Micaela Escobar and Priscilla Espinoza.

Jacob Estrada, Taelor Faux, Nayley Faz Urias, Pedro Flores, Kevin Franco, Sarahy Franco, Evan Fuentes, Selena Galicia and Celeste Gallardo.

Katie Gamez, Alexis Garcia, Alexis Garcia, Cassandra Garcia, Isaac Garcia, Ramiro Garcia, Adalie Garza, Alejandro Garza and Annabelle Garza.

Michael Garza, Timothy Giang, Adriana Golden, Briana Gomez Portillo, Kayla Gomez, Gloria Gonzales, Alyssa Gonzalez, Andrea Gonzalez and Isaac Gonzalez.

Ivan Gonzalez, Jesus Gonzalez, Leslie Gonzalez, Mario Gonzalez, Paris Gonzalez, Ronnie Gonzalez, Serena Graham, Daniel Grajales and Cameron Gray.

Damarcus Groves, Salma Guerrero, Dahiria Gutierrez Olvera, Briana Gutierrez, Estevan Guzman, Scotlynn Hamilton, Emam Hassan, Hailey Henderson and Alexis Henriquez.

Elijah Hernandez, Emily Hernandez, Guadalupe Hernandez, Kyaana Hernandez, Leslie Hernandez, Niklas Hernandez, Rodolfo Hernandez, Annie Herrera Welchez and Pedro Herrera.

Bryson Hicks, Sonayia Hill, Phuc Hoang, Thu Hoang, Sarionna Hobbs, Mia Horton, Andrew Huynh, Thuat Huynh and Tina Huynh.

Jennifer Ibe, Emily Iglesias, Elliyah Jackson, Kiera Jackson, Kyra Jackson, Remi Jackson, Nicole Jasso, Aynaiya Jones and Ladarius Kiel.

Natalia Knight, Anh Ky, Christofer Laygo, An Le, Anh Khoa Le, Jimmy Le, Thong Minh Le, Tracey Le and Connor Leach.

Ayana Lee, Emily Legaspi, Kevin Lewis, Brandon Liceaga, Isaias Lira, Elissa Lopez, Xavier Lopez, Ayanna Love and Gabriela Lozano.

Alexandra Luna, Keena Magana, Jasmine Maldonado, Payton Manuel, Trixie Marquez, Ariana Martin, Karen Martinez, Lael Martinez and Lexi Martinez.

Natalie Martinez, Celina Mata, Brynn McHugh, Emma McKenzie, Ashlyne Medina, Christian Medina, Jimena Medina, Crystal Mejia and Leyda Mendoza Hernandez.

Katelyn Mendoza, Devin Molina, Marcus Mommie, Andrew Montano, Luis Montes, Amy Morales, Crystal Morales, Edwin Moreno and Jesalynn Moreno.

Shayla Morrison, Avry Munoz, Tjasa Murray, Alexia Nettles, Johnathan Ngo, Brian Nguyen, Grace Nguyen, Jaclyn Nguyen and Jenny Nguyen.

Kathleen Nguyen, Lilly Nguyen, Linh Nguyen, Natalie Nguyen, Quan Nguyen, Tai Thai Nguyen, Thien Nguyen, Thu Ngoc Anh Nguyen and Tommy Nguyen.

Tung Quang Nguyen, Victoria Nguyen, Huong Hoang Thuy Ninh, Salma Nunez Garza, Andrea Nunez, Nicholas Ochoa, Damaris Odel, Mikayla Okafor and Deja Oldacre.

Sairi Oliva Leal, Angel Oliva Lopez, Jose Olivares Alcolea, Natalie Onozie, Patrick Ortega, Abigail Ortiz, Celeen Ortiz, Diego Osuna and Daniel Pacheco Melgar.

Isabella Padilla, Christian Padua, Jeremiah Palma, Hannah Pang, Alejandra Perez Chavez, Fernando Perez, Natalie Perez, Amy Pham and An Tran Truong Pham.

Ashley Dang Pham, Jason Pham, Kristyn Pham, Tina Pham, Valerie Phonxayalinhkam, David Piere, Ashley Pineda, Nicole Portillo and Javon Portis.

Kori Pounds, Aiden Provost, Isabela Pruneda, Sindy Puerto Oseguera, Joel Quezada, Marilee Quiroga, Henneisy Quiroz, Josue Rameles and Victoria Ramirez.

Alexandra Ramos, Dakarey Ramsay, Santiago Resendiz, Arianna Reyna, Adrian Rios, Victoria Rivera, Keasia Robinson, Vanessa Rocha and Lisette Rodriguez.

Megan Rodriguez, Issys Romero, Ashlyn Ross, Angel Saenz, Kayla Salas, Paris Saldariaga, Haley Salinas, Emily Sanchez and Ilianna Sanchez.

Santos Sanchez, Victoria Sanchez, Bryan Santacruz, Aaron Sargent, Jacqueline Saucedo, Kelly Saucedo, Ryan Saxton, Rickey Schreier and Maya Scott.

Soniya Semien, Roselin Serrano, Amira Shephard, Jaelan Sherman, Ahmed Shobaki, Metzi Silva, Peyton Smith, Alexa Snow-Eaton and Pishet So.

Galilea Solis, Gerardo Solis, Celeste Spiller, Kevin Su, Giselle Suarez, Natalie Suarez, Huxley Taganahan, Rosmy Torres Lara and Brandon Torres.

Diego Torres, Elezabeth Torres, Francisco Torres, Jonathan Torres, Jose Torres, Vanessa Torres, Anh Phuong Tran, Annette Tran, Eric Tran and Lilly Tran.

Nhi Tran, Thu Minh Tran, Tracy Tran, Vanessa Tran, Vi Tran, Violet Tran, Julian Trevino, Han Truong and Kailey Tsikis.

Trinity Tucker, Jacob Valadares, Genessis Valtiera, Kristal Vargas, Daniela Vazquez, Celene Velasquez, Melanie Velazquez, Emilio Villarreal and Fernando Villarreal.

Luis Villarreal, Melanie-Tu Vo, Michael Vouffo, Hailey Vu, Hoang Vu, Huy Vu, Kathleen Vu, Ngan Thanh Vu and Ngan Thi Kim Vu.

Paul Vu, Quan Vu, Cyrae Washington, Xavier Williams, Aspen Woods, Heidi Ybarra, Michael Zambrano, Natalie Zeledon and Nevaeh Zeremon.

12th grade
Jacob Acevedo, Gail Afla-

lo, Malika Akhter, Bryan Albarra, Anna Allen, Cristina Alonso, Elias Alvarez, Breleana Anderson and Jayla Arenas. Jaqueline Arredondo, Lylah Arredondo, Maritza Arreola, Maryam Badr, Jeremiah Ballard, Jonathan Banda, Kristen Barba, Trinity Barber and Aliyah Barreiro.

Annaya Belton, Briana Benavides, Jasmin Benitez, Kaitlyn Bess, Carlos Bonilla, Melisa Bonilla, Corey Britton, Elizabeth Bui and Julia Bui. Tony Bui, Danielle Bulman, Evan Cadena, Renata Cadena, Khadryan Caldwell, Esmeralda Calvillo, Alberto Campa, Julissa Campos and Matthew Campos.

Yarline Campos, Rayder Canales, Jacob Canil, Gizelle Cardona, Roman Caretela Jhancarlos Carpio, Grace Castaneda, Juan Castaneda and Sarah Charles. Jady Chavez, Kimberly Chavira, Julissa Clavijo, Hannah Collazos, David Corte, Ivana Coto, Alisha Countee, Colton Cox and Alexandra Cuba.

Danny Dang, Marshall Dang, Tyler Dang, Amaya Daniels, Kalicia Davis, Alyssa Day, Yelizavet De La Cerda, Jacob De La Rosa and Anthony De Leon. Jade De Robles, Zachary Dehoyos, Isabella Delgado, Geriah Derouen, Daisy Diaz, Laura Diaz, Vinh Dyer, Myriah Diggs and Celene Duong.

Brittany Duran, Abby Duron, Kimora Edwards, Diego Escamilla, Erick Escobar, Drake Escobedo, Francisco Estrada, Gavin Feeley and Raven Finister. Krystal Flores, Lizbeth Flores, Lizeth Flores, Miliana Flores, Johann Galvan, Devin Gamez, Andrew Garcia Hernandez, Alexander Garcia and Damian Garcia.

Francisco Garcia, Isaac Garcia, Andrea Garibay, Alyssa Garza, Brissa Garza, Jaylynn Garza, Savannah Garza, Vanessa Garza and Zachary Glover. Wesley Godwin, Alyssa Gomez, Roy Gomez, Anastasia Gonzales, Alberto Gonzalez, Andrea Gonzalez, Daisy Gonzalez, Kitana Gray and Darren Groves.

Aixa Guerra Gomez, Xavier Gutierrez, Kevin Harris, Erica Hay, Briana Hayward, Christopher Hernandez, Cindy Hernandez, Emily Hernandez and Eric Hernandez. Ethan Hernandez, Joseph Hernandez, Karisa Hernandez, Sarah Hernandez, Shelsea Hernandez, Carlos Hernandez-Chavarria, Thomas Herrera, Joseph Hinojosa and Yiise Hinojosa.

Jennifer Ho, Amy Hoang, Quang Hong, Jayline Humphrey, Diara Hypolite, Deaira Jackson, Briana Jamaica, Luis Jamaica and Aries Jimenez. Ambreon Jones, Casey Junkin, Briana Keim, Kassandra Keller, Danae Kostikoglou, Mikayla Lagos, Thao Lam, Vanessa Lam and Ryle Lawson. Victoria Lazo, Ha Le, Lewis Le, Thiminhkhoa Le, Tony Le, Andrianay Lee, Jesus Leon, Evelyn Lien, Abel Limachi, Jesse Limas, Tarzis Lobos, Chanel Lofton, Leslie Longoria, Aaliyah Loosa, Yoselin Lopez Alfaro, Mauricio Lopez, Nathan Lopez and

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SBE names academic champions



South Belt Elementary officials conducted a summer academic challenge in which they awarded students who met their goals for reading and math. Students were challenged to compete in the Academic Triathlon, completing at least 84 lessons in Dreambox, 630 total minutes in iStation and 700 minutes of reading. Third-grader AJ Rodriguez received a trophy for having the schoolwide highest overall for all three categories. Shown (left photo) wearing their medals are first-graders Jax DeSoto (left) and Jose Tenorio. Above, third-graders Rodriguez (left) and Nathaniel Molina display a winning trophy and medals. Photo by Allison Sutton, librarian

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)
The J. Frank Dobie varsity baseball team won second place at the Pasadena Invitational Tournament.

The Scarsdale Civic Club presented the Scarsdale Civic Association with a proposal for the combining of the two organizations.

40 years ago (1981)
Construction of a new gym, a new band hall and music ensemble rooms began at Thompson Intermediate.

Conversion of the existing band hall to accommodate the orchestra department and expansion of the existing library were also being assigned.

Dobie High School Latin students took the state championship at the Junior Classical League Convention held at Lamar Consolidated High School.

35 years ago (1986)
A raid by officers from the Precinct 2 Constable's office, Houston Police Department and the South Belt Security Alliance confiscated nearly four pounds of marijuana and arrested area residents Joe DeLarosa, alias George Mendez, and wife Maria Rincon.

Pending approval of member subdivisions, the South Belt coalition voted to oppose any annexation in the South Belt area.

30 years ago (1991)
Over a three-year period, Pasadena Independent School District schools were to receive six computers per classroom.

Reigning Miss Teen South Belt Rita Garcia won the title of Junior Miss La Porte Rodeo Queen.

25 years ago (1996)
After 18 months of successfully negotiating a Brio superfund remedy satisfactory to both the community

and the chemical companies charged with cleaning, relations broke off over the Brio Site Task Force's refusal to pilot a study on soil vapor extraction of volatile organic compounds at the site.

Newly elected Houston councilman Rob Todd requested the Texas Department of Transportation allow for traffic flow from Ellington Field to Beltway 8.

20 years ago (2001)
A new study for a flood reduction plan involving Clear Creek was initiated.

City of Houston Fire Chief and Dobie graduate Chris Connealy was recommended for accreditation as a member of the Chief Fire Officer Designation, an honor held by only 17 people in the world.

15 years ago (2006)

Three years' worth of negotiations rose to a new level as a proposed agreement was presented to the Pearland City Council. If approved, the agreement would allow Hughes Road to be extended to Pearland Parkway. This would open the door for two new schools, a possible San Jacinto College South extension and other community facilities.

The Clear Brook City MUD board of directors voted unanimously to increase the over-65 and disabled exemptions by 100 percent to \$50,000.

Precinct 2 Constable deputies were busy with assaults and family violence calls.

A resident was robbed and shot outside his apartment on Beamer. A friend who had followed him home hap-

pened upon the robbery and the two suspects left. They later led Houston Police on a chase but were captured after they stopped and ran through a neighborhood near Mosscrest and Interstate 610.

10 years ago (2011)
In a surprising move, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Gary L. Freeman announced that due to financial reasons, his office would no longer provide contractual law enforcement services to areas of the South Belt community that are not incorporated by the City of Houston, beginning April 15.

Mike Stephens, the Pasadena Independent School District's athletic director, announced his plan to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 academic year. His retirement brought an

end to a career in public school athletics that spanned 35 years, including the last 14 in PISD. Stephens began his PISD career at Dobie, where he was an assistant under Stan Labay. Stephens succeeded Labay prior to the 1999 season and remained the head coach of the Longhorns until 2003. Stephens then spent three years as the PISD assistant athletic director, before becoming the district's lead man. Prior to arriving at Dobie, Stephens spent much of his career in the Odessa area, where he was part of a state championship at Odessa Permian High School. He also made stops in Houston at Klein High School and later at MacArthur High School.

5 years 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.

1 year ago (2020)
Fears over the COVID-19 pandemic continued to worsen, forcing the closures of local schools, businesses and social gatherings. Three days after declaring COVID-19 a national emergency, President Donald Trump offered the following guidelines to slow the spread of the potentially fatal virus: avoid gathering in groups of 10 or more people; start homeschooling if possible; avoid discretionary travel; and refrain from visiting bars, restaurants

and food courts. Trump also recommended that citizens practice social distancing for at least 15 days, allowing 6 to 10 feet of space between individuals. These protocols were reinforced by Mayor Sylvester Turner who on March 16 made a similar announcement, ordering that all city restaurants, bars and nightclubs be closed for at least 15 days. Restaurants were to offer only takeout, pickup and delivery options until further notice. Both Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD announced they would close all operations through April 10, 2020.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 18 through March 24, 2021.

Burnett Elementary
Celebrating a special birthday March 20 is **Jae Lee**, principal. **Maria Vargas** enjoys a day of celebration on March 22.

Moore Elementary
Join in the birthday fun March 23 for **Katlyn Box**. Send a birthday greeting March 24 to **Kirsten Leeper**.

South Belt Elementary
Warm wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Chum Kim** March 20. Break out the birthday balloons and party favors March 23 for **Katherine Myers** and **Praisly Thomas**.

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

Roberts Middle School
Marking a birthday March 22 is **Shelby**

Willis. Break out the birthday cake and ice cream March 23 for **Melissa Hargrave**.

Thompson Intermediate
Blow out the candles for **Travis Meyer** March 24.

Dobie High
Mallory Castillo and **Meredith Williams** celebrate a happy birthday March 18. Warm birthday greetings are sent to **Jennifer Johnson** on March 19. The day for cake and ice cream for **Leanna Foster** is March 20. Light the birthday candles on March 21 for **Carol Declercq**. **Robert Francis** marks a birthday March 23. Break out the balloons and party favors March 24 for **Angela Gaston** and **Emily Lyons**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, March 18: **Orenia Craven**, **Gina Rodriguez**, **Meredith Jones**, **Derek Jones**, **Jodi Johnston**, **Charlene Hardin**, **Alicia Rodriguez**, **Josh Nance**, **Tristan Sorcia**, **Andre Rohman**, **Daniel Goeman** and **Andrea Charles**; Friday, March 19:

Tammie Little, **Tonyka Smith**, **Cindy Dominguez**, **Shanna Young** and **Keith Pinchbeck**; Saturday, March 20: **Roxanne Wheeler**, **Ken Dittrich**, **Martinez Joaquin**, **Carol Dawkins**, **Al Vanek**, **James Leslie**, **Martha Heinrich** and **Sheri Rose**; Sunday, March 21: **Suni Ballard**, **Jamacia Zabala-Gonzalez** and **Joseph Block**; Monday, March 22: **Kristy Poole**, **Maria Ybarra**, **Michael Hansen**, **Edwin Watson** and **Gary Hooks**; Tuesday, March 23: **Cindy Kiessling**, **Monica Garza**, **Michael McKissick** and **James Lucadou**; and Wednesday, March 24: **Jessica Faulkner**, **Jaime Napoli**, **Rainbow Montenegro**, **Larry Bischof** and **Michelle Noble**.

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie boys' soccer dynasty wins seventh straight crown

A loss to Deer Park Feb. 5 left the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team at 1-2 and in win-now mode in the District 22-6A race. How did the six-time defending league champion program respond? Nine consecutive victories gave the Longhorns the maximum 27 points down the stretch.

The final three points came courtesy of a 5-0 win over South Houston March 12 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as the Longhorns claimed a seventh straight title for the program at 10-2-0.

In the clincher over South Houston, Isaac Cortez tallied his team-best 21st goal and Alejandro Vigil had a hat trick with three goals. He added an assist.

Kevin Guzman had a goal and an assist, and Jahir Arias, Jordi Garcia and Natanael Delgado dished assists as the Longhorns again used a team effort to score the win.

Dobie will next face Kingwood, the No. 4 seed out of District 21-6A, in the bidistrict playoff round. Final details are yet to be determined, but a likely date is March 26.

Back in 2014, head coach Justo Manrique debuted with the Longhorns and saw his fourth-place team lose to Deer Park in the bidistrict playoff round.

Since then, Dobie has hoisted seven consecutive District 22-6A crowns. The pinnacle came in 2017 with a Region III championship and 6A state semifinal match appearance.

From 2015, Manrique-led Dobie title teams have 83 district wins with just five losses and 12 ties.

Isaac Cortez had two assists and Parra and Medrano fed goals at Veterans Stadium.

In the final league standings, Channelview was second with Pasadena third and Deer Park fourth.

Deer walk-off softball win stuns Dobie in 22-6A duel

A two-season break in the district rivalry between Deer Park and Dobie did little to diminish the intensity and drama as the two programs again engaged in a thriller March 12 at Deer Park.

Deer Park reliever Madison Applebe, who watched Dobie's Marisa Perla score the go-ahead run in the top



Dobie junior Isaac Cortez (10) finished the regular season with a team-high 21 goals in 20 overall matches and also tied for the lead with 10 assists as part of a monster season for the 22-6A champion Longhorns.

SJC baseball moves up

San Jacinto College baseball is rising in the ranks of the National Junior College Athletic Association's initial Division 1 baseball rankings, advancing to spot No. 4 in the week 2 rankings with a 15-5 record.

The team is coming off a 2020 season interrupted by COVID-19, where the team was 21-6 (.778) overall and 12-0 (1.000) in conference play by March 16, 2020, when the NJCAA suspended all remaining athletic activity for the season due to the pandemic.

Despite the truncated season, San Jacinto College had six current and former players selected in the 2020 MLB Draft in June 2020, and more should come this June.

For more information about San Jacinto College athletics, visit www.sanjacsports.com.

of the seventh, sent Deer fans home happy after victimizing Perla and Dobie with a two-run, walk-off home run with one out in the bottom half.

Applebe's heroics gave Deer Park a 3-2 win and the early edge in District 22-6A action, while Dobie will have a week off to regroup before facing Memorial March 23 at the Pasadena ISD complex.

Pitching controlled the action for much of the night at Deer Park. Perla allowed just three hits and a run through six innings, while Deer Park's Hannah Benavides struck out 10, pitching into the sixth inning.

With Dobie down 1-0 in the top of the sixth, Jasmin Benitez tied the game with a double.

The Lady Longhorns then took a 2-1 lead in the top of the seventh as Perla opened things with a single and eventually scored on a passed ball.

Three outs from a huge win, Perla allowed a lead-off double to Haidyn Hardcastle in the bottom of the seventh.

One out later, Applebe lined the game-winner over the wall in left field for the win as Deer Park celebrated its return to District 22-6A with a walk-off.

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JFD baseball wins pair in Baytown

Colton Cox homered, doubled and drove in four as Dobie handed Kinkaid a 9-2 loss to cap the Goose Creek ISD tournament as the locals shifted to the crux of 22-6A play with a win.

In that one, Ryan Saxton paced the Dobie offense with a 3 for 4 day that included three runs batted in and two more scored.

Noah Torres had three hits and an RBI, and Cox doubled. Christian Medina was also 1 for 3.

Juan Estrada tripled and doubled against Conroe later in the day, but it wasn't enough as the Tigers plated five runs in the first inning of a 7-1 win.

Cox then drove in a pair of runs in a 5-5 tie against Episcopal in an early March 6 game before his huge performance against Kinkaid.

Also against Kinkaid, Luis Nieves had a hit and drove in a pair of runs, while Matthew Castillo got the win on the mound.

Castillo went five strong frames, allowing three hits and one earned run while fanning four.

Torres blanks Trojans

Noah Torres had the finest outing of his varsity career on the mound March 2 at Dobie, blanking South Houston 1-0 on a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts over seven innings.

MIKEY TORRES KNOCKED IN THE LONE RUN OF THE GAME IN THE BOTTOM OF THE FIFTH AS THE LONGHORNS GRABBED THE WIN WITH THE BENEFIT OF THREE SINGLES.

Dobie returns to District 22-6A play March 19 as the locals visit Channelview.



Dickson's 200 is fastest

Clear Brook junior Camryn Dickson starred at the Clear Creek High School Reuben Jordan Classic March 12, resetting her meet record in the 200 dash and also winning the 100. A time of 12.13 seconds got her the win in the 100, and she then claimed the 200 with a new meet record of 24.00. Dickson's 2020 time of 12.026 still stands as a Jordan Classic meet record. According to Texas Mile Split, Dickson's 200 time is the state's best thus far in 2021.

Defensive wiz Baldwin leads JFD



Dobie senior Johnathan Baldwin (0) bagged Most Valuable Player honors on the football field and then quickly proved his worth on the hardwood. In earning co-Defensive Player of the Year honors, Baldwin averaged three steals as the team's top on-the-ball defender. He also averaged nearly nine points, four rebounds and three assists per game. See the entire 22-6A All-District selections list on Page 6. Photo by Gloria Wallace

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22-6A runner-up Dobie scores all-district hoops honors

District 22-6A Varsity Boys' Basketball

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Kevin Juarez, Pasadena

Co-Defensive MVP
Kevin Juarez, Pasadena
Johnathan Baldwin, Dobie

Newcomer of the Year
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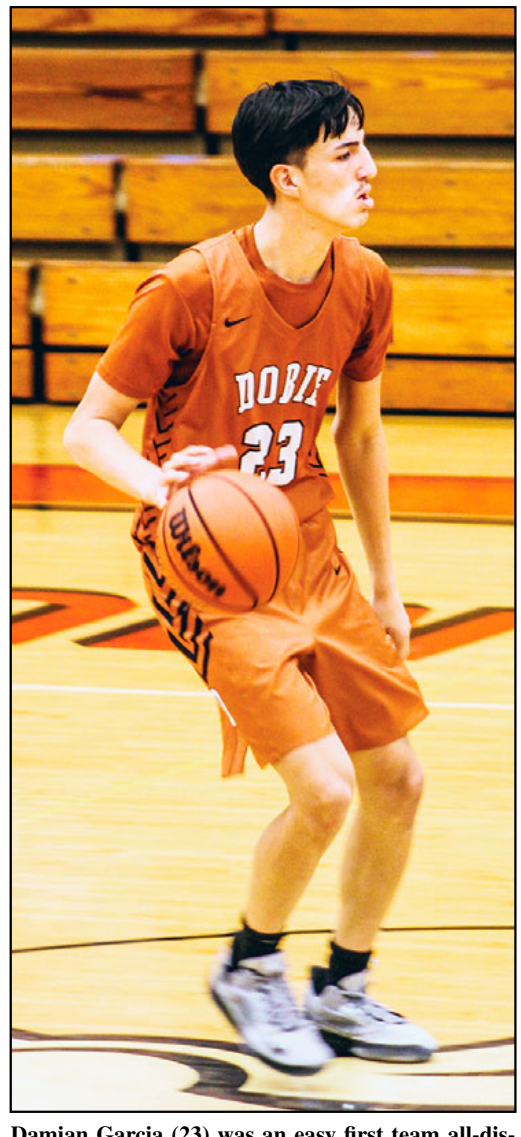
Coach of the Year
Jon Pillow, Pasadena

All-District First Team
Brock Fosnight, Pasadena
Damian Garcia, Dobie
Jailyn Henry, S. Houston
Waymon Hayes, Dobie
Isaiah Gonzalez, Rayburn
Jordan Mapp, Memorial
Kentavious Dixon, Dobie
Brett Dodd, Deer Park
Josh Larry, S. Houston
Luke Giron, Memorial

All-District Second Team
Camren Fowler, Dobie
Yahir Amaro, Memorial
Harrison Black, Rayburn
Keith Marshall, Channelview
Jaylon Jackson, Dobie
Tayvein O'Guinn, S. Houston
Benito Telio, Pasadena
Zach Hawthorne, Rayburn
Dareon Fontenot, Channelview
Michael Romero, Deer Park



Waymon Hayes will be a top returnee for the Longhorns heading into the 2021-2022 season as his all-district first-team season included eight points, six assists and a pair of rebounds as a freshman.



Damian Garcia (23) was an easy first team all-district performer as he led second-place Dobie with 11 points per game in the scoring column and added seven rebounds and an assist per outing.



Kentavious Dixon wound up on the 22-6A first team as his senior season included consistent averages of eight points, seven rebounds, two blocks and a pair of steals.

Photos by Gloria Wallace

P/Y Giron leads Lyon to NAIA nationals



Dobie High School graduate Jade Giron is enjoying one of the finest seasons in Lyon College (Arkansas) history as she leads the Scots into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Women's Basketball National Championships beginning March 18 in Sioux City, Iowa. Lyon College first won the American Midwest Conference regular season and postseason tournament crowns as Giron was named AMC Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year along with picking up first team all-conference honors. The Scots then won the NAIA Opening Round Alex-

andria Bracket in Louisiana with a final-seconds 60-57 victory over top-seeded Lindsey Wilson (Kentucky) March 13 as Giron had a game-high 20 points and assisted on teammate Katie Turner's three-point play with two seconds remaining in regulation. Giron leads Lyon College at 19.1 points and 8.6 rebounds per game as she became the first Lyon player to become AMC Player of the Year. Lyon, now 15-1 overall this season, won its first conference title since the 2015-2016 campaign.

Lyon College Athletics photo

BHI, GAT finish PISD track

The Bondy girls equaled Thompson's dominance in the boys' divisions, winning the seventh and eighth-grade overall team titles at the Pasadena ISD Track and Field Championships March 10 at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

The Lady Patriots scored 143 points for the eighth-grade win, while Thompson was second with 113. Beverly Hills wound up fourth with 74 points.

Bondy also won the seventh-grade crown with 120 points, while Thompson's 83 points were third and Beverly Hills was fifth with 75.

Lady Lion 8s excel
Thompson's eighth-grade team kept the pressure on eventual champion Bondy before eventually settling for second place.

Twenty key points came Thompson's way in the 4x200 relay as the Lady Lions scored the win at 1:59.07 behind the efforts of Charlesaya Emerson, Andrea Garcia, Bre'yanna Williams and Stacie Harris.

The Lady Lions also took second in the 4x400 relay finale as Taillyn Curtis and Priscilla Martinez teamed with Garcia and

Harris.

Harris and Alina Sanchez delivered in a big way for the Lady Lions in the 100 hurdles, with gold-medalist Harris winning at 18.27 seconds for the win and Sanchez second in a time of 20.15.

Curtis also took a gold in the 100 dash with a time of 14.27 as she added 10 points to the Lady Lions' total.

Margarita Gaona was a gold medalist for the Lady Lions in the discus as she was at 71-4 for the top spot.

Williams battled the field in the high jump and claimed a silver medal at 4 feet, four inches for second place. She was also third for a bronze medal in the long jump at a distance of 13-8.

GAT 7s third
The Lady Lions' seventh-grade team wound up its season at the championships with 83 points for third place.

Thompson scored 20 points for its win in the 4x200 relay as Makayla St. Romain, Natalie De Hoyos, Audrie DeRoos and Kristin Madise combined for a time of 2:08.37.

Thompson also won the 4x200 relay and claimed 20 team points as Jada Moore, De Hoyos, Sureal Alcorta and Lelia Reyes combined for a time of 5:00.00.

In the 400, teammates Moore (1:14.26) and Jessica Moise (1:16.52) were the silver and bronze medalists, respectively.

St. Romain added a bronze medal for the Lady Lions in the 100 hurdles with a time of 21.66 for third place.

Likewise, the Lady Lions' Alcorta was third in the 300 hurdles after a clocking of 1:04.41.

BHI 7s are fifth
The Lady Bears' seventh-grade team placed fifth with 75 points, and 20 of those came early on as the locals won the 4x100 relay.

Audrey Volper, Christina Rodriguez, Cynthia Pineda and My'Kaylia Mitchell teamed in the sprint relay for a time of 58.93 and the win.

Mitchell, having anchored the Lady Bears' win in the 4x100, came up with another gold in the 100 as she took the win at 14.10.

Keeping up the pace in the 200 dash, Mitchell won yet another gold medal for the win at 29.65.

Volper grabbed another gold as she edged the field in the 400 for the win at 1:13.03.

Not to be outdone, Beverly Hills' Jai'Ana Washington claimed the top spot and a gold medal at 1:02.08 in the 300 hurdles.

Volper also challenged for the win at the 1,600 distance before claiming second and a silver medal at 6:35.22.

BHI 8s take fourth
In taking fourth in the eighth-grade division, the Lady Bears got several terrific performances on the way to 74 points.

Beverly Hills got a huge lift from Samantha Uribe and Neveah Ben-Smith as they went 1-2 in the 800 run.

Uribe pocketed gold with a time of 3:03.38, with Ben-Smith next at 3:07.49.

Ashley Hernandez was the gold medalist for the Lady Bears in the 400 with a time of 1:11.99.

The Lady Bears combined for a bronze medal and third place in the 4x400 relay as Hernandez was involved along with Ben-Smith, Leyla Martinez and Uribe.

Kylie Gale came away with a bronze for third place in the 100 hurdles at 20.59.

And at 4-0, Shalaci Hollis was third in the high jump for a bronze medal as she helped her team.



Thompson seventh-grade competitor Jordan Hernandez collected the maximum of 30 points as he helped lead the Lions to the overall team crown at the Pasadena ISD Track and Field Championships as he was part of two relay wins and also claimed two individual golds March 11 at Auxiliary Stadium.

Thompson boys dominate PISD track; BHI excels

The Thompson boys and Bondy girls dominated the competition March 11 at the Pasadena ISD Championships at Auxiliary Stadium, with the Lions' seventh-grade squad tallying 188.5 points for their team win.

The Lions' eighth-grade squad closed out its 2021 run with 126 points for the win.

Lions' 7s cruise
It was never close in the seventh-grade boys' division as the Lions used victories in each of the three relay events for 60 of their incredible 188.5-point total.

In the 4x100, it was the Lions' Dereon Stearns, Marquise Williams, De'Marcus Hodges and Jordan Hernandez teaming for the win in a time of 48.43 seconds.

Shifting to the 4x200, it was the same four taking the win at 1 minute, 42.69 seconds, while Williams teamed with Jaquan Betties, Noah Villareal and Tristian McKissick in the 4x400 event for the victory at 4:21.46, a win of more than 14 seconds.

The Lions also did

very well in the individual events.

Villareal scored a gold medal in the 800 run with a time of 2:33.60, and Amari Wilks championed the 100 hurdles with a clocking of 18.95.

Villareal was back at it in the 400 as his time of 1:01.22 got him yet another gold medal.

Hernandez, a gold medalist in the 4x1 and 4x2 relays, scored a third for his win at 24.60 in the 200.

A fourth gold came his way in the triple jump as he claimed the win at 29 feet, 10 inches, giving him a meet high of 30 total points.

At 9:42.59, it was Luke Penazola with second place in the 2,400 run, and Hodges' time of 12.29 gave him second in the 100 dash.

GAT 8s are champs
The Lions' eighth-grade unit used a team effort to grab the championship in the season finale.

Thompson overcame a sixth-place finish in the 4x100 relay with as Kevin Elias and Julz Martinez teamed with Adam Aguilar and Cameron Mathews for the win in the 4x200 relay in a time of 1:45.90.

Mathews scored a second gold medal for his win in the 100 as he clocked in at 11.72. He then continued a dominant performance with the win and a third gold medal at 23.19 in the 200.

The Lions' Eric Perez had a win in the 400 at 48.04 as he kept the Lions rolling, and Carlos Salazar took third for his effort of 5:47.66 in the 1,600 run.

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8-0.

Kaden Dilliard championed the triple jump with an effort of 33-4 1/2, and Theodore Washington was the gold medalist for the Lions in the discus at 105-09.

Aguilar's time of 2:30.42 gave him third place and a bronze medal in the 800 run.

BHI 7s are third
The Bears' seventh-grade team picked up 76 points for a third-place tie at the championships.

The team got off to a solid start with second place in the 4x100 relay at 50.12 as Mark Chase, Titus Randle, Jeremiah Davis and Desmond Etienne teamed in the event.

Beverly Hills also took second place in the 4x400 relay at 4:35.36 as Julian Calderon and Chase teamed with Jezeel Ramales and Etienne.

In the individual events, the Bears' Andre Valdez was second for a silver medal in the 800 at 2:40.75, and Dynzell Lewis grabbed a silver medal for second in the 100 hurdles at 18.96.

Ramales was third in

the 400 with a time of 1:05.21, and Lewis' time of 55.42 placed him third in the 300 hurdles.

Bears' 8s fourth
Eighty-one points earned the Beverly Hills eighth-grade team fourth place in the season finale.

The Bears capped the meet in style, winning the 4x400 relay as Luis Ibarra, Christopher Jones, Dylan Nguyen and Tariq Riley teamed for a fine time of 4:06.67.

Christopher Lopez's time of 9:07.19 was third in the 2,400 run, and Riley did Lopez one better as his time of 2:29.68 earned him second at the 800 distance.

Elvis Nguyen got involved for the Bears as his time of 11.93 was second in the 100, and Ibarra grabbed a bronze medal for third at 1:01.14 in the 400. Nguyen was also second in a time of 25.29 in the 200.

A time of 5:42.56 landed Lopez second in the 1,600 run, and Jones went 5-0 on fests tries in the high jump for second place as he helped the Bears finish strong.

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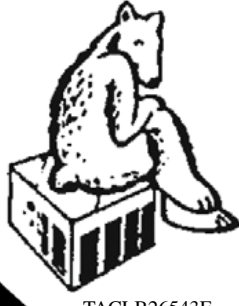
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NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - The club is currently closed. Visit <https://aclunit174.org/clearlak/clean-blue-working/clearlake.html> for games or email jpochnsr@aol.com.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
7:30 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for more information.

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

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

7 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 19
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

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

7 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All in-person events are canceled at this time. All services will be performed online. To join the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, email President@shaarhashalom.org to get the link. Visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/shabbat-online.html> for information.

8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
7:30 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.

9:30 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.

11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict, First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787. Visit <https://www.houstonal-anon.org/for-more-information>.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21
8 p.m.
AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, MARCH 22
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AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

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

7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., room 4.11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 23
7 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All in-person events are canceled at this time. All services will be performed online. To join the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, email President@shaarhashalom.org to get the link. Visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org/shabbat-online.html> for information.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays. See Thursday's notice.

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

7 p.m.
Kirkwood Civic Association - meets on a conference call meeting. Call Ericka McCrutcheon at 281-989-9990 for details. Civic club meeting conference dial-in 605-475-6006 Access Code: 4382419. Visit the Facebook page of Kirkwood Civic Club.

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

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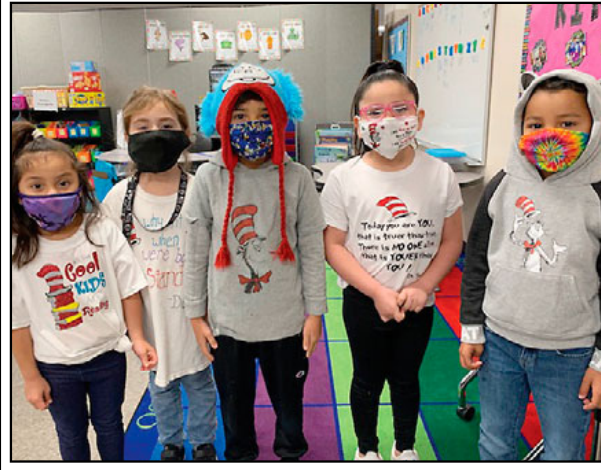
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Frazier celebrates Seuss' birthday



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Shown above are, left to right, kindergartners Aliana Sanchez, Delilah Dammel, Christian Ramirez, Laura Mejia and Alexander Boone.



Shown right are, left to right, Mirtha Hernandez, bilingual aide; Adriana Cortez, second-grade teacher; and Jessica Vela, second-grade teacher.



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