

# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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### South Belt Cleanup planned

After months of planning, the second annual South Belt Cleanup is set to take place Saturday, April 6, beginning at 9 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

A collaboration between the Sagemont Civic Club and Knights of Columbus Council 9201, organizers are expecting approximately 250 volunteers to take part in this year's event. Volunteers will clean up from the Gulf Freeway to Blackhawk, east to west, and from Fuqua to FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road, north to south – an area covering approximately 6.25-square miles.

Organizers are currently seeking volunteers. All supplies will be provided and lunch will be served by the Knights of Columbus following the event. To sign up as a volunteer, visit [forms.gle/SSfjNH9A2JfGGUts9](https://forms.gle/SSfjNH9A2JfGGUts9). For additional information on this year's South Belt Cleanup, visit [www.facebook.com/events/245260951983130](https://www.facebook.com/events/245260951983130).

### MUD election workers sought

Sagemeadow MUD is seeking election workers for its upcoming May 4 board election. Early voting begins April 22. Pay is \$22 per hour. For additional information, visit [www.sagemeadowud.org](http://www.sagemeadowud.org).

### Beverly Hills to meet April 11

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer. New members are being accepted.

### Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday as part of the Coffee with the Constable series. For information, call Kay Barbour, 713-419-3545.

### Library seeks donations

Friends of the Parker Williams Branch Library is currently accepting donations of hardback and paperback books in good condition, as well as CDs and DVDs. Donations are accepted during business hours at the library located 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer.

### New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, distributes food the second and fourth Saturday monthly from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out. The purpose is to provide food for community people in need. The next event is April 13. For information, call 281-484-4230.

### Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, April 13, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

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

The collection events traditionally take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) or call 311.

### Local COVID cases reported

The number of reported COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community remains roughly on par with the previous week, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, April 2, there were 269 active cases in 77089, up two from the previous week. To date, 136 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit [covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data](https://covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data).

### HPD to hold PIP April 4

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, 11800 Astoria in the CES Classroom, first floor of the main building. Guest speaker to be announced. Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Officer Richard Buitron at 832-395-1776 or [Richard.Buitron@HoustonPolice.org](mailto:Richard.Buitron@HoustonPolice.org).

## Local civic groups form new partnership

### South Belt Community Partnership holds inaugural meeting

Dozens of community leaders, public servants and area residents gathered at The Gardens Tuesday, March 26, for the inaugural meeting of the new South Belt Community Partnership.

The brainchild of longtime resident Seth Webb – who serves as Sagemeadow HOA chairman and Sagemeadow MUD vice president – the event was also supported by representatives from at least eight other local community groups. According to the partnership's website, the organization will serve more than 80 area communities. Also supporting the kickoff event were

community leaders from Clear Brook Meadows, Kirkwood, Lake at Golfcrest, Riverstone Ranch, Sageglen, Sagemeadow, Sagemont and Sagemont Park. These eight communities will currently serve as the group's team leaders.

Attendees at the function discussed the group's ambitions and attempted to establish its boundaries – loosely covering the area along the Gulf Freeway between Hobby Airport and Baybrook Mall.

"Much of the presentation built the case for why such a partnership must exist – namely to

provide a more formidable foundation by which community leaders can address concerns identified across the area," said Webb. "Such concerns are out of the jurisdiction of each individual community but are witnessed daily by the residents of the South Belt. The newly formed organization, with its new leadership in place, engaged in reviewing and later accepting versions of the mission and vision statements presented. These statements will serve to drive the overall direction of the organization."

According to the group's website, the partnership will focus on the following matters:

– **Safety:** The partnership plans to develop strong relationships with law enforcement and other emergency services.

– **Quality of life:** The group intends to provide the resources necessary to improve the quality of life for South Belt residents.

– **Environment:** The partnership hopes to rid the community of any environmental issues that negatively impact the community.

– **Volunteering:** The organization encourages area residents to take part and volunteer to better the community. Further, the group plans to have mentorship programs in place to spread volun-

teer efforts throughout the South Belt community.

– **Youth development:** The partnership is a strong advocate for programs that develop, mentor and educate the youth.

Event organizers would like to thank the following groups and individuals for making the South Belt Community Partnership's initial meeting a success:

- The Gardens.
- Rep. Dennis Paul's office.
- Rep. Mary Ann Perez's office.
- Precinct 2 Commissioner's office.
- Clear Brook Meadows HOA.
- Sagemont Civic Club.
- Kirkwood Civic Club.
- Sageglen Community Association.
- Sagemeadow HOA.
- Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia.
- South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Holbrook.
- The Leader's Marie Flickinger.

The partnership's next monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. For more information, visit [southbeltcp.org](http://southbeltcp.org).

### Webb addresses new group



The newly formed South Belt Community Partnership on Tuesday, March 26, held its inaugural meeting at The Gardens to dozens of active residents and community leaders. Sagemeadow HOA Chairman Seth Webb – who spearheaded the new project – is shown above at the function addressing attendees. Other communities joining the partnership include Clear Brook Meadows, Kirkwood, Lake at Golfcrest, Riverstone Ranch, Sageglen, Sagemeadow, Sagemont and Sagemont Park. Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Teen girl killed in Dixie Farm crash

### Residents have long complained about dark, dangerous stretch

A teenage girl was killed in a car crash early Saturday, March 30, when the car she was driving crashed in the 1800 block of FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road between Beamer and the Gulf Freeway.

According to Houston Police Department officials, Marissa Romain, 17, was driving a 2009 black Mitsubishi Galant east near the above address when she struck a curb and lost control of the vehicle. The Mitsubishi veered to the right, where it struck a concrete ditch and a tree. The driver was partially ejected from the vehicle.

Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced the female driver, later identified as Romain, dead at the scene.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash. The stretch of Dixie Farm Road where the fatal crash took place has been a concerning issue for several years for many South Belt residents, who complain that the unlit road is dark and dangerous.

The Leader has received reports from numerous residents over the years who expressed concerns about the area road, which is clustered with potholes and has no shoulder, as it is lined by a concrete ditch in each direction. While known to be a safety issue for years, repairing the area road has proven somewhat challenging, as it falls on the cusp of the city/county line, calling into question which authority is responsible for the necessary work.

## Pct. 2 continues DWI enforcement

### Toll Road deputies make at least six more beltway arrests

Precinct 2 deputies have continued their DWI enforcement efforts along Beltway 8 in recent weeks, making at least three such arrests between March 15 and March 20.

On March 15, deputies with Constable Jerry Garcia's Toll Road Division, while on active patrol on South Sam Houston Parkway East, observed a vehicle driving westbound, with an expired registration and a defective license plate light.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle, in the 9900 block of South Sam Houston Parkway East.

During the course of the traffic stop, the driver displayed multiple signs of intoxication. The driver consented to the Standardized Field Sobriety Test, and it was determined that the driver was intoxicated.

The driver was arrested and booked into the Harris County Jail for driving while intoxicated. The driver was identified as 25-year-old William G. Jiminez.

On March 17, deputies with Constable Jerry Garcia's Toll Road Division, while on active

patrol on South Sam Houston Parkway East observed a vehicle speeding at a high rate of speed as 80 in a posted 50 MPH zone.

Deputies caught up to the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the 10100 block of South Sam Houston Parkway East.

During the course of the traffic stop, the driver displayed multiple signs of intoxication. The driver refused the Standardized Field Sobriety Test. It was determined that the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested and booked into the Harris County Jail for driving while intoxicated.

The driver was identified as 31-year-old Ottmar N. Montes.

On March 20, deputies with Constable Jerry Garcia's Toll Road Division, while on active patrol on South Sam Houston Parkway East, observed a vehicle speeding at a high rate of speed as 84 in a posted 65 MPH zone.

Deputies caught up to the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the 5900 block of South Sam Houston Parkway East.

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## Drug Take Back Day set for April 27

### Several area police departments taking part in annual event

The Drug Enforcement Administration on Saturday, April 27, will host its annual prescription drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with multiple area police departments taking part in the event.

The yearly Take Back Day events give residents an opportunity to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. (The DEA cannot accept liq-

uids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April, Americans turned in nearly 500 tons of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and almost another 5,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety issue. Continued on Page 3

## CCISD candidate forum set for April 11

### Early voting to begin April 22 and continue through April 30

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Clear Creek ISD candidate forum from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 Space Park Drive, Suite No. 200.

All candidates running in the upcoming May 4 Clear Creek ISD board of directors election have been invited to attend.

In the Clear Creek ISD election, District 4 incumbent Jeff Larson is being challenged by Albert Wittliff.

District 5 incumbent Jay Cunningham and At-Large Position A incumbent Jonathan Cottrell are both running unopposed.

The Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Nassau Bay City Hall, located at 1800 Space Park Drive, Suite No. 200.

To view the District 4 election boundaries, visit [ccisd.net/elections/boundaries](https://ccisd.net/elections/boundaries).

Pasadena ISD will not hold an election this cycle.

Early voting will begin Monday, April 22, and continue through Tuesday, April 30.

For the latest updates on the 2024 Clear Creek ISD board of trustee election, visit [ccisd.net/elections](https://ccisd.net/elections).

## Boy, 4, found walking along feeder

### Child left with 6-year-old brother; CPS investigating

Child Protective Services is investigating a case after a 4-year-old boy was found walking unattended along the Gulf Freeway frontage road near Edgebrook around 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 27.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the child was discovered by a couple who were driving down the feeder road and spotted the boy.

The child told responding officers he lived at

the nearby Del Mar apartment complex but he didn't know which unit. He said his father had left him at home with his just 6-year-old brother.

Police were able to safely reunite the child with his father.

Investigators said the children appeared healthy and in clean living conditions.

The case was handed over to Texas Child Protective Services for further investigation.

No arrests had been made at press time.

## Store clerk killed near I-45, Monroe

### Victim shot during robbery; killer remains at large

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a store that took place around 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, at a gas station in the 8500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Monroe.

The identity of the dead male, 42, was pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, officers responded to a report of a shooting at a gas station at the above address and found the victim inside the store.

Responding Houston Fire Department para-

medics pronounced the male dead at the scene.

A preliminary investigation determined the victim was the clerk on duty in the store when three suspects, all believed to be in their late teens to early 20s, entered the store and attempted a robbery. During the course of the robbery, one of the suspects shot the victim.

The clerk was reportedly armed at the time of the incident but it was unclear at press time if he fired his weapon or not during the robbery.

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).

## Pearland bridge closes for year



The bridge on Country Club Drive at Clear Creek near FM 518/Broadway in Pearland recently closed for a TxDOT replacement project that is expected to take approximately one year to complete. Other partners include the U.S. Department of Transportation and the City of Pearland. A temporary traffic signal was erected at Scarsdale and Bogey Way to alleviate additional congestion associated with the construction. Photo by James Bolen

# In My Opinion

## Muecke's thoughts on crucifixion

The *South Belt Leader* this week top front page has an article how the Houston Chronicle is attacking the Constables that are protecting us. I read the entire article and agree it should not have been written. Yes, I still take the Chronicle, why, I want to know all sides of an issue before I make a decision. I well know how liberal the Chronicle is, so in reading their opinions/articles you have to be careful on words used and sentence structure. You may think one thing, but they are actually influencing you otherwise.

It is uncalled for how the Chronicle long article attacked the fine dedicated Constables we have protecting we taxpayers. The *South Belt Leader* always researches what they print and did an outstanding job rebutting what the Chronicle printed. First, we have three agencies, the Sheriff (county Jail and policing) then HPD and the Constables. Each has a different mission but bottom line putting their lives on the line to protect us.

Who funds the Constables. The Harris County Commissioners court. So they control. As the Leader reported the Commissioners entertained the idea to stop funding. Opposition was fast and strong not to. Now funding, a year ago the Leader had a long informative article about how much each Constable receives. Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia is at the low end. WHY? Commissioner Adrien Garcia controls that. Constable Garcia does a great job with the funds he receives but he needs additional deputies, vehicles and money to purchase safety equipment for the deputies. He has not received these dollars needed. Now who runs the County Commissioners court. Not the lady called the county judge, not capable. Notice when speaking she has been rehearsed or reads a prepared statement. Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis runs the court. Not the way it should be

but when people do not vote properly. We had a very good County Judge but at that election, push one button and they voted a straight Democrat ticket, removing the County Judge and 16 sitting good judges. This is what you get. Straight voting on a ballot is no longer available. SUPPORT our first responders; HPD, Sheriff and the Constables. The Chronicle should be ashamed and apologize. Constable Jerry Garcia, thank you and your deputies for servicing our area.

Today March 31, the Houston Chronicle again devoted two full pages again criticizing the Constables. Not sure what they are trying to accomplish as this took a considerable amount of time and effort to research and locate all the issues (dirt) they reported. Five individuals wrote this article, look at the hours and cost involved. They failed to mention all the hundreds of incidents that the Constables handled in the proper legal way. Now we know there are times when something is mishandled. We also know the deputies want to go home alive after their shift. The chronicle staff do not fear this. When hiring an employee by a business, an individual, police and yes the FBI, they try to hire the most capable/qualified person. Mistakes are made.

What is being done/written is what one qualified political person so often says, FAKE NEWS. The Houston Chronicle well qualifies for this title. In my case I have submitted 22 articles to Viewpoints. None printed. They did print #23 but it was about the Federal Government building sidewalks in Houston. That job belongs to the city to do.

This day is EASTER SUNDAY the most holy day of the year for we Christians. Thousands across this land celebrated. They watched how Jesus was charged, found guilty, and crucified. On the third day he arose and returned to God. Not one headline or word appeared in the Chronicle. The Chronicle did crucify the constables. **James Muecke**

## Local library events set

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

### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Thursday, April 4, 3 - 4 p.m. Family story time.  
Thursday, April 4, 3 - 4 p.m. Open Lap - computer class. Registration required.  
Monday, April 8, 11 a.m. - noon. Open Lap - computer class. Registration required.  
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

### Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

- Thursday, April 4, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Conversation club.
- Thursday, April 4, 2 - 4 p.m. Tech help.
- Friday, April 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. AARP Tax aid.
- Friday, April 5, 1 - 2 p.m. Genealogy.
- Monday, April 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. AARP Tax aid.
- Monday, April 8, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Book buddies.
- Monday, April 8, 6 - 7 p.m. Adult Craft: Hot glue jewelry.
- Tuesday, April 9, 1 - 2 p.m. Citizenship 101.
- Wednesday, April 10, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Community craft: Beaded bracelets.
- Wednesday, April 10, 2 - 2 p.m. Pop culture club.
- Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Kids bingo night.
- Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

### 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, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
- Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; 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](http://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.

## Meador third-graders perform for Rodeo Day



Third-graders from Meador Elementary performed on their ukuleles and entertained the classes. Shown above, left to right, are Joshua Billups, Elias Rodarte, Jonathan Figueredo and Caleb Marcano. They entertained more than 400 visitors with their musical talents during Meador's annual Rodeo Day festivities held on March 8. Their musical talent was appreciated and enjoyed by the crowd.

## Meador teachers wear their country best



Wearing their western outfits, teachers from Meador Elementary joined the fun in celebrating the annual Rodeo Day that was held on March 8. Shown above (left to right) are Vianney Trevino (PE aide), Malorie Ehrlich (PE coach), Heather Cline (technology teacher) and Tracie Nair (music teacher).

## Meador celebrates Rodeo Day



Fourth-graders (left to right) Alainah Vargas, Bethany Cabriales and Carlos Contreras dressed up for the annual Meador Rodeo Day that was held on March 8. More than 400 visitors joined the event and enjoyed the festivities.

## Lassoing a longhorn



Garland Breedlove is coaching his son, Garland Breedlove Jr. on the art of lassoing a "longhorn" during Meador's Rodeo Day.

# Death

## Adrienne Angelie Ruehrwein



Adrienne Angelie Ruehrwein, 55, passed away Friday, March 1, 2024. Adrienne was born to Abel and Tina Torres Oct. 20, 1968, in Houston. She was a preemie when she was born and came into the world weighing 4 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.

Adrienne graduated from Clear Creek High School and enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University where she majored in social services. She fed, bathed and helped the incapacitated with whatever needs they had.

In 1991, she married Chris Ruehrwein. They lived in Kingwood where she was the manager of a 400-unit apartment complex at Kingwood Crossing for five years. During a flood, she and Chris were instrumental in assisting residents with evacuations.

Adrienne also worked at South Shore Harbor Retirement

Center where she implemented the creation of a community garden. Everyone started planting squash, tomatoes, lemongrass and other vegetables. She had a covered bench built with a platform for the storage of gardening tools for the seniors to use. It was wonderful to see the seniors so excited about their garden.

In the last years of her life, she lived with her parents and did all of her father's computer work for his window business.

Her passion was cooking. All raised about her chicken enchiladas, red snapper Panchartrain, blueberry pies, and more.

She loved going to the gym with her brother, Abel. She would come home and tell her mother, "Mom, I prayed the rosary while I was on the treadmill." Adrienne always prayed the rosary.

Adrienne loved to read, and to the amazement of her mother, she shared that she had read the Bible, not only once but twice.

She is survived by her parents and brothers Abel Jr. and Roland Torres.

A visitation was held Thursday, March 14, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church with a reciting of the rosary followed by a funeral Mass officiated by the Rev. Douglas Guthrie.

The family thanks all for the prayers that have truly filled their family with God's holy grace and peace.

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

## Rivas-Lopez wins math bee



Congratulations to Meador math bee winner, fourth-grader Alana Rivas-Lopez (left). Third-grader Diego Cedeno-Noguera was a runner-up. Rivas-Lopez will represent Meador in the district math bee on May 7.

## Time to clean out your garage and closets!

### Durham Park Community Garage Sale

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Rain or Shine

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK THE SIDEWALK WITH YOUR ITEMS

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## New Covenant Christian Church Day Care Christian Based Child Care



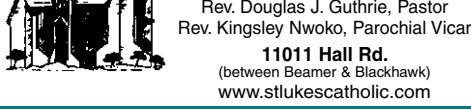
New Covenant Christian Church provides Christian based child care for the local community. Director Nedra Jackson and her staff are here to take perfect care of your children while you work.

**281.481.2003**

[www.newcovenantchristianchurchhouston.com](http://www.newcovenantchristianchurchhouston.com)

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.\*

Sunday 1 p.m. Misa en Español\*

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

Parish Office: 281-481-6816

Children's Faith Formation: 281-481-4251

Adult Faith Formation: 713-538-2862

All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope.

# Genoa 3rd nine-weeks rolls set

Genoa Elementary school officials have announced the third nine-weeks honor and merit rolls.

### First grade

#### Honor roll

Madison Aldana, Taylor Allen, Isabella Cantu, Liam Chapa, Sebastian Cortes, Marco Dominguez, Jocelyn Ramirez, Julia Salamanca.

#### Merit roll

Eliana Abarca, Javen Allison, Diego Amaya, Elayne Carrasco, Amy Castillo, Joseph Castillo, Juliette Constante, Kaleb Desvignes, Esly Dominguez, Ezani Evans, Evelyn Favila, Cesar Fernandez, Ariel Garcia, Viktoria Garcia, Avery Gonzalez, Heriberto Hernandez, Zaiden Hernandez, Madeline Hurtado, Ariel Javier, Mia Lara, Joaquin Moreno, Isabella Ocampo, Rylee Parkey, Rayden Pedraza, Elma Perez, Calliope Resendez, Penelope Resendez, Christine Rivera Ries, Lily Rodriguez, Lorenzo Ruedas, Andres Sanchez, Shaun'tavia St. Julien, Wyatt Stogner, Caleb Washington and Eric Ybarra.

### Second grade

#### Honor roll

Avery Alonso, Camila Amaya, Aanaya Hernandez, Joseph Rodriguez, Damian

Webster, Caitlyn Do, Arlette Goyortua, Eli Hernandez, Rebecca Leal, Libertii Linicomm, Samatha Munoz, Adrian Robles, Adalyn Herrera and Avalin Jenkins.

#### Merit roll

Alanzo Allison, Everly Carrasco, Ramon Gonzales, Justin Nguyen, David Perez, Ezalayah Romero, Joshua Salgado, Lilliana Bishop, Tae'anna Johnson, Gaabriel Munoz, Jimena Ortiz, Joziyah Ramirez, Eliza Barrera, Anna Bui, Linh Le, Kinsley Noski, Tadeo Alvarez, Daileny Chapa, Aitana Julian, Kayla Paz, Jordan Reyes, Aranza Soto, Isabella Duran, Vanessa Herrera, Sarah Jimenez, Genesis Perez and Shelsy Quinteros.

#### Third grade

#### Honor roll

Neya Cooper, Preslee Davis, Henry Le, Angelina Maldonado and Matthew

Resendez. Merit roll Aliyah Chisholm, Daniel Espinoza, Galilea Fojas, Christina Salem, Adamaris Cuellar, Kaden Parkey, Alzya Cruz, Bella Mendoza, Leah Pantoja, Paul Santillan, Camila Arredondo, Damien Desvignes, Savanah Espinoza, Genesis Favila, Camila Majano, Eros Terry and Byron Sibrain Chavarria.

#### Fourth grade

#### Honor roll

Victoria Sdtreck. Merit roll Givanni Davila and Xavier Uaeze.

## Moore names third nine-weeks honor rolls

Moore Elementary officials recently announced the third nine-weeks honor roll list for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### Third grade

Ruben Santana Aguayo, Damian William Hudson, Fable Rose Masone, Ethan Kai Nguyen, Ruby Salinas, Anh Nguyen Tran and Jazlin

Ngoc Tran. Fourth grade Antonio Aguirre, Delilah Darling Bosler, Kayla Marie Cabrera, King Rashard Dozier, Evelyn Desiree Falcon, David Ishih Gloria, Austin James Lam, Story Elizabeth Masone, Jorge Moreno, Skylar Rae Thomas and Mateo Vazquez.

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Davy & Marie Flickinger, owners

## BBQ SANDWICH FUNDRAISER!

When -

• Saturday April 6, 2024

Where -

• J. FRANK DOBIE HS  
10220 Blackhawk Blvd.

Time -

• 12pm - Sold out!

ONLY \$10

Tickets available from the cadets

### Includes:

- BBQ Sandwich
- Pickles
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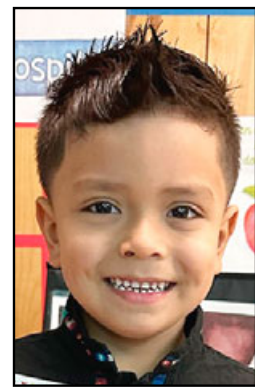
# Frazier Elementary recognizes math students

## County internships

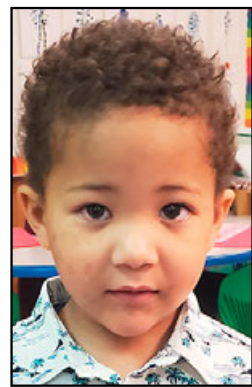
Harris County Precinct 2 Workforce Development Division has announced the opening of the online application for the 2024 Step-Up Internship Program. It has been a yearly goal of Commissioner Adrian Garcia to offer eligible students an internship position where they earn while they learn. The program will last nine to 10 weeks, and pay \$15 per hour, 32 hours per week. The applicant must be a Precinct 2 resident, be 18 years old at the time of application and be a high school senior or currently enrolled in a college, university, or in a trade technical program. Applicants must pass a drug screen, background check and have reliable transportation. Interested students need to apply at [bit.ly/2024StepUpInternship](http://bit.ly/2024StepUpInternship). If one has questions, call 346-217-5297 or email, [workforce@pct2.hctx.net](mailto:workforce@pct2.hctx.net).

## Drug Take Back Day scheduled for April 27

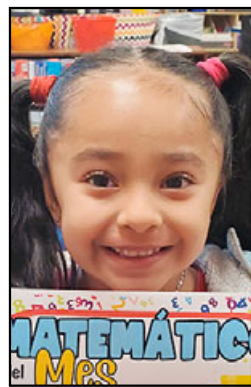
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and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows year after year that the majority of misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines – flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash – both pose potential safety and health hazards. The DEA, along with local police departments, community groups and businesses will set up collection sites at the following Houston area locations:  
– The Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's office, 16602 Diana Lane.  
– The Houston Police Department's Clear Lake Station, 2855 Bay Area Blvd.  
– Webster Police Department, 217 Pennsylvania Ave.  
– Friendswood Police Department, 1600 Whitaker Drive.  
– League City Police Department, 555 Walker.  
For more information or to see a complete list of collection sites, visit [www.dea.gov/takebackday](http://www.dea.gov/takebackday).



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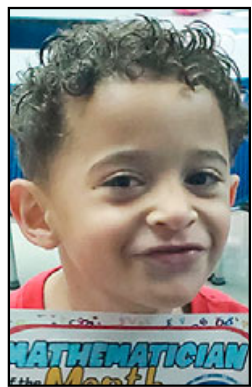
Camdynn Fotter, pre-K student at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Mayra Villarreal's class.



Kimberly Ojeda, pre-K student at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Denisse Saldivar's class.



Victor Ramirez, pre-K ECSE student at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Maria Munoz's class.



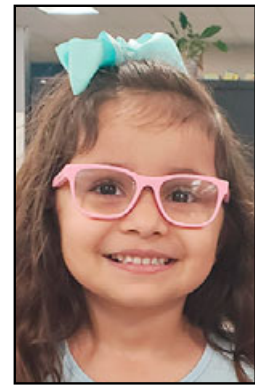
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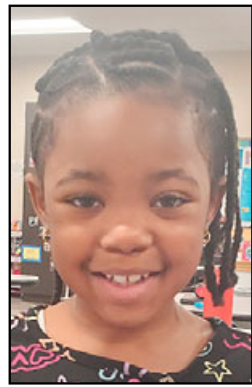
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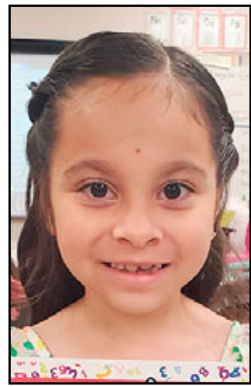
Iliana Garcia, kindergarten student at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in India Kemp's class.



Tori Ramirez, kindergarten student at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Jill Westfall's class.



Kuinn Yancy, kindergarten student at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Ashley Jones' class.



Daleyza Medina, first-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Guadalupe Moreno's class.



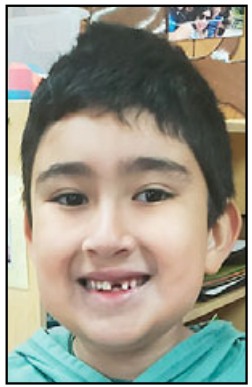
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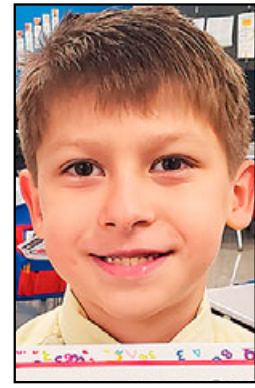
Jose Reyes, first-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Candace Kliesing's class.



Aria Salas, first-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Amanda Hooper's class.



Nicolas Diaz second-grader, at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Amy Oquin's class.



Logan Erickson, second-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Diedra Garza's class.



Irvin Huizar, second-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Jessica Vela's class.



Caleb Martinez, second-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Adriana Cortez's class.



Maddison McDonald, second-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Katie Posey's class.



Damien Palacios, second-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Liana Luna's class.



Laura Love Mejia, third-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Catherine Silas' class.



Juan Mejorado third-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Dara Rodriguez's class.



Nashla Pache, third-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Elsa Martinez's class.



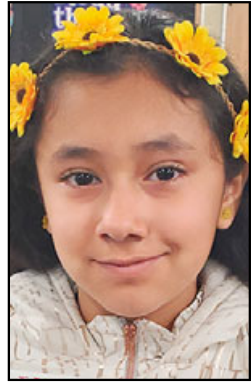
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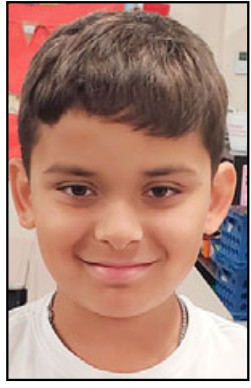
Aliana Sanchez, third-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Jennifer Wilson's class.



Harlem Brisco, fourth-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Patricia Perez's class.



Eliana Chavez, fourth-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Gustavo Gomez's class.



Cristiano De La Rosa fourth-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Kayla Pitts' class.



Leh'Lany Phillips, fourth-grader at Frazier Elementary, was the February mathematician in Kayla Pitts' class.

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# Ellington's role continues

Ellington Airport (EFD) has served Houston for more than 100 years. Previously known as Ellington Field or Ellington Air Force Base, the aircraft landing field was constructed in 1917 on 1,280 acres of Texas prairie 18 miles east of Houston.

The first military pilots for the United States of America trained at Ellington during World War I. It was originally established for pilot and bombardier training.

By April 1918 training at Ellington included dropping live bombs. According to the Texas State Historical Association, the base was closed in 1920, and by 1930 the only remains were the concrete water tower and some concrete slabs on which small hangars once stood.

In 1940 Congress authorized a program to rebuild Ellington. The new base was occupied in the spring of 1941, and thousands of pilots, navigators, and bombardiers were trained there during World War II.

The base was inactive from March 1946 until 1947, when it became Ellington Air Force Base, a navigator-training school.

The navigator-training wing was phased out in 1958.

From the 1950s through the 1970s the base was engaged in pilot and navigator training for air reservists,

air guardsmen, and navy, marine, and foreign students. NASA, which was established by Congress in 1958, became a tenant in 1962.

Ellington's flight facilities were essential for NASA astronaut training. According to NASA, Mercury, Gemini and Apollo astronauts logged thousands of hours in T-38s to maintain their flying skills. As the home for all astronaut flight training, Ellington Air Force Base played a vital role in the startup and the success of the U.S. space program.

"Ellington helped to transform Houston into Space City," said Arturo Machuca, director of Ellington Airport.

By 1967, Ellington was the site of the Apollo lunar landing training program.

In 1976, Ellington Air Force Base was officially deactivated.

All Air Force Reserve air squadrons were transferred to other USAF facilities. Texas Air National Guard flight operations, however, continue to this day.

From 1976 to 1984, a USAF caretaker unit oversaw the maintenance of the base.

In 1984 the base was turned over to the city of Houston to be operated as a municipal airport, once again named Ellington Field. It was used as a third civil airport for Houston. However, it continues to

support military reserve and guard units, as well as NASA and the Grumman Corporation for its aerospace activities, along with various general aviation tenants.

The airport is also home to the annual fall Wings Over Houston Airshow and is also the place where many of the astronauts from the world-renowned Johnson Space Center receive their ongoing space training.

Ellington Airport is a part of the City of Houston Airport System, including George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU).

In 2015, Ellington Airport became home to the Houston Spaceport, the nation's 10th FAA-licensed commercial spaceport. It offers unprecedented access to a thriving aerospace community.

In addition to serving as a launch and landing site for suborbital, reusable launch vehicles, Houston Spaceport offers laboratory office space including technology incubator space and large-scale hardware production facilities.

Aerospace titans Axiom Space, Collins Aerospace and Intuitive Machines

are all headquartered at the Houston Spaceport. In March 2024, Houston Airports signed a letter of intent for shared cooperation in space exploration with the French Space Agency (CNES) and the Rice Space Institute.

"So many missions essential to the success of the space program have happened right here at Ellington," said Machuca. "And now in 2024, we have done it again."

## Houston Spaceport

On Feb. 22, 2024, Intuitive Machines, the first anchor tenant to sign an agreement with the Houston Spaceport, landed its NOVA-C lunar lander on the moon, marking the first time the U.S. has returned to the moon since 1972, and the first time a private U.S. company has landed on the moon.

"The Houston Airport System has been dedicated and committed to creating the infrastructure and building the ecosystem for companies like Intuitive Machines to reach the moon," said Machuca.

"It truly is a team effort. We're proud of the crucial role the Houston Spaceport played in the success of the Intuitive Machines machine," reflected Jim Szc-

zesniak, director of aviation for Houston Airports.

What Houston Airports has done in partnership with NASA and the private sector has been nothing short of spectacular, according to airport officials.

"The Houston Spaceport has 'rejuvenated and revitalized Houston as Space City 2.0,'" said Houston City Council Member Abbie Kamen in February 2024. "And that will last for generations to come."

## About Houston Spaceport

Owned and managed by the Houston Airport System, the Houston Spaceport has a clear goal to create a focal point for aerospace innovation with a cluster of aerospace companies that will lead the nation in the transition from a government-driven to a commercially driven space program.

Licensed for horizontal launch by the FAA in 2015, the Houston Spaceport is the nation's 10th commercial spaceport.

It is working to create meaningful, tangible value for tenants and partners by ensuring the aerospace cluster offers the crucial tools and facilities to support aviation and space businesses.

# Two new airlines will make Hobby home

In a testament to its commitment to elevating the air travel experience, William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) is poised for significant expansion in 2024 by introducing two prominent new airlines to its roster.

This strategic move not only underscores the airport's growing prominence but also solidifies its reputation as the premier aviation hub in North America, boasting the prestigious 5-Star Skytrax rating.

As travelers increasingly seek seamless connections and enhanced amenities, the addition of Sun Country Airlines and Avelo Airlines signals a new era of convenience and choice for passengers traversing the skies and a strategic expansion of air service, positioning Hobby Airport to better meet the growing air travel demands on the south side of Houston.

"From world-class amenities to Houston-friendly

hospitality and an efficient experience from curb to gate, our team at Hobby is ready to welcome even more travelers to the first and only 5-Star Skytrax Airport in North America," said Jim Szczesniak, Director of Aviation for Houston Airports.

Starting this spring, Sun Country Airlines is offering nonstop flights between the cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota (MSP) and William P. Hobby Airport (HOU).

One-way fares are scheduled to start at \$59.

In June, the Houston-based Avelo Airlines will begin exclusive nonstop service from William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) to Tweed-New Haven Airport (HVN) in Southern Connecticut.

This new route marks Avelo's entry into the Houston market and positions the airline as the sole provider of nonstop flights between

Houston and Connecticut. Avelo will operate the route twice weekly, utilizing Boeing Next Generation (NG) 737 aircraft, with introductory one-way fares starting at \$98.

"Houston Airports is delighted to welcome more airlines and passengers to the exceptional 5-Star travel experience offered at Hobby Airport," said Zeljka Momirovi, director of Air Service Development for Houston Airports.

"This expanded air service not only provides passengers with greater choice but also ensures they will enjoy a top-tier travel experience while connecting to Houston."

With the addition of Sun Country Airlines and Avelo Airlines, the William P. Hobby Airport will become the home to the following seven airlines: Allegiant, American, Avelo, Delta, Frontier, Southwest and Sun Country.

# Trevino selected as New Teacher of the Year



Congratulations to Meador Elementary's New Teacher of the Year, Klarissa Trevino, second-grade teacher. Shown above are (left to right) Kevin Fox (assistant principal), Jennifer Chavez (principal), Trevino and Tara Merida (counselor). Trevino was recognized for her hard work and dedication.

# Rivas-Lopez honored as Teacher of the Year



Meador Elementary third- and fourth-grade teacher, Pauline Rivas-Lopez (second from right) was chosen Teacher of the Year. Shown with Rivas-Lopez are (left to right) Tara Merida (counselor), Jennifer Chavez (principal) and Kevin Fox (assistant principal). Rivas-Lopez was honored for her dedication to Meador.

# SJC receives top ranking

San Jacinto College has ranked number 20 in TechGuide's online associate in computer science list of programs.

San Jac is the only college in this region and one of three Texas colleges to make this list.

TechGuide creates comprehensive, easy-to-use resources for those looking to move into the technology field.

The organization sees an average of 30,000 organic visitors per month where it collaborates with expert writers and esteemed professors to produce up-to-date content and podcast.

"This recognition speaks volumes about the quality of education San Jacinto College provides to prepare our students for success in

the rapidly evolving field of technology," said Niki Whiteside, assistant vice chancellor of instructional innovation and support. "By offering high-quality online programs, we ensure accessibility and flexibility for students, allowing them to balance their academic pursuits and other commitments."

To determine the ranking, TechGuide considers factors such as tuition, student-to-faculty ratio, admission and graduation rates, and alumni success as a part of their evaluation.

They utilize data from sources such as the National Center for Education Statistics, including IPEDS and the College Navigator, to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the rankings.

# Hermann Park holds April 7 kite festival

There will be a kite festival held on Sunday, April 7, at Hermann Park. During the kite festival, the sky over Hermann Park fills with bright colors, and all are immersed in the animated sights and sounds.

The host committee members hope citizens will join

them for a day of kite flying, activities for the children, performances on the Miller Outdoor Theatre stage and more. The kite festival attracts thousands of Hermann Park lovers from across Houston for this lively occasion that is open to citizens with free admission.

This community event is made possible through the support of sponsors and a host committee, and it's their generosity that helps the conservancy make the magic of the kite festival happen—creating a special environment for people to gather for a memorable day in Hermann Park.

As a token of appreciation, members of the kite festival host committee get perks that include access to the shaded sponsorship appreciation tent with complimentary food and drinks, access to reserved parking and recognition on signs at the event.

# Pct. 2 working DWIs

Continued from Page 1 During the course of the traffic stop, the driver

displayed multiple signs of intoxication.

The driver consented to the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and it was determined that the driver was intoxicated.

The driver was arrested and booked into the Harris County Joint Processing Center for driving while intoxicated.

The driver was identified as 32-year-old Danyel Hightower.

The recent arrests follow at least four additional DWI arrests on Beltway 8 between Saturday, March 2, and Thursday, March 7.

The arrests also coincided with the Harris County Toll Road Authority's DWI Enforcement Safety Campaign.

The multiagency campaign provided additional deputies on the toll road every weekend during rodeo season through Sunday, March 17. The "no-refusal" initiative encouraged drivers to ride-share and avoid driving drunk.

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1979)**  
Angela Shifflett, daughter of Roy and Eunice Shifflett, won the title of Miss Deer Park and consequently qualified for the Miss Texas competition.

An extremely low turnout cast ballots at the four local utility district elections.

**40 years ago (1984)**  
Representatives from seven of the 14 subdivisions in the South Belt area established the South Belt Civic Coalition to unify efforts on cleanup, animal control, signs or lack of and ordinance violations.

Robert Mendoza resigned as president of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League after a confrontation over a United Sports Association regula-

tion.

**35 years ago (1989)**  
Following a two-week investigation by Pasadena Independent School District officials, a female eighth-grader at Beverly Hills Intermediate School was suspended for the remainder of the school year for allegedly carrying a handgun on campus.

Clear Creek Independent School District superintendent Charles Thacker's long range plan, "Plan 2000," drew the ire of citizens and befuddled the board of trustees even before he had the chance to present the proposal.

Concerned over the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed plans for cleanup at the Dixie Oil Processing site and conflict-

ing views on the problem, a group of South Belt area residents joined property owner Ralph Lowe on a tour through the site.

**30 years ago (1994)**  
Adding a science wing to Thompson Intermediate School was among the recommendations of the Pasadena Independent School District's Facilities Steering Committee.

Dobie High School fared well at the District 23-5A track and field meet, winning the boys' team title and finishing second in the girls' division.

**25 years ago (1999)**  
City of Houston Fire Station 93, located off the Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road, opened.

Mike Tucker, owner and head instructor at USA

Karate, was inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

**20 years ago (2004)**  
A meeting was held concerning the proposal of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison to move 2,300 Army, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Troops from the Old Spanish Trail base to Ellington Field.

Ribbon-cuttings were held at the new Marie Spence Flickinger Fine Arts Building at the South campus of San Jacinto College. Rhonda Parmer was preparing to assume the duties of principal at Frazier Elementary.

HPD Officer P. Galvan was assaulted while working an extra job at the apartments at 101 E. Edgebrook. Darrell Scott, father of

the first student to die at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., spoke to students at Clear Brook High and Brookside Intermediate about school violence.

**15 years ago (2009)**  
A ribbon-cutting celebration was held Saturday, April 4, for the new community center at El Franco Lee Park. The new facility would cater to area seniors and local nonprofit organizations. The event coincided with the county's annual Easter egg hunt at the park.

Roughly 550 volunteers from Sagemont Church devoted their time and energy to beautify and make improvements to local elementary schools.

Of the invited local elementary schools, Stuchbery,

# Over The Back Fence by Natalie

**ROSE MARKS 86 YEARS**  
Rose Hardy, longtime resident of Sagemeadow and St. Luke Catholic Church, is sent special blessings for her birthday April 2 from family and friends.

**ELLIANA TURNS SEVEN!**  
Happy birthday wishes are sent April 4 to Elliana Abarca who turns six years old from parents Natalie and Jose Abarca; brothers Kelvin Lopez and Noah and sister Isabella Abarca; grandparents David and Ellie Flickinger; and great-grandparents Marie and David Flickinger.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 4 through April 10.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Birthday wishes go out to Felicia Olivares April 5.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Join in the birthday celebration April 9 for Lisa Hance.

**Hancock Elementary**  
April 7 is a day of celebration for Jordon Arnold. April 8 is the day for a fun celebration for Iris Velasquez.

a celebration for Jenna Dollens. Give a birthday shoutout April 7 to Mike Gill.

**Moore Elementary**  
Maria Vega celebrates a birthday April 9.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Remember to wish Robin Salinas a happy birthday April 8.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Blow out the candles April 6 for Kristian Williams.

**Fred Roberts Middle School**  
Birthday greetings go out to Salma Cortez Mora April 6. Bring in the birthday fun for Alycia Mauricio April 10.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Enjoy a double-layer cake April 6 with Genesis Torres. Birthday greetings go out to Perla Silva April 10.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Laura Dossman celebrates a birthday April 8. Send birthday greetings April 10 to Irene Malloy.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Break out the balloons and party favors for Kevin Cowart April 6. Remember to wish Jennifer Spray and Ashley Vercher a happy birthday April 10.

**Richeson.** Cheers for a happy birthday are sent to Andrew Barrett and Amrian Millard April 8. Break out the balloons and party favors April 9 for Cody Blanchard.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Dobie offers physicals April 9

Dobie student-athletes, including members of the ROTC and Lariaette drill teams, are encouraged to take care of their athletics physical obligation as the school's Sports Medicine department will host an open session April 9, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the main campus gymnasium. The physicals cover the 2024-2025 school year and are \$25 cash per student. Students may also pay online via Rev Trak. A prephysical form is available in the training rooms on either campus and must be submitted April 9.

## Baseball splits with Mavs



Junior left-hander Aiden Sanchez spun a one-hitter and the Dobie offense came alive with multihit performances from Juelz Martinez, Isaiah Jones and Will Joiner III in a 9-0 blanking of the Memorial Mavericks March 28 Dobie main. The Mavs dealt Dobie a third one-run defeat in District 22-6A play March 26, getting to 5-0 in the standings before the Longhorns bounced back two days later. Sanchez improved to 4-1 overall on the mound as he fanned five over seven innings. Martinez (above) was 3 for 4 with a pair of doubles, scored twice and drove in a run while Jones doubled, scored a run and drove in another. Joiner was 2 for 2 with a run scored. Dobie will play at Channelview April 5, at 6 p.m.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

## Alief Elsik takes down Dobie boys' soccer

Alief Elsik proved victorious over Dobie in the latest chapter of what has become quite a postseason back-and-forth battle between the two elite varsity boys' soccer programs as the Longhorns saw their

season come to a close following a 2-1 loss to the Rams March 29 at Crump Stadium.

It was Dobie winning 1-0 a season ago over the Rams in the same round as the Longhorns eventually advanced to the Region

III championship match against Seven Lakes.

For 2024, it was the year of the Rams as Dobie, a winner of now 10 consecutive District 22-6A titles, saw its season end at 18-3-2 overall.

With the regional quar-

terfinals up next, Elsik was to meet Kingwood April 1-2, after press time. Dobie began the post-season March 26 with a 3-0 victory over Summer Creek in a matchup of No. 1 versus No. 4 seeds.

A key offseason awaits

a Dobie program that will now go against a revamped 22-6A field including Alvin, Dawson, Manvel, Pearland and Shadow Creek in addition to Pasadena ISD's Memorial, Rayburn and South Houston.

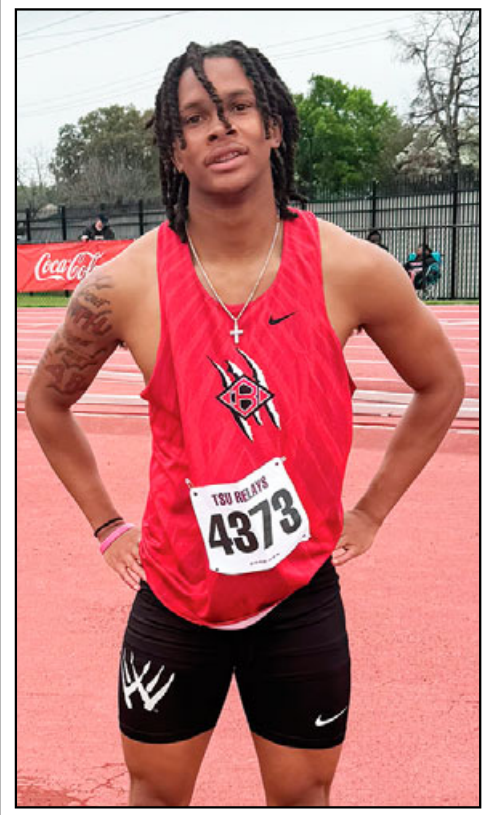


Daniel Campero (20) made a name for himself as a placekicker/punter with the Dobie football program, but turned in a terrific final season on the soccer field as he contributed to the Longhorns' 10th straight district championship.



Freshman Gabriel Martinez (18) picked up invaluable varsity experience in 2024 and will be part of the nucleus aiming to keep the tradition going strong into the future as the Longhorn boys' soccer program begins its offseason. Photos by Gloria Wallace

## District track begins



The District 24-6A varsity track and field meet began April 1 with the field events, and Clear Brook's Jaylon Owens (above) was to take center stage in the running events April 2 after press time. See 24-6A field and distance running event details on Page 8.

## JFD's Maldonado in a "New York state of mind"

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

Dobie Class of 2024 senior Hailey Maldonado plans to be in the mix for the girls' A singles bracket title as the District 22-6A spring tennis championships play out April 11-12 at Deer Park High School.

From there, the top two qualifiers from each of the boys' and girls' singles, boys' and girls' doubles and mixed doubles division will gain an automatic invite to the Region III championships later in the month back at Deer Park High School.

One of 10 seniors and a co-captain of the Longhorns' varsity team this season, Maldonado knows her high school career will come to a close at some point soon.

Regardless of how things shake out on the court for Dobie's top-

ranked girls' singles play this month, the Longhorns' leader, head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said Maldonado will exit his program as a true champion.

"I could see when she was a freshman that she had what it would take to one day be our No. 1 girls' player, and that is not only based on skill as a player for a lot of these kids.

"Hailey just has what it

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## Raven softball team out to 9-1 start

There's still a long way to go in the Region 14 softball race, but there's also plenty to like about San Jacinto College's strong 9-1 start.

A 5-0 start to conference play was only briefly interrupted by a loss to Alvin, but the Ravens quickly have used two-game sweeps of Lamar State-Port Arthur and Coastal Bend.

On March 27, the locals defeated Lamar State 1-0

and 6-1. In the opener, Ravens' starting pitcher Gianna Carrion went the first five innings, allowing two hits while striking out five.

Kristina Nash closed out the shutout win with two innings. San Jacinto did not get much going offensively, scoring an unearned run in the bottom of the first inning, with Carrion and Nash handling the rest.

In the ensuing 6-1 win,

Maggie Evans and Vivien Thames drove in two runs apiece as the offense got things rolling a bit.

Lamar State was held scoreless until the top of the seventh inning as freshman Ashleigh Heiderscheit scattered eight hits, surrendering just a solo home run in the final inning to earn a complete-game win.

Playing at Angelina March 29, the Ravens won a pair, this time by 5-2 and

6-5 counts to improve to 9-1 overall in league play, tops in the South Division. The Ravens also went in to play April 3 after press time at 27-15 overall.

In the 5-2 win over Angelina, Arriana Wright homered and drove in two runs, while Nash hurled five shutout innings in relief to get the win.

A 6-5 win for the locals came in the two-game finale as Angelina Morales homered and Kiren Diaz drove in two runs with a single.

Angelina scored two unearned runs with Wright in the circle, but the Ravens held on for the win. Sandra Quiroz-Catalan, a Dobie graduate, pitched four innings in relief for Angelina.

Wright's tremendous offensive season continues for the Ravens as she is hitting .516 with 10 home runs and 49 runs batted in. San Jacinto hosts Angelina April 5 for a pair of games at 2 p.m.

## Rivera finding home with Hoyas



Victoria Rivera, now a sophomore with the Georgetown University women's basketball program, led her team in three-pointers made and started 33 of 35 overall games as she helped the Hoyas reach the second round of the Women's Basketball Invitation tournament. See more on Page 6.

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# Maldonado headed to Manhattan's NYU

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takes to be highly successful. She doesn't like to lose. She's a leader, but a quiet one at that. She goes about her business, leading by example. By the same token, Hailey is very personable and team oriented. She just loves being out on the court.

"This senior group is one of most impressive classes that I've been around in my career, and Hailey is certainly a big part of that."

Maldonado's skill on the tennis court is certainly matched by her focus, commitment and achievement in the classroom, and the senior has a defined plan for her future beyond Dobie High School.

Maldonado in December discovered she has earned admission to New York University in Manhattan, one of the country's leading research collegiate institutions.

Having developed an interest at NASA while participating in the agency's youth skilled science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) program, Maldonado has a particular interest in studying black holes collegiately.

As a physics major, Maldonado said she will likely focus her studies within the Center for Cosmology and Particle Physics, which the NYU website describes as a unique collaboration devoted to integrated study of cosmology, observational astronomy, fundamental and phenomenological particle physics, gravity, plasma physics, high energy astrophysics, black holes and computational physics.

According to informa-

tion provided at nasa.gov, a black hole is a place in space where gravity pulls so much that even light can not get out. The gravity is so strong because matter has been squeezed into a tiny space. This can happen when a star is dying.

Because no light can get out, people can't see black holes. They are invisible. Space telescopes with special tools can help find black holes. The special tools can see how stars that are very close to black holes act differently than other stars.

The field of study, much less living life in Manhattan, may not be for everyone, but Maldonado is thrilled to have some of the opportunities in front

of her. "I almost couldn't look when I got the notification that I've been accepted. I'm so looking forward to it. When I did an internship at NASA, that's when I developed an interest in the study and research if black holes. I'm excited to get started."

As for beginning a collegiate life in, of all places, Manhattan, Maldonado welcomes the culture change. From the South Belt area to one of the country's most bustling cities, no problem.

"I'll miss being on the tennis court, so many of my friends at Dobie and of course family, but this is a great opportunity for me. It's something that I sought out, that I have worked for, so I'm thankful to have

this opportunity."

Likely to graduate within the top eight percent of this school year's senior class at Dobie, Maldonado has long been a high-reaching achiever in the classroom. Moreno said he isn't surprised by Maldonado's future plans and goals, and has no doubt she will be successful.

"I have seen that drive in her," he said. "Hailey Maldonado will make a name for herself and have a very successful future in whatever field she ends up in."

"She's an impressive young lady. But I also know Hailey has some big goals, and it'll be fun to follow her career path and see her achievements."



Dobie tennis team co-captain Hailey Maldonado (center) is a well-rounded student who plans to attend New York University. Also pictured are co-captains Leena Pham (left) and Pitou So (right).



Dobie tennis fared well at the Aggeland Tennis Tournament in College Station in March. Walking away with medals were, left to right, Ryan Le and Pitou So, third place boys' doubles; Nestor Garza, second place, boys' singles; Diego Flores, first place, boys' singles; and Dulce Mejia and Abby Panza, third place, girls' doubles.



Dobie "B" Tennis placed second at the Peter Andrew Sunseri Memorial Team Tennis Tournament in Galveston March 28. Team members are, left to right, (front row) Dulce Mejia, Chloe Estes, Vyvy Do, Angelina Vu, Jazalynn Randall, (back row) Pitou So, Rigo Alanis, Jordan De Robles, Diego Flores, Nestor Garza, Vince Bui, Tre Ramirez, Vivian Hang and Marina Kostikoglou. After falling behind in the doubles, 4-1, the Longhorns rallied back with singles wins by Garza, Flores and Estes, the latter beating Aneliese Rosales-Morales in an 8-7 (7-4) nail-biter. Dobie "B" playing without its top seniors, lost to Galveston Ball in the championship match, 5-4. Earlier, in pool play, Dobie "B" defeated Alief Hastings, 7-2 and Dobie freshman/junior varsity, 9-0.

# Dobie girls' soccer closes program-best season



Senior Aylin Reyes (10) had a 20-goal season as she sparked the Longhorns to a share of the District 22-6A championship as part of the program's best all-time season. Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Dobie varsity girls' soccer head coach Theresa Kamara saw her debut season with the Longhorns go exceptionally well as the locals scored 18 total wins.



Dobie defender Kelly Flores (15, at right) closed out her stellar career as she went up against one of the Houston area's top players, Summer Creek's Brooke Atkins.



Sophomore Genesis Roman (5) came through with a fine first season with the varsity program and represents the next wave of talent as the Longhorns aim to build upon the 2024 successes.

# Dobie graduate Rivera thrives with Georgetown as Blue and Gray has memorable postseason run

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

Thanks in part both to social media and an ever-increasing exposure to women's collegiate athletics, it was big news late last month as the Georgetown women's basketball program made a late-season push toward an improbable run aimed at an NCAA postseason tournament bid.

The Hoyas, or the Blue and Gray as they are commonly referred to in local university circles, instead went on to play in the inaugural Women's Basketball Invitation Tournament, where they defeated Washington in a first-round game before falling to Tulsa in the second round.

Georgetown wound up with 23 total wins as part of a 23-12 overall record. Interim head coach Darnell Haney earned the full-time lead role shortly after the completion of the BIG EAST Tournament.

Class of 2022 Dobie graduate Victoria Rivera had a front row seat to it all as the now Hoyas' sophomore started 33 of 35 total games and contributed greatly to what became the team's best season in terms of wins and losses since the 2018-2019 squad went 19-15 overall en route to the Women's National Invitational Tournament quarterfinals.

What a run it was the Blue and Gray, especially considering the sadness and despair that surrounded the program in the month prior to the start of the regular season.

Head coach Tasha Butts, who had just been hired as the university's women's basketball head coach in April of 2023, stepped away from the program in September to continue her two-year battle with breast cancer.

A month later, on October 23, 2023, Butts died of complications from late stage metastatic breast cancer at the age of 41. Her absence understandably left a void in the program on every level.

Yet less than a month later, the Georgetown program was expected to start its 2023-2024 season. Haney, the Hoyas' associate head coach who had joined Butts on staff, was named interim head coach.

Fair or not, the Georgetown women pressed on under Haney's guidance. "Coach Butts kept her health (and cancer battle) pretty private, so while we knew she was not with us and receiving treatment, it was a shock to all of us," Rivera said.

"Nobody wants to experience that. It was a difficult. We all feel for coach Butts and her family."

Through the tragedy and subsequent sadness, a 19-10 regular season represented a huge jump for the Hoyas, who earned the No. 6 seed in the BIG EAST Tournament.

A first-round win and then upsets first over No. 2 St. John's in the quarterfinals and then third-seeded Creighton in the semifinals earned the Blue and Gray a championship game matchup against national power UConn.

Connecticut dominated Georgetown in the BIG EAST Tournament title game. While a bid to the NCAA Tournament proved elusive, Georgetown made its way to the second round of the WBIT, finishing with the 23-12 overall record and plenty to build upon moving forward.

A two-time District 22-6A Most Valuable Player while at Dobie, Rivera at Georgetown played in 19 total games as a freshman

and had a collegiate best 10-point game once.

A full offseason of work produced great results this season for Rivera as she started 33 games, delivering a team-best 48 makes on three-point tries while averaging 6.3 points per game and 22.5 minutes of court time per outing.

"My first year as a freshman was a learning experience in a lot of ways, not only on the basketball but as a first-year student living and adjusting to life in a new city," Rivera said.

"It was my choice to come here, and I love it at

Georgetown. But the first year comes with adjustments. College basketball is much different than it is in high school. You're starting all over, and you have to earn your role," Rivera said.

Haney is a defensive-minded coach first but that he also welcomes his players to shoot the rock when the opening is there. And while Rivera led the Hoyas in threes made, she will continue to work at expanding her game this summer and into the fall with the plans of making an even larger impact as a junior.

"But I love the diversity, the different cultures. Being here at Georgetown has been great for me."

A finance major, Rivera said if her working career started today she'd get into investment banking.

But she still has aspirations of playing basketball professionally, perhaps overseas. Rivera would also like to travel after college, so she clearly has things planned.

"It's definitely different here (Washington, D.C.)," Rivera said. "We have four (weather) seasons, and we walk to and from a lot of places."

"But I love the diversity, the different cultures. Being here at Georgetown has been great for me."



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**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**  
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.

7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce calendar or call 281-485-3634.

9:30 a.m. **NASA Aglow Community Light-house** - 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. Call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.

11:30 a.m. **ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - Meetings are held at Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd., Pearland. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen.abwa.org.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

6:30 p.m. **Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets at VFW Post 7109 Pearland, 4202 W. Walnut St., Pearland. Email pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.

Zoom. For details regarding services, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787 or visit https://www.houstonalanon.org/.

1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 beforehand.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**  
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship and Bible study programs at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.  
2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 713-944-9186.  
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's noon notice.  
1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Volunteers teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.  
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff\_reunion@juno.com for details.  
7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.  
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 chapter meets at the Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9**  
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10:00 a.m. **CCART** - Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**  
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

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

8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**  
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**  
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
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### Third-Grade Boys' Top 12

Finisher	School	Time
Kyhe Drayton	Turner	7.53.62
Agustin Fonseca	Moore	8.17.25
Abraham Orosco	Parks	8.32.04
Ian Vasquez	Bush	8.33.31
Santiago Salas	Fisher	8.40.87
Paolo Lara	Williams	8.42.49
Diego Cardenas	Fisher	8.44.64
Jeremiah Vizcarra	Frazier	8.56.71
Eric Morantes	Young	9.04.08
Isaiah Rivera	Fisher	9.07.49
Frank Garibay	Garfield	9.07.75
Landon Chipres	Teague	9.13.57

### Third-Grade Girls' Top 12

Finisher	School	Time
Isabella Locon	Moore	9.00
Catalina Garza	Fisher	9.26
Claribeth Alanis	Jensen	9.31
Samantha Maldonado	Pomeroy	9.51
Kayla Loera	Richey	10.02
Camila Quevedo	Fisher	10.06
Scarlett De La Cruz	Gardens	10.09
Kylie Espinosa	Turner	10.10
Natalia Torres	Parks	10.12
Isabelle Baker	Teague	10.16
Karlie Martinez	Turner	10.21
Isabelle McGrew	Young	10.25

### Fourth-Grade Boys' Top 12

Finisher	School	Time
Gael Ramirez	Atkinson	7.49.39
Leonel Cuellar	Bush	7.54.64
Adrian Manzanarez	Atkinson	8.00.07
Isaias Leija	Turner	8.01.74
Mario Garica	Matthys	8.21.66
Benjamin Elizalde	Garfield	8.22.23
Sabino De La Garza	Red Bluff	8.23.49
Darion Douglas	Fisher	8.23.80
Miguel De La Cruz	Morales	8.24.32
Geovanny Flores	Frazier	8.32.64
Luvien Lay	Turner	8:39.53
David Gloria	Moore	8.41.55

### Fourth-Grade Girls' Top 12

Finisher	School	Time
Sophia Coulibaly	Turner	8.06
Alied Fernandez	Fisher	8.17
Khloe Benitez	Turner	8.31
Abygale McGrew	Young	8.45
Mayalen Fernandez	Fisher	8.51
Sofia Salas	Fisher	8.53
Leila Moramontes	Turner	8.55
America Jasso	Bush	9.02
Nicole Lloyd	Matthys	9.08
Alexia Lozano	Moore	9.10
Aubrey Veal	Bush	9.30
Sophia Castrellon	Bush	9.34

### Fifth-Grade Boys' Top 12

Finisher	School	Time
Alberto Navarette	Roberts (NT)	
Julian Roman	Kendrick (NT)	
Anthony Slattery	Milstead (NT)	
Drake Hughes	Melillo (NT)	
Ivan Torres	Shaw (NT)	
Jose Sosa	Shaw (NT)	
Aldo Espinosa	Lomax (NT)	
Anthony Leonor	DeZavala (NT)	
David Reza	Milstead (NT)	
Ozzie Romero	Morris (NT)	
Jacinto Reza	Milstead (NT)	
Giovanni Chapa	Kendrick (NT)	

### Fifth-Grade Girls' Top 12

Finisher	School	Time
Navaeh Flores	Melillo	8.37
Isamari Gaona	Keller	8.49
Kiona Adams Baker	Kendrick	8.51
Sophia Paz	Milstead	8.55
Kiara Caballero	Milstead	8.57
Camila Licon	Milstead	8.59
Abigail Garcia	Kendrick	9.05
Scarlett Palacios	Kendrick	9.07
Angie Trejo	Milstead	9.09
Scarlett Vega	Roberts	9.13
Alexandra Salgado	DeZavala	9.18
Eva Fernandez	Lomax	9.32

### Sixth-Grade Boys' Top 12

Finisher	School	Time
Jose Perez	Shaw	7.16.97
Geordany Flores Ortega	Milstead	7.31.78
Christopher Russell	Kendrick	7.48.87
Giovanni Hernandez	DeZavala	7.52.19
Michael Murillo	Milstead	7.56.97
Luis Martinez	Keller	8.03.07
Axel Torres	Milstead	8.03.83
Eleazar Hernandez	Keller	8.09.19
Aldo Silva	Milstead	8.09.88
David Arredondo	Milstead	8.10.28
Julian Beltran	Milstead	8.22.76
Lex Morrow	Milstead	8.23.45

### Sixth-Grade Girls' Top 12

Finisher	School	Time
Isabella Rios	Roberts	8.08
Lia Gaspar	Schneider Fell	
Madison Munive	Lomax	8.09
Kaelyn Sanchez	Milstead	8.30
Mila Elizondo	Lomax	9.05
Alyssa Perales	Lomax	9.14
Viviana Salazar	Melillo	9.21
Luccila Lay	Lomax	9.26
April Guerrero	Milstead	9.26
Violetta Negrete	Milstead	9.54
Evelyn Arzate	Morris	9.57
Emilee Lugo	Sullivan	10.01

# PISD hosts Get Fit Jog extravaganza

Pasadena ISD's 44th annual Get Fit Jog finale was the source of smiles all around last month in and around the grounds of Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as nearly 1,400 students completed the 1.2 mile race.

This year, district employees were also invited to join the race as more than 100 registered, and the top three finishers earned medals. Each year, PISD physical education teachers promote a physically active lifestyle through jog clubs and jog days, finding creative ways to encourage jogging in their classes.

## Atkinson joggers Get Fit

Atkinson Elementary third- and fourth-grade students stood out during the Pasadena ISD's annual Get Fit Jog program, which called for the district's students to jog 40 miles or more during the school year to be eligible for the districtwide Get Fit Jog final race at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena March 23. The third-grade and fourth-grade course was just more than a mile. In the third grade boys' race, Isaiah Sanchez finished 20th, and Logan Bravo finished 24th. In the fourth-grade boy's race, Gael Ramirez took first place, and Adrian Manzanarez was third overall. At right, the Atkinson participants at the district event included, left to right, (front row) Ramirez, Bravo, Benjamin Garcia, Jacob Lainez, (middle row) Adrian Salgado, Sanchez, Noah Flores, (back row) Manzanarez and Leo Ramirez.



## Wolverine football sets 2024 schedule

The Clear Brook and Dobie varsity football programs will meet for a third straight season to open 2024, with the Wolverines set to visit the Longhorns Aug. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Clear Brook has released its full 2024 schedule, which will include an Oct. 4 homecoming game against 24-6A newcomer Deer Park at Challenger Stadium in Webster. The University Interscholastic League's bi-annual realignment will deliver Deer Park as the lone addition to the 24-

6A mix, joining holdovers Brazoswood, Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake, Clear Springs and defending league champion Dickinson. Clear Brook is preparing to begin spring practices later this month with a focus on making a big jump in 2024 under third-year head coach Patrick Sanders. The Wolverines were 3-7 overall at the varsity level a season ago. Clear Brook will open spring practices April 23, and the program's annual spring game is set for May 17.

## Clear Brook Wolverines 2024 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	at Dobie	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Eisenhower	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	G.C. Memorial (CH)	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	*Clear Springs (V)	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	*at Dickinson (Vitanza)	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	*Deer Park (CH)	7 p.m.
Oct. 18	*at Clear Creek (V)	7 p.m.
Oct 25	*Clear Falls (V)	7 p.m.
Oct. 31	*Clear Lake (CH)	6 p.m.
Nov. 8	*at Brazoswood	7 p.m.

\*District 24-6A game  
(V) at CCISD Veterans, League City  
(CH) at Challenger, Webster

## Brook tracksters open at 24-6As

Joshua Akinola, Darwin Bolden and Kamryn McLaurin captured gold medals as the District 24-6A Track and Field Championships opened April 1 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

Day-one action included the distance runs and field events, with the running events coming April 2 after press time.

Akinola's win came in the long jump as he went 22 feet, 1 1/2 inches for the win.

Bolden, a sophomore, was the champion of the discus as he led the way at 156-11. Teammate Camdyn Barnett also qualified for the area round as he was third with a distance of 139-6.

To lead the Brook girls, McLaurin cleared 5-4 in the high jump for the gold medal.

At 42-1 1/2, Clear Brook's Cedric Barnes was third for a bronze medal in the triple jump, and a time of 9 minutes, 50.160 placed Joseph Trevino fourth as he advanced to the area round in the

shot 35-4 1/4 for the bronze medal and third place as she advanced to the area round.

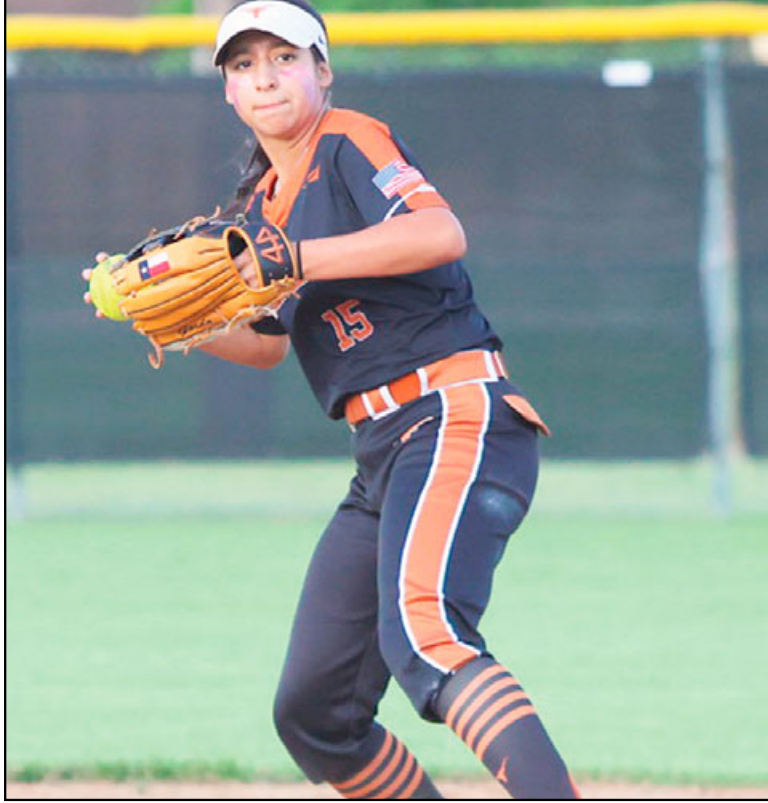
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## JFD softball to finish second half

A 5-0 loss to Deer Park March 28 likely locks up the District 22-6A varsity softball championship for the Deer, while Dobie, including sophomore shortstop Haley DeHoyos (15) and her teammates will aim to secure the No. 2 playoff seed moving forward. Dobie has four remaining district games and has already beaten the rest of the field in the first half of league play.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf



**Dobie softball versus Memorial**  
April 5, 4:30 p.m.  
Pasadena ISD Complex

**Dobie softball hosts Channelview**  
April 9, 4:30 p.m.  
Dobie main

**Dobie softball versus Rayburn**  
April 12, 4 p.m.  
Pasadena ISD Complex

**Dobie baseball at Channelview**  
April 5, 6 p.m.

**Dobie baseball versus Rayburn**  
April 9, 6 p.m.  
Maguire Field