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### Dobie High School inducts 2023 Hall of Honor

#### Annual event recognizes 5 distinguished Longhorn alumni

Five distinguished Dobie alumni were recognized Friday, Feb. 17, at the area high school's 11th annual Honor of Honor induction ceremony.

The distinct honor recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions to the community and serve as role models for future students.

2023 Hall of Honor inductees included U.S. Army Col. Mark Russell, Class of 1970; track star Sam Shimfessel, Class of 1981; entrepreneur/philanthropist Marla Hurley, Class of 1987; stuntwoman and actress Audi Resendez, Class of 1999; and track star/anesthesiologist Dr. Yvonne Clafin, Class of 2001.

After serving 26 years in the U.S. Army, Russell retired from the military as a colonel in 2001. Postretirement, Russell began working United Defense Corporation, where he played a crucial role in the management of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle program.

A star athlete in high school, Shimfessel participated in soccer, basketball, football, basketball and track. Following graduation, Shimfessel attended Louisiana Tech and Houston Baptist University, where he continued to stand out athletically.

After graduating from Texas A&M University, Hurley began a career in the oil and gas industry, before eventually leaving to assume a senior

management role in her family's pawn business. Hurley went on to open her own luxury consignment business.

The former Lucy the Longhorn mascot in high school, Resendez went on to be a successful actress and stuntwoman appearing in more than 100 TV shows, films and commercials. Appearances include "Indiana Jones," "Modern Family," "The Morning Show" and "Desperate Housewives." She has been selected by Steven Spielberg for

multiple projects and has worked alongside performers, such as Jennifer Aniston, Eva Longoria, Anthony Hopkins and Kevin Bacon.

A standout athlete and a member of the National Honor Society in high school, Clafin received a scholarship to Rice University, where she continued to shine athletically. Following graduation, Clafin attended medical school at Northwestern University and now currently works as an anesthesiologist in Houston.

### Two of 9 area subsidized complexes gain Houston City Council approval

Two of nine area proposed subsidized apartment complexes in the South Belt community were approved by Houston City Council to advance for possible state credits, officials said.

The Laurel at Blackhawk and Park Boulevard Lofts could both be located on Blackhawk between Fuqua and Almeda Genoa, if fully approved by state officials. The Laurel development would cater exclusively to seniors, while the Park Boulevard complex would be a comprehensive family development.

The numerous proposals had been controversial, due to the high concentration of existing low-income apartment complexes already in the area. There are currently at least 10 government-subsidized apartment complexes between near Edge-

brook and Dixie Farm Road. Had they been approved, the nine proposed developments would all be located within approximately 3 miles of each other.

Low-income developments traditionally put an extra strain on local fire departments and law enforcement agencies. According to officials from the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, the local Highland Meadow Village apartment complex has roughly five times more annual calls for police and ambulance service than single-family residences in the community.

A second traditional concern involves the added burden to area schools. If approved, students living in the proposed complexes would have all attended

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### Dobie honors elite alumni



Dobie High School inducted its 2023 Hall of Honor members at a ceremony held at the area campus Friday, Feb. 17. Inductees shown above are, left to right, track star Sam Shimfessel, Class of 1981; entrepreneur/philanthropist Marla Hurley, Class of 1987; stuntwoman and actress Audi Resendez, Class of 1999; and track star/anesthesiologist Dr. Yvonne Clafin, Class of 2001. Not shown U.S. Army Col. Mark Russell, Class of 1970.

### Clear Brook City MUD to increase rate

#### Officials: rate increase offset by tax decrease

Clear Brook City MUD residents will likely soon see a rate increase on their monthly statements.

Beginning next month, the minimum bill for residents serviced by the local municipal utility district will be \$91.14.

Clear Brook City MUD officials said the increase is necessary due to increased costs on their end associated with COVID and inflation. Such increases include a 20 percent hike from the city's Southeast Water Plant, a 12 percent increase in city sewer costs, a 10 percent spike in county constable costs, a 55 percent increase in fire and ambulance costs from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department and a nearly 30 percent hike in its trash-collection contract.

Officials noted that the new increase will

largely be offset by tax reductions. Clear Brook City MUD reduced its tax rate this year by 9 percent. Further, the district continues to offer a 20 percent homestead exemption, along with a \$75,000 over 65 and disability exemption - both of which are among the highest in the state.

According to Clear Brook City MUD officials, when the low tax rates are factored into the equation, the combined fees are still significantly less than the surrounding communities, despite the new increase.

The new Clear Brook City MUD rate will be in effect for two years, expiring Dec. 31, 2024.

Clear Brook City MUD residents should have received a letter notifying them of the change. The new rate will be reflected in the next statement from the district.

### Apple Watch leads police to stolen car

An Apple Watch inside a stolen vehicle led Precinct 2 deputies to the missing vehicle Wednesday, Feb. 15.

According to Precinct 2 officials, the vehicle was stolen around 11 a.m. from a residence in the 11500 block of Grapewood. Utilizing the stolen Apple Watch and local FLOCK Cameras, deputies were able to track the missing vehicle to a motel located in the 12000 block of Beltway 8

at the Gulf Freeway.

Precinct 2 Investigators were able to confirm 43-year-old Erick Dopp as the suspect through the victim's home surveillance footage. Dopp was charged with felony unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and felony theft of a motor vehicle charges.

Precinct 8 deputies provided assistance in this case.

### South Belt Leader 2022 year in review

The Leader continues its look back on 2022 with a list of some of the significant stories of the year. For highlights up to Sept. 8, see the Feb. 16 edition of the Leader.

#### Sept. 8

A pedestrian was killed Saturday, Aug. 27, when he was struck by a vehicle during a bizarre accident in the 10500 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook. According to Houston Police Department officials, Antonio Rosales was lying in the roadway in a U-turn lane from the southbound service road when he was struck by a white Nissan Frontier pickup truck. Houston Fire Department paramedics transported him to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the pickup truck, who remained at the scene, was questioned and released, pending further investigation. No charges had been filed at press time.

#### Sept. 15

Sagamont Church Lead Pastor Matt Carter announced Sunday, Sept. 11, he was stepping

down from the position due to health-related issues. Carter assumed the role in June 2020, replacing Sagamont founding pastor Dr. John Morgan, who had served in the position for 53 years. Prior to his time at Sagamont, Carter was the founding pastor of Austin Stone Community Church, which began in 2002. During his tenure, the church grew from a core team of 15 people to more than 8,000 weekly attendees spread over six campuses and with a budget in excess of \$24 million. Carter and his family will remain members of Sagamont Church, as he ministers as vice president of Church Planting and Church Mobilization at the North American Mission Board.

#### Sept. 22

An 80-year-old man was pistol-whipped during a robbery attempt that took place in broad daylight at the Wells Fargo bank in the 10000 block of Almeda Genoa at Rowlett. The incident took place after the elderly victim with-

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### Filings ends in local school elections

Filing for the local May 6 school board elections ended Friday, Feb. 17, with all candidates drawing challengers.

In Pasadena ISD, three incumbents will face opponents. Position 5 incumbent Kenny Fernandez is being challenged by Larry Savala; Position 6 incumbent Marshall Kendrick will face opponents David Gonzales and Andy Garcia; and Position 7 incumbent Vickie Morgan will be challenged by Irene Tamayo and Jeff Snover. For more Pasadena ISD election information, visit [www.pasadenaisd.org/school\\_board/election\\_information](http://www.pasadenaisd.org/school_board/election_information).

Voters in Clear Creek ISD will decide who will fill the District 2 position currently held by Michelle Davis and District 3 position currently held by Arturo Sanchez. Both incumbents have

filed to maintain their positions. Davis will be challenged by Jamieson Mackay and Glencora Rodgers. Sanchez will be opposed by Peter Lauzon. For more Clear Creek ISD election information, visit [ccisd.net/elections](http://ccisd.net/elections).

In the San Jacinto College District, voters will select who will fill the Position 1 seat currently held by Erica Davis-Rouse and the Position 2 seat currently held by Ruede Wheeler. Rouse is the only incumbent who filed for re-election. She is being challenged by Brad Hance. In the Position 2 race to replace Wheeler, Michelle Cantú-Wilson will face opponent Karen K. Wheeler-Hall. For more San Jacinto College election information, visit [www.sanjac.edu/about-san-jac/board-trustees/election-information/board-election-may-2023](http://www.sanjac.edu/about-san-jac/board-trustees/election-information/board-election-may-2023).

### Pct. 2 deputies arrest burglary suspects

A pair of suspects wanted for breaking into a Scarsdale Chase ATM around 4:50 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, was arrested on multiple other unrelated charges.

Precinct 2 Night Shift deputies responded to the burglary-in-progress call in the 10800 block of Scarsdale at Beamer to find the two male suspects fleeing the scene in a vehicle. Deputies attempted to make a traffic stop but the suspects refused to stop, and a chase ensued.

The car came to an abrupt stop at the Gulf Freeway, and three passengers got out and fled on foot, while the driver and a remaining passenger stayed in the vehicle and continued to evade police.



Damuntrey Nunn

Once the pursuit ended, the driver and passenger were detained and placed into custody.

During the course of the investigation, the driver was found in possession of felony narcotics. The passenger was found to have two open felony robbery warrants, one out of Harris County and one out of Jefferson County.

The driver was identified as 33-year-old Darnell Davis, who was charged with felony evading in a motor vehicle and possession of a controlled substance. The passenger was identified as 22-year-old Damuntrey Nunn, who was taken into custody for felony warrants.

See related photo on Page 2.



Darnell Davis

### Trail ride honors Alvarez



A trail ride honoring 9-year-old shooting victim Arlene Alvarez traveled the South Belt community Sunday, Feb. 19. Alvarez was killed approximately one year ago when a robbery victim mistakenly fired into her family's vehicle believing it belonged to the suspect. A grand jury declined to press charges on the shooter. Riders from Houston, Dallas and Austin are shown above at the intersection of Aldis and Blackhawk. Photo by Davy Flickinger

### St. Luke's to hold fish fry

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host its first weekly Lent Fish Fry Friday, Feb. 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., at St. Luke's Catholic Church Social Hall, 11011 Hall Road, and also via an outside drive-thru spot. Dinner includes fried fish, French fries, hushpuppies, ice tea and corn on the cob for \$12.

### Cowboys/Cowgirls register

The Sagamont Cowboys and Cowgirls are registering area youths for their 2023 Bay Area Football League season. Football players ages 5, 6 and 9 as of Aug. 1, 2023, may contact Denny Wranich Jr. at 713-876-1491, while drill/cheer girls ages 5 to 13 as of Aug. 1, 2023, may contact Jemyre Felton at 832-309-7133.

### Mandatory JFD Cheer meet

A mandatory parent meeting for all students trying out for Dobie Cheer will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2023, in the school cafeteria. For additional information, email Amber Allan at [aallan@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:aallan@pasadenaisd.org).

### New Covenant event planned

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will host its 22nd Annual Walk-Jog-a-Thon Saturday, March 4, from 8 to 11 a.m. Benefiting the Willie V. Hahn Scholarship Fund, registration is \$25 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For additional information, call 281-484-4230.

### Kirkwood to meet Feb. 23

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Sagamont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Meetings are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. For more information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Erica McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

### Local COVID cases reported

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community remained roughly on par with the previous week, according to county health officials.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 21, there were 49 active cases in 77089, down five from the previous week. To date, 137 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 19 active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 81 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 29 active cases, up 10 from the previous week. To date, 90 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

This marked the ninth consecutive week with no COVID-related deaths in the immediate South Belt community. See related story on this page.

According to Harris County officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

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

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

Two outside northbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from West Medical Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, May 5.

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, May 22. Two outside southbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Texas City Railroad to SH 6/SH 146 in La Marque nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

The northbound entrance ramps from both FM 519/Main Street and FM 1765/Texas Avenue in La Marque will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the next available northbound entrance ramp.

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

### Beltway closures planned

Two northbound and two southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, March 31. Significant delays are expected. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

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# Crooks break into ATM

An ATM located at the Chase Bank located at Scarsdale and Beamer was severely damaged early Sunday, Feb. 12, during an attempted theft. The alleged suspects were spotted fleeing by Precinct 2 deputies as they responded to the call. While the two suspects were not charged with the attempted theft, each was arrested on separate charges. Darnell Davis, 33, and Dammontrey Nunn, 22, are each facing multiple felonies. No money was stolen from the ATM during the incident. See related story on Page 1.



## In My Opinion

### Robin Sweet sends message to Sweet K

I'd like the attached to be posted as close as possible to 3/1/23.

Thank you! For your convenience, I'll try to also place a copy below. Please allow all the punctuation as I have it b/c it has meaning to him (& me & our fam/friends). Sorry I couldn't shrink the type. Thanks Again-

Robin B. Sweet

My dear Sweet K,  
Hard to believe it's almost been a year since you've passed & received your angel wings. In spite of everything, I feel your presence with me each & every day. I am guided by your loving words, & I know you are near watching over me.

Love,  
Your Bug

### Peña concerned with unleashed animals

On the evening of Feb. 18th my son leashed my 12 pound Yorkie to walk the walking trail at Sagemeadow Park. As he rounded the playground, a few young girls came by to pet Luz, my Yorkie, as they usually do and then went back to play. Suddenly out of nowhere two big, stray Pit Bulls with no leashes and no ID collars came dashing from behind and one of them attacked my defenseless Luz. That vicious Pit Bull sunk its huge jaws through the torso of my Luz and brutally lifted her up and forcefully shook her back and forth to no end. People watched in shock. Quickly some good samaritans came to the rescue trying to make the Pit Bull let go of Luz. The Pit Bull was reluctant but when it finally did, my Luz fell to the ground. Un-

fortunately, she needlessly and painfully lost her life to the attack of this vicious Pit Bull.

The owner of these two Pit Bulls was nowhere to be found to take ownership and responsibility of such a horrific act. It could have very well been the life of an innocent child as some were playing in the park.

As you see some of us have loving, caring pets and some of us have dangerous, violent pets that go out terrifying the community and killing people's pets. The community has to somehow come together and address this issue of cruel, vicious animals roaming free. My dog was not the first one to endure such violent act, nor will she be the last. May all children be spared from such vicious attacks.

Sara Peña

### Library and friends thank Leader

Marie,  
We, the PWFOL, want to give a big Thank You to the Leader and the community for all the continued support. Response to the last month, following the notice you posted has been impressive and, as a result, is no longer needed. However, if /when you have space available, we could use more children's books, so could you run the new one below. Thanking you in advance.

Ed Jackson (for Beatrice Weaver, President)

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library would like to thank the community for their generous and continuing support in donations of books, DVDs, etc. We are okay, for the moment, with adult and teen books, however, we do need more children's books.

Ed Jackson

## City Oks 2 of 9 area proposals

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The Pasadena Independent School District schools.

Three of the nine proposed apartment complexes would have catered exclusively to seniors.

Such developments traditionally attract less opposition from critics.

While both the Leader and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce have expressed opposition to any additional subsidized family developments in the area, they have each voiced their support for proposed 55+ developments in the past.

While the lack of support from the city greatly reduces a project's chances for state approval, it is not

necessary, as state tax-credit awards are based on a varied point system.

In the spring, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will hold public hearings in various locations around the state or virtually to gather input on Competitive Housing Tax Credit applications.

The hearing schedule along with contact information for written public comment will be published on TDHCA's Public Comment Center of its website later in the spring.

An interested party or neighborhood organization can provide comments on any and all applications at each hearing, or can pro-

vide written comments to the department by email at [HTCPC@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:HTCPC@tdhca.state.tx.us) or by mail at the following address:

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs  
Public Comment / Multi-family Finance Division  
P. O. Box 13941  
Austin, TX 78711-3941

Residents should note that in order for input on Competitive Housing Tax Credit applications to be included in the materials relating to presentation for awards to be provided to the Governing Board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, it must be received by the department by 5 p.m., local Austin time, June 1.

## Aspen Institute selects SJC

The Aspen Institute, in partnership with the Community College Research Center at Teacher College, Columbia University, announced that San Jacinto College has been selected as a resource college for Unlocking Opportunity: The Post-Graduation Success and Equity Network.

This network is comprised of 10 community colleges, plus a resource college, committed to improving students' post-completion outcomes and proving by focusing on delivering credentials of value, colleges can strengthen programs they offer. "San Jacinto is honored to serve as the resource college for this initiative," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor.

"By serving in this role, we have the unique opportunity to share our strategies and tactics that have helped our students become successful in completing their credentials. Our board of trustees, faculty, and staff have been laser focused on improving student outcomes for many years, and we look forward to sharing and learning alongside the network colleges."

This national network will lead the field in shifting the goal from students graduating with any credential to completing with credentials of value by advancing their access and completion. That means making sure that every student is on track to earn a bachelor's degree or a high-quality workforce credential, including students of color and low-income students, who are least likely to

enroll in and complete the programs that most often result in strong outcomes.

As the resource college, San Jac will provide insights and case studies on what's possible, and provide change management advice and counsel to network leaders. San Jacinto College administrators, faculty, and staff will have an opportunity to connect with the 10 network colleges over the next five years to share, learn, participate in meetings and convenings, network, and contribute to research efforts.

Since 2011, San Jac has increased the number of certificates and degrees awarded by 71.9 percent. Last year, the college awarded a record 8,114 credentials with nearly 3,000 transfers to four-year institutions. San Jacinto College students are completing what they start. Through the work of initiatives such as Houston Guided Pathways to Success, aligning articulation agreements to ensure that courses students complete transfer to their four-year institution, and instituting a transfer reimbursement scholarship, San Jacinto College is helping to ensure that students who want to transfer can easily do so.

At San Jacinto College, students who choose to complete their certificate or degree and enter the workforce have many programs to choose from that lead to careers in high-demand fields. Through close working relationships with industry partners throughout the region, the college listens and responds to their needs. Chancellor's advisory councils bring together c-suite leaders from industry sectors for conversations about workforce needs. While program advisory committees assist the college with curriculum development and enhancement, facilities, student support, and employment. San Jacinto College provides hands-on training and authentic learning experiences, while monitoring labor market trends, to ensure that students are on pathways that lead to livable wages.

"While we have come a long way in the last 10 to 15 years, we know there is always work to be done, and we have to adapt to our students' needs," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and president. "We want to ensure that students do not fail because of a barrier we put in place. Everything we do is focused on helping our students complete their certificate or degree so that they can enter the workforce with a career that pays a living wage, or seamlessly transfer to the four-year university of their choice to pursue a bachelor's degree or more. We look forward to sharing our experiences with these network colleges so that we can all better support our students."

The network will run from 2023 through 2028. The colleges in the network include: The Unlocking Opportunities project is made possible by Arnold Ventures, Ascendium, ECMC Foundation, the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and Lumina Foundation.

### For 3rd 6-weeks

## Pasadena Memorial honor roll announced

Pasadena Memorial High School teachers and administration officials announced their honor roll students for the third six-weeks period of the 2022-2023 school year.

#### Ninth grade

Isabella Abrego Soriano, Helen Acosta, Shia Adriano, Amanda Aguilar, Jasiel Altamirano, Gwendalynn Alvarado, Jose Alvarez, Manuel Anderson, Abel Antony, Jair Araujo, Camila Arguello, Alexander Arias and Alexandra Avalos.

Victor Ayala Aguirre, Emberlynn Ayala, Kyel Ayala, Savannah Ayers, Camille Barahona, Sonia Baraza, Albert Barron, Kayleen Basuto, David Baughman, Aileen Becerra, Veronica Berrones, Ceanna Boekhoudt, Alan Bracho, Kaitlyn Breen and Elizabeth Bui.

Ethan Bui, Nathan Bui, Tran Bui, Camden Butcher, Joaquin Caballero, Tyson Caldwell, Daniela Camarillo, Christian Cantu, Dafne Carmona, Amaya Carr, Israel Carrascal and Marlin Carter.

Christopher Castillo, Mariah Castro, Edwin Catalan, Max Cazares, Vanessa Cedillo, Gary Cepeda, Joshua Cerda, Syboney Cervantes, Eden Chapa, Jaslyne Chapa, Leah Chavez, Nevaeh Chavez and Victoria Chioreanu.

Nathan Cisneros, Ava Conrado, Casey Crawford, Edelmiro Cruz, Adrian Cuevas, Camila Davila, Lilyana Davis, Alberto De Alba, Alysabeth Deleon, Marissa Deleon, Ja'niya Denmon, Adelleyn Dinsdale and Calla Dockery.

Kimberly Duran, Eduardo Elizondo, Fabian Elizondo, Mariana Escamilla, Evelyn Fernandez, Jennifer Fernandez, Angie Flores, Luis Flores, Sigrid Flores, Shelby Fox, Xavier Franco and Landon French.

Andy Fresco Hernandez, Harold Funez, Isabelle Garcia, Larissa Garcia, Lauren Garcia, Valeria Garcia, Caleb Gardner, Silvana Garza Perez, Hector Garza, Jose Garza, Julian Garza, Brissa Gaytan Montemayor, Josiah George, Aidan Giron and Alfredo Gomez.

Ashley Gomez, Osiel Gomez, Arlene Gonzalez, Duvan Gonzalez, Mia Gonzalez, Victoria Gonzalez, Bryan Goytorua, Kaydence Green, Sanaa Green, Alexae Gudino, Sofia Guerra, Henrik Guerrero, Rangel Guzman and Diego Hernandez.

Isaiah Hernandez, Kamila Hernandez, Kian Hernandez, Matthew Izaguirre, Alejandra Jimenez Torres, Logan John-

son, Cadie Jones, Elena Juarez, Phoebe Kaatz, Leantwan King, Rayne Larson, Nicholas Liceo, Ellen Licona, Citlali Loera and Micah Longoria.

Eliuth Lopez, Layla Lopez, Elizabeth Lozano, Katalina Lozoya, Tyler Lucas, Jonathan Luna, Ace Ly, Natalia Macias, Alexis Madrid, Daniel Mancía Mendoza, Nayelly Marquede, Carlos Martinez, Melvin Martinez and Osbaldo Martinez.

Vanessa Martinez, Leudy Matos, Marice Mattamanna, Halie McNeal, Michelle Mendoza, Lelaime Menendez, Spirit Millan, Charles Mitchell, Amirah Mohammed and Katy Moncayo.

Aura Monge, Adam Monreal, Alfa Montalvo, Eric Montemayor, Kaitely Elizabeth, Dalia Morales, Delylah Morales, Devani Morales, Juliet Moreno and Mark Motal.

Alexis Munoz, Jayden Munoz, Mariangel Navarro, Victoria Navarro, Gidalti Neri, Anh Ngo, Delaia Nguyen, Tien Nguyen, Karina Nino, Samantha Nix, Alex Nunez-Hernandez, Taleik O'Guinn and Melami Ochoa Flores.

Cristofer Ochoa, Cyrianna Ochoa, Alana Oliver, Karla Omelas, Lindsey Orocio, Brodie Ortiz Cantu, Benjamin Ortiz, Jennifer Ortiz, Monserrat Osorio, Lina Parada, Emilee Paredes, Kera Peavy, Jasleen Penaloza and Ethan Perez.

Khanh Phan, Marli Potier, Victoria Prado, Noemy Quintanilla, Priscilla Quiroga, David Ramirez, Maynor Ramirez, Mikaela Ramirez, Lane Ramos, Luis Rangel, Natalie Rangel, Dayami Reyes, Jayson Rivera and Natalie Roberson.

Devan Robison, Gracie Robles, Alexander Rodriguez, America Rodriguez, Ashly Rodriguez, Bianca Rodriguez, Davian Rodriguez, Jacklyn Rodriguez, Osvaldo Rodriguez and Walter Rodriguez.

Grace Romano, Benjamin Ruiz, Aytza Russell, Sophia Sagastizado, Melanie Salcedo-Molina, Camila Sanchez, Julian Sanchez, Samantha Sanchez, Marlenie Sandoval, Kassandro Saucedo and Emilia Schneider.

Dianey Serna, Alejandro Serrano, Tomas Serrano, Christian Slattery, Abigail Smith, Sebastian Solis, Ventura Solis, Sydny Stewart, Matthew Tavira, Janie Tepox, Khanh To, Dominic Torres, Mario Torres, John Tran, Melanie Tran, Nicole Tran and Rachel Tran.

Jolie Trejo, Samantha Trevino, Laiza Tristan, Rodrigo Gonzalez, Manuel Valladares Morales, Sofia Vallejo, Arturo

Valles, Elanya Vasquez, Rocky Vasquez, Luna Vazquez and Melanie Vazquez.

Juanamaria Vazquez-Mendez, Angel Vega, Jared Vega, Annette Vela, Catherine Vigil, Daniella Villarreal, Jaxon Villarreal, Francisco Villatoro, Joshua Washington, Vanessa Wu, Juan Zamora, Nora Zapata Oyverides, Keyla Zeledon Moreno, Yuliana Zetino, Karen Zuniga and Yamil Zuniga.

#### 10th grade

Estephania Abascal, Leila Afilleje, Hephzibah Alaniz, Idaly Alarcon-Reyes, Jacob Alcantara, Lidia Aldana Portillo, Kimberly Amador, Joselyn Amaro, Raquel Amaya, Kemora Andrade, Keiley Anthony, Alphin Antony, Mia Arana and Vanessa Arana.

Brisa Arellondo, Yazmin Artega Del Real, Yesenia Artega Del Real, Amani Assalam-Mazyck, Roselyn Aviles, Daniel Baez, Diana Bahena-Rodriguez, Aldrin Baluyut, Julio Barron and Sandra Barron.

Patrick Bernal, Daniel Berones, Marycathryn Boyer, Aslyn Buenostro, Ellie Cantarero, Tommy Cao, Ellen Carrillo, Omayra Cerda, Samantha Chano, Sarahi Chavez Martinez, Tiffany Cole and Kevin Colindres.

Jacob Condado, Adison Cooper, Martin Cordova, Izabella Cortez, Mario Cortez, Kimberly Cuevas Carbajal, Miranda Cuevas, Shane Daly, Elizabeth-Truc Dao, Joshua Daugereaux, Levi Del Angel, Estrella Del Rio and Charles Denham.

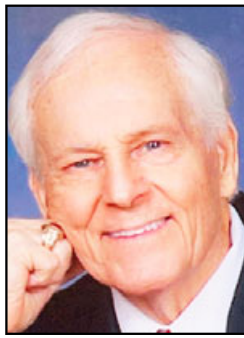
Engelis Diaz Diaz, Carla Diaz, Jesus Diosabat, Kevin Drey, Allison Duran Ramos, Alonso Escamilla, Jaime Escamilla, Briseida Escarzaga, Yomis Escobar, Diego Escobedo, Daniela Esparza, Isabel Espinoza and Julian Estrada Zavaleta.

Freddy Estrada, Joselyne Estrada, Delayna Fernandez, Kayshia Flores, Monserrat Flores, Yaretzi Flores, Jennifer Galan, Joel Gallardo, Jasadee Gaona, Josue Garcia Mayorga, Daniel Garcia, Gabriel Garcia, Isaiah Garcia, Kamila Garcia and Nahomi Garcia.

Veronica Garcia, Jesus Garcia, Arlene Garza, Gavin Garza, Samyra Garza, Victor Garza, Crystal Gibbens, Mauro Gomez, Angie Gonzalez, Gael Gonzalez, Nashly Gonzalez, Daphne Goytorua, Dayanara Granados and Sophia Grote.

Sayuri Guadarrama, Nayely Gutierrez, Olivia Guzman, Aubrey Hamilton, Lesliany Heredia, Dylan Hernandez,

## Walter Joseph Cavanaugh Jr.



Walter Joseph Cavanaugh Jr., 88 years of age, passed away peacefully on Feb. 15, 2023, with his wife at his side.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents Walter J. Cavanaugh Sr. and Susan Elizabeth Wolf Cavanaugh and his oldest sister Clara Farr.

Walter was born at St. Joseph Hospital, in Houston, on Oct. 24, 1934, the second child of Walter and Susan Cavanaugh. Walter attended St. Christopher Elementary School and graduated from St. Thomas High School in Houston. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Houston in 1964. He served in the U.S. Army. During his military service, he served three years at Fort Kobbe, Balboa in the Panama Canal Zone.

## Deaths

After serving in the Army, Walter's business career began in commercial food supply and services at Anderson Clayton, specifically working in warehousing and delivery. Prior to his retirement as vice president of operations of Sysco Food Services on Aug. 1, 1991, he was a major contributor to improving warehousing and inventory management.

Walter Jo, as he was called in his younger years, is remembered for his kindness, warm smile and gentle nature; and, of course, his brilliant blue eyes. He had a love of family gatherings, celebrations, fishing and cruises. He found particular joy in saltwater fishing for trout, redfish, snapper, cobia, tuna and anything else that made the fishing reel sing. He was an avid golfer and reader. He was lovingly called "Uncle Bo" by his nieces and nephews. He always treasured time spent with them. He is also remembered for his devotion to his Catholic faith.

The love Walter and Barbara shared in their 23 years of marriage was reflected in their daily devotion to each other, often heard when they prayed over meals - "We thank God for the gift of our love and our marriage."

Walter leaves a legacy of faithful devotion to God, and the love and care of his spouse and all his extended family. His warm smile and generous spirit will forever touch their hearts. His motto of "We help, where help is needed" will not be forgotten.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all the friends and caregivers for their support and prayers for Walter during his illness, and a special thanks to Kathy for her compassion and professionalism in caring for Walter over the last year.

Walter is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara Guidry Cavanaugh, his brother Louis Cavanaugh and wife Judy, his sister Carolyn Marrero, his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

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## Wanda Lynn Burlingame



Wanda Lynn Burlingame lovingly known as "Aunt Wanda" passed away unexpectedly at the age of 60 on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023.

She is preceded in death by her parents, "Ann" Burlingame and "Jack" Burlingame.

She was a lifelong Beverly Hills resident. She attended Atkinson Elementary, Beverly Hills Intermediate and Dobbie High School.

Wanda was, quite simply, everything to her family and her family was everything to her. She was the rock that supported others, the keeper of secrets and the life of every party. She was selfless, kindhearted, judgemental, an animal lover, a hard worker and a fun-loving and strong-willed person.

A giver, even in death, she was able to donate every part of herself to others in need so that they may enjoy more time with their family and loved ones.

She enjoyed, with her family, good movies, watching Westerns and wrestling. She also enjoyed reading, puzzles and trivia.

She delighted in good music, margaritas, family game nights and working at Armadillo Lanes II Bowling Alley, where she was employed for the last 10 years. There she was able to interact and socialize with so many people, new friends and old.

Wanda was the kind of person who never met a stranger. She is survived by her son, Bobby Burlingame and daughter-in-law, Beth Parchman; her daughter, Lisa Catalan and son-in-law, Joseph Cruz; two grandsons, Joseph ("Joe") and Jeremiah Cruz; her ex-husband and closest friend, Roberto Catalan, his wife Veronica and their children; her step-mom, Barbara Burlingame; brother and sister-in-law, Tony and Angie Burlingame; sister, Donna Miranda; sister and brother-in-law, Leia and Tom Meade; six nieces and five nephews, Angela Miranda, (Tim Gresham), Frank Miranda, Kristin Pitzer, (Phillip), Aaron Miranda, Victoria Williams, Blake Burlingame, Megan Burlingame, Brianna Mende, John Meade, Alayna Charles, Oliver Charles; and extended family, friends and neighbors.

## Women devotional set

"Ascending to the Heavenly Places," will be the topic of a women's devotional group at a brown-bag lunch at 11:30 a.m. March 4 at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

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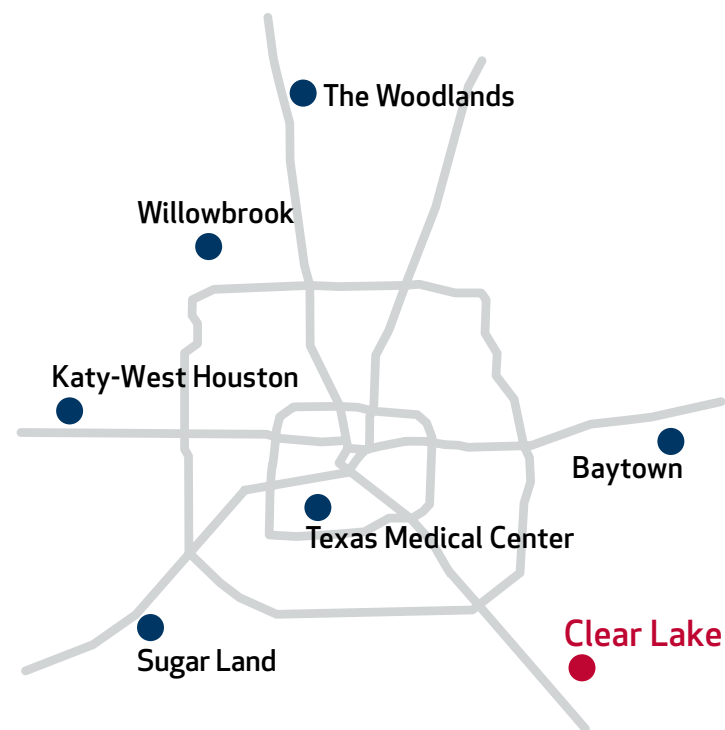
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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## SJC's Saenz wins 700th



San Jacinto College head softball coach Kelly Saenz achieved a milestone with her 700th career victory as the Ravens defeated Kilgore 4-0 Feb. 12 at the South campus. Now in her 20th season at San Jacinto College, Saenz was named the Region XIV Coach of the Year in 2022 after guiding her program to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I World Series for the second consecutive season. San Jacinto College has won six straight games en route to a 10-3 start.

## San Jacinto College nabs six consecutive

Defending Region XIV softball champion San Jacinto College has won six straight games, including head coach Kelly Saenz's 700th career W, as the locals carry momentum into the Oxford Invitational in Alabama Feb. 23-25. The Ravens, now 10-3 early on in nonconference play, defeated Kilgore 9-1 and 6-4 Feb. 12 at home as Saenz, now in her 20th season at San Jacinto College, earned career win No. 700. The milestone is nice, but Saenz and her players are now focused solely on continuing to build momentum heading into the Region XIV race next month. With a two-game sweep of Ranger Feb. 17 at home, the Ravens are riding a six-game winning streak on the way to that 10-3 overall start. In the opener against Ranger, Ella Casas and Kylie Hernandez both had two hits and drove in three runs as San Jacinto won 8-0 in five innings. Izzy Farmer connected for a two-run homer, and Reanna Neiman fanned eight over four innings in the circle for the victory. The second game was also limited to five frames as San Jacinto won 11-3 behind three runs batted in from Arriana Wright and Maggie Evans, getting a sixth straight win.

## JFD boys' soccer train stays on a roll

The beat goes on for the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team, which entered play against Pasadena Feb. 21 after press time with a chance to strike a big blow in its quest for another league title. Dobie, unbeaten deeper into any season in program history at 15-0-2, started the second half of league play with a workmanlike 5-0 win over Deer Park Feb. 18 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. At 6-0-1 for 19 points leading into the rematch with Pasadena, the Longhorns led the standings by two points with five matches re-



Miguel Azua (21) had two goals as first-place Dobie opened the second half of the 22-6A varsity boys' soccer race with an easy 5-0 victory over Deer Park Feb. 18 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. At 6-0-1 heading into a key battle Feb. 21 after press time against Pasadena, the Longhorns are well positioned for a run at a ninth consecutive league championship. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## JFD softball wins four at NFCA

The Dobie varsity softball program will head into the Pearland Haynie Memorial Invitational Feb. 23-25 brimming with confidence after four wins in six games as part of opening weekend at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Lead-Off Classic in College Station. At 5-2 overall through the first week of play, Dobie scored wins over Lovejoy and Bellaire, put 20 runs on Pasadena Memorial on the second day and topped El Paso Americas 9-0 on the final day. The Longhorns fell short in a 2-1 loss to Cy-Woods and a 4-2 loss to Midland. In a 6-3 win over Lovejoy in the event opener for Dobie, Marisa Perla smacked a solo homer among her three hits, and freshman Natalie DeHoyos knocked in two runs. Senior catcher Bella Perez was 3 for 3 with a triple and a run driven in. Sophomore Jackie Peralta threw a complete game to earn the win. Later in the day, Dobie scored 10 runs in the top of the first inning on the way to crushing Bellaire 15-4. Perez and Sandra Quiroz homered and drove in three runs each, and Perla also knocked in three runs in the game. On the second day, Dobie fell to Cy-Woods 2-1 as the go-ahead run was plated in the sixth inning. Later, Dobie punished Memorial 20-3 as an 11-run second inning was the key. Peralta drove in four runs while Perez and Miriam Castillo both drove in three runs. In a 9-0 final-day win over Americas, Perez doubled twice and freshmen Chloe Nunez and Lilly Sepulveda contributed to the victory along with DeHoyos.

## Baseball openers Wolverines nip Memorial; Longhorns crush Chavez

The high school baseball season began Feb. 20 as the Clear Brook Wolverines used a quick start to down the Pasadena Memorial Mavericks in Pasadena. Broussard went 2 for 3 out of the leadoff spot for the Wolverines, scoring twice and driving in a pair of runs in the win. Chris Maldonado also had a run batted in for the Wolverines, who will now turn their attention to the David Anzaldúa Invitational in La Porte. Feb. 23 action has the Wolverines going against Second Baptist at 2 p.m., then going against Tomball at 4:30 p.m. The Wolverines play Feb. 24 against Kinkaid at 9 a.m., then take on Stratford at 2 p.m. On Feb. 25, Clear Brook faces Flower Mound Marcus at 11 a.m. At Dobie, the Longhorns crushed Chavez 11-1 in five innings as Gavin Carrillo had two hits, scored twice and knocked in two runs. Aiden Sanchez had two hits, scored a run and drove in another, and Cruz Torres fanned six over three frames to get the win. Isaiah Correa fanned three over two innings in relief. Dobie is now set to play in the Laredo Border Olympics Feb. 23-25 with games against Laredo United, Rouse, San Antonio Davenport, Alice and Edinburg.

## Dobie track and field runs at Barbers Hill Eagle meet

Senior Sophia Perez led the way for the Dobie varsity girls' track and field group at the Barbers Hill Eagle Relays Feb. 17, taking a team-best silver medal in the 400 as the locals competed in week three action. Perez was in at 1 minute, 04.35 seconds for her second-place finish, and senior Ashley Dunn was fourth in the 800 event at 2:39.67. Sophomores Stacie Harris (16 feet, 1 inch) and Bry'Anna Williams (16-0.5) were fourth and fifth, respectively, in the long jump, while another sophomore, Tailin Curtis went 32-4.5 in the triple jump for fifth place in the event. Eighth place in the 100 at 13.48 went to Dobie's Mia Sanchez. Dobie's girls' squad was also fifth in the 4x200 relay in a time of 1:53.13, while the 4x100 relay foursome was in at 52.25 for sixth place. In the boys' division, a time of 12:41.80 had Dobie sixth in the distance medley relay, while the 4x100 group finished at 45.19 for seventh place. Individually, senior Jovanni Avila's time of 2:14.54 was eighth-best in the 800, and sophomore Chris Lopez took ninth in the 3200 with a clocking of 10:48.01 to pace top finishes for the Dobie boys' squad.

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## Brook girls' historic hoops run moves to quarterfinals

Wins over Alief Taylor and Beaumont West Brook had the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball program in the midst of its deepest ever Class 6A playoff run heading into a regional quarterfinal matchup against Pearland Feb. 21 after press time. At stake is a berth in the Region III Final Four Feb. 24-25, which would be a first for the Wolverines at any level. The Region III tournament is set for the Aldine ISD M.O. Campbell Education Center. Clear Brook, the two-time undefeated champion of District 24-6A, first used a fourth-quarter run to down Alief Taylor in the bidistrict round, winning 45-41. In the area round, Rezia Castillo drove to the basket for the game-winning layup as time expired, giving the Wolverines a 49-48 win over Beaumont West Brook. With 57 wins over two seasons, Clear Brook has put together its best short run in program history, and it's far from over. There's more ahead.



Chardel Terrell is one of three sophomores leading the way as the Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball program reached the regional quarterfinals for the first time as a 6A program.



The District 24-6A Most Valuable Player a season ago, sophomore Rezia Castillo (24) helped lift her team to the regional quarterfinals with a last-second layup against West Brook. Photos by Andy Tolbert

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## LSA girls' linksters win BACS Invitational



The Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' golf team captured top team honors at the spring season opening Bay Area Christian School Invitational at Magnolia Creek Country Club, posting a total of 387 to win by six strokes over runner-up Rosehill Christian. Members of the LSA squad include, left to right, Olivia Rivas, Audra Poffinbarger, Lucia DeLuca, Emma Poffinbarger, Addison Trahan and head coach Geoff Stressman.

At right, Dobie's Kai Conerly (11) shoots over Pasadena's Hector Manriquez (0) during the Longhorns' playoff-clinching 47-46 win over the Pasadena Eagles Feb. 15 at Dobie. With the win, the Longhorns secured the No. 4 playoff seeding out of the District 22-6A ranks at 7-5, including 17-15 overall for the regular season. The Eagles entered league play at 21-1 but went 6-6 from that point forward to wind up fifth in the standings. South Houston won the 22-6A crown at 9-3 with tiebreaker edges over Deer Park and Memorial, both 9-3 as well. Dobie then went up against District 21-6A champion Beaumont United, which went 30-1 during the regular season. In the bidistrict matchup Feb. 20 at Port Arthur Memorial, United eliminated Dobie with an 82-47 victory. The Longhorns' season thus ended at 17-16 overall. At far right, the Longhorns' Camren Fowler (14) goes high to challenge the shot of Pasadena's Mauricio Vela (5) in the Longhorns' big win.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf



At left, Lutheran South Academy varsity volleyball player Ainsley Gregson will continue her education and collegiate playing career at the Wentworth Institute of Technology, an NCAA Division III program in Boston, Mass. Gregson helped LSA to the state semifinals in 2022 as she had 164 digs as a defensive specialist for the Pioneers.



## Stuchbery winners compete at Big Shoot Out



Stuchbery Elementary third-grade students McKenna Work (left) and Max Lopez represented the school at the Pasadena ISD Big Shoot Out finale earlier this month at Phillips Field House in Pasadena, with Lopez finishing third overall districtwide.



Charlotte Kearbey (left) and Hayden Mateo, fourth-grade students a Stuchbery Elementary, represented the school at the Pasadena ISD Big Shoot Out finale at Phillips Field House in Pasadena as the district's top individual school winners matched their basketball skills.



The Clear Brook varsity girls' track and field team came away with a load of medals at the Buffalo Relays at Thurgood Marshall High School Feb. 18, led by a pair of gold medal wins by Jizzale Davis. Members of the team are, left to right, Azayla Smith, Davis, Twyla Penn, Kennedy Thompson, Julisa Hudson, Kyra Freeman, Inayah Caldera, Alexis McLaurin, Patricia Barnes and Leslie Garcia.

## Brook girls' track and field scores medal haul at Marshall

The Clear Brook girls' track and field team picked up seven top-three medals at the Buffalo Relays at Thurgood Marshall High School Feb. 18. Jizzale Davis led the Clear Brook charge with the first a silver medal at 12.47 seconds in the 100 and then a gold in the 200 at 25.20. Teammate Julisa Hudson placed sixth in the 200 at 26.31. In the 400, Clear Brook's Azayla Smith posted a time of 59.40 for second in the 400, and freshman Patricia Barnes was fifth in a time of 1 minute, 04.12. Leslie Garcia captured a bronze medal in the 1600 (6:07.03). Clear Brook's Inayah Caldera took fifth in the 300 hurdles in a time of 51.39. At 50.49, Clear Brook was third in the 4x100 relay, and the 4x400 relay squad was in at 4:12.72 for second place.

In the field events, senior Kennedy Thompson was a gold medalist for the second straight week, throwing the discus 128 feet, 1 inch for the win, while her shot toss of 34-1 brought a bronze medal for third place. At 33-11, Kyra Freeman earned a bronze medal for third place in the triple jump as the Wolverines wound up with their largest medal haul through three weeks.

## Dobie boys' soccer continues special season atop 22-6A play

Continued from Page 5 the first round of 22-6A action. In the win over the Deer, Miguel Azua scored twice and Emerson Saravia, Daniel Blanco and Robert Villatoro scored goals.

Assists came from Alex Escobar, Diego Torres, Saravia and Victor Hernandez. Geo Arango earned the shutout in net. In pursuit of what would be a ninth consecutive district championship dating back to 2015, the Longhorns have consistently found ways to win. The 2020 team went 16-1-4 overall, losing on a January nondistrict match to MacArthur. The pandemic ended that season before the postseason arrived but the Longhorns had clinched the 22-6A crown days before. The current 22-6A title quest has become a two-team race between the Longhorns and Eagles, with the Feb. 21 outcome swaying things in a big way for either team.



Dobie keeper Geo Arango earned the shutout in the Longhorns' 5-0 win over Deer Park Feb. 18 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as the defense continued to slow opponents in league play.

### 22-6A Boys' Soccer Standings

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.
Dobie	6	0	1	19
Pasadena	5	0	2	17
Rayburn	3	2	2	11
Channelview	2	2	2	8
Deer Park	0	3	4	4
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**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill," at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.  
7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets either at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce website calendar or call 281-485-3634.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m. Bay Area Genealogical Society Carl Taplin will speak on the theme, 'How'd You Find That?' with tips for locating obscure or hidden records. Register here for the live virtual meeting, https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9101111111. Call c u v q z M o H D F T u B o 2 u e5TE3tmpmIu030Z, or visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.  
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and Zoom online. Visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.  
8 p.m. Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.  
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
Noon Food Drive - New Covenant Christian Church hosts food drive at 10603 Blackhawk Blvd, Houston. Call 281-484-4230.  
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - hs worship at 111456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.  
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 713-944-9186.  
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**  
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen 713-472-0565 for appointment or tours to view exhibits.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Volunteers teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.  
6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923.  
7 p.m. AA - St. Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.  
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Friendswood chapter meets at Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**  
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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**  
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Monday's notice.  
9 a.m. American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets at Helen Hall Library, 300 W. Walker. Call 281-481-2458.  
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Southeast Houston Toastmasters - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club. Meets virtually. Contact sehoustontostmasters@gmail.com.  
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**  
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Call 713-444-6744.  
9:30 a.m. Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Call 832-298-9480.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City. Casual ballroom dancing. Call 281-554-1180 for details.  
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.

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## Eagles compete at Big Shoot Out; Palomino a champion



The Atkinson Elementary Big Shoot Out winners competed in the Pasadena Independent School District championship Feb. 15 at Phillips Field House. Per contest rules, students had one minute to shoot a basketball from five designated spots around the goal, then perform a dribble and weave around cones. Next, competitors sent five chest passes to a coach and then dribbled back through the start/finish line. Their shooting score and dribble time were then combined to determine a final score. The Eagles' students who took part in the PISD finale included, left to right, Trenton Palomino (fourth grade), Seraphina Tran (fourth grade), Ivan Velasquez (third grade) and Sofia Gutierrez (third grade).

Atkinson Elementary third-grade student Trenton Palomino placed first at this school year's Pasadena ISD districtwide Big Shoot Out competition.

## Pleasants named SEC Player of the Week

At right, Dobie graduate and Louisiana State University softball star Pleasants was simply on fire during opening weekend at the Tiger Invitational in Baton Rouge Feb. 10-12, hitting .533, cracking four home runs and driving in 13 runs over five games. Named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week, Pleasants also scored nine runs as 25th ranked Louisiana State University went 5-0 to open the 2023 campaign. In week two action, the Tigers won five more games to start a season 10-0 for the first time since 2018 as Pleasants again played a big role in Tiger wins. Through press time Feb. 21, Pleasants was hitting .424 with five home runs and 21 runs batted in through the 10 games. She had also scored 10 runs and collected 30 total bases to lead the Tigers.



## Mercado's homer lifts TSU

Dobie graduate Jeffrey Mercado slammed a go-ahead two-run homer into the Crawford Boxes at Minute Maid Park to help his Texas Southern University baseball team drop Prairie View A&M at the Cactus Jack HBCU Classic Feb. 18. The Tigers, who also have Dobie graduates Justin Blogg and Domenic Martinez on the 2023 roster, went 1-2 at the event to open the regular season. A junior, Mercado played last season at Angelina College.

## Calhoun earns first save

Clear Brook graduate Aaron Calhoun, now a sophomore right-hander at the University of Oklahoma, earned his first career save as he struck out a pair in the ninth inning, lifting the Sooners to a 5-2 victory over California Baptist Feb. 17 in the season opener in Norman. The District 24-6A Most Valuable Player as a starting pitcher two seasons ago, Calhoun was part of the Sooners' 2022 squad that reached the College World Series.

## LSA swimmers stand out at state championships

At right, Lutheran South Academy swimmers, left to right, Johanna Miles, Lauren Ferguson, Taryn Bladt, Haleigh Pham, Kai Beckum, Elliot Miles, Tristan Haver and Luis Ordaz join for a team moment at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state swimming championships in San Antonio. Ferguson won a state silver in the 500 free and set a school record at 5 minutes, 29.17 seconds and Haver was third at state in the 100 free at 49.20. Miles also scored third place in the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:07.31.



## LSA's Perusse is top medalist

At left, Lutheran South Academy golfer Michael Perusse captured top overall medalist honors as he carded a single-round 72 at the Bay Area Christian Invitational at Magnolia Creek Country Club. A 30-foot putt for eagle on No. 2 highlighted Perusse's round. LSA teammate Carsen Parker was fourth after his round of 76. LSA also finished second as a team with a four-golfer total of 319.

## Nolen, Eagles' staff ace in state semifinal, to be inducted into PISD athletics hall

**Editor's Note:** The following is the second of nine weekly features recognizing the Class of 2023 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame inductees.

In the March 2 issue of the *Leader*, Sam Rayburn High School's Steve Massey will be featured for his talents on the football field.

**By Al Carter**  
**PISD Hall of Fame**

When it came to big finishes, Shane Nolen could have written the book.

As a Pasadena High School junior in 1974, Nolen saved his best for last, as both a pitcher and a hitter.

On the mound, he won nine consecutive games

down the season's stretch run, pacing the Eagles to a berth in the state semifinals — something only three other Pasadena ISD teams have ever done.

During the 1974 playoff run, Nolen hit a home run in all three series leading up to state. Against playoff foes Galveston Ball and Milby, he twice collected game-winning hits.

But it was against Milby, in the opener of a best-of-three set, that Nolen turned in one of the most memorable performances of any Pasadena ISD player.

In an 11-inning thriller, he hurled a complete game, striking out 10.

Then, with the contest still scoreless in the bottom of the 11th, he belted

a game-winning homer over the left-field fence.

Nolen tripled and scored the winning run again as the Eagles closed out Milby to advance to state, where they were beaten by Lubbock Monterey.

Nolen went the distance in an error-plagued 4-3 loss, allowing only three hits. Still, his high school days weren't quite finished.

As a senior in 1975, he pounded two homers in what proved to be his high-school finale.

Then it was off to Baylor, where he hit .326 as a freshman and was named Newcomer of the Year.

As a sophomore, he reunited with former Pasadena teammate (and fel-

low Hall of Famer) Fritz Connally to usher in a new era of Bears baseball.

Nolen will be one of eight individuals inducted into the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame at a gala banquet on April 20 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Dobie High School's 1981 state champion track team will also be honored.

In 1977 and 1978, Nolen teamed up with Connally to help propel the Baylor Bears to the school's first two College World Series berths.

Although the Bears fell short of a playoff spot in 1979, Nolen capped off his collegiate career with another big finish.

He was honored as the most important contribu-

tor to Baylor baseball over the previous four years.

Among his college honors: Nolen was named first-team All-Southwest Conference as a freshman and a junior.

Nolen also earned All-Regional and All-SWC Tournament recognition during his career.

His junior season highlights included a .309 average with nine homers and a .374 mark in conference play.

In one game against Texas Tech, Nolen went 5-for-6 and accomplished one of the great rarities, hitting for the cycle.

Through it all, he frequently chipped in to bolster the Bears' pitching depth.

At Pasadena, Nolen was named an all-district honoree all three of his varsity seasons. He also lettered three years in basketball, garnering all-district honors as a sophomore and again as a senior.

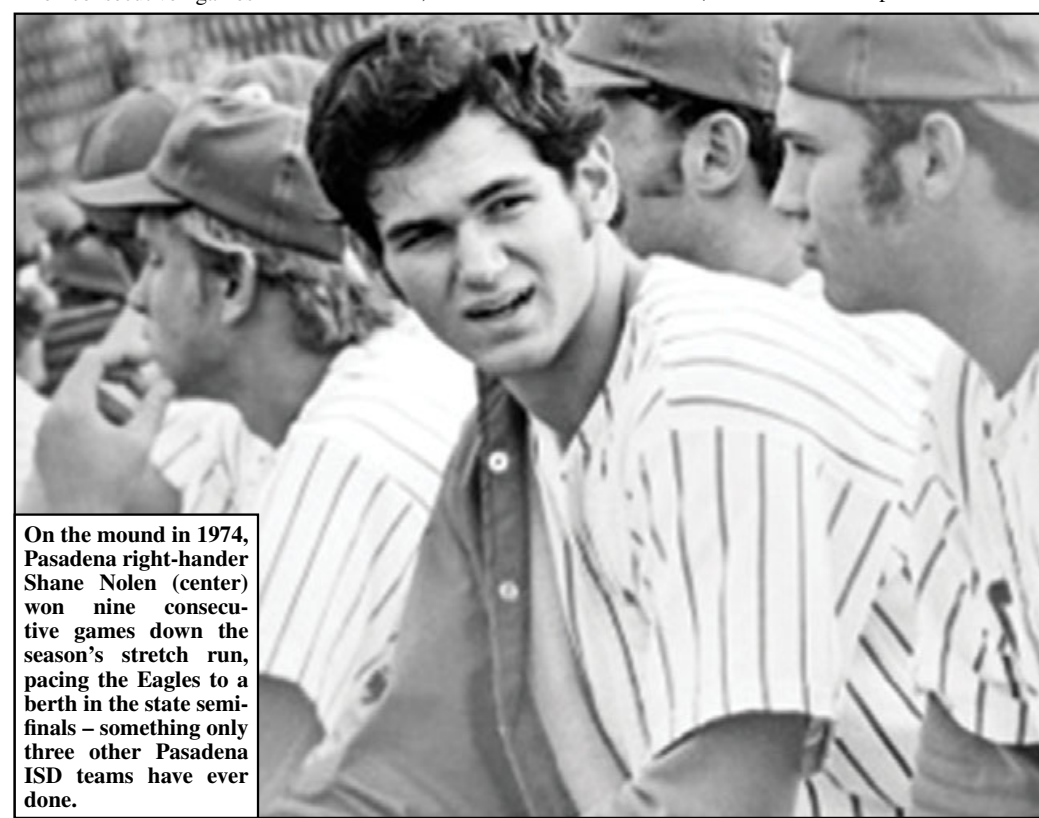
Nolen gave up football after his junior year to concentrate on baseball. But his final season on the gridiron was one to remember.

A defensive back, he led the district with seven interceptions.

Now a Katy resident, Nolen works for a purification control company.

He is engaged to Pamela Caldwell, a former professional singer who once performed at the opening of the Pasadena Convention Center.

For details on tickets and event information, contact Kathy Richardson at the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation office; by phone, 713-740-0034, by email, KRichardson@pasadenaisd.org.



On the mound in 1974, Pasadena right-hander Shane Nolen (center) won nine consecutive games down the season's stretch run, pacing the Eagles to a berth in the state semifinals — something only three other Pasadena ISD teams have ever done.

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