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### PISD cancels classes

The Pasadena Independent School District and San Jacinto College District both canceled classes Wednesday, March 20, out of caution in response to the ongoing chemical fires at the Intercontinental Tank Company in Deer Park. Unlike many other districts in the area, PISD and SJC had not canceled classes the previous two days. PISD officials said further cancellation decisions will be made on a day-to-day basis and announced through the district website and automated phone calls.

### Family Fun Fest scheduled

Join the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce for the fourth annual Family Fun Fest Saturday, April 13, at Clear Brook City Park, located at Scarsdale and Blackhawk, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sponsorships and exhibitor space are available. Activities include Strut Your Mutt, Touch a Truck, inflatables, games, activities, Easter Egg hunt, food trucks and more. No-cost exhibitor space is available for area businesses. Call the chamber at 281-481-5516 or visit southbeltchamber.com for more information.

### JFD band sells mattresses

The Dobie Longhorn Band's first mattress fundraiser will be held at the campus Band Hall Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each purchase benefits the band and colorguard. The event offers name brand mattresses, adjustable beds, massage chairs, pillows and other accessories up to 50 percent off retail. Layaway, delivery and financing are available. For information, visit bitly/beds4dobie2019 or email bmarsh@customfundraisingsolutions.com.

### Kirkwood South HOA meets

Kirkwood South will hold its HOA meeting for all six sections Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Freeway Baptist Church, 8702 Kingspoint. Homeowners are invited to attend to meet the board of directors for 2019 and discuss community issues.

### Prayer walk set for March 23

School Prayer Walks USA will host a prayer walk Saturday, March 23, from 9 to 10 a.m., at South Belt Elementary. The community is urged to pray for the protection and peace of students and staff. For information, call 281-484-0901.

### Knights hold fish fry

The Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a fish fry Fridays through April 5 in the St. Luke Catholic Church social hall, 11011 Hall, from 5 to 7 p.m. Each dinner includes a breaded USA catfish fillet, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, corn on the cob and iced tea or lemonade for \$10, eat-in or take-out. Baked fish fillets are available (limited). All proceeds benefit local and community projects. All are invited and welcome.

### Life Church holds fun run

Texas Oral and Facial Surgery will sponsor the sixth annual Ima's Home for Children 5K Run/Walk and Kids 1K Saturday, March 23, at 8 a.m. at Life Church, 9901 Windmill Lakes Blvd. Ima's Home for Children, in Manila, Philippines, became the vision of Jim Kilgore, lead pastor, after he rode through Manila and saw some of the 400,000 street children hungry and homeless. This led to the creation of this facility.

It houses more than 87 children who are clothed, educated and cared for medically. To learn about Ima's Home, visit www.imashomeforchildren.com. To register for the 5K run, visit imas5k.itsourace.com. Registration is \$35. The Kids 1K is \$25 and will follow the 5K in the Life Church parking lot. Donation accepted, at www.life.cc. Ima's Home for Children, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

### Beverly Hills Civic to meet

The Beverly Hills Civic Club will meet Thursday, March 28, at Beverly Hills Park Recreation Building from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### BOPA collection event set

City Council Member David Martin will host a batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze (BOPA) mobile collection event Saturday, March 30, at Ellington/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free to all city residents. A valid driver's license or other proof of residency is required. Business waste will not be accepted. For information, contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or districtc@houston.tx.gov.

### Chick-fil-A holds event

Chick-fil-A 45 and Alameda, located at 10225 Alameda Genoa, invites the public to its biggest event yet Friday, March 29, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. when the store will be joined by the Houston Rockets promo team. The event features Clutch and the Chick-fil-A cow, games, face painting, music, giveaways and more. Guests can RSVP to the event or order through the Chick-fil-A One App during the event for a chance to win prizes and treats. More information and the RSVP form can be found at cfaalameda.com on the events page.

### Freeway closures planned

The eastbound and westbound U-turn lanes at Beltway 8 and Beamer will be closed until further notice.

At least one outside lane of the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road from Blackhawk to Beamer will be closed daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, March 22.

At least one northbound lane of the Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed at of SH 3/Old Galveston Road daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Thursday, April 11.

At least one lane of the northbound Beltway  
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# Dobie crisis training set for March 26

On Tuesday, March 26, Dobie High School will perform a campuswide, student-involved crisis response training.

As part of a districtwide review of the Pasadena Independent School District safety plan, a new safety protocol called A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) has been adopted for use in the unlikely event of an armed intruder in a school building. A.L.I.C.E. training provides preparation and a plan for individuals

and organizations on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. A.L.I.C.E. training offers option-based tactics, versus the traditional "lockdown only" approach.

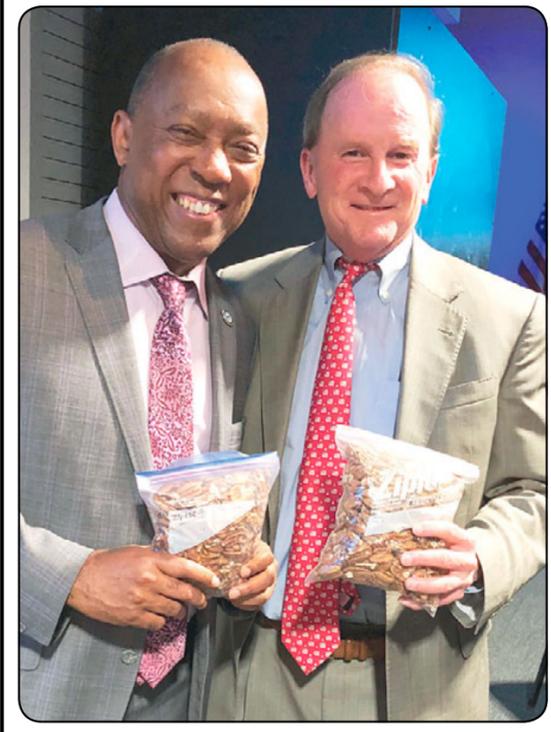
District personnel and police began exploring A.L.I.C.E. as an option several years ago. After its adoption, training in the new protocol began with Dobie campus leadership and progressed to the rest of the faculty and staff. The March 26

event will be the first time Dobie students are exposed to the A.L.I.C.E. method in a systematic way.

Dobie parents should have received a message from school officials notifying them of the training.

"Our priority is to keep students safe during their time at school," said Dobie Principal Franklin Moses in the notification. "As a result, Dobie High School will implement a new safety

procedure. The campus staff has been trained to initiate A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) if an intruder enters our building. The A.L.I.C.E. protocol is an option-based strategy relying on situational awareness. Students will soon watch a short video at school followed by a teacher-led discussion using frequently asked questions as a guide. At least two more A.L.I.C.E. activities will follow throughout  
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## Turner, Martin hold meeting

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner (left) and City Council Member Dave Martin (right) held a town hall meeting at Space Center Houston on Tuesday, March 19. The two addressed Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts and other ongoing projects in the area. The pair are pictured to the left holding bags of shelled pecans, which were given to them by longtime Edgebrook resident and community activist James Muecke.

Photo by Marie Flickinger

## Mayor, Martin hold town hall

By James Bolen

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner joined City Council Member Dave Martin's annual spring town hall meeting Tuesday, March 19, where the pair, along with other invited guests, discussed ongoing District E projects and Hurricane Harvey recovery.

Martin apologized for his hoarse throat, blaming it, in part, to the fumes released from the in-

dustrial fires in Deer Park. The council member used the moment to defend his stance against such facilities being located in the area surrounding Ellington Airport.

"That's why we don't want tank farms in the area," Martin said.

Last year, Martin played an instrumental role in expediting plans to construct Ellington Road,  
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## Father, son shot in road rage case

A South Belt resident and his son were shot the evening of Saturday, March 16, during a road rage incident near NRG Park.

Ricardo Quiroga, 61, and Richard Quiroga, 28, were leaving the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo around 5:40 p.m. in the 1500 block of Fannin when they got into an altercation with the driver of a gray or silver van, possibly a Honda. The argument escalated, and the incident led both drivers to travel east in the 1400 block of West Bellfort Avenue, where the driver of the van positioned himself behind the Quiroga's vehicle and began firing a weapon. Ricardo Quiroga then returned fire.

The father was shot in the shoulder area, while his son was shot in the head. Both were trans-

ported by paramedics to a nearby hospital. Richard Quiroga suffered serious injuries in the incident but is expected to survive.

The driver of the van fled the scene in his vehicle. It is unknown if he was struck by a bullet.

The elder victim's wife and two daughters were also in the vehicle at the time of the incident but were not injured.

Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the driver of the van, who remained at large at press time.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## Fugitive Castenada turns himself in

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office has apprehended teenage fugitive Javian Castenada, who is accused of three violent felonies.



Javian Castenada

Castenada, 17, turned himself in to authorities the night of Monday, March 18, without incident.

According to investigators, Castenada shot three victims and his dog on Sunday, March 10, in the 11700 block of Devonwood Court. The three victims were transported to Clear Lake Regional Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Efforts to save the animal, however, were unsuccessful.

Castenada was charged with three counts of aggravated assault with deadly weapon, one for

each human victim.

During Castenada's time on the lam, the search for him became a hot topic on social media. (See related social media column on Page 2A.)

The fugitive's mother used the platform to proclaim her son's innocence.

"There are always two sides to every story, and this definitely did not play out as the story is being told," Belinda Gonzales posted on Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's Facebook page. "Many false and libelous statements have been made, and truth will come to light soon. I have not responded to any of these accusations on advise of legal counsel, but I will say my son is NOT armed, He is NOT dangerous, and he is not the evil he is being portrayed to be."

Several other Facebook users responded (mostly in disbelief), urging the mother to have her son turn himself in.

## Man fatally shot near apartments

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man that occurred at an apartment complex in the 12600 block of South Green Drive, near Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway, about 2:45 a.m. Thursday, March 14.

The identity of the male victim is pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, a witness heard a gunshot in the parking lot of the Magnolia Grove apartment complex at the above address.

When the witness investigated the sound, he found the victim lying in the grass near the front entrance of the complex. The victim was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

At press time, there was no known suspect(s) or motive.

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

## City to reimburse Harvey repairs

The City of Houston is clearing hurdles to issue reimbursement checks for Harvey-related home repairs by the end of March.

On Wednesday, March 13, Texas General Land Office Commissioner George P. Bush approved the city's request to reduce barriers for reimbursing homeowners. Also, City Council is expected to vote Wednesday, March 20, on a key set of homeowner contract documents that will allow the city to sign contracts with homeowners almost immediately.

"I have fought for the resources Houston needs to recover from Harvey, and now I'm fighting to make sure we get help to Houstonians without

delay," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "In disaster recovery, there are a lot of challenges for homeowners including requirements set by state and federal agencies. I'm looking for ways to make the process smoother for everyone."

The GLO authorized the city to use an additional method of verifying how much homeowners spent on recovery, by allowing homeowners to self-certify repair costs that are then verified by the city. The city and GLO still encourage homeowners to document recovery expenses with receipts when possible, while recognizing that self-certification will help speed the process.  
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## Deputies catch fleeing suspect



Deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office arrested a robbery suspect in record time Monday March 18, after spotting the suspect approximately a block away from the scene of the crime. Lilmarcus Barnes, 25, (pictured above) was charged with taking cash from the Shell gas station at Scarsdale and Beamer. He was tracked down minutes after the crime at the nearby Taco Bell and arrested without incident. Photo submitted

## Courts launch amnesty program

The City of Houston Municipal Courts Department recently announced the start of their Fresh Start Spring Amnesty Program at a press conference held at the Herbert W. Gee Municipal Courthouse. For the next three weeks, certain delinquent cases will be discounted to help citizens save money while resolving outstanding cases.

"Now is the perfect opportunity to start this spring season with a fresh clean slate," said Judge J. Elaine Marshall, director and presiding judge of the Municipal Courts Department. "If you have delinquent cases, you are urged to come forward and take advantage of these discounted rates. We are here to assist with amnesty-eligible cases issued on or before Feb. 1. Put the past behind you and start fresh, and if you have questions, please call us - we are here to help."

The amnesty program began Friday, March 15, at 8 a.m. and will end Saturday, April 6, at 11:59 p.m. Any defendant who voluntarily appears at any municipal court location during the amnesty period will be permitted to resolve all of their eligible delinquent cases, including failure to appear cases, and will not be subject to arrest.

Cases eligible for amnesty include cases that were delinquent prior to Feb. 1. Only the defendant named in the citation or their attorney can participate in the amnesty program. Bonding companies, friends, relatives and spouses cannot make the amnesty request on behalf of someone else.

The amnesty program does not apply to a defendant that is in custody, previously adjudicated cases, parking citations, administrative violations, bond forfeitures or civil cases. Individuals may call the Houston Helpline by dialing 311 or 713-837-0311 for questions about whether their specific case(s) is amnesty eligible.

Defendants may take advantage of the amnesty program by phone, U.S. mail or in person at any municipal court location.

For additional information about municipal courts or court cases, visit www.houstontx.gov/courts or call the Houston Helpline at 311 or 713-837-0311 if outside of Houston.

### Frequently asked questions

#### Why are you doing this?

To resolve cases for which all other means of  
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## Pct. 2 deputies battle local crime

Deputies from Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Chris Diaz's office were quick to respond to a robbery at the Shell gas station in the 10900 block of Scarsdale at Beamer Monday, March 18, locating and arresting the suspect at another business just a block away.

The incident began at roughly 11:30 a.m. when the suspect allegedly stole cash out of the register while the store clerk was assisting another customer. When the clerk confronted the suspect, the man shoved the employee to the ground and fled on foot.

Responding deputies spotted the suspect entering the nearby Taco Bell and pursued the man, who was discovered inside the restaurant's restroom.  
Lilmarcus Barnes, 25, of Northeast Hous-

ton, was apprehended without incident. He was charged with felony robbery.

The following day on Tuesday, March 19, a same traffic stop led to another arrest at the same intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer.

According to Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez, a driver was stopped around 11 a.m. for having an expired registration.

When deputies approached the vehicle, they spotted a gun in plain view. Sanchez said the weapon was a rifle that had been converted into a handgun.

A further search of the vehicle yielded a small amount of marijuana.

Paul Ramirez, 27, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

# In My Opinion

## Jackson comments promises not kept

Perhaps things are different nowadays when it comes to accepting misleading statements or 'alternative facts' as truths. Perhaps we just have shorter memories. Perhaps we've been worn down by a constant barrage of flip-flops from Washington. Or perhaps we really just don't care what's true anymore. Whatever the case, this latest spin is one too many.

The records clearly show that on many occasions before the 2016 election pledges were made that there would be no cuts to Medicare, Social Security and other popular federal assistance programs. And, following the election, these assurances were repeated that these programs were not to be cut. (Promises made) Now this new budget includes cuts to the very same federal assistance programs. (Promises not kept)

I suspect more than a few of the recipients to these programs are also supporters of the current administration and many of its policies. Moreover, I suspect

they, like I, believed it when told and retold that we could "keep our doctor", i.e., our Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, VA... if we like. Haven't we heard this before? Perhaps other ways of saying the same thing are 'bait and switch' and 'you can have your cake and eat it too'. And we just keep on falling for it: Promises made; promises not kept.

Now we're told that cuts in environmental and social services will be required to offset increases in defense spending. Of course we need adequate defense, but at what cost? What are we gaining if we are overly safe from external threats but succumbing to internal ones? Of course we want a strong country but this must include fiscal responsibility at the same time. And this is not happening; the national debt continues to grow... by trillions.

I believe the extreme partisanship in Congress must stop. I believe we should hold our elected officials responsible to us and not the special interest. I believe we owe it to present and future generations to deliver a safe and healthy country.

Ed Jackson

## SWMD neighborhood depository, recycling centers change hours

On Sunday, March 10, 2019, the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department changed the hours of operation at its six neighborhood depositories to adjust to daylight saving time.

The locations listed below will be open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on city-approved holidays. Citizens are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing to allow adequate time to unload.

Houston residents may bring their recyclables or dispose of their junk waste to the following depositories:

- North - 9003 N. Main, 77022.
- Northwest - 14400 Somermeyer, 77041.
- Northeast - 5565 Kirkpatrick, 77028.
- Southeast - 2240 Central

Street, 77017.

• South - 5100 Sunbeam, 77033.

• Southwest - 10785 Southwest Freeway, 77074.

Each user must provide proof of residency, including a Texas driver's license or any other valid Texas ID and a current water/utility bill or city property tax receipt. The depositories accept junk waste such as furniture, tree limbs, stoves and other large appliances. Appliances containing refrigerant must have a tag attached to them certifying that a qualified technician has removed the refrigerant. Depositories will also accept up to five automobile tires per month per residential unit. A maximum of four cubic yards of building material (not to include roofing shingles, brick, plaster) will be accepted; however, depos-

itory ramps will not accommodate trailers more than 16 feet long or four feet high. All depositories also accept recyclables. Materials accepted include tree waste, concrete, mattresses, aluminum and tin cans, plastic bottles and jugs (#1 - #5 and #7), newspapers and magazines, cardboard; glass bottles and jars, and used motor oil. Residents should bring recycling separated by material for easy drop-off. Clothing and shoes are accepted at the north and southeast depositories.

For additional information about SWMD and its services, visit [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org), Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/houstonsolidwaste>, follow on Twitter @HoustonTrash, or call 3-1-1, the City of Houston's customer service helpline.

## Turner, Martin hold town hall

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A future thoroughfare near Ellington Airport between Old Galveston Road and the Gulf Freeway. The installation of such a road hinders industrial development, while promoting other endeavors more associated with the growing airport.

Things got heated at one point of the meeting when audience member Ryan Lee, rumored to be challenging Martin in the upcoming city election, verbally attacked the council member for his assumed role in the proposed closure of Houston Fire Department Station 72, located on Saturn Lane near the Johnson Space Center, where the meeting was held.

Lee's comments were based on a Channel 13 news report that had come out the previous day, stating that six HFD stations were on the chopping block, along with 375 firefighter layoffs.

Martin calmed tempers by saying the report in question was inaccurate and that no final decision on closures or layoffs had been made. Turner and Houston Fire Chief Sam Pena reinforced this message.

Such cost-cutting measures would be in response to the approval of Proposition B this past November, which equated firefighter pay to that of police.

Both Martin and Turner had lobbied against its pas-

sage, saying the city could not afford it.

Pena assured those in attendance that when 911 is called, it's his job to make sure there is a proper response, and any final determination on closures and layoffs would be based on data and what's best for the city.

Capital improvement plan (CIP) projects are limited this year, as Turner said the city is focusing its efforts on smaller immediate projects, rather than large long-range plans.

This session's CIP goals are particularly limited for the South Belt area, with the few included projects taking place in the Edgebrook area.

Work is currently wrapping up on a project to remove a moat at Wilson Park that has been deemed unsafe. That CIP project is expected to be complete by the end of spring.

A \$17 million drainage project in the Arlington Heights subdivision is expected to begin in the winter of 2020, with an expected completion date of summer 2021.

Turner used the opportunity to express his support for the proposed coastal spine project to combat future flooding.

"The coastal spine remains a top priority for me," Turner said. "We stand committed to working to get the funding needed to get that done. If (Hurricane Harvey)

had hit Galveston Bay, it could have been horrendous."

The mayor further voiced his support for both the planned spaceport at Ellington Airport and the proposed U.S. Space Force headquarters, to also be located at the area military base.

At-Large Council Member Stephen Costello led most of the Harvey-related discussions, detailing how the city intends to disperse \$1.2 billion in federal aid.

Funds are to be divided into five areas: reimbursement for completed repairs; homeowner-managed rehabilitation; city-managed rehabilitation and reconstruction; buyouts; and interim mortgage assistance.

Assistance is potentially available to all affected residents, even if they have already received assistance from FEMA or their insurance companies.

While priority will be given to low- and moderate-income homeowners, aid is available to homeowners of all income levels. Residents must first complete a survey.

Surveys may be completed by any of the following:

- Online at <https://recovery.houston.tx.gov>.
- By phone at 832-393-0550 - Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

• In person, at any of four centers, with the Southeast center at 11550 Fuqua, third floor, being the nearest.

After reviewing responses to the surveys, the city will send out applications, prioritizing low-income, elderly and disabled families.

To date, roughly 9,000 surveys have been taken, with 3,000 residents being subsequently contacted to apply for help, Costello said.

For more information, visit [recovery.houston.tx.gov](http://recovery.houston.tx.gov) or call the Harvey recovery hotline at 832-393-0550.

See next week's *Leader* for more on the meeting.

## Freeway closures set

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8 and Fairmont Parkway will be closed daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Wednesday, March 27.

The southbound U-turn lane at Beltway 8 and Vista will be closed continuously until 5 a.m. on Monday, April 1.

The closures are part of on-going project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes each direction.

## Elected officials share their words

### Abbott releases statement on senate school finance bill

On March 8, Gov. Greg Abbott issued a statement following the filing of SB 4, the Senate school finance reform bill by Sen. Larry Taylor.

"This session, we will solve one of Texas' most pressing challenges by reforming our broken school

finance system and developing a model that creates a brighter and more promising future for our children. With two pivotal school finance bills filed, we have an opportunity over the next several months to achieve meaningful school finance reform in Texas. I thank Sen. Taylor

for his leadership in filing this bill, as well as his tireless work on the school finance commission. I look forward to working with him, Lt. Gov. (Dan) Patrick, Speaker (Dennis) Bonnen, Chairman (Dan) Huberty, and the entire legislature to reform the education system in Texas."

### Bettencourt files Senate Bill 5

Sen. Bettencourt has filed Senate Bill 5, a top priority of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick with a broad group of bipartisan joint-authors, to increase the state-mandated homestead exemption for independent school districts from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

Depending on their particular ISD's debt rate, the bill would save the average Texas homeowner roughly \$125.

The state last increased the homestead exemption during the 2015 legislative session. SB 5 is joint-authored by Sens. Brandon Creighton, Pete Flores, Bob Hall, Kelly Hancock, Juan Hinojosa, Jose Menéndez and Royce West.

"5.37 million Texas homeowners are eligible for relief under SB 5," stated Bettencourt, chairman of the Senate Committee on Property Tax. "I've got a strong group of bipartisan joint-authors to hear from next."

Senate Bill 5 has joint resolution companion, SJR 71, that takes the issue to the vot-

ers for approval in November.

"This will help the homeowners of Texas keep their little piece of the Texas sky," said Flores.

The Texas Legislature last increased the homestead exemption during the 2015 Legislative Session when it raised it from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This increase will be funded through a mechanism established by SJR 71.

"My constituents have requested relief on their property taxes and increasing the homeowners exemption is a most equitable way to deliver the relief," added Menéndez.

Property taxes have been rising across the state at a much faster rate than Texans' ability to pay. A look at property tax levy growth across the major counties in Texas between 2013 - 2017 shows that Harris County had a 51 percent increase, Bexar County had a 37 percent increase, Dallas County saw a 33 percent increase and both Tarrant and Travis counties

## Boykins fights for citizens

Houston City Council Member Dwight Boykins is fighting to protect the right of citizens to petition their government. Departing for Austin at 4:30 a.m. on March 4, the Council Member testified before the Senate State Affairs Committee about what he considers to be the dangers of Senate Bill 323, sponsored by State Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston.

Huffman's legislation seeks

to establish a three-judge panel to enforce strict language criteria as a prerequisite for citizen-driven propositions to be placed on the ballot.

"As a lifelong Houstonian who has always stood for the rights of voters, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 323 because it erodes the ability of citizens to hold their government accountable," said Boykins. "Compelling citizens who

petition their government to navigate a complex web of rules enforced arbitrarily by a panel of judges hinders the guarantees enshrined by our founding fathers in the United States Constitution.

"Allowing this legislation to become law would represent a slippery slope, chipping away at the rights that make our state and this nation so exceptional," said Boykins.

## Garcia urges for timely, accurate information from public agencies

Commissioner Adrian Garcia is urging private, state and federal agencies to work together and provide timely and accurate information to Harris County officials so that the public can be effectively informed about the current situation at the Intercontinental Terminals Company Deer Park facility.

"It is imperative elected officials are being informed and receiving timely updates to make informed decisions. I'm frustrated with ITC's

commitment and management of the current situation," said Garcia.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Harris County have filed multiple violations against ITC in the past. According to the *Houston Chronicle* report, the facility has been fined for violating clean air and clean water rules multiple times since 2009 and was cited for not following federal risk management regulations.

"Air quality is a top concern and I want to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep the public safe and informed," Garcia said.

Harris County Pollution Control has been on the ground monitoring the situation since learning about the fire and will continue to do so for the next coming days.

Garcia encourages the public to stay informed by following Facebook pages for live updates: [@deerparktx.com](https://www.facebook.com/deerparktx.com), [@readyharris](https://www.facebook.com/readyharris) and [@harriscountyprecinct2](https://www.facebook.com/harriscountyprecinct2).

# Deaths

## Rudy Schubert

Longtime former South Belt area resident Rudy Schubert died Monday, March 18 surrounded by his family members.

He and his wife Jennie were one of the original residents of the Sagemont subdivision. They most recently have been living in New Braunfels, Texas.

Funeral arrangements and the obituary for Rudy will be in next week's issue.

## Joe Nathan Collins



Joe Nathan Collins died Thursday, March 14, 2019.

On April 7, 1948, in Dothan, Ala., the Lord blessed Essie Pearl and Woodrow Collins with a beautiful baby boy, Joe Nathan Collins. At 3 years old, his family moved to Greentown and then to Canton, Ohio, where he resided until age 33. Joe gave his heart to the Lord under the leadership of the Rev. C.A. Lightbourn at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church when he turned nine.

Joe attended McKinley High School where he was a letterman in football, basketball and track. After graduation, he briefly attended Kent State - Stark County branch. During that time, he was drafted and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War as a SP4 in communications. In 1975 he became a glazier and eventually graduated and became a master glazier. Joe served as an active member in his local union IUPAT #1778 until retirement.

Joe was united in holy matrimony to Valarie L. Jones on Feb. 27, 1971. Their union was blessed with four children.

He was a loving husband, devoted father and avid fisherman. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, discovering ponds in which to fish with his buddies Ray Jones and Mike McCullough, watching basketball and nature shows and spending time with his family. Joe was a spiritual man, who deeply loved the Lord and his faith in Jesus Christ was the foundation in which he lived

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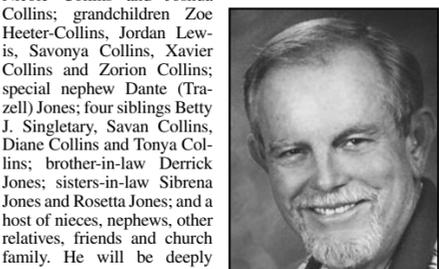
his life. Joe faithfully attended Lakewood Church with his family for many years under the spiritual tutelage of Pastor John Osteen. For the last 14 years he was a member and involved in many church activities at Restoring Hope International Fellowship Church under the leadership of the Revs. Raymond and Dr. Leola Steward. He participated in ministerial work of Men of Valor, Kingdom Connection intercessory prayer and ushering services, and served as a co-leader of the new members class and pastoral care.

Joe was preceded in death by his mother and father; daughter Simone Collins; brother-in-law Freddie Singletary, sister-in-law Barbra Collins and brother-in-law Rodney D. Jones.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife; his children Sergio (Kelly) Collins, Nicole Collins and Joshua Collins; grandchildren Zoe Heeter-Collins, Jordan Lewis, Savonya Collins, Xavier Collins and Zorion Collins; special nephew Dante (Trazell) Jones; four siblings Betty J. Singletary, Savan Collins, Diane Collins and Tonya Collins; brother-in-law Derrick Jones; sisters-in-law Sibrena Jones and Rosetta Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and church family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A viewing is scheduled at 10 a.m. and the funeral service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 23, at Restoring Hope International Fellowship Church. Flowers, donations and condolences may be sent to the church, located at 1801 FM 528, Webster, TX 77598.

Steffin Michael Myles



Steffin Michael Myles, 22, of Houston, died on March 5 after a courageous battle with a rare kidney cancer called renal medullary carcinoma.

He was born in San Antonio on Sept. 19, 1996, to Eon-reco and Stephanie Myles. Steffin was a graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School, class of 2016.

He started his career in the U.S. Army as a combat engineer with his last duty station being Rose Barracks, Vilseck, Germany. Steffin enjoyed hunting, shooting, camping, gaming and collecting Jordan sneakers.

He is survived by his parents; his brothers Steven and Romeo Myles; and his sisters Elisa and Angel Myles. A wake will be held Thursday, March 21, at Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Frwy. in Webster, from 5 to 8 p.m.

A funeral service will be held Friday, March 22, at The Church Without Walls, Bingle campus, located at 5314 Bingle Road. An open viewing will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. The service will start at 11 a.m. with interment at Houston National Cemetery.

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David was a 1963 graduate of Mt. Carmel High School. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and skydiving. He worked for more than 20 years for Texas Department of Transportation-Traffic Signal Division. He was a valued and dedicated employee with a strong work ethic who excelled at his job. His tremendous faith in God and strong will and determination to fight his illness allowed him to work through the final months of his life.

The family will host a celebration of life memorial in his honor March 30, at Faith Assembly of God Church, 3940 Vista Road in Pasadena from noon to 4 p.m.

## Cornyn votes to secure border

On March 14, on the floor, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn discussed his vote against the Democrats' attempt to block the president from securing the border and called on Congress to reform the National Emergencies Act. Excerpts of Cornyn's floor remarks are below, and video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agMBurckp4&feature=youtu.be>.

"As I've said in the past, I'll repeat again: what we are doing here today is no one's first choice.

"The refusal of Democrats in the House and the Senate to engage in negotiations on border security funding has led us to a 35-day government shutdown. Despite the clear message from border security experts, despite seeing the humanitarian crisis at the border described by President Obama in 2014 get many times worse, our Democratic colleagues decided to play politics instead of dealing with the problem.

"My preference would be for the normal appropriations process to be used. But when your negotiating partners refuse to take a seat at the table, normal goes out the window. Our colleagues across the aisle left the president with few options to fund what he believed were so important for the nation's security, and that's what led us to this situation.

"It's clear that the president is operating within the authority that Congress has given to him. You don't have to like it. You don't have to agree with it. But it's clear that the president is operating within the authority Congress delegated to him.

"I believe there's a need to rein back in some of the authority that Congress has delegated to presidents, just as an institutional concern, as a constitutional matter. Which I am cosponsoring a bill that has been introduced by my colleague, Sen. (Mike) Lee, which gives Congress a stronger voice in processes under the National Emergencies Act.

Although this event did not happen in the South Belt area, the public is encouraged to follow any updates on social media from valid sources such as Ready Harris.

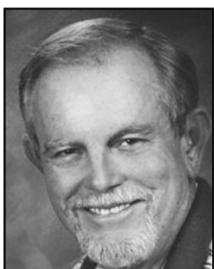
A post has been shared to several community groups regarding the Sagemont Cowboys open registration. Registration will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at El Franco Lee Park. There are limited spots available.

## Will-A-Thon deadline nears

The Department of Neighborhoods, the Houston Bar Association Elder Law Committee, and Houston Volunteer Lawyers announce the 2019 Will-A-Thon, designed to prepare estate planning documents for pre-approved eligible Houstonians free of charge. Estate planning documents include simple wills, medical powers of attorney, HIPAA releases, declarations of a guardian, living wills and durable powers of attorney.

Persons interested in receiving these services must complete a screening interview by phone at 713-228-0735 by March 28. Low-income individuals, persons over 60 years of age, people with disabilities and military veterans are eligible to apply for the services. Approved clients must attend two wills clinics on April 3 and May 1, by appointment between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., at the Tidwell Community Center, 9720 Spaulding St., Houston. For more information, call 832-393-0832.

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# J. Frank Dobie High School shares fourth six-weeks honor roll

J. Frank Dobie High School has released its honor roll for the fourth six-weeks.

## Honor Roll

### Ninth grade

Bayan Abdeljawwad, Angelica Corazon Acac, Eris Felipe Acosta, Victoria Elizabeth Acosta, Amaya Nicole Adams, Kemi Star Alade, Dominic Kiril Alanis, Montserrat Xitlalic Alba, Jaidyn Brianna Almaguer, Naydelin Almaguer, Vanessa Isabel Alvarado Aleman, Abraham Raul Amaro-Diaz, Emily Amezcua, Rafael Antonio Arqueta, Hussied Arias and Jorge Luis Arredondo.

Ublester Arroyo Espinoza, Keegan Neal Ashworth, Jazmyne Melayne Backman, Valery Lizett Baez, Nickolas Baron, Jordan Zamar Barrett, Andre A. Barrientos, Miguel Angel Bazaldua, Raul Xavier Belman, Anthony Paul Benavides, Riani Tania Benton, Brian Michael Blanco, Savannah Marie Brookland, Kendall Gisele Brown, Gabriella Campo and Giselle Carolina Canas.

Amy Thuy Cao, Ricky Cao, Ariel Milton-Madison Capers, Jose Guadalupe Cardenas, Alani Eloisa Chapa, Mya Anna Laura Chapa, Alyssa Brianna Chapman, Jasmine Giselle Chew, Joe Kevin Chiccas, Lydia Alena Chiccas, Matthew Christopher Collins, Frank Allan Romano Concepcion, Ashara Crum, Benson Carter Cubos, Malia Alexandria Curry and Arvin Clark Andres Cuyo.

Fernanda America Davila, Lucinda Sunflower Davis, Trajan Myles Davis, Michael Robert De La Garza, Karina Del Villar, Melina Phuong Mai Dongsi, Emmanuel Lavontre Drain, Mohamed Ali Elghawi, Analaura Elizarraras, Heron Espinoza, Jacob Isaiha Estrada, Jessica Vanessa Flores, Aaron Frias, Evan Nicolas Fuentes and Selena Abigail Galicia.

Celeste Eloisa Gallardo, Katie Suzette Gamez, Noe Rodriguez Gamez, Michael Garcia Razo, Alexis Julia Garcia, Aracely Nataly Garcia, Keilee Garcia, Ramiro Simitrio Garcia, Annabelle Garza, Michael Andrew Garza, Sheryln Alexandra Gavidia, Timothy Quoc Giang, Kayla Iliana Gomez, Gloria Minerva Gonzales and Isaac Lee Gonzales.

Alyssa Darlet Gonzalez, Andrea Marley Gonzalez, Isaac Abel Gonzalez, Ivan Gonzalez, Jennefer Suzzeth Gonzalez, Jesus Enim Gonzalez, Lazarus Gonzalez, Samantha Gonzalez, Kaylee Gabrielle Goodrum, Daniel Eduardo Grajales, Damarcus Lavon Groves, Diego Ivan Guerrero, Daira Yosemeri Gutierrez Olvera and Briana Gutierrez.

Carolina Marie Gutierrez, Eliza Emily Gutierrez, Hassan Alejandro Gutierrez, Zoe Mychell Guy, Scottlyn Moira Hamilton, Hailey Beth Henderson, Alexis Henriquez, Andres Sebastian Hernandez, Elijah Zavier Hernandez, Guadalupe Lizbeth Hernandez, Niklas Ricardo Hernandez, Rodolfo Hernandez and Annie Abigail Herrera Welch.

Genevieve Francis Herrera, Mauricio Herrera, Pedro Angel Herrera, Phuc Nguyen Thien Hoang, Sarrionna Karina Hobbs, Sharon Getorgette Holifield, Mia Alejandra Horton, Taelyn Neshae Hudson, Andrew Khoa Huynh, Lara Khanh Huynh, Thuat Nhu Huynh, Tina Huynh, Emily Alexa Iglesias, Kiera Diane Jackson, Remi Elia Jackson, Nicole Jasso, Julia Isabel Jimenez, Aidan Allen Kainer and Alexis Amina Kamal.

Keely Nicole King, Anh Nhat Ky, Christopher Laygo, An Nguyen Hong Le, Anh Khoa Le, Nhi Hoang Le, Thong Minh Le, Tracey Le, Dylan John Leonard, Kevin Charles Lewis, Stanton Lewis, Zamira Hunter Lewis, Celeste Amunet Lopez, Elissa Joely Lopez, Natalie Escobedo Lopez, Xavier Cuahtemoc Lopez, Ayanna Lene Love, Jose Luis Loza and Gabriela Nicole Lozano.

Alexandra Luna, Jade-lyn Jewel Luna, Hailey Ann Machado, Keena Magana, Payton Elise Manuel, Trixie Amanda Marquez, Alondra Marron, Brianna Naomi Marroquin, Ariana Elizabeth Martin, Juanangel Martinez, Karen Paola Martinez, Lael David Martinez, Lexi Martinez, Celina Mata, Cory on Jerrod Matthews, Boston Simone McAfee, Makenzie Ryelee McElhaney and Andreas Giovanni McGlotha.

Emma Reese McKenzie, Ashlyne Celest Medina, Christian Agustin Medina, Jimena Medina, Crystal Mejia, Lauren Michelle Mendez, Nataly Vanessa Mendez, Jesus Mendoza, Katelyn Mendoza, Aala Osuna Mohamad, Naydelin Isayana Molina Contreras, Marcus Andre Momie, Andrew Adonai Montano, Melissa Raquel

Montero Hernandez and Denise Desiree Montes-Dixon. Luis Diego Morales, Jeyalynn Ruth Moreno, Shayla Janae Morrison, Avry Gail Munoz, Karissa Munoz, Karime Murguia, Tjasa Ariyana Murray, John Moyses Nanez, Ashley Michelle Napier, Johnathan Ythien Ngo, Brian Thai Nguyen, Grace Nicole My Hanh Nguyen, Jaclyn Uyen Nguyen and Jeenny Nguyen.

Kathleen Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Lilly Thanh Nguyen, Linh Ha My Nguyen, Natalie Thao-Han Nguyen, Thien Phuc Thi Tran Nguyen, Thu Ngoc Anh Nguyen, Tommy Tang Nguyen, Tung Quang Nguyen, Uyen Gia Nguyen, Victoria Diep Nguyen, Huong Hoang Thuy Ninh and Andrea Sofia Nunez.

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Ashley Dang Pham, Jason Pham, Kristyn Thanh Pham, Tina Mai Pham, Valerie Phi Yen Phonxayalinhkam, Presley Marie Pina, Doneya Simone Porter, Javon Allen Potts, Kori Germaine Pounds, Aiden O'Neal Provost, Isabella Pruneda, Joel Joshua Quezada, Marilee Quiroga, Badria Hazzaa Rajoub, Jose Uziel Ramales, Daniel Ramirez and Victoria Elizabeth Ramirez.

Damaris Jael Ramos Martinez, Alexandra Ramos, Jahir Eduardo Reyes, Arianna Lexi Reyna, Janelle Shena Richard, Adrian Reneo Rios, Joseph Rios, Victoria Guadalupe Rivera, Vanessa Janet Rocha, Alyssa Sanez Rodriguez, Lisette Brisidit Rodriguez, Lizbeth Rodriguez, Meghan Alani Rodriguez, Ashley Latrice Rossi, Angelica Rubio and Uzziel Rubio.

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Roselin Serrano, Jaelan Donae Sherman, Darius Terrell Shorter, Alize Nevaeh Silva, Metzli Jamile Silva, Travis Bethea Small-Jones, Kenzie Ida Snook, Alexa Anne Snow-Eaton, Piseth So, Galilea Monserrat Solis, Gerardo Solis, Celeste Belia Spiller, Kyle Christopher Stokes, Kevin Duy Su, Giselle Alexis Suarez and Natalie Anaih Suarez.

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Lilly Mai Hue Tran, Nhi Yen Nguyen Tran, Thu Minh Tran, Tracy Tram Tran, Vanessa Van Thanh Tran, Violet Tuong Vy Tran, Julian Trevino, Han Gia Truong, Kailey Jianne Tsikis, Kestis Elektra Valtierra, Grissel Monserra Vargas, Daniela Vazquez, Celene Velazquez, Melanie Ariana Velazquez and Emilio Villarreal.

Fernando Villarreal, Kamilla Villarreal, Luis Emiliano Villarreal, Melanie-Tu Thi Vo, Michael Wotonwo Vouffo, Hailey Hien Vu, Kathleen Quynh Vu, Ngan Thanh Vu, Ngan Thi Kim Vu, Jeremiah George Earvin Walker and Cyrae Kristen Washington.

Ambler Joslyn Webster, Sophia Cassandra Wence, Arayana Lynae Williams, Faith Victoria Williams, Luke Peter Wittenberg, Aspen Sierra Woods, Majesti Irene Yates, Michael Alejandro Zambrano and Julissa Mia Zermeo.

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Hong Bui, Julia Thao Bui, Tony Mai Bui, Danielle Marie Bulman, Ersury Kamron Byrd, Jose Alberto Cabrera, Renata Bo-Beth Cadena, Khadryan A Lyssa Caldwell and Esmeralda Calvillo.

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Andrea Garibay, Alyssa Marie Garza, Brissa Marie Garza, Savannah Rae Garza, Vanessa Garza, Madison Taylor Gates, Megan Jane Godek, Wesley Paul Godwin, Alyssa Renee Gomez, Roy Alexander Gomez, Alayna Noel Gonzalez, Daisy Gonzalez, David Jesus Gonzalez, Elizabeth Celest Gonzalez, Gabriel Alejandro Gradanos, Darren Javon Groves and Aixa Guerra Gomez.

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Alesia Michelle Bill, Justin Duane Blogg, Sean Austin Bonner, Kierra Chardae Britton, Jesse Manuel Bustamante, Jocelyn Bustos, Julian Joel Calvillo, Jessica Elizabeth Cano, Sadie Rae Capuchino, Yafreisy Caraballo Martinez, Jayla Cherie Carmouche, Chrislen Chantil Carpio Moni, Thomas Patrick Carson, Envi Marie Cathcart and Diego Alan Cerda.

Angela Rennee Chapa, Jacob Edgar Chavez, Victoria Pham Chu, Courtney Van Chung, Carlton Jamal Coleman, Sophia Colmenares, Danielle Joy Colunga, Sebastian Antonio Comabella Paredes, Samuel Contreras, Brenna Elyse Cook, Shelby Ranay Couchman, Bianca Gabrielle Cruz, Julissa Cruz, Carrie Briana Cubos and Izaiyah Rey Cumpian.

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Allie Paige Lawson, Kayla Marie Lawson, Daniel Isaiha Lazcano, Hannah May Lazo, Gia Hoang Le, Jessica Kimmai Le, Trung Vo Dinh Le, Kari Edith Leija, Elaine Anh Lien, Jeremiah Forsyth Little, Erin Marie Loosier, Samantha Eliana Lopez, Milow Lozano, David Edward Lukner, Jaquelin Abigail Luna Rodriguez and Thien Huong Ngoc Luu.

Trung Quang Luu, Tin Chanh Ly, Mercedes Miranda Machado, Kelley Magana, Aleyda Jazlynn Maldonado, Matthew Alexander Malone, Mariah Lee Mancillas, Sarah Caprice Marquez, Jorge Emiliano Martinez Islas, Alma Josephina Martinez, Arlyanna Sol Martinez, Domenic Martinez, Javier Seferino Martinez and Julio Humberto Martinez.

Lauren Jasmin Martinez, Monica Massoud, Julian Champion-Ray Mata, Marissa Ann Maxwell, Madison Nicole McClelland, Jacob Alexander McKenzie, Nayelli Kassandra Melendez, Andrew Mendez, Ava Jolie Maya Rainwater Mendez, Christopher James Mendola-Garcia, Annye Melissa Mendoza Aguilar and Elizabeth Diana Mendoza.

Leena Osama Mohamad, Jonathan Francisco Mocarzel, Christopher Rodolfo Monita, Colby Austin Moore, Gisell Adriana Morales, Jocelin Abril Morales, Kristy Anahi Morales, Juliana Moreno, Shayna Victoria Motel, Madsyn Danielle Munoz, Allison Neira, Hallie R. Nelms, Nhi Y. Nguyen Hoang, Alyssa Quynh Nguyen, Ashley Nguyen, Daisy Thuy Tram Nguyen, Danny Thanh Nguyen and Donna Ngoc Nguyen.

Dung Tuan Nguyen, Elina Tu Thanh Nguyen, Han Nguyen, Jennifer Han Nguyen, Jessica Tien Nguyen, Johnny Quang Nguyen, Ngan Pham-Thien Nguyen, Nguyen Phuong Thao Nguyen, Nhien Ngoc Nguyen, Quynh Nhat Nguyen, Thanh Pham-Thien Nguyen, Thanh Phuong Nguyen, Thu Nguyen, Phillip Daniel Ortega, Samantha Alazay Ortega, Tiffany Karely Oviedo, Imanol Pena and Maria Fernanda Peredo Aguilar.

Mia Jules Pereyra, Christopher Jose Perez Medrano, Alexis Renee Perez, Yanelly Danayara Perez, Evamaría Perla, Anthony Perrett, Charles Alexandria Peters, Hughes Pham, Kelly Nguyen Pham, Ngan Kim Phan, Timmy Thanh-Tu Phan, Abraham Joe Pizano, Kiarreliz Daylee Ramos, Christian Reyes, Emily Jazmin Reyes, Jose Alberto Reyes and Andres Eduardo Rios.

Rebeca Sarai Rivera, Danyal Mehdi Rizvi, Jose Guadalupe Rodriguez Roman, Ashley Anay Rodriguez, Ashley Isabelle Rodriguez, Julian Alexander Rodriguez, Lena Marie Rodriguez, Naomi Sarai Rodriguez, Gabriel Postel Rojas, Miracle Joyce Rollins, Alex Christian Rosalez, Jackson Taeft Ruiz, Diana Saavedra, Alyyah Janae Salas and Caroline Marie Salinas.

Cecilia Marie Salinas, Nicholas Estevan Salinas, Ana Isabel Sanchez, Eloy Sanchez, Ryan Eugene Sarazen, Miranda Nicole Serrano, Maryam Shahid, Raneem Maher Shobaki, Fernando Sifuentes, Dejai Monet Simmons, Felicity Michelle Soto, Jaden Avior Stephens and Anthony Wayne Swilley.

Vincent Quang Ta, Charlyze Aurora Tamayo, Caleb Alexander Tamez, Everett Allen Taylor, Alexis Orloo Thomas, Kobe Isiah Thompson, Preston Scott Tipton, Minh Hoang To, Alyssa Jennifer Torres, Imegen Rayne Torres, James Adam Torres, Shamanta Jakeln Torres, Sidney Milen Torres, Ashley Andreudron Tovar and Charlie Kha Tran.

Quang Trinh, Ashley Joanne Tsikis, Sarah Micaela Tyler, Amaode Uchendu, Andrea Uribe, Josselyn Charlyze Vale, Mo Nai Ann Valley, Alyssa Monique Vara and Yazmin Guadalupe Vasquez.

Alexys Rayne Vela, Oscar Norberto Velazquez, Samantha Marie Velazquez, Vanessa Yvette Villarreal, Dayan Villavicencio Rolfot, Cammy Ngoc Vu, Cyndietu Thi Vo, Kathy Hoang Vu, Angela Vy Vu, Jessica Ngoc-Anh Vu and Mary Ngan Vu.

Tan Duy Vu, Thuyen Cao Vu, Trang Dai Ngoc Vu, Jeffrey Alan Wilson, Camryn Lee Wincher, Erin Faith Woodard, Lian Ashley Yui, Adrian Donzell Young, Marco Antonio Zendejas, Andrew Jacob Zepeda and Kimberley Judith Zometta.

**Twelfth grade**  
Alondra Acevedo, Erik Aguirre, Darielys Nicole Alexander, David Patrick Amaya, Alexandra Yoselin Andrade Ortiz, Brisa Antunvez-Vargas, Victoria Isabel Aranda, Josiah Elias Constante Arenas, Aslyn Gesselle Arguetarotos, Arismendy Aristy, Elyssa Karmen Arrieta, Julian Arredondo and Unity Anastasia Ayala.

Ulvi Baktashi, Corina Gisselle Banda, Madeline Berrospe, Christian Antoine Blackmon, Alexis Breyon Boggess, Kelvin Ivan Bonilla, Diego Alessandro Calderon Vargas, Meloni Camacho, Francisco Javier Camargo, Roberto Elias Campa, Christopher Artemio Canales, Ricardo Garza Canales, Yazmine Athena Carrillo, Iasis Lachelle Carrington and Angel Alexander Castillo.

Rebecca Gina Castillo, Connor Anthony Caughlin, Elsa Ceballos, Diocelina Chavez-Sanchez, Preston Van Chung, Tania Lashaun Collier, Arissa Serena Contreras, Anayah Monique Rochelle Cooper, Sara Elaine Cortez, Joshua Neal Cox, Angela Leticia Cruz, Huy Quoc Khanh Dao, Celestina Olivia Deluna, Yousef Arsan Diab, Kevin Dinh, Dang Hai Doan and Hoang Yen Duong.

Jacklynn Le Duong, Katelynn Nguyen Duong, Ngan Hoang Duong, Tiffa-

ny Tram Duong, Jacqueline Duque, Elizabeth Bettye Early, Osasere Edo-Ewansha, Mariela Elizondo, Marissa Danielle Enriquez, Sarah Leann Ensey, Christopher Matthew Escalera, Angela Escamilla, Eric Escobedo and Jonathan Caleb Escobedo.

Celine Nicole Espinosa, Melanie Lee Espinosa, Emily Jovanna Estrada, Caoly Crismery Fabian, Hiram Isaias Flores, Jason Jordy Flores, Katherine Flores, Vanesa Frias, Quinn Caleb Gabino, Atziri Galarza, Ana Isabel Gallardo, Jonathan Anthony Gamez, Natasha Rae Gangstad, Jemmy Estephania Garcia Salinas, Miranda Teresa Garcia Valdes, Adriana Karyme Garcia, Benito Ivan Garcia, Bryan Joel Garcia and Jael Anahi Garcia.

Jennifer Marcela Garcia, Briasia Antonae Garza, Maribel Garza, Olivia Renee Garza, Paulina Garza, Genesis Isela Gaytan, Nicholas Roland Gaytan, Riley Michael Gilbert, Samantha Rae Gilbreath, Darianna Renee Glenn, Angel Isaiha Gomez, Eduardo Gomez, Alysa Marie Gonzalez and Daniela Lizeeth Gonzalez.

Diego Gonzalez, Stephanie Nicole Gonzalez, Daija Danielle Green, Demeisa Dacia Green, Karen Anh Green, Elvis Domingo Guerra, Gisselle Guerra, Max River Guerra, Julissa Andrea Guerrero, Megan Tien Harri, Corina Ivana Hernandez, Katelyn Nicole Hernandez, Natalie Yamilet Hernandez and Julysa Marie Herrera.

Nadia Itzel Herrera, Brian Khang Le Hoang, John Hoang, Sadie Dallas Hodges, Trevor Anthony Hondros, Lunzell Dunvon Houston, Ivy Lynngoc Hua, Ricky Dewayne Humphrey, Kimberly Dinh Huynh, Trina Huynh, Phan Thanhthisandy Huynh, Victoria Havy Huynh, Jade Elizabeth Jacobo and Mikayla Shyana Jeancharles.

Joshua Elmer Kay, Hoang Vu Le, Nhi Catherine Tu Doan Le, Thompson Le, Vincent Thienlac Le, Nayeli Legaspi, Nicholas Dustrius Lewis, Ricardo Ivan Lima, Jose Francisco Londono, Cris Noemi Lopez, Samantha Ni-

cole Lopez, Johnny Khang Lu, Zandy Lucero, Nicolas Miguel Luna, Austin Luu, Tam Thanh Luu and Hieu Minh Ly.

Nairda Nico Macedo, Kathy Mai, Maria Qamar Malik, Steven Julio Manon, Kali Marquez, Alessandra Jeanneth Marroquin Figueroa, Elizabeth Estefan Martinez, Katherine Aleli Martinez, Kayla Nicole Martinez, Lauren Lee Martinez, Stephanie Martinez, Rosalinda Natalie Mascorro Lopera, Aleena Mathew, Trinity Justina Briana Maxwell and Sydney Michelle Mejia.

Juan Antonio Membreo, Kaleb Richard Monroe, Lisette Montalvo, Alondra Montelongo, Adrian Cristobal Montez, Eduardo Morales-Celedon, Alejandro Moreno, Jonathan Roger Moreno, Eliana Marissa Munoz, Michaela Munoz, Jade Janae Nanez, Renita Nicole Navy, Luis Andres Neira and Kayla Janae Newsome.

Jeany Phan Ngoc, Judy Ngo, Thu Anh Ngoc Ngo, Aaron Tyler Viet Nguyen, Alan Tuieu Nguyen, Andy Nguyen, Bao Tran Nguyen, Dalila Thao Nguyen, Danny Nguyen, Danny Huy Nguyen, Dat Huu Nguyen, Elena Tran Nguyen, Jennifer Ngoc Nguyen, Justin Khang Nguyen and Kennedy Hoa Nguyen.

Khanh Mai Nguyen, Kim Ngoc Nguyen, Le Thi Diem Nguyen, Michelle Kim Nguyen, Natalie Mai Nguyen, Nikki Mai Nguyen, Ran- dy Quang Nguyen, Ronald Tai Nguyen, Tien Thi Thuy Nguyen, Tiffany Ngoc Nguyen, Vi Thi Thuy Nguyen, Victor Phong Nguyen, Valeria Ivette Nicaragua, Precious Udodirrim Oguamanam and Michael Chibugo Oko.

Brian Onofre, Michael Onozie, Alana Evonne Ortega, Fernando Ortega, Melissa Osuna, Sara Christine Otwell, Wendy Marie Pantoja, Ziona Talitha Patrick, Cayla Sofia Pena, Jahidi Fitzgerald Pennie, Dominique Desiree Peralta, Alfredo Perez, Bianca Elizabeth Perez, Minh-Tram Ngoc Pham, Rachel Pham and Amy Nhi Phan.

ella Pina, Savannah Jay Pippkins, Taylor Tress Pleasants, Oscar Jesus Puente, Miguel Angel Quiroz-Hernandez, Allyssa Mariah Ramirez, Kera Nikole Ramirez, Madison Lee Ramirez, Rijia Rasool, Roberto Emmanuel Rayos, Faith Renteria, Alex Reyes, Hugo Cesar Rios and Yanci Marbely Rivas Hernandez.

Ashley Crystal Rivera, Patricia Galindo Rocha, Christian Xavier Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Noah Andrew Roman, Kayla Marie Romero, Coby Glynn Rose, Joanna Michelle Salazar, Lidia Alicia Salazar, Yvanna Berenice Salazar, Daya na Saldana, Christian Jared Saldivar, Kareem Andres Salomon and Gabriel Alfonso Sanchez.

Kaitlyn Nicole Sanchez, Adrian Saracho, Jefferson Haze Sargent, Heidi Sabrina Saucedo, Lauren Elizabeth Schwausch, Destinee Faye Seanior, Patrick Dewayne Sears, Neema Mohamad Shafaei, Alexis Ayanna Shaw, Camille Hope Smith, Jalon Dejaun Smith, Kalista Lanae Smith, Rachel Celeste Smith, Emily Solis, Giovanni Solis, Jocelyn Solis, Victoria Adeline Solis and Ashley Lynette Soria.

Gloria De Jesus Suazo Osorio, Michelle Ta, Michaela Cora Taylor, Christian Andres Tijerina, Autumn Celeste Tilley, Ariana Kaylee Tolan, Adriana Alexis Toro, Fernanda Torres, Alexis Hang Thu Tran, Dinh Phu Tran, Khien Quang Tran, Lily Ann Tran, Mary Tran, Patrick Tinh Tran, Taylor Tran, Tien Hoang Tran and Dominic Nguyen Trinh.

Chelsey Elizabeth Urdiales, Clare Aine Vanpelt, Leslie Vargas, Brianna Desiree Vega, Tanner Davidmichael Vega, Cristian Everardo Vela, Zoe Nicole Vela, Marco Antonio Velazquez, Ryan Noel Velazquez, Daimian Christopher Velez and Caroline Venegas.

Melissa Vidal, Vy Phuong Vu Viet, Franklin Villalobos, Izabelle Lee Villarreal, Hao Nhat Vuong, Viche Ariana Williams, Kayla Danielle Wilson, Caitlyn Juliette Woitena, Olivia Yanez, Rosicela Yanez and Jack Henry Yu.

## Thompson Pentathlon team members compete



Thompson Intermediate's small, but mighty, Pentathlon team competed in the local Super Quiz. Most of the seventh-grade team placed in an event. Shown are team members, left to right, Joshua Lopez, Justice Johnson, Mary Grace Pelekamoyo and Joshua Bello. Lopez received third place in mathematics, Pelekamoyo received third place in social sciences and Bello received third place in science and third place overall.

Photo by MaryBeth Nicol

## Stuchbery students perform at Olympiad



Selected Stuchbery Elementary students were chosen to participate in a bi-yearly physical education program. Olympiad is a demonstration of P.E. skills of fourth-grade students from the 36 elementary campuses of Pasadena Independent School District. The performance was held at the Weldon Phillips Central Gym on March 7. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Jeremiah Turner, Jazalynn Randall, Dakarai Parker, Arlette Aguirre, (back row) Laila Martin, Francesco Torres, Ludson Franklin, Melissa Tzintzun and Tyler Albert.

Photo by Susan Brady

# City begins Harvey recovery fund process

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"We're grateful to Commissioner Bush and the GLO for helping us reduce administrative burdens, while making sure that we're good stewards of federal resources," said Tom McCasland, the city's Housing and Community Development Director.

Once City Council approves the standard contract forms for the Homeowner Assistance Program (HOAP), the Housing and Community Development Department will move forward with signing contracts with the first round of homeowners for the reimbursement program option.

The city will then verify repair costs and begin issuing checks to eligible homeowners.

"Our target is the end of

March to start cutting checks for reimbursement," McCasland said.

Homeowners interested in participating in HOAP or other Harvey recovery programs should take the Harvey Recovery Survey at [www.recovery.houstontx.gov](http://www.recovery.houstontx.gov) or 832-393-0550. The survey takes less than 15 minutes, doesn't require any documents and is the first step in accessing recovery programs.

More information is available at [www.recovery.houstontx.gov](http://www.recovery.houstontx.gov).

Funds for Harvey Recovery Programs are provided by the City of Houston and the Texas General Land Office through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program.

## Cowboys registering

The Sagemont Cowboy youth football team is registering players for the 2019 season. There is a limited number of spaces available. Those interested should contact Denny Wranich, team president, at 281-785-8353 or email [denny@sagemontcowboys.com](mailto:denny@sagemontcowboys.com).

## Black belts teach self-defense

The American Society of Karate is offering one-hour self-defense and martial arts courses for teens and adults (ages 13-80) at the Sagemont Park Community Center, located at 11507 Hughes Road, on Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The courses are free and are taught by experienced martial arts instructors. The physical requirements to take the classes are minimal. No previous self-defense or martial arts experience is necessary. For more information, email Michael Alonzo at [ASKKarate.com](mailto:ASKKarate.com) or call 281-788-5930.

## CCART announces meeting

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its April meeting on Tuesday, April 9. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook.

There will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation by the magician Rick Hebert.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee.

The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50.

## Free tax help available

Volunteers will be available to answer questions and offer tax preparation at Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale, Mondays and Fridays (AARP Tax-Aide) and Saturdays (VN Teamwork) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 15.

This free service is on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring Social Security cards for oneself and dependents, a copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms, unemployment compensation statements, 1099-R forms and other IRS forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit [aarp.org/taxaide](http://aarp.org/taxaide).



# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

## JUDGE DELGADO MARKS A BIRTHDAY

Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Place 1, celebrates a birthday March 26. Happy birthday wishes are sent to her from the *Leader* staff.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO JUDGE RISNER**  
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Judge George Risner, Harris County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Place 2, who celebrates a birthday March 27 from the *Leader* staff.

## SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 21 through March 27.

### Atkinson Elementary

Join in the birthday fun March 21 with Sidney Sobocki. Sing a happy birthday song March 23 to Erin Bullacher. Special birthday greetings are sent to Jennifer Youngblood March 27.

### Burnett Elementary

Celebrating a special birthday March 21 is Patricia Castillo. Alicia Carrizal and Maria Vargas share a day of celebration on March 22. Carmen Norris marks a birthday on March 25.

### Bush Elementary

Light the candles on a birthday cake March 25 for Maria Trela.

### Moore Elementary

Join in the birthday fun March 23 for Katlyn Box. Send a happy birthday greeting March

25 to Lauren Gottardy.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Katherine Myers enjoys a birthday March 23. Warm wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to Brandi Ballard March 26. Celebrating a birthday March 27 is Natalie Boynton.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Light the candles for a fun celebration March 24 for Kimberly Salinas.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Marking a birthday March 22 are Carlynn "Carly" Frank and Shelby Willis. Celebrating a March 23 birthday is Melissa Hargrave. Send a birthday greeting March 25 to Nacedalia Reyes.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Light the birthday candles March 21 for Berenice Mejia. Light the birthday candles March 22 for Laura Guzman. Share in the birthday celebration for Daniel Mullen March 23. Send a greeting March 26 to Janis McKinney.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Tiffany Saucedo enjoys a birthday March 22. Blow out the candles for Travis Meyer and Joshua Pruneda on March 24. Shaurice Spellman marks a birthday March 27.

**Dobie High**  
Blow out the birthday candles on March 21 for Carol Declercq. Robert Francis marks a birthday March 23. Double birthday greetings are sent to Angela Gaston and Emily Lyons

March 24. On March 25, light the birthday candles on a double-layer cake for Gloria Martinez and Michael White. Cheers are sent for a March 26 birthday for Victoria Armenta and Tracy Whately. Blow out the birthday candles for Stephanie Albert on March 27.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to friends who enjoy a birthday:

Thursday, March 21: Suni Ballard, Jamacia Zabala-Gonzalez and Joseph Block; Friday, March 22: Kristy Poole, Maria Ybarra, Michael Hansen, Edwin Watson and Gary Hooks; Saturday, March 23: Cindy Kiessling, Monica Garza, Michael McKissick and James Lucaduo; Sunday, March 24: Jessica Faulkner, Jaime Napoli, Rainbow Montenegro, Larry Bischof and Michelle Noble; Monday, March 25: Joe Dominguez, Iris Scentys, La Magnolia Trattoria Italiana, Chris Williams and Jeff Wright; Tuesday, March 26: Andrew Crow, Lori Johnson, Kevin Waters, Victoria Michelle, Sunday Evans and Britany Waters; and Wednesday, March 27: Chad Rivers, Erica Torres-Saenz, Eudosis Salinas, Cheryl Woods, Donna Hanson, Joan Zuñiga, Sharon Finney and Jimmy Massicott.

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

# Remember When

## 40 years ago (1979)

Boundary line changes were approved for local Pasadena Independent School District students in both elementary and intermediate schools.

Members of the Sagemont Spurs basketball team were tournament runners-up.

## 35 years ago (1984)

Sage Meadow resident Diane Black complained to the Pasadena Independent School District school board about the fact that basic courses were being taught only two of three trimesters. This was making it possible for a nine-month gap to occur between subjects.

The board of directors of the Sage Meadow Utility District passed a resolution granting 100 percent exemption for homeowners over the age of 65.

## 30 years ago (1989)

Facing an angry crowd of around 200 people, Clear Creek Independent School District administrators could not produce the sought after answers to the questions concerning the possible moving of all district sixth-graders to intermediate schools. No solution to the overcrowded logistics problem met with the citizens' approval.

The Environmental Protection Agency agreed to deep-core analysis of the ball fields located on Dixie Farm Road for possible contaminants, provided more documentation on potential problem sites is provided.

## 25 years ago (1994)

A near perfect rating from the seven-member school board resulted in approval of a \$7,500 raise for Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Rick Schneider, which brought his salary, including car expenses, to \$108,500 annually.

A fire destroyed a house in the 9200 block of Kirkmont, which had stood vacant for a couple of years.

## 20 years ago (1999)

A 22-year-old male was found dead in his Green Arbor apartment.

While construction crews were busily working on streets and paving for the new Clear Brook City Meadows subdivision, there were no plans to finish the seven blocks of Scarsdale Boulevard.

Three major incidents kept Houston police officers busy: a stabbing fatality in a field on Kingspoint, a drive-by shooting in Sagemont Park, and a shooting fatality in the parking lot of a night club on Edgebrook.

Rhonda Parmer was named to replace Sharon Oakes as Frazier principal.

Thompson Intermediate seventh-grader Mariel Arhelger advanced to the Texas National Geographic Bee finals.

Pasadena Independent School District officials were looking to hire election workers who were fluent in Vietnamese.

The long-awaited project to repair Hughes Road from Beltway 8 to the Houston city limits in Sage Meadow went out

for bid. The contract was expected to be awarded June 25, with construction beginning in 2015. In the works for more than a decade, the endeavor would remove existing paving and replace it along with curb, gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the street and provide necessary storm sewer system repairs and street lighting. Construction was originally scheduled to begin in 2000 but had been pushed back multiple times to make room for other projects.

Allen M. Sory, 96, who served as the first principal of Dobie High died March 20. Sory served as Dobie principal from the campus's opening in 1968 until his retirement in 1979. Sory came up with Dobie's name, mascot and colors. Prior to his time at Dobie, Sory taught science at South Houston High from its opening in 1957 until 1963. He also taught at Pasadena High School and served as assistant principal at Sam Rayburn High School.

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# UHCL calendar set

The University of Houston-Clear Lake has released its calendar briefs.

## Friday Morning lecture series:

**Turkey's populism, DACA**  
University of Houston-Clear Lake's Friday Morning Continuing Education spring lecture series begins March 29 with two presentations.

At 9 a.m., adjunct professor Ozlem Sisman will discuss the current political situation in Turkey and how rising right- and left-wing populism affects global interests.

At 11 a.m., Roberta Leal, assistant professor of social work, will discuss recent developments involving Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, and the legal limbo affecting hundreds of thousands of immigrants.

The Friday Morning spring lecture series runs through May 10. No classes are scheduled for April 19, in observance of Easter and Passover. The cost for each class is \$18 after a \$26 membership fee. Members are entitled to priority registration, library privileges and discounts at the UHCL bookstore and Patio Café. Parking permits are \$5 and may be obtained from the Continuing Education/Foreign Language Program office, 2700 Bay Area Blvd. To register or for information, visit [www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-ce](http://www.uhcl.edu/academics/extended/friday-morning-ce) or call 281-283-3033.

## UHCL film series:

### "On the Basis of Sex"

University of Houston-Clear Lake will feature a movie that celebrates the life and career of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg on Saturday, March 30. The biopic "On the Basis of Sex" dramatizes Ginsberg's early career as a champion for gender equality.

The lecture series is held at 7 p.m. each Monday through April 29 in room 1203 of the STEM and Classroom Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston. The lectures are free. If pursuing continuing-education credits, each lecture is \$15; any three lectures is \$40; the entire series is \$99. To register or for more information, go to <http://bit.ly/uhcl-physics-lectures>.

## Shaar Hashalom hosts Ganz as guest speaker

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## Humpday Dance held every week

Everyone is welcome to attend the free ballroom dances at Hometown Heroes Park every Wednesday, aka Humpday Dance, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Neva Schroder, or friends who substitute, will play many rhythms to accommodate all levels of dance ability from beginner to advanced dancing.

This event does not include lessons. Lessons are taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler on Tuesdays at 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. To contact the Whistlers, call 832-517-5833.

Guests are encouraged to dress comfortably and dance to have fun with friendly folks. This is a free City activity organized by volunteers, Bill and Neva Schroder. League City requires an activity card for all the city activities. For questions about the activity card, call the front office desk at 281-554-1180.

Name tags are provided by the volunteers to help newcomers get acquainted. Candy and ice water will be provided to keep guests energized for dancing. Everyone can count on this activity as it has never been canceled since starting six years ago. All ages and stages are welcome.

To contact the Schroders, call 417 838-2204.

# Dobie High School crisis training set for March 26

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the year. Please visit our website at [www.pasadenaisd.org](http://www.pasadenaisd.org) and click on the Keeping Pasadena ISD Safe tab to access the introductory video and additional information. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to call Dobie High School at 713-740-0370. We are happy to answer any questions you have about the A.L.I.C.E. protocol."

## Frequently asked questions about A.L.I.C.E.

**How will the school officers respond in an A.L.I.C.E. situation?**

The officers will follow police protocol when they are informed of an active intruder.

**May I call my parents once I get to safety?**

Yes, please call your parents once you get to a safe place. You can also call 911 to let them know where you are.

**Can we throw things if there is an intruder in our classroom?**

Your teacher might choose to throw things if an intruder enters the classroom. You should follow the directions of your teacher (or adult in the room) and be prepared to distract the intruder, evacuate the room, or move furniture around to create a barricade.

**Can we break a window to get out?**

Your teacher might choose to use the window as a way to evacuate if the door is not an option. You should follow the directions of your teacher or adult in the room. They will know how to evacuate, but may ask for your help. Carefully clear away glass before going out the window, and then RUN to safety.

**How will I reunite with my family?**

The district will identify a place for you to be reunited with your family. The information about where to reunite with your family will be sent out in many ways, including a message from school, through social media posts and officers' police cars. The school will work together with law enforcement to decide where parents can pick up students.

**Do substitutes know what to do?**

Substitutes will receive training, but they may need reminders from students about the closest exit or available materials in the room.

**Are we allowed to evacuate without a teacher?**

If there is no teacher around you, and you can safely evacuate, you can do so. Remember to run to the closest exit and do not return to the building. Keep running until you reach a safe place or until you locate a safe adult.

**What if someone has an injury or other reason which prevents them from evacuating?**

If someone is unable to evacuate, lock the classroom and barricade the door if possible. If you can help the person evacuate, you can do that as well.

**What if there is no PA announcement of the intruder?**

There may not be an announcement, or you may not be able to hear an announcement. There may be other things that you hear that alert you or your teacher to begin to implement A.L.I.C.E. Your teacher has been trained in what to do in the event an A.L.I.C.E. procedure is called.

**Will we be able to come back and get our belongings from school?**

The police will notify the school district when it is safe to return to the building. It may not be immediate. Do not re-enter the school until you have been alerted that it is safe.

**Does it matter if the intruder hears the announcement?**

It does not matter if the intruder hears the announcement. The National A.L.I.C.E. Training organization tells us that it is distracting to the intruder to be hearing all of the announcements and that is a good thing.

**Can we run to our house?**

Yes, you can run to your house as long as it is in the direction you are evacuating. Remember to always run AWAY from the sound of the threat. Contact your parents and/or the police to let them know where you are once you have reached a safe place.

**What if there is more than one intruder?**

The same A.L.I.C.E. options apply.

**What will the office staff do?**

The office staff will also implement A.L.I.C.E. They will use any of their options which could include lockdown, barricading or evacuating the office.

**What if the intruder**

comes during a passing period or at the beginning or end of the day?

If the intruder comes into the school during a time when students are moving around the school, whether at arrival/dismissal or during a passing period, the same A.L.I.C.E. options apply. If you can, run into a classroom, lockdown, and barricade. If you can run out a nearby exit, you can do that, too.

**What if the intruder is a student and knows about the A.L.I.C.E. Procedure?**

Even if the intruder knows we follow A.L.I.C.E., they still will not know how everyone will react. The way the protocol is designed; staff (and students) will be making split-second decisions as to which option they feel is the best to implement based on the information provided.

**If a student falls while running and gets hurt, should we help them or keep running?**

Certainly see if you and maybe another student or the staff can quickly help them, then continue to run to a safe location. If the other student was unable to run with you, then once you reach safety, alert a first responder (911) of where the hurt student is so that they can go help the student.

**What if we end up in the hallway and all the classroom doors are locked?**

Evacuation is a very good option. Find the closest exit and run from the building as soon and as quickly as possible. Run until you can no longer see the building. When you reach safety, flag down a first responder, or call 911 or your parents to let them know where you are.

**Some of the classroom doors open out - how will a barricade help?**

Barricading puts things between you and the intruder. The barricade can also work on ways to hold the door shut or prevent it from opening.

**Why can't we evacuate with our cars?**

In a time of panic, it might seem like a good idea to leave in a car. It is not appropriate to leave in a vehicle as emergency personnel and other supporting agencies will quickly be arriving on the scene.

**How do police officers know when I am running that I am not the intruder?**

Students have been instructed to leave the building with hands in the air so that police know they are not the intruder.

**What if I am outside with my class?**

Do not go back into the building. Follow your teacher's directions, which will likely include running away from the threat until you get to safety.

**Parents: Information and FAQs regarding A.L.I.C.E. What is A.L.I.C.E. and A.L.I.C.E. training?**

As part of updating the district's safety plan, a new safety protocol called A.L.I.C.E. will be implemented in the unlikely event of an armed intruder in one of our school buildings. This training encourages staff and students to respond based on their situation, rather than rely on centralized instructions in dynamic times of crisis.

A.L.I.C.E. is a federally endorsed safety protocol. The letters A.L.I.C.E. stand for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate:

- Alert - Inform people of the threat, giving as much information as possible.
- Lockdown - Students and staff can choose to lockdown and barricade the room that they are in if they determine that it is not safe to evacuate.
- Inform - Pass on as much information as possible to others and to First Responders, including calling 911.
- Counter - An effort of last resort, if an armed intruder is able to get into the space they are in, individuals can counter with distraction or other tactics. Staff are being trained to use every effort to stop the intruder, instead of relying on the traditional lockdown and hide response.
- Evacuate - If it is safe to do so, all are encouraged to evacuate the building, and remove themselves from the threat.

During A.L.I.C.E. training, staff, and students are trained in different options for responding to a school intruder who is intent on doing harm. In certain circumstances, the "lock the door and hide" strategy might be appropriate. In some cases, the teacher and students might take precautions to barricade the entrance(s) of the classroom. Under certain conditions, it might be the best decision for the teacher and students to flee the building. The goal of

A.L.I.C.E. training is that the strategies learned will increase the chances that our staff and students might survive if a terrible circumstance of an armed intruder ever were to occur.

**Are teachers and staff expected to follow A.L.I.C.E. in order? Are you supposed to Alert, then lockdown, then inform?**

A.L.I.C.E. is not intended to be a checklist of things to do. It is a list of choices, with accompanying strategies that are options for our staff to help themselves and students stay safe in the highly unlikely event of an armed intruder. Some may choose to evacuate and some may choose to lockdown and barricade. Others may be forced to counter if an armed intruder is able to enter the space they are in. A.L.I.C.E. trains people to know they have choices in an emergency.

**Why change to these different protocols?**

We believe that all PISD schools are the safest place for our students to be. Just like practicing what we should do in a fire with our monthly fire drills, we want to be sure that we will know what to do if an armed intruder is in a school. All our schools are equipped with a number of safeguards, some seen and others unseen, to keep our students safe. In addition, since we know that violence has become all too frequent in our world, the strategies, and mental preparation we use in A.L.I.C.E. preparation are transferable to any public venue our students may find themselves in where a crisis may occur.

We have to come to the realization that a violent intruder event can happen any time,

## Fatal crash leads to investigation

Houston police are awaiting autopsy results in the death of a man involved in a crash that occurred at 4100 Genoa Red Bluff Road about 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, March 14.

The victim, 70, was transported to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead. His identity is pending

notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

HPD Vehicular Crimes Division Sgt. F. Briones and Officer M. Mathews reported:

The victim was driving a black Lexus IS 250 sedan at the above address when he apparently suffered a medi-

cal episode. The Lexus struck the curb multiple times before leaving the roadway near 5100 Baywood Drive and entering an open field.

No other persons or vehicles were involved in this incident.

The investigation is continuing.

## Moore kindergarten students perform Texas program



The kindergarten classes from Moore Elementary practiced Texas songs and dances and learned about their state heritage. The children presented their program on Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the cafeteria. It was an informative celebration about Texas Heritage. Shown above are, left to right, (first row) Jamilyn Phan, Bryan Le, (second row) Alva-



ro Marron, Jude Gutierrez, Zoe Carter, Phuong Nguyen, (third row) Nevaeh Jimenez, Isabella Mejia, Itzel Sordia, (fourth row) Reece Ivens, Destiny Gonzalez, Usman Alcem and McKinlie Ernsing. Shown above are, left to right, Ivan Rapalo, Fernanda Perez, and Jessie Beteta.



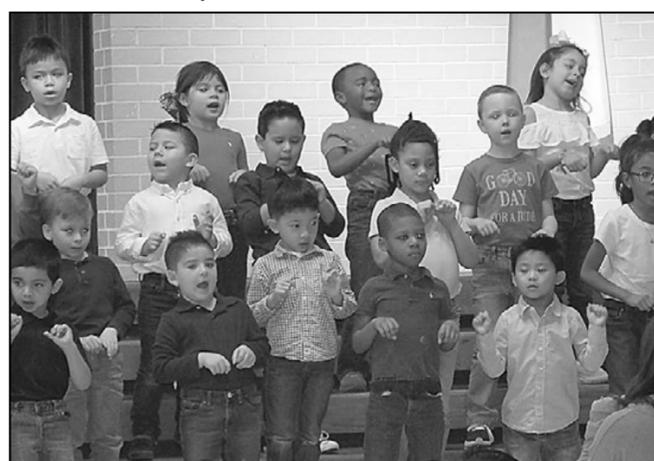
Students learned choreography to accompany the music in the program. Shown above are, left to right, (first row) Anh Pham, Sefaldeen Rajoub, Kayla Cabrera, (second row) Kendra Lanham, Leah Aleman, Aliyanna Machado, (third row) Logan Fritsch, Camilla Reyna, Kainaat Ali, (fourth row) Ulysses Garcia, Lucas Agu-



ilar and Adolpho Villarreal. Students making hand gestures in the photo above are, left to right, (first row) Malachi Holzbach, Orion Chapa, Jalynn Hernandez, (second row) Tracy Tran, (third row) Justin Nguyen, Emilie Zamora, (fourth row) Andrew Navarro and Alysa Adams.



Students demonstrated their Texas spirit by wearing red, white or blue shirts. Shown above are, left to right, (first row) Fernanda Perez, Santiago Cuevas, David Colon, (second row) Camila Licon, Angel Hernandez, Samuel Torres, (third row) Sophia Ibarra, Travis Longwell, (fourth row) Isabella Villalvir, Olivia Flores, Joshua Menahem. Shown



above are, left to right, (first row) David Colon, Heriberto Garcia, Chase Hicks, Simon Nguyen, (second row) Samuel Torres, Calvin Tran, Ava Ahmad, Ava Carter, (third row) Adrian Sanchez, Alfredo Gonzalez, Kyler Ediger, (fourth row) Joshua Menahem, Elysa Gutierrez, Alexander Ballesteros and Zoey Trevino. Photos submitted

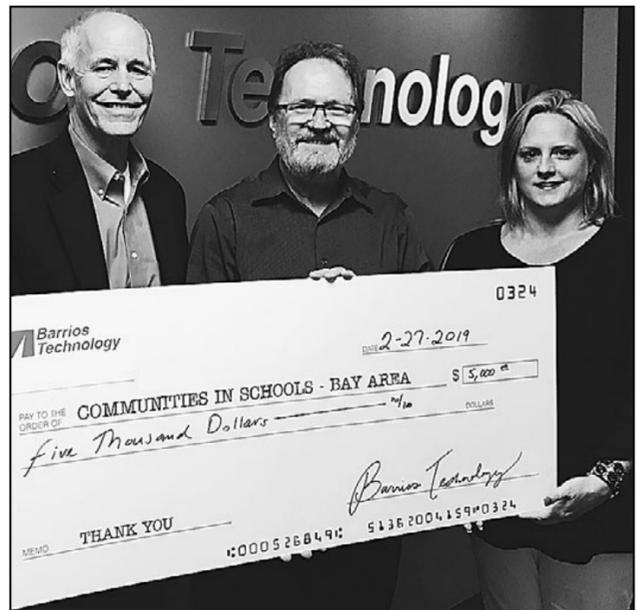
## Barrios goes gold for tournament

Barrios Technology is a Gold Sponsor of the 2019 Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament benefiting Communities In Schools-Bay Area, a dropout prevention program serving 26 campuses in Clear Creek and Dickinson Independent School Districts. The tourney will be held April 15 at Bay Oaks Country Club.

Barrios Technology has been a longtime supporter of CIS-Bay Area having donated

more than \$51,000 since 2004. The company provides a full spectrum of engineering, operations and related technology services in support of the aerospace community.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information on the tournament, contact Hillary Gramm at hillyaryg@cisba.org or 281-486-6698. Visit www.cisba.org to learn more about the dropout prevention program.



Dr. Peter Wuenschel (center), executive director of Communities In Schools-Bay Area, accepts the Barrios Technology sponsorship check for the 2019 Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament. Shown with Wuenschel are Robbie McAfoos (left), president of Barrios Technology; and Barrios' Tracey Escamilla. Escamilla has served on the Golf Tournament Committee since 2009. Photo submitted

## HHD to make 160 homes with lead-poisoning risk safe

One hundred sixty Houston homes posing a lead-poisoning risk to young children will turn into safe homes with a new \$3 million federal grant awarded to the Houston Health Department.

Matching city bond funds totaling \$975,000 from the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will augment the U.S. Housing and Urban Development grant.

"Exposure to lead-based paint in Houston homes continues to poison our children," said Loren Raun, HHD's chief environmental science officer. "Lead-poisoned children suffer from a variety of health impacts."

Lead poisoning in children can result in learning disabilities, behavioral problems, mental retardation, speech and language handicaps and brain damage. Extremely high blood lead levels can trigger seizures, coma or even death.

Every year about 800 Houston children under the age of six are confirmed with elevated blood lead levels.

The Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control program at HHD has performed lead reduction activities in 3,116 homes since 1996. Houston has 533,523 houses built before 1980 and 41,524 built before 1940.

Privately-owned or rent-

al homes contaminated with lead and housing low-income children under age six qualify for the lead reduction work if they are within Houston city limits. The program targets inner-city neighborhoods, areas more likely to contain older homes with lead-based paint — the most common source of lead exposure in children.

Homes of families with lead-poisoned children will receive priority for the lead-hazard reduction.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that more than 80 percent of all houses built before 1978 in the United States have lead-based paint in them. Houses built before 1950 pose the greatest hazard to children because they are much more likely to contain lead-based paint than newer homes. The older the house, the more likely it is to contain lead-based paint and a higher concentration of lead in the paint.

HHD's lead-hazard reduction activities include removal and replacement of contaminated housing components, stabilizing or enclosing painted surfaces and temporarily relocating families during the renovation process to ensure that children are not further lead poisoned. The relocation, provided at no cost to families, takes into consideration each

household's school, employment and transportation needs.

As lead-based paint in older homes deteriorates, it creates contaminated dust as well as paint chips that young children can ingest, especially those between 1 and 3 years of age who frequently pick up objects and put them in their mouths. Home renovation or remodeling can disturb lead paint. Also, a young child can easily chew on painted surfaces such as window sills and door frames in a lead-exposed home.

The main treatment for lead poisoning is to stop the exposure. Removing the lead from a child's environment helps ensure a sustained decline in blood-lead levels. In some cases, medications can lower elevated blood-lead levels.

The longer children are exposed to lead, the greater the likelihood that they will sustain damage to their health. Lead can harm virtually every system in the human body, but it is especially damaging to the developing brain and nervous system of fetuses and young children. It can damage the kidneys and the reproductive system and cause high blood pressure.

For more information or to apply for lead-hazard reduction activities for a Houston home, call 832-393-5141.

## Session is half-over, still no property tax relief yet

By Vance Ginn  
Monday, March 18, marks the halfway point of the 86th Texas Legislature — a session that began with unprecedented accord among leadership and high hopes for some relief from the skyrocketing property tax burden that drives too many Texans from their homes and businesses each year.

But midway through, there's little sign of assured tax reform, and none at all of permanent tax relief.

The Legislature still has time to achieve both of these goals — if it will stand up to the lobbyists of the local

governments (paid for with taxpayer funds) who want to preserve their ability to raise their revenues with little accountability.

Real reform and relief are what Texans want — and need. A recent poll conducted for the Texas Public Policy Foundation by WPAi shows seven out of ten Texans say, "Property taxes are a major burden for them and their family." And fully 65 percent say they support a plan that provides real tax cuts to just 46 percent who support only slowing the growth year after year.

The Legislature's first ef-

forts were encouraging.

Senate Bill 2 (and its companion, House Bill 2) provided significant property tax reform. SB 2, authored by state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, would have lowered the rollback rate (the level local governments can raise revenues without allowing voters to petition for a rollback election) from 8 percent to 2.5 percent, and made an election (now called a ratification election) automatic, instead of petition-enabled.

Predictably, local governments came out in full force against the bills, claiming

that public safety would suffer and municipal services would be cut. This, of course, is a specious claim.

There's no spending cut in either bill, and there's no "cap," either.

In SB 2, local governments can raise taxes all they want — well above the 2.5 percent trigger, as long as they get voter approval, and the tax base includes only existing property. Those elected officials who so vehemently oppose the bills should explain why they don't trust their voters. And if they counter that voters won't approve tax hikes,

well, shouldn't that tell them something?

Though SB 2 fails to provide real tax relief, it's a good start to protect taxpayers. Yet it still hasn't made it to the Senate floor. The heavy tax burden is hurting Texans. Austin, in the vanguard of rising property taxes, has seen landmark restaurants close and people lose their homes and even leave the city over taxes.

Statewide, property tax increases have greatly outpaced the average taxpayer's ability to pay. From 2012 to 2017, local property tax revenues soared by almost 40 percent

across the entire state, according to the Comptroller's Biennial Property Tax Report. That's well above population growth and inflation increases, which rose just 15.3 percent.

Newer bills seem to provide some relief.

Senate Bill 5, also by Bettencourt, would increase homestead exemptions for school property taxes from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for a tax relief amount of \$1.2 billion.

But the truth is that any relief in that bill would be limited and temporary. It wouldn't apply to the small businesses

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### Moore student council offers scholarships

The Moore Elementary student council will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Thursday, April 18, to be considered.

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# City amnesty program begins

Continued from Page 1A resolution have been unsuccessful and to assist the citizens of Houston with any lingering outstanding municipal court issues.

**When does amnesty begin?**  
The amnesty program began Friday, March 15, and ends Saturday, April 6, at 11:59 p.m.

**What kinds of cases are eligible for amnesty rates?**  
Most delinquent traffic and nontraffic citations that were delinquent on or before Feb. 1, 2019, will be eligible for amnesty discounts. Parking citations and administrative violations are not eligible for amnesty. Citizens may call 311 to find out if they have eligible amnesty cases.

**What do I do if I have a delinquent parking citation?**

Parking citations are not eligible for amnesty. For additional information or assistance regarding paying your parking citation, call 311 or 713-837-0311.

**How can I find out if I have warrants?**

Dial Houston's helpline at 311, visit the website at [www.houstontx.gov/courts](http://www.houstontx.gov/courts) or come in person at any City of Houston municipal court location.

**What are my options if I find out that I have warrants?**

You may pay the fines at the applicable amnesty rates if your cases qualify. You may also be able to post a bond and have your case(s) reset for a new court date. You always have the option to seek legal advice from an attorney or come to any City of Houston municipal court location to speak with a judge.

**If I come to court to pay, will I be arrested?**

No. The City Houston municipal courts will not arrest individuals who visit our

courthouse to inquire about their delinquent cases. We encourage everyone to come in voluntarily to resolve their cases.

**If I want to pay for my delinquent cases/warrants, what are my payment options?**

Payment options are as follows: Call (311, 713-837-0311), U.S. mail, or in-person at any City of Houston municipal court location.

**What forms of payment do you accept?**

We accept cash, checks, money orders, and American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.

**After I pay, how long will it take to clear my driving record through DPS?**

The City of Houston Municipal Courts Department will forward the information to DPS upon payment of your case(s). Allow five to seven business days for your driving record to clear through DPS.

# South Belt Elementary names March VIPs

South Belt Elementary has named its VIPs for the month of March. The following students were chosen by their teachers based on the students' ability to display the character trait of the month: generosity. Shown are, left to right, (first row) Marley Manriquez, Caleb Boyer, Felix Gonzalez, Ayden Turner, Gabriella Padilla, Alexia Hoang, Collin Lewis, (second row) Paula Medrano, Yvette Castillo, Mason Rogers, Tabitha Mathis, Drake Nguyen, Sabrina Cavazos, Evelyn Spears, Lila Collazos, (third row) Manuel Sanchez, Luke Stacey, Emma Parker, Cielo Wright, Abygail Herrera, Bradley Jones, Max Hernandez, (fourth row) Anthony Jennings, Jon'Tayshela Cole, Evan Taylor, Isaac Urquieta, Angela Mena, Sara Teng, Bella Russell, Cody Nguyen, Jeremiah Rivero and Andres Lopez. Not shown is Soha Khan.



Photo by Lakitha Green

# Property tax relief needed for Texas families

Continued from Page 5A that are the backbone of the Texas economy. And relief for homeowners would quickly be gobbled up by higher appraisals.

This scenario has played out before. The 75th Texas Legislature attempted to reduce the rising property tax in 1997 by increasing the homestead exemption for school district property taxes by \$10,000. The total tax relief package was estimated at \$1 billion. However, it resulted in little to no effect as school district property taxes increased by nearly \$1 billion and total property taxes increased \$1.4 billion the year after implementation and continued rising thereafter. A similar scenario happened when the 84th Legislature last raised the homestead exemption by \$10,000 to \$25,000.

House Bill 3, by Rep. Dan Huberty (R-Kingwood), included a 4-cent property tax compression in the big school finance bill for tax relief of \$2.7 billion. However, like SB 5, this measure would also be quickly washed out from higher appraisals. Instead of these likely temporary property tax relief measures, the Legislature has an opportunity to provide meaningful, lasting relief.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation has a plan to truly cut property taxes and lessen the burden. It involves three necessary components:

limit spending, impose revenue triggers, and work toward eliminating the maintenance and operations portion of Texas public school property taxes – the biggest portion of the tax bill.

Further, the TPPF plan achieves these goals without making cuts to critical priorities like public education and safety.

A failure to provide relief will simply add to the list of attempts that have fallen short for Texas families.

However, if lawmakers rise to the challenge now, and side with families over lobbyists for local governments, the opportunity exists for Texans to flourish.

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ADVANCING HEALTH

# SECTION B SPORTS & CLASSIFIED

## JFD's playoff soccer plans delayed; boys close in

Not much has changed on the high school soccer scene in more than a week. The action came to a halt first for spring break and then for the tanker fires in Deer Park. With Pasadena ISD officials erring on the side of caution and suspending all outdoor activities – including athletics – at least through March 20 after press time, there has been little movement in the standings. Working out in the Dobie High School gymnasium or in the field house, the goal for the Long-

horn varsity boys' team remains the same. The team needs to accumulate just one more point in the standings over its next two matches to secure a fifth straight league championship. At press time, Dobie was waiting for its game with South Houston to be rescheduled by district officials. The Longhorns are set close out the regular season Saturday, March 23, back at Veterans Stadium in a noon match against second-place Memorial. **Continued on Page 6B**



Air quality concerns caused by the refinery fires in Deer Park were enough to convince Pasadena ISD officials to cancel all outdoor activities for March 18-20. Subsequently, Dobie's boys' and girls' soccer games against South Houston are now set for Thursday, March 21, at Veterans Stadium. The varsity girls' game is at 5 p.m., with the boys' game to follow at 7 p.m. The Dobie varsity boys' squad needs one point to secure the 22-6A championship, and the Lady Longhorns are trying to lock down the No. 3 seed. Both Dobie teams will close out the regular season Saturday, March 30, against Memorial. Above, Dobie's Isaac Cortez (18) played a solid match in his team's most recent win against Rayburn. See standings and more information on Page 6B.

**Dobie vs. Memorial**  
Saturday, March 23  
Veterans Stadium, noon

## Lady Longhorns face huge games

Ridiculous as it may seem what with nine games left to be played in the District 22-6A varsity softball race, Dobie's next two outings are about as important as they come. When action is allowed to resume, Dobie is set to close out the first half of play against Memorial, which is tied for third place. After that, the Lady Longhorns will open the second half of 22-6A action with a rematch against Summer Creek, which handed the locals their lone loss to this point. At 6-1 and tied with that Summer Creek bunch, the Lady Longhorns have a chance to put the pressure squarely on the opposition with a pair of wins. **Continued on Page 6B**

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## JFD girls' soccer targets third seed

With just one more win over South Houston, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team can lock up third place in the 22-6A standings and, therefore, avoid a first-round playoff matchup with unbeaten Deer Park.

That's the focus at this point as Kingwood has claimed the 22-6A and Atascocita's second half play has held off Dobie for second place.

But Dobie still has plenty to play for this season. Two more wins will give the Lady Longhorns 14 for the season, which would leave the group at a very nice 14-6-3 overall.

That third-place finish will also almost assuredly lead to a bidistrict playoff matchup against a North Shore team that has gone 21-6A. Yet it's still better than facing Deer Park, which has aspirations of 16-7 overall out of District 21-6A. **Continued on Page 6B**



The Lady Longhorns' Miranda Serrano and her teammates are looking forward to a return to the field as they hope to secure the No. 3 playoff seed with a one-win South Houston team next up on the schedule when play is allowed to resume. Dobie last played a match March 11, a win over Rayburn.

## Garza pitches Dobie past SC

As talented as he is, the Dobie varsity baseball program needs Daniel Garza to be as close to his best every time out this district season.

No problem for Garza, who went the distance, allowing just one earned run while fanning four in an economical effort. Offensively, the Longhorns got things going in the top of the fifth, scoring three times to take the lead for good.

Senior and Angelina Summer Creek when the Longhorns' field was deemed too wet. The Longhorns will then face Pasadena Friday, March 22, at Maguire Field. That one is at 7 p.m. before the Pasadena Eagles come to Dobie for a 4 p.m. game on Tuesday, March 26.

## Brook baseballers rally past Wildcats

Stymied by one of Clear Creek's rallies in the District 24-6A opener, Clear Brook turned the tables in varsity baseball action to even its record at 1-1.

Winning the first game between the two teams 8-5 after Clear Brook led 3-0 early on, Clear Creek also seemed to have the rematch under control with a 7-2 edge through four frames. Brook then moved to 2-1 March 19 as they pitched two runs in the fourth inning to defeat the Wolverines. **Continued on Page 6B**

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## Lil' Crushers 6U place third at Sweeney invite



The South Belt Girls Softball Association's 6U Lil' Crushers captured third-place honors at the There's No Place Like Home invitational in Sweeney. Members of the team are, left to right, (seated) Sofia Escobar, Sofia Nava, Rylee Hayes, Avi

Guerra, Mariah Mendez, Chloe Vasquez, Kinley Brister, Elisa Davila, Zuleigh Gaona, Abbygail Moya, Emma Hernandez, (standing) assistant coach Ralph Cruz, head coach Aaron Vasquez and assistant coach Nadia Moya.

At right, Dobie senior guard Briasia Garza (with ball) finished out her career with the Lady Longhorns in style, landing first team all-district accolades after helping her team go 12-5 in league play while claiming the No. 3 playoff seed behind undefeated champion Atascocita and eventual Region III champion Summer Creek, which finished second at 14-2. With Garza's help this season, Dobie defeated North Shore in the bidistrict round before an area round loss to District 24-6A champion Clear Springs. Garza also had a terrific junior season with the Lady Longhorns, helping the locals win the 22-6A title and then winning a bidistrict game before a second round loss.

Photos by Jade Wise



## Lady Longhorn hoops scores all-district within District 22-6A

### Most Valuable Player

*Brittany Stafford, Atascocita*

### Defensive MVP

*Adaora Nwokeji, Summer Creek*

### Newcomer of the Year

*Robin Whitehead, Atascocita*

### Coach of the Year

*Veronica Johnson, Atascocita*

### First Team Selections

Maliyah Johnson, Summer Creek

Shaniya Klauser, Atascocita

Halle Johnson, Summer Creek

Kyleigh McGuire, Atascocita

Melanie Wenkebach, Humble

Anna Chuong, Kingwood

Maily Wilkerson, Summer Creek

Abigail Samson, Memorial

Chyndall Daniels, Humble

Elyssa Coleman, Atascocita

Samora Watson, Memorial

Madison Garrett, Dobie

Briasia Garza, Dobie

Vanessa Lam, Dobie

Maddie Vanderpool, Kingwood

### Second Team Selections

Teagan Bouswer, Summer Creek

Victoria Crawford, Summer Creek

Jashya Wortham, Humble

Keona Chatman, Humble

Britney Telles, Pasadena

Charlee Peters, Dobie

Hayden Morin, Atascocita

Blake Matthews, Atascocita

Jasmine Flores, South Houston

Kemoni Irvin, Pasadena

Val Childress, Rayburn

Alexia Rangel, Memorial

Alyssa Garza, South Houston

Tori McDonald, Kingwood

Dylan Holloran, Kingwood

Annette Eonne, Dobie

### Honorable Mention – Dobie

Charderial Terrell

### All-Academic – Dobie

Kendall Brown

Vanessa Lam

Annette Eonne



Madison Garrett (10) delivered consistently across the board for the Lady Longhorns during the season on her way to a first team all-district nomination. One of the team's top returnees for next season, Garrett helped her team snag the No. 3 playoff seed with a last-second 3-pointer against Humble.



Vanessa Lam (14) has had a brilliant two-year run for the Lady Longhorns. The sophomore guard has earned all-district accolades in both of her varsity seasons to this point, including a first-team nomination this season for her team.

## SJC softball wins three of four

Following three wins in four home games to begin the Region XIV schedule, the San Jacinto College softball team is now getting set for an extended stretch of road games.

The Coyotes moved to 20-15 overall this season with a two-game sweep of Coastal Bend and another single game win over Laredo March 15-16.

Laredo closed out the weekend set with a 6-5 win in nine innings.

Morgan Childs led the Coyotes in the conference opener, a 13-4 win over Coastal Bend that saw the locals plate 12 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

As she has done for much of the season, Morgan Childs keyed the offense from her leadoff spot, collecting three hits and four runs batted in.

Childs hit the game's only home run for SJC.

Ashley Ramber had a hit and drove in a pair, and Allison Bravo had a hit and scored two runs.

Tori Garcia also chipped in with two runs batted in and two runs scored.

Meagan Smith earned the win in relief, and Denisse Gracia picked up the save after recording the final two outs.

In the second game of the series, Michelle Kristoff pitched her team past Coastal Bend as she went the distance, allowing three earned runs and fanning five.

Ramber had a hit and drove in two, and Dominique Garcia had two hits and knocked in three.

Shifting to March 16, the Coyotes cruised past

visiting Laredo 10-2 as Samantha Martinez homered and Childs was 2 for 3 with two runs scored and two more driven in.

Lillie Grotenhuis had a hit and knocked in two runs, and Garcia and Bravo both plated a pair of runs.

Tannery earned the win in the circle as she went

## San Jacinto baseball moves record to 19-7

Two more wins in three conference games has the San Jacinto College baseball team tied with Alvin at 9-3 for first place in the Region 14 South standings.

The Gators have been ruled ineligible for the

five innings, striking out six and allowing no earned runs.

Laredo then ended San Jacinto's three-game winning streak.

Childs and Bravo had two hits apiece for the locals, with Bravo smacking a triple. Gracia took the loss in relief after Smith began the frame.

postseason this go-around, but that can't stop the team from winning the conference crown.

Despite a 10-8 nonconference walk-off loss to Grayson March 18, San Jacinto College is cruising

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# Sports Calendar

## TENNIS

Thursday, March 21

Dobie varsity at Peter Sunseri team tourn., Galv., TBA

Thursday and Friday, March 29-30

Dobie varsity at Beachcomber Classic, Galv., TBA

## SOFTBALL

Thursday, March 21

Dobie varsity vs. Memorial, PISD, 6:00

Dobie JV Orange vs. Memorial, PISD, 4:30

Tuesday, March 26

Dobie varsity at Summer Creek, 6:00

Dobie JV Orange at Summer Creek, 4:30

Friday, March 29

Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, Dobie, 6:00

Dobie JV hosts Pasadena, Dobie, 4:30

## TRACK AND FIELD

Friday, March 22

Dobie girls track at Purnell Relays, Angleton, TBA

Dobie boys track at Purnell Relays, Angleton, TBA

Friday, March 29

Dobie girls track at Rockhold Relays, Baytown, TBA

Dobie boys track at Rockhold Relays, Baytown, TBA

## BASEBALL

Thursday, March 21

Dobie varsity hosts Summer Creek, 4:00

Friday, March 22

Brook varsity at Clear Falls, 6:00

Dobie varsity vs. Pasadena, Maguire, 7:00

Brook JV hosts Clear Falls, 6:30

Brook sophomores host Clear Falls, 4:30

Saturday, March 23

Dobie varsity hosts Pasadena, 1:00

Monday, March 25

Brook JV at Clear Springs, 6:30

Brook sophomores at Clear Springs, 4:30

Tuesday, March 26

Dobie varsity hosts Humble, 4:00

Brook varsity hosts Clear Springs, 6:00

Friday, March 29

Dobie varsity at Humble, 7:00

Brook varsity at Clear Springs, 6:00

Brook JV hosts Clear Springs, 6:30

Brook sophomores host Clear Springs, 4:30

## SOCCER

Saturday, March 23

Dobie varsity girls vs. Memorial, Vet., 10:30 a.m.

Dobie varsity boys vs. Memorial, Vet., noon

Dobie JV boys vs. Memorial, Aux., 10:30 a.m.

Dobie JV girls vs. Memorial, Aux., noon

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## Pasadena Eagles' 1958 state finalist football highlights PISD Athletics Hall of Fame group

By Reesha Brown  
PISD Communications

The story of Pasadena High School's 1958 football team remains one of the most celebrated in PISD Athletics Hall of Fame history.

With some of the finest coaches at helm, head coach Bob Barfield, and assistants Sam Sailer, Jack Fink and John Maguire, the team would be remembered as the first – the ONLY Pasadena ISD football squad to compete for state championship glory.

Sixty years after that memorable game, the team will reunite April 13 to be inducted into the district's 2019 Athletics Hall of Fame.

"It was a great season," said John Bryan, who wore No. 82 on that team. "No Pasadena team before or since has ever gone that far."

The road to state wasn't always easy, but the obstacles would give way to an impressive football season.

The team stumbled with a 21-8 upset in the nondistrict season opener in Odessa, Sept. 12, 1958.

With the bitter taste of defeat, Pasadena managed to win the next two nondistrict games against Houston Lamar and Texarkana – two of what would become a 12-game winning streak.

**District Games**  
In the preseason district predictions, the Eagles were ranked by experts as fourth behind Galena Park, Baytown and Spring Branch, yet over time, they proved their critics wrong.

A decisive victory against Galveston Ball preceded the big showdown against their rival, the Baytown Ganders.

The team clearly brought its A-game that day, defeating Baytown 28-0. One of the team captains, Lawrence Broussard, put the first points on the board with a 46-yard sprint.

Minutes later, Randall Kerbow passed to Charlie Goehring for a 24-yard touchdown, and then completed a two-point conversion pass to Robbie Robnett before halftime.

During the second half, Bobby Crenshaw scored a touchdown when he blocked a punt and recovered the ball in the Baytown end zone.

For the final touchdown of the evening, Kerbow

found Carl Choate in the end zone.

Not only did they gain more confidence after the Baytown victory, but they earned the respect of sports experts across the state and turned the eyes of Texas upon Pasadena High School.

"Baytown beat us two years before. Then, we beat them 28-0," said Goehring, then a prominent Eagles' player and now a Hall of Fame committee member.

"That was one of the highlights for me and the rest of the team because for some reason we always had a hard time beating Baytown."

With their confidence high and determination set to full-throttle, the Eagles continued to surprise experts and topple the competition, this time in the district showdown, beating Galena Park, the defending 1957 district champs, in a hard-fought game, 10-6.

The Galena Park victory was followed by wins against South Houston (36-10), Spring Branch (28-14), Texas City (40-6) and a 27-6 victory over Brazosport.

During the final game against Brazosport, David Webb's 58-yard end sweep, Archie Peterson's 63-yard interception return for a touchdown and a final touchdown by Herman Shelby led to a 27-6 PHS clobbering of Brazosport.

With a 9-1 overall and 7-0 district record, the Eagles were the district champions and punched their ticket to the playoffs, looking unstoppable on the road to state.

**Bidistrict round**  
As the playoffs began, Pasadena took on Port Arthur in the bidistrict game.

The game was a defensive struggle until the third quarter when the Eagles finally scored, with Broussard, Gerald Batchelor and Choate gaining crucial yardage. Pasadena's defense then took over and held on for a 6-0 victory.

**Quarterfinals**  
The Eagles hosted Houston Reagan in the quarterfinal championship game in front of a sell-out crowd of 14,000 fans.

With Webb, an all-state standout, and Broussard doing some heavy damage on the gridiron, backed by a solid offensive and defensive team, Reagan didn't stand a chance.

The Eagles would claim a 24-14 quarterfinal championship victory.

**Semifinal**  
In the semifinal game, the Eagles faced perennial power Corpus Christi Miller at Rice Stadium, the largest stadium in the area at the time.

After a scoreless first half, Miller scored a touchdown that would put the first six points on the scoreboard.

The Battlin' Bucs fumbled the ball and Choate secured it for Pasadena. After two running plays, Kerbow found Choate for a 42-yard touchdown pass and the extra point gave the Eagles a one-point lead.

With the lead in hand, the Eagle's defense secured the 7-6 victory and a state championship berth.

**State title game**  
Pasadena was the underdog in the match-up against Wichita Falls in the 4A state championship game five days before Christmas.

"We were ranked fifth in the state. That was actually before the playoffs started. After the playoffs started, they had us ranked a little higher," said Goehring. "In fact, Wichita Falls was right ahead of us."

Kerbow scored Pasadena's first and only touchdown in the first quarter. With their heads held high, never conceding defeat, the Eagles played hard but fell to Wichita Falls, 48-6. Yet the crowd still cheered.

"We went up there thinking we were going to be the state champions. We had no idea that they were going to be that good or we were not going to play as well as we could have," Goehring said.

"I'll never forget that day," Bryan said.

"They ran the single wing in those days, and they were really very well-coached. They just out-manned us. We were

proud to get there, but we weren't happy with the way it turned. They were the better team."

The players said getting to the state championship would have been impossible without the support of their coaches.

"It was the change in the offensive strategy that coach Barfield brought with him. Just the ability to run a little bit and throw the ball for sure helped [our team]," said Kerbow. "Coach Barfield (now deceased), hailed as one of the best in the state, came to Pasadena from Baylor University.

"Senior year, we had a coaching change, with that change being coach Bob Barfield," Kerbow said.

"He brought in a new type offense that we called a pro-type offense that they had gone through and done well with at Baylor." Barfield was not only their leader, but also regarded family.

"They were role models and that's what I think inspired me to be a coach," Bryan said.

The team's success on the field mirrored their successes after high school. Nearly half the team played college football after graduating from Pasadena, with a few players playing professionally, like Kerbow, who played for Rice University and then enjoyed a two-year stint with the Houston Oilers.

Twelve wins, including district, bidistrict, state quarterfinal and state semifinal titles – the wins, the history and the camaraderie outweighed the defeat.

"I feel like all of the players on our '58 team are being recognized individually for being a part of a great team," said Goehring.

"I'm really proud, and so is my family. I just wanted to thank the Hall of Fame for recognizing us this year."

**Pasadena ISD**  
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## Area sports news, notes

### Rising Stars Track Club practicing, etc.

The Rising Stars Track Club, the area's longstanding youth track and field organization, is set to begin practices and registration at Dobie High School. Returning team members are encouraged to join workouts now through March, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the JFD track.

The team will also practice each Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon until the season begins. Team officials will also accept registration each Saturday in conjunction with the practices. For more information, call head coach Ivory Kimble at 832-561-1248.

### Pear Run to aid Pearland PD on May 11

The 2019 Pear Run will this year celebrate 15 years of police support, healthy living and exercise; and members of the jogging public are invited to get involved.

Organized by the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, the run through funds raised has previously assisted the Pearland Police Department, helping to purchase equipment, K-9 officer needs, officer memorials and more.

This year, the goal is to raise \$50,000 for a new mobile command center to be used in SWAT situations and at other large public events.

This planned command center will be state-of-the-art in technologies to keep citizens safe and assist with police activities. Participants are encouraged to register for the 10k or 5k Run, 5k Walk or the Kids Fun Run.

In addition, those who choose to be business sponsors for the event will have the opportunity to be seen by more than 1,000 potential customers. There are several sponsor levels to meet all budgets.

The Pear Run will be May 11, 2019, held at the Pearland Town Center Pavilion, 11200 W. Broadway in Pearland. The first race begins at 7 a.m. Visit the official website at [www.pearrun.com](http://www.pearrun.com) for details.

### Former JFD football coach exits playing field

Jim Phillips, who guided the Dobie varsity football program from the 2010 through 2014 seasons, has left the playing field via retirement but will remain on board as the athletic director in Waller ISD.

With Phillips now in administration full time, Waller has hired former Cypress Ranch head coach Gene Johnson to lead its football program.

### Ex-Wolverine helps UH relay squad

Brandon Taylor, who reached the state track and field meet twice while at Clear Brook, helped the Coogs in a big way at the UH Spring Break Invitational March 14 at the Carl Lewis Complex. Taylor joined Nicholas Alexander, Mario Burke and Travis Collins in the 4x1 as the group delivered the second-fastest outdoor time (38.83 seconds) in collegiate history prior to March 15. Taylor, a University of Miami commit out of high school, also won the 100 dash at 10.34.

## Lajaunie tennis is April 26-28; player registration continues

The 2019 Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament will return to the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena April 26-28.

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

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund volunteers are in the planning and sponsorship gathering stages for its eighth annual memorial tennis tournament.

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

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

He was an electrical engineer graduate from the University of Texas in Austin, and a pillar of the community while working at the Johnson Space Center. Lajaunie was also

dedicated and passionate for his favorite pastime of playing tennis.

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

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

Opening ceremonies, including a scholarship awards dinner and silent auction, will be held Friday, April 26.

There will be several camp scholarships as well as two college scholarships awarded to HTTC junior tennis players. Dinner tickets will soon be available for purchase.

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

Tickets may be purchased at the HTTC or on the DLTSF website as of April 1. In May, the 2019 Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the school. Entry

fee for the tournament is \$35 for singles and \$22.50 per player for doubles.

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

The tournament will begin Saturday, April 27, at 8 a.m. and finish the next afternoon, with trophy presentations at the conclusion of each division of play.

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund website at [www.DLTennisScholarships.com](http://www.DLTennisScholarships.com) includes pictures from the 2018 tournament and information on this year's tournament, sponsorship opportunities, scholarships details and more.

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

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

# CALENDAR

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

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

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – 299'er games Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.

10 a.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** – Imperfect Nooners Group, noon, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. For details, call 713-686-6300.

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

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

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

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea

Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for additional information.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** – Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., Pearland. Call 713-661-4200.

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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

11 a.m.  
**StartSchoolLater.net (SSL) Houston Chapter** - informational meeting about the link between teen sleep deprivation to depression and low academic performance. The public is welcome at 11 a.m. on the fourth Saturday at the Parker Williams Library, located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. For additional information, call 281-229-1409. RSVP is requested for meeting attendance.

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

1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24

1 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.

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

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

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

## MONDAY, MARCH 25

10 a.m.  
**AI-Anon Deer Park** – Mondays, 10 – 11 a.m. Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for details, or drop in.

10 a.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club** – Open games Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. Call the club at 281-480-1911 or email the

director at [jpochsner@aol.com](mailto:jpochsner@aol.com) for details.

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

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

6-8 p.m.  
**CrossRoads UMC** – Mercy Hearts meets on the second and fourth Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m., at CrossRoads UMC located at 10030 Scarsdale. The focus of the new Mercy Hearts is support for families of inmates and ex-offenders. The program will provide a complimentary meal, group Bible study and discussion. Child care is provided. This is a confidential ministry and information will be treated accordingly. For additional information, contact C. Talbot at 281-245-7072 or [Chucktal@msn.com](mailto:Chucktal@msn.com).

6 p.m.  
**Scrabble Club #511** – Meets Mondays at IHOP, located at 11222 Fuqua. Come, improve crossword playing skills with the group. Call 281-488-2923 for additional information. There are no meetings on holidays.

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

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### MONDAY, MARCH 25

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200.

7:30 p.m.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Saint Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

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

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

10 a.m.  
**American Begonia Society** - Houston Satellite meets on the fourth Tuesday, Clear Lake Park, 5001 NASA Pkwy. (on the lake side), Seabrook. For information, call Joe at 281-481-2458.

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

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
**Free dance lessons** - taught by Lewis and Betty Whistler (35 years of experience) at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, on Tuesdays. Bringing a partner is not required. There is a different dance focus monthly. For details, call Betty at 832-517-5833. For questions about League City's activity card, call the park office at 281-554-1180.

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

Noon  
**Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets Tuesdays, noon to 1 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch is \$15. Variety of interesting speakers. For information, call 281-900-7257 or visit nalix@texascitizensbank.com.

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

2 p.m.  
**Clear Lake Bridge Club Lab Class** - Tuesday, 2 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark, 77062. For details or classes, contact Dr. Glandorf at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or call 281-488-6318.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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

9:30 a.m.  
**Young at Heart Senior Club** - Meets the second and fourth week monthly (Nov./Dec. meet second week only) at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.

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

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

1 - 3:30 p.m.

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

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church-youth bldg. For information, call 713-661-4200.

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

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

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

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

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

6:30 p.m.  
**Kirkwood Civic Association** meets at the South Belt Chamber of Commerce (new location), 10500 Scarsdale. For more information, call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

7 p.m.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Women's Group, open meeting, 7 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church (youth building), located at 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) in Pearland. For details, call 713-661-4200.

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Team	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	12	1	1	37
Memorial	11	3	1	34
Kingwood	10	3	2	32
Humble	8	5	1	25
Atascocita	7	5	2	23
Rayburn	5	9	1	16
S. Creek	2	11	2	8
Pasadena	2	11	1	7
S. Houston	2	11	1	7



Sam Rayburn's Leo Santoyo (9) and his teammates found the going tough as Dobie's Juan Castaneda (25), a sophomore, delivered stifling defense March 10 at Veterans Stadium.



Dobie junior goalkeeper Eduardo Benavides has logged the majority of the playing time as the Longhorns have allowed just nine scores in 22-6A play.

## JFD soccer in title-hunt mode

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in a game the locals hope doesn't mean much.

After his team defeated Rayburn March 10, Dobie head coach Justo Manrique, who now has 100 career wins over stops at first MacArthur and now Dobie, said the Longhorns

will go all-out against South Houston (5-8-1) in an effort to grab the title before taking on the Mavericks.

District officials make every effort to play the games in the order they are originally scheduled, so teams in Pasadena ISD

## Dobie softballers set to face Mavs

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As hot as Dobie's offense has been in district play, there isn't likely an opponent that wants to go against this lineup.

Leslie Longoria, Camryn Wincher, Taylor Pleasants and others have

triggered an attack that has produced 97 runs in the seven district games. The Lady Longhorns have scored at least eight runs in each of the games, and the team's pitching has been very good during the stretch.

are about to get very busy. If the Longhorns are indeed able to secure the title with a win over the Trojans, Manrique will likely do what he has done in the past – rest some regulars in the finale against the Mavericks.

## Lady Longhorns aim at securing No. 3 seed

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a deep postseason push. As for Dobie, it's been a season of contributions from many players. Junior Victoria Chu is the leading goal-scorer with nine, and she also has six assists.

After that, teammates Aylin Bonilla, Alondra Acevedo and Taiya Mitchell, arguably the league's top defensive player, all have four.

Marina Vasquez is tied for the team lead with Chu with six assists. After a 6-1-1 first-half run, Dobie suffered losses to frontrunners Kingwood and Atascocita and also played to a couple of ties,

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## JFD's Winner honored nationally



Dobie junior softball standout Camryn Wincher (5) was a finalist for the extrainningsoftball.com National Player of the Week for the week of March 11-17 after she went 5 for 7 with nine runs batted in for the week, including five against defending 6A state champion Atascocita in the Lady Longhorns' thrilling 16-15 comeback win. The Michigan State University commit entered play against Memorial after press time batting .600 for the season with two home runs, 34 runs batted in and 12 walks. A three-year varsity starter at Dobie, Wincher was a first team all-district performer at second base in 2018.

## SJC baseball keeps winning

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along with 19 wins in 26 overall games, including that 9-3 conference mark with a series coming next against Blinn.

Despite losing the series opener to Galveston March 13 by a 4-2 count, the Gators got a seven-inning, 12-strikeout effort from Jackson Rutledge, who leads the nation in strikeouts by a wide margin.

Galveston's Ian Matos slugged a solo homer off Rutledge in the top of the seventh inning to help put the game away. Three Whitecap pitchers combined to hold the San Jacinto offense largely in check.

San Jacinto then won the middle game of the series 4-2 as starting pitcher Dane Acker threw a gem to improve to 6-0 this season.

Acker had seven strikeouts over six innings and Bryant Salgado earned his first save of the season.

Camryn Williams paced the offense with two hits in

three at-bats, including an RBI double.

R.J. Ochoa was 2 for 3 with a run scored, and Ryan Hernandez was also 2 for 3.

The Gators won the series after a 10-7 win in the finale. Williams homered, walked three times and scored four runs.

Hernandez had two hits, drove in two runs and scored a pair of runs. Adam Houghtaling had two hits and scored twice as well.

Four San Jacinto College pitchers combined for 16 strikeouts in the game as the locals kept pace with Alvin in league play.

## Brook's pitching slows Clear Falls

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The Wolverines got just four hits in the game, but Benavides and Sebastian Pichardo hit consecutive doubles in that pivotal fourth inning before Pichardo slid home on Watson's sacrifice fly for the eventual game-winner.

The Wolverines, one of

the youngest teams in the Houston area in terms of varsity experience, got a strong four-inning performance from freshman left-hander Cody Myers, who earned the win.

Pichardo, the Wolverines' closer, earned the save by getting the final out as the locals earned a win over a very good Falls' squad.