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San Jac, ISDs filing ends

Filing is currently underway for the local May 6 school board elections and continue through 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

To be decided in Pasadena ISD are the Position 5 seat currently held by Kenny Fernandez, the Position 6 seat currently held by Marshall Kendrick and Position 7 seat currently held by Vickie Morgan. All incumbents have filed to maintain their positions. For more information, visit 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. For more information, visit 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. At press time, Rouse was the only incumbent who had filed for re-election. For more information, visit www.sanjac.edu/about-san-jac/board-trustees/election-information/board-election-may-2023.

Chamber holds gala Feb. 10

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce will host its 37th annual banquet Friday, Feb. 10, at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Drive in Pearland from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Both a Citizen of the Year and a Chamber Member of the Year will be announced at the event.

The event will also feature the swearing-in of new chamber officers. For additional information, call 281-481-5516 or email info@southbeltchamber.com.

Valentine's Day Market set

There will be a Valentine's Day Market at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, Sunday, Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Indoor and outdoor vendor spots are available starting at \$10.

For more information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to arrive early, however, as the event ends once trucks are full.

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

The collection events take place the second Saturday of the month. For more information, visit www.houstonwaste.org or call 311.

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. 7, there were 102 active cases in 77089, down eight 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, no change 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 seventh consecutive week with no COVID-related deaths in the immediate South Belt community.

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.

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. 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.

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.

Controversy surrounds EFL baseball field use

2 competing baseball leagues vying for use of county park

El Franco Lee Park will soon be buzzing with the crack of bats and the pop of gloves as the 2023 youth baseball season begins next month.

And as a back-and-forth push continues over the usage of the baseball facility at the park, Rich Newell, acting president of the South Belt Area Sports Association, stated in an email as of press time Feb. 7 that Little League International member Southbelt Little League should continue its residency at the park. Previously under agreement with Harris County officials, county officials have allowed SBASA to preside over its groups, which include Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League, South Belt Girls Softball Association, South Belt Youth Soccer Association and the Sagemont Cowboys' youth football organization.

Beginning last month many families registered their children for play in the Southbelt Little League under the direction of a president and board of directors that as of Dec. 31, 2022, voted in numbers of as few as 65 to exit Little League International in favor of another national organization.

Confusion exists in part because both entities have utilized an identical online registration site. As of press time, Southbelt Little League is still finalizing its registration details, but Southbelt Little League president Juan Herrera said concessions will be made to allow families that have previously paid for as much as \$325 in the new organization to play under a waiver.

The following is a letter from Herrera: "Dear Parents,

Our records show that your child has registered for upcoming Spring Season via Sports Connect with Southbelt Baseball Little League.

On Dec. 31, 2022, the former members of Southbelt Little League opted to start a new baseball program with a different affiliation. However, Southbelt Little League did not dissolve or move to a different organization and is still an active Little League program.

The new affiliation transferred the registration you previously made with Southbelt LL to new affiliation.

We hope you and your child will return to

Southbelt Baseball Little League for this season to continue the great tradition this league has had. Our Little League has been in the community since 1967 and will continue to serve the youth of the Southbelt community.

We plan to conduct registrations in person and online, so look for additional information to be emailed to you and on our Facebook page.

Thank you for supporting Little League and

we look forward to seeing you at field during the upcoming spring season!

Southbelt Little League email: southbeltlittleleague@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthbeltLittleLeague>

Website: <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/southbeltlittleleague>

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BAHEP holds Quasar Banquet

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership presented its 29th annual Quasar Award to NASA Johnson Space Center Director Vanessa Wyche Friday, Jan. 27, at a ceremony at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City.

Annually since 1994, the BAHEP Quasar Award Banquet honors elected officials or business leaders who have demonstrated a strong and continued support of the Bay Area Houston business community.

New BAHEP President Brian Freedman, who replaced outgoing BAHEP President Bob Mitchell on Jan. 1, spoke of the region's brand his vision for the organization.

"My congratulations to Director Wyche," said Freedman. "Our region is blessed with five strong industries and hundreds of outstanding organizations. I look forward to working with you to advance Johnson's missions, to explore the heavens, and to unite and educate humankind."

"In our strategic plan, one goal is to shape a future-ready economy. For space, that will mean enhancing the Bay Area and Texas' role as the center of the federal, commercial, and military presence from low-earth orbit to the moon and beyond."

"There are two critical pieces that make everything work — effective local government and a superb educational and workforce development system."

"My vision for BAHEP is simple, and I credit physicist and astronaut Dr. Sally Ride, the first American woman to launch into space. She said, 'The stars don't look bigger, but they do look brighter.' Her comment applies to human space exploration and also to economic development and to my approach to leading this incredible organization."

"We will be working every day to earn your trust and to build our region. Systems go. We launch together."

Following an introduction from 2022 BAHEP board chairman Kenny Koncaba, Wyche thanked

organizers and addressed those in attendance.

"It is a privilege to be leading NASA's Johnson Space Center at this pivotal time," Wyche said. "NASA has been a part of the Bay Area and Houston communities for over 60 years playing a prominent role leading our nation's major human space exploration missions."

"The missions of today, from conducting science and technology research on the International Space Station for over 22 years, to our role in commercialization of Low Earth Orbit, to our plans to return humans to the Moon via our Artemis program, support NASA's plans to establish a sustainable lunar economy and provide the foundation for human missions to Mars. To achieve these goals, NASA will partner with academia, internationals, and commercial industry."

"For example, through the Commercial Lunar Payload Services initiative (also known as CLPS), NASA is sending scientific investigations and technology demonstrations to the lunar surface robotically."

"One of the commercial vendors for CLPS is Houston's Intuitive Machines that has three contract awards for sending NASA payloads to the moon beginning this year."

"Also, right in Johnson's backyard, we have the Houston Spaceport. It's the home of several local space businesses that support space exploration activities for commercial missions as well as for the agency including two companies, Axion and Collins Aerospace, that were awarded contracts to build space suits for EVAs on ISS and for Artemis. These are our first new EVA space suits in 40 years. It is truly an exciting time to be in space."

"My passion for STEM and desire to see others achieve their dreams as I have is a motivator for me to partner with universities and community colleges in our region and beyond to establish agreements with NASA that will ultimately build our workforce pipeline and contribute to achievement of our goals."

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BAHEP honors NASA's Wyche



The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership honored NASA Johnson Space Center Director Vanessa Wyche (second from right) at its 29th annual Quasar Banquet, held Friday, Jan. 27, at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City. Shown above with Wyche at the event are, left to right, Kenny Koncaba, 2022 BAHEP board chairman; new BAHEP President Brian Freedman; and Tim Kropp, executive vice president, MRI Technologies and 2023 chairman of the BAHEP board of directors. Photo by Genesis Photographers

Dobie names Hall of Honor inductees

Dobie High School will host its annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony Friday, February 17, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Now in its 11th year, the Hall of Honor recognizes graduates who have made significant contributions to the community and serve as role models for future students.

Five graduates will be recognized at this year's event. Alumni inductees include U.S. Army Col-

onel 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 Claffin, Class of 2001.

Colonel Mark Russell earned his commission through the U.S. Military Academy at West Point

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Man charged in fatal RV park shooting

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man that took place around 4:40 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at an RV park in the 12000 block of Sagedowne near Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway.



Jose Vargas

The suspect, Jose Luis Vargas, 26, was charged with murder in the 351st State District Court.

The identity of the victim, 50, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, officers responded to a shooting in-prog-

ress call at the RV Park at the above address and found a witness in possession of a gun the witness had taken from the shooter. The witness directed officers to the suspect, Vargas, found waiting nearby. Vargas was detained and taken into custody.

Detectives learned the victim, witness and Vargas were drinking together when a physical altercation between the witness and the victim ensued. The altercation had been resolved and the witness was about to walk away when Vargas fired at least one shot, striking the victim. The witness took the gun from Vargas and called police.

Paramedics pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

Following consultation with members of the Harris County District Attorney's Office, charges were filed against Vargas.

Leader continues 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 July 21, see the Feb. 2 edition of the Leader.

July 21

There was a gas leak near the Ashley Pointe subdivision Saturday, July 16. While emergency crews were quick to respond to the incident, repairs took all day to complete. As a precaution, the road was blocked off, and several residents were evacuated.

July 28

Marcos Alejandro, 19, was fatally shot during an incident July 23, at a gas station in the 14300 block of the Gulf Freeway near Astoria Boulevard. Another male and a juvenile

were also shot in the incident but survived. The victims were inside a parked vehicle when they were approached by two males who opened fire. While police believed the victims knew their assailants, no immediate arrests were made.

A Harris County Precinct 8 deputy was injured in a fiery crash early Tuesday, July 26, in the 1300 block of the East Sam Houston Parkway. Deputy K. LeMelle was parked stationary on the shoulder of the tollway when her vehicle was struck from behind by a commercial truck. Local tow truck operator Richard Borgstrom was credited for saving LeMelle's life, pulling the trapped deputy from her vehicle just moments before it burst into flames. The driver and pas-

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Annual South Belt cook-off canceled

Despite having access to El Franco Lee Park, organizers of the annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off announced Monday, Feb. 6, the event will once again not be taking place this year.

According to event organizer Chuck Tylka, the decision was made for multiple reasons, including late notice from the county regarding park availability and its corresponding stipulations. Tylka said the primary reason for canceling the event, however, was increased costs, noting that expenses have gone up across the board for items such as tent rentals, portable toilet rentals and golf cart rentals. Such price hikes would have to be passed along to cooking teams and patrons.

Tylka said some expenses would be the same if there were 25 teams or 100 teams. A low turnout, however, would exhaust the organizers'

funds and possibly leave the Southeast Volunteer Fire department in debt, as it is financially responsible for the event.

"It was a lot of risk," Tylka said.

Organizers reportedly considered other options but want to keep the event in the immediate South Belt community.

Tylka said organizers are planning to return to El Franco Lee Park in 2024 bigger and better than ever.

This would have marked the first time since 2020 the event had been held, as Harris County has limited use of the area park following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As much as we didn't want to pull the plug on the event, and as much as we wanted to return to normal following the COVID years, there were just too many unknowns."

Sagemont, PISD offer relief



Dobie Stu Co, along with teachers Nicole Johnson and Jennifer Bland, assisted Pasadena ISD's Special Programs Department and Sagemont Church's Helping Hands Ministries by passing out supplies Friday, Feb. 3, at the Sagemont Church Annex to those affected by the recent tornado. Students shown above volunteering at the event are Destiny Ramirez (left) and Phaleisha Woodall.

Publisher's Opinion

Youth baseball is for the kids

My addressing this topic is not going to be popular with some people and they will think I am wrong.

This situation reminds me a lot of the Brio Site which people thought I was making money through attorneys, buying houses, etc. But in the end, the truth finally won through and people found out that contrary to popular opinion, truth was on our side, and I will tell you, the same is the situation with the youth baseball controversy. Just like Brio, there are two controversial sides. Yes, there was an election, but under the required Little League rules, all members of the league as of spring 2022 should have been included. They were not. This is why less than 90 people were at the meeting, not a couple hundred. Since the *Leader* began 48 years ago it has always been used as a means to inform the community. Some board members disagree with that because they don't want the community to know what is going on.

I totally disagree with that thought. We will be writing more in the future, but here are a couple of important facts to ponder is, why do the people with the new organization want to charge \$325 a child when the longtime organization can fund it on \$100 per child?

The other involves bank transactions. The board installed by the Little League organization on Jan. 11 since the old board left the organization Dec. 31, went to open a bank account for the league and found out, among many other things, their bank account was still open and they had the rights to it. They also learned the day after, Jan. 12, two withdrawals from the Little League account were done by the officers who resigned Dec. 31, one for \$100,000, and one for \$50,000. This was done in spite of the fact all Little League presidents sign an agreement that if they leave the league, all assets stay with the league. This money, plus more, belongs to the Southbelt Little League; but it will be a fight getting it back.

God bless Little League which is determined that players who paid the high \$\$ and may not get their money refunded if they show proof of payment, they can play, for Little League without paying.

Little League knows it is for the kids. There are too many issues to go into here and we are hoping the right thing gets done and Little League prevails. I have researched this for hours. Please wait till all the facts come in. The right thing is for Little League to stay here.

Publisher
Marie Flickinger

Elected officials share their words

Middleton supports women

Senator Mayes Middleton filed Senate Bill 649, the "Save Women's Sports Act," to protect the integrity of Texas women's athletic competitions.

The legislation would expand the protections passed in the 87th Legislative Session for girls competing in 7th-12th grade level competitions to women competing in collegiate level athletic programs. SB 649 provides a private cause of action to allow women to sue if they are deprived of opportunities or suffer harm due to a violation of the law.

"I filed the Save Women's Sports Act to protect the integrity of women's sports. The bill makes sure women are not forced to compete against biological men, who steal victories and athletic records from females,

and put women's athletic scholarships unfairly at risk," said Senator Middleton. "Allowing biological males to compete in women's sports erodes Title IX, a federal law that protects opportunities previously denied to women."

"Students should compete in athletic competitions based on their God-given biological gender," said Senator Middleton. "You can't have fair competition when women are forced to compete against biological men."

Senator Middleton serves as the vice chair of the subcommittee on Higher Education, as well as serves on the Senate committees on Administration, Business & Commerce, Education, Jurisprudence and State Affairs.

Rogue DAs will be accountable

Senator Mayes Middleton recently filed Senate Bill 648 to hold rogue district attorneys accountable for their dangerous policies of not enforcing our laws and prosecuting criminals.

SB 648 creates an accountability system for elected prosecuting attorneys, including district attorneys and county attorneys.

The bill would allow for prosecuting attorneys to be removed from office and disbarred for policies of nonprosecution of certain crimes. The bill includes an action filed in district court, a jury trial and an appeals process. SB 648 keeps prosecutorial discretion in tact by requiring evidence that a prosecuting attorney has implemented a formal or informal policy of nonprosecution of certain crimes.

"Every district attorney has taken an oath to protect and defend the laws and Constitution of the State of Texas. They are violating their oath of office and do not have the constitutional authority to choose which classes of offenses to prosecute. George-Soros-backed DAs are endangering our communities with policies of nonprosecution," said Middleton.

"In Texas, we support law and order. Criminals that violate our laws and endanger our communities should be prosecuted, and justice should be served. Our justice system cannot function when DAs are allowed to cafeteria-style pick-and-choose which laws to follow and which to ignore. It is up to the legislature to pass laws and for district attorneys to enforce them, period."

Babin on termination of TikTok

U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) issued the following statement on his new bill, the Terminate TikTok on Campus Act (H.R. 231).

"For years, the Chinese Communist Party has been hard at work infiltrating our education system to spy, steal, and cheat to compete with us," said Babin.

"TikTok is nothing more than Beijing's latest apparatus to aid them on their quest to supplant us as the world's number one

superpower. We cannot let them succeed. "My bill will protect students and educators, and the work they do, from Communist China's malfeasance by banning the app from institution-owned and institution-issued devices."

To view the bill text, visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/231/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr231%22%2C%22hr231%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1>.

Bill for astronauts re-entered

U.S. Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36) issued the following statement after reintroducing his bill, the ASTRO Act (H.R. 272), which ensures transportation is provided for astronauts after they return from space until they are medically discharged.

"Our courageous astronauts put their lives on the line to ensure we remain the world's preeminent spacefaring nation,"

said Babin. "H.R. 272 provides our astronauts with the resources required to fully recover after they return from missions to space."

To view the bill text, visit <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/272/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22astro%22%2C%22act%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=2>.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library
Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. For information, visit <https://houstonli.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonli.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors story time for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.

Visit <https://houstonli.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

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

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

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

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

Deaths

Jovonnie Romeo Castillo



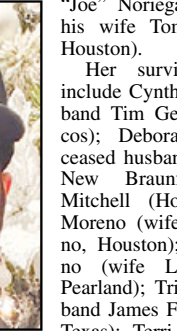
Jovonnie Romeo Castillo, 24, of Pasadena, tragically passed away on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023. He is predeceased by his father Juan Camilo Castillo, grandfather Camilo Castillo, uncle Anthony Latham and grandmothers Mary and Cecilia Latham.

He is survived by his mother Christina Latham; grandmother Rosa Castillo; grandfather Oscar Barrera; grandmother Debbie Stutler; son Angel Camilo Castillo; sister Christina Marie Castillo, brother Phoenix Latham; niece Zoe Rangel; aunts and uncles Liz Castillo, Jeff Latham, Michael Latham, Jessica and Rocky Rios, Ricky and Rebecca Castillo, Edgar and Brooke Castillo; and countless of beloved cousins who will miss him very much.

Jovonnie attended Dobbie High School. He enjoyed watching movies, listening to music, playing video games, walks outside and his favorite meal - two spicy chicken sandwiches from McDonald's. He was a joker at heart, and would love to collect Pokemon cards with his little brother. His son was his greatest joy and his legacy, and will be treasured forever. He will be sadly missed and will always hold a place in his family's hearts.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 6 at J. Leal Funeral Home, 708 College Ave., South Houston, TX 77587. A burial followed at 12 Grand View Cemetery, Garden of the Last Supper, 8501 Spencer Highway, Pasadena.

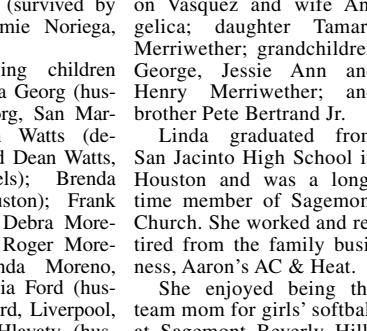
Linda Vasquez



Linda Vasquez, 73, passed away Jan. 30, 2023.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 6 at J. Leal Funeral Home, 708 College Ave., South Houston, TX 77587. A burial followed at 12 Grand View Cemetery, Garden of the Last Supper, 8501 Spencer Highway, Pasadena.

Susie Noriega Moreno



Susie Noriega Moreno, 93, passed away to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023. Born in San Antonio on Feb. 5, 1930, Susie moved to Houston at six months old where she was raised with her dearest brother, Joe Noriega, in Houston's Second Ward by their grandmother, Ignacia "Grandma Nacha" Noriega.

Susie's birth name was Maria De Jesus Noriega, but friends and family knew her as Susie or Sue. She was a child of the Great Depression and learned to live with modest means, but lived life to its fullest. At 19 years old, Susie married her brother's best friend, A. Frank Moreno Jr. Susie and Frank were married for 62 years before Frank passed away in 2014. Together, Susie and Frank had nine children whom they raised under their Catholic faith (St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church) and strong family values. All of their children attended and graduated from Pasadena ISD schools.

While Frank worked as a Schlitz Beer truck driver and shared his time as an ordained Catholic deacon, Susie spent most of her time raising their children with love and discipline.

She was smart and had a great sense of humor. An outstanding cook, she also made dresses for the girls, taught each child how to read and write, was talented with art and crafts and always nursed anyone who was sick back to health. Her love was unwavering, but she demanded good behavior. She was the rock of the family and was always willing to share her wisdom.

Moreno had many friends, was very social and was loved by everyone that met her. Her greatest legacy and achievement was raising her children to be productive, honest and loving adults. Susie and Frank were responsible for generations of children, including 23 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and two

great-great-grandchildren. She was born in Houston on Sep. 22, 1949, to Pete and Matilda Bertrand.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Ruben Vasquez; her son Aaron Vasquez and wife Angelica; daughter Tamara Merriwether; grandchildren George, Jessie Ann and Henry Merriwether; and brother Pete Bertrand Jr.

Linda graduated from San Jacinto High School in Houston and was a longtime member of Sagemont Church. She worked and retired from the family business, Aaron's AC & Heat.

She enjoyed being the team mom for girls' softball at Sagemont Beverly Hills with her husband, coach Ruben, during the 80s for several years.

She will be greatly missed, but her family knows she is in a better place and no longer suffering.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Funeraria Del Angel Crespo, 4136 Broadway, Houston, TX 77087, followed by a reception from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorial services for Fernando Davila include a rosary to be recited Thursday, Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. and a funeral Mass at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 17 with a reception to follow. All services will be held at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsock St. See the *Leader* Feb. 2 edition for the complete obituary.

Leader obituary policy
Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

In My Opinion

Muecke recognizes 48 years of Leader

Hello Marie, 48 years, that is many a year and many an article you have written on so many subjects. Not many business hang in that long. But you have communicated so well with the community and helped in so many areas. I want to wish you well and many more years. Always enjoy reading.

Jim Muecke
Publisher's note: Thanks for your comments, Jim, and thanks for all the great work you have done in the Edgebrook area, including park improvements and especially flooding improvements. Your many years of work have paid off.

King discusses Texas abortion law exceptions

Earlier this week, I wrote about how the two legacy parties routinely thwart the will of the majority of voters by pandering to their primary base voters, who generally only represent about 20-25% of registered voters. One example I used is that the Texas abortion ban does not include an exception for rape or incest, notwithstanding that polling of Texans has shown widespread support for such an exception.

The discussion of an exception for rape and incest dates to, at least, the

late 1950s, when American Law Institute included an exception for cases of rape and incest in its proposed model penal code. The exception appeared in most states' laws, even those that severely restricted abortions. But after the Roe decision the issue of an exception became largely moot.

After the Supreme Court overruled Roe and returned regulation of abortion to the States, many of them have moved to make abortion laws more restrictive and the question of what exceptions should be adopted has been the subject of much debate. Currently, eleven states, other than Texas, have adopted a total abortion ban. All of those include an exception for the life or health of the mother, but ten (including Texas) have no exception for rape or incest.

A bill has been filed in both houses of the Texas Legislature that would add an exception for rape and incest (HB797, SB122).

Because the Forward Party of Texas believes that are elected representatives should actually represent the views of the majority of Texans, it is conducting a survey to see how Texans view this issue. You can weigh in with your opinion by completing the short survey here, <https://bplem.siipn.typeform.com/to/BNPBV1CO>.

Let us know what you think.

Bill King

Toll rate reduction announced

Harris County Commissioners Rodney Ellis and Adrian Garcia on Tuesday joined Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) Director Roberto Treviño in announcing the first-ever toll rate reduction that will save some customers money during this high inflation period.

"I'm proud to announce, under the leadership of HCTRA and Harris County Commissioners Court, we are cutting toll rates by 10 percent," Commissioner Ellis said. "We plan to get this discount implemented by Labor Day of this year and give working people

some needed relief."

The change in HCTRA policy is a significant reduction in the rate cash customers used to pay when they become EZ TAG account holders. Historically, cash customers paid a little bit more than EZ TAG customers.

Additionally, the policy will make EZ TAG free permanently with up to eight free tags per household. The tags now cost \$15.00 each.

Ellis praised the policy that comes at a time when the price of just about everything is rising and people are feeling the pinch. He stressed that trans-

portation is not a luxury - it's a necessity.

He said this is the first time in the history of the county's toll road that officials are approving a toll rate discount for customers.

"There are people who live in every precinct in Harris County who many times have no choice but to take the toll road to get where they need to go," Ellis said. "This will make it a little bit easier for all of them. This change in policy will reduce barriers to access and make it easier for anyone who wants an EZ-TAG to get one."

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Data Control Codes	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds
				Funds		
Revenue:						
5700 Local, intermediate, and out-of-state	\$ 176,208,336	\$ 50,368,779	\$ 84,553	\$ 8,633,951	\$	235,295,619
5800 State program revenues	325,920,795	2,528,142	-	4,437,194	\$	332,886,131
5900 Federal program revenues	40,531,146	-	-	151,244,721	\$	191,775,867
5020 Total Revenues:	542,660,277	52,896,921	84,553	164,315,866		759,957,617
Expenditures Current:						
0011 Instruction	285,803,560	-	-	99,941,230		385,744,790
0012 Instruction resources and media services	7,217,025	-	-	250,365		7,467,390
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	6,758,190	-	-	2,332,048		9,090,238
0021 Instructional leadership	8,509,854	-	-	1,901,076		10,410,930
0023 School leadership	41,604,249	-	-	2,086,987		43,691,236
0031 Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	23,736,328	-	-	7,139,990		30,876,318
0032 Social work services	228,813	-	-	216,120		444,933
0033 Health services	5,588,051	-	-	351,032		5,939,083
0034 Student transportation	20,469,036	-	-	698,820		21,167,856
0035 Food services	-	-	-	34,010,696		34,010,696
0036 Extracurricular activities	7,621,200	-	-	3,816,661		11,437,861
0041 General administration	14,501,492	-	-	358,516		14,860,008
0051 Facilities maintenance and operations	58,201,078	-	-	1,480,003		59,681,081
0052 Security and monitoring services	6,235,583	-	-	502,537		6,738,120
0053 Data processing services	29,675,851	-	-	388,273		30,064,124
0061 Community services	214,716	-	-	315,435		530,151
Debt Service:						
0071 Principal on long-term debt	1,271,116	23,890,000	-	6,811		25,167,927
0072 Interest on long-term debt	8,038	27,016,143	-	186		27,024,367
0073 Bond issuance costs and fees	-	969,325	-	-		969,325
Capital Outlay:						
0081 Facilities acquisition and construction	2,176,145	-	44,861,120	1,018		47,038,283
Intergovernmental:						
0093 Payments related to shared services arrangements	1,099,260	-	-	-		1,099,260
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt. Ed. Prgm.	108,451	-	-	-		108,451
0099 Payments to Appraisal District	1,657,058	-	-	-		1,657,058
2000 Total Expenditures:	522,685,094	51,875,468	44,861,120	155,797,804		775,219,486
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	19,975,183	1,021,453	(44,776,567)	8,518,062		(15,261,869)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
7911 Issuance of bonds	-	20,560,000	-	-		20,560,000
7913 Proceeds from lease	73,596	-	-	11,522		85,118
7915 Transfers in	-	-	815,845	19,959		835,804
7916 Premium on issuance of bonds	-	2,203,444	-	-		2,203,444
8911 Transfers out	(7,404,411)	-	-	(19,959)		(7,424,370)
8949 Payment to refunding agent	-	(22,499,537)	-	-		(22,499,537)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):	(7,330,815)	263,907	815,845	11,522		(6,239,541)
1200 Net change in fund balances	12,644,368	1,285,360	(43,960,722)	8,529,584		(21,501,410)
0100 Fund Balance - Beginning	165,541,198	33,330,648	93,641,310	6,392,527		298,905,683
3000 Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 178,185,566	\$ 34,616,008	\$ 49,680,588	\$ 14,922,111		\$ 277,404,273

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Clear Brook Wolverines dominate at Lamar High School



Above, left to right are Clear Brook Speech and Debate students Safiya Rafiq, Helena Simpton, Simran Lama, Qaswa Khan, Gabe Torres, Alim Merchant, Abiha Altaf, Daniela Paul, Emily Joseph, Yumna Kalajo, Danetta Paul, Khang Ngo, Greg Stuart and Adith Jacob. The Wolverines returned from Lamar High School with yet more state points and wins to their credit. Team members Hareem Tariq, Torres and Daniela Paul placed second overall in World Schools Debate, while the speaking contingent of the team added to the team's victories as well. These wins began with Paul who placed fifth overall in Original Oratory which nets her the first of her state

points while the rest of the wins came from those competing in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking. Rafiq placed third, picked up her first three state points while Stuart picked up two more points for a total of seven by placing fourth while teammates Ngo and Altaf placed fifth and sixth respectively, picking up one point each. This brings Abiha's total state point count to three for the season. Additionally, team members Jacob and Joseph advanced to semifinals in this same event. The team begins to wrap its season in the next few weeks as they then prepare for the annual TFA State Tournament which will be held in Houston this year.

Thompson releases third six-weeks honor roll

Faculty at Thompson Intermediate recently announced their honor roll students for the third six-weeks period of the 2022-2023 school year.

Seventh grade
Miranda Aguilar, Affan Alceem, Alec Alvarez, Jesiah Avendano, Kayla Briscoe, Jayden Cabrera, Aileen Castillo, Diana Chicas Lopez, Adam Cid, Jeff Cuyuch Ordonez, Brooke Davis and Kenya Delong-Thompson.

Ethan Elliff, Damian Garza, Yenzi Gomez, Samuel Gonzales, Jady Jaso, Stella Kudrle, Javier Legaspi, Marlon Lopez Anariba, Camila Lopez, Cesar Lue Hernandez, Marissa Martinez and Paige Martinez.

Julian Moreno, Ava Morin, Hailey Naughton, Emily Nazario, Hana Nguyen, Sophie Nguyen, Yen Nguyen, Starling Oviedo Ayala, Heidi Padron, Nydia Proa, Gabriela Ramirez, Jordan Ramirez, Hafsa Rehan and Jordana Rico.

Michelle Rivera, Miguel Rodriguez, Christopher Romero, Lilianna Salazar, Taylor Scott, Dexter Sullivan, Joey Thach, Isaac Verdin, Saja Wall and Hyrum Wheeler.

Eighth grade
Steven Aguilar, Syed Alijaffri, Isabella Allen, Kaleigh Antoine, Edelyn Balderas, Adeliz Barahona, Daniel Blas, Adelle Bongfen, Lali Bowman, Navien Buendia, Hadassah Bur-

gett, Jasmine Cabrera, Barbara Chapa, Cuthbert Chau and Jayvian Chavez.

Khloe Coronado, Leslie Costa, Lyla Crake, Aidan De La Rosa, Kyleigh Dorsey, James Duncan, Anahi Echeverria, Emma Espino, Alana Espinoza, Delilah Evans, Alina Farooq and James Fortson.

Fabian Fraide, Ariel Gallegos, Kaylah Gibson, Romeo Gill, Caela Griffin, Jaylyn Guevara, Andrea Gutierrez, Vivian Hang, Muzna Hasan, Julian Hernandez, Julius Hernandez, Kingston Hernandez, Prince Hill, Alexia Hoang and Chelsea Hua.

Brianna Huesca, Anthony Jennings, Duy Lam, Anthony Le, Kim Le, Sheyla Le, Leyla Limon, Ava Lopez, Allyson Marquez, Miah Martinez, Kacey Mcdonald, Jaiden Medina, Adlin Mena, Karen Mier and Nikolai Miranda.

Dylan Mohwinkel, Morgan Momie, Aden Moore, Evan Mora, Junied Munshi, Zainab

Naveed, Anh Nguyen, Haylin Nguyen, Jeffery Nguyen, Justin Nguyen, Quynh Nguyen, Toby Nguyen, Louisa Obah, Lilly Oliva, Nathaniel Padilla, Dakaria Parker, Michael Pettis, Jonny Pham and Queana Pham.

Andy Phan, Andy Pineda, Cullen Ponder, Isabella Ramirez, Kendrick Ramos, Jazalynn Randall, Jeremy Rangel, Kaylee Robles, Aubree Rodriguez, Nelson Rodriguez, Christopher Rubio, Jasmine Russell and Kaylee Salazar.

Isaac Salinas, Eduardo Sanchez, Jonathan Sanchez, Manuel Sanchez, Sophia Saucedo, Zaire Scott, Alyza Silva, Arabella Smallwood, Persephone Soria and Jayda Stewart.

Kendra Tamez, Aiden Teran, Jaylyn Torres, Anne Tran, Katie Tran, Dennis Umanzor, Anson Uriostegui, Issac Urquieta, Alan Vallejo, Adrian Villatoro, Alex Vouffo, Angelina Vu, Allison Walker and Xamira Zambrano.

SJC's Nuñez earns nomination

San Jac College announced its 2022-2023 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award nominee and the Faculty and Staff Excellence recipients. Dr. Jose Nuñez, San Jacinto South Campus chemistry professor, is the college's 2022-2023 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award nominee. Nuñez has been teaching at San Jac for eight years, but has 13 years' experience at the collegiate level.

to college professors for superior teaching based on submissions by each college or university. SJC Faculty Excellence Award recipients include Lynne Brandt, music/audio engineering department chair, central campus; Phuong Doan, chemistry, south campus; and Mary Orlando, integrated reading/writing, north campus.

SHSU announces fall 2022 dean's list

The South Belt area students listed on the dean's list of academic honors at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, are undergraduates who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours.

- The university has recognized the following students for earning the honor for the fall 2022 semester:
- Payton Barkman.
 - Skyler Blanco.
 - Sayde Castellanos.
 - Erika Diaz Longoria.
 - Briandi Ford.
 - Diana Jimenez.
 - Paul Jimenez.
 - Marissa Maxwell.
 - Megan Mireles.
 - Michael Oko.
 - Haley Pena.
 - Alexander Reyna.
 - Kayla Wilson.

O'Connor brings writing, illustration to students



Fred Roberts Middle School Librarian Ashton Ramella arranged for George O'Connor (above) - author, illustrator and cartoonist - to visit the campus to educate the students on his writing and drawing process. Below is fifth-grader Alchemy Hernandez (right) timing him to complete his cartoon in 20 seconds.



Ambassador Crake works to improve school

Pictured is Thompson Intermediate School ambassador Lyla Crake working the school supply distribution for Thompson students. School ambassadors are students chosen by their teacher to help change the climate and culture of the school. This is part of the Safe School Initiative. They also participate in service projects to give back to the school, as Crake is doing.

Library donations sought

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library group is seeking donated materials from the South Belt community. Items sought include DVDs, CDs, gently used children's books and adult fiction. Donations can be dropped off during regular library hours at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Leader looking back at year 2022

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senger of the striking vehicle sustained minor injuries.

Aug. 4
A man was fatally stabbed Thursday, July 28, at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

According to Houston Police Department officials, a man and a woman were heard arguing before the victim was found unresponsive with multiple stab wounds.

Jabari Taylor, 41, was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was pronounced dead. Although police identified a person of interest in the stabbing, no immediate arrests were made.

Aug. 11
Two teens were accused of three local murders in a 12-hour killing spree that began the afternoon of Sunday, July 31. Evan Scott Redmond, 18, and Camren Keith Johnson, 19, were

each charged in the murders. The first homicide took place around 3 p.m. Sunday on Blakely Grove Lane off Pearland Parkway. The victim was identified as Nathaniel Alaniz, 19. Pearland police initially responded to reports of gunshots coming from inside a residence, where a man was confirmed dead. Less than 12 hours later in Houston, the pair of suspects allegedly murdered two more people near Fuqua and Monroe, killing Joshua Perkins, 20, and Charlie Castaneda, 22. According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting call at a convenience store about 1:35 a.m. Monday, Aug. 1, in the 10600 block of Monroe and located a male victim inside the business. He had suffered multiple gunshot wounds. Houston Fire Department paramedics transported the man to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Detectives learned the victims

were inside a white Mercedes Benz in the parking lot. The suspect, Redmond, exited the front passenger seat of a black Nissan Altima and entered the Mercedes. Surveillance video evidence indicated at least one shot was fired. One victim exited the driver's seat of the Mercedes and ran into the business. The Nissan fled the scene, followed by the Mercedes, stolen and being driven by Redmond. Officers located the second victim on the roadway in the 1000 block of Pearland Parkway.

It appeared he was thrown from the Mercedes. He had suffered multiple gunshot wounds. Pearland Fire Department paramedics pronounced the man dead at the scene. Patrol officers later observed the stolen Mercedes and attempted a traffic stop.

The driver failed to comply and a pursuit ensued. It ended when the Mercedes rolled over and crashed in

the 2200 block of Dixie Farm Road.

Redmond was in the driver's seat of the stolen vehicle. Paramedics transported him to an area hospital with minor injuries.

Redmond admitted to his role in the shooting and subsequent incidents. HPD officers later located the Nissan Altima at a residence in Pearland. Officers took Johnson into custody without incident.

He later admitted to being the driver of the Nissan. Both suspects were charged with capital murder.

Aug. 18
Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit took part in a large drug bust that netted more than 134 pounds of methamphetamine.

The case began along the Gulf Freeway and took investigators to North Houston, where the recent raid took place.

A joint operation with the

Texas City Police Department, the Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit was assisted by multiple other law enforcement agencies, including federal authorities.

In addition to the methamphetamine, deputies recovered a little under 3 pounds of marijuana, one semiautomatic shotgun and three handguns.

Two suspects were arrested and charged with two counts of felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, as well as one count of unlawful carrying of a weapon. The identities of the two suspects were not released as it was an ongoing investigation.

To be continued in next week's *Leader*.

Winning performance delivered by Floyd



Dobie High School senior Jocelyn Floyd recently competed in the Barkley Forum for Debate, Deliberation and Dialogue at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. The best student speakers from Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Texas and other states participated. After three straight days of a variety of speech and debate tournaments, Floyd placed First Overall in Informative Speaking. Her teachers, friends and family are very proud of all she has accomplished.

South Houston High School recognizes honor roll students

South Houston High School faculty recently released the names of their honor roll students for the third six-weeks period of the 2022-2023 school year.

Ninth grade
Yessenia Acevedo, Melody Acosta, Ariana Aguirre, Ludvin Aleman Retana, Abel Alvarez Recendiz, Danyel Anaya, Erik Arana, Audel Arellano Duarte, Yeferson Argueta, Christopher Avila, Isabella Avila, Devon Barnwell, Natalia Barrera, Juan Becerra and Anderson Betanco.

Christiani Bonilla, Isaiah Bonilla, Jason Bonilla, Ronald Brown Toirac, Jayneria Brown, Anderson Burgos Posadas, Jesse Camacho, Alejandro Castillo, Arellyn Castillo, Katia Chavez, Gregory Contreras, Tiana Costa, Angel Cruz Mejia, Andres Duran and Kristal Delacruz.

Raul Duran, Oscar Escamilla Barrientos, Nicole Escobar, Sean Flores, Gideon

Fowler, Diego Franco Morales, Anthony Funez, Sofia Galdamez Osorto, Alejandro Galindo, Jacinto Gallego Cobo, Joheli Garcia Gonzalez, Yoandri Garcia Gonzalez, Angel Garcia and Ayleene Garcia.

Dayana Garcia, Korina Garza, Jose Godoy, Carlos Gomez, George Gonzalez Agulla, Rachel Gonzalez Rodriguez, Antonio Gonzalez, Delilah Gonzalez, Joel Gonzalez, Raul Gonzalez, Meagan Grays, Brianha Grimaldo and Sumayah Guadalupe.

Saby Gutierrez Flores, Ana Hernandez, Marialuisa Hernandez, Saleste Hernandez, Ann Hounmetin, Janette Hurtado, Mariela Ico Ojomo, Anthony Jaime Fraga, Navya Karunaratne, Mariah Labastida, Averie Lasalle, Ana-Ledesma and Axel Lopez Carbajal.

Anahi Lule, Dayris Malasquez Montalvo, Helen Maradiaga Munoz, Dylan Martinez, Gerardo Martinez,

Maximo Mendoza, Magaly Mercado, Beatriz Meza, Luis Miranda Escobar, Jonathan Mojica, Isai Morales, Juan Morales and Tasia Nickerson.

Eliseo Orozco Ambrosio, Katherin Ortiz Tejada, Arianda Ortiz, Ra'tavia Osborne, Leonardo Otera Cuza, Genesis Palma Romero, Madelaine Palma, Ria Pandya, Andrea Patino, Alexa Paulin, Hector Pena, Jayden Pena, Wendy Perez Morales and Alexa Pineda.

Cristiano Poncio, Gabriela Portillo, Jessica Pulido, Ernesto Quiroz, Johana Ramirez, Jazlin Ramirez-Rivera, Reggie Rangel Quinones, Alexis Rangel, German Realejo Morataya, Katherin Realejo Morataya, Michelle Reyes, Yasmine Reyes and Martha Reyes-Lechado.

Luis Rico Parra, Gabriela Rios, Samir Rivera Garcia, Jacob Rivera, Grecia Agraz, Junior Rodriguez Ramirez, Alexy Rodriguez, Valerie

Rodriguez, Alexia Romero, Rubi Rosario Cruz, Jade Ruiz, Freddy Sanchez Lopez, Sheryl Sanchez Ortiz, Christian Sanchez, Jazmany Sanchez and Ricardo Sanchez.

Alexandra Santiago, Sophia Saucedo, Gabriel Serrato, Shannon Shaw, Andrea Silva, Eric Silva, Grace Sonnier, Sarah Suarez, Anthony Thompson, Erendira Torres, Hayden Tran and Valery Trevino.

Vanessa Vargas, Amairani Vega, Bryan Velasquez Chavez, Jayden Victoria, Markevia Willis, Jayden Wilson, Annethe Zacarias Trevizo and Estrella Zavala.

10th grade
Dalilah Acosta, Agustín Aguilar, Elijah Aguilar-Zamora, Carolina Alvarez, Kevin Alvarez, Anderson Amaya Urias, Jose Aragon, Jocelyn Aranda, Esmeralda Arredondo, Galia Barbosa, Johana Barragan, Aryanna Benitez and Jazmin Bocanegra.

Suany Bonilla Acosta, Jordan Buckner, Reynaldo Cabrera, Benito Cadena, Yeyson Carbajal, Gabriela Castaneda, Emiliano Castilleja, Adamari Castillo, Natalia Castillo, Gabriela Castro, Eric Centeno, Selina Chamorro, Melanie Chaverria, Manuel Chavez and Da'jonae Citizen.

Barbara Collazo, Perla Colmenero, Rosa Contreras, Victoria Contreras, Lester Cortes Varela, Natalia Coto-Chang, Jeady Cruz, Valerie Del Valle, Krystal Delgado, Lorenzo Delgado, Nathan Diaz, Elizabeth Erwin, Kayleen Erwin and Aaron Escareno.

Kevin Espinal Lemus, Ruby Espinoza, Dariana Fierro, Jennifer Flores, Ariana Franco, Kylie Gale, Jose Garcia Cosibel, Isbery Garcia Romero, Briahna Garcia, Carlos Garcia, Diego Garcia, Lupita Garcia, Xzavian Garcia, Rogelio Garibay, Alinna Garza, Giselle Garza, Isabella Garza and Mia Gaytan.

Deborah Getu, Maribel Gomez Camero, Cecilia Gomez, Christopher Gomez, Evelyn Gomez, Joselyn Gomez, Rogelio Gonzalez, Diana Gracia, Amy Guerra, David Guevara, Debanhy Guillen, Karina Guillen, Rayne Hale, Rafael Henriquez Garay, Alexia Hernandez and Ana Herrera.

Kaitlyn Houston, Rosa Huerta, Adrian Jimenez, Aniya Johnson, Marina Joya Campos, Adrian Juarez, Elizabeth Linares Cruz, Marlon Linares, Emmanuel Llanos, Antonio Lopez, Jazmin Lopez, Juan Lopez, Luis Lopez, Patricia Luna Argueta, Raquel Malbro, Alonso Marquez, Daniel Martinez, Diamond Martinez and Eduardo Martinez.

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Dobie Hall of Honor inductees recognized



Mark Russell

Sam Shimmessel

Maria Hurley

Audi Resendez

Yvonne Claffin

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 in the Armor Branch of the U.S. Army in 1974. He later attended flight school to transition into the Aviation Branch as an attack helicopter pilot. Throughout his career, Russell held multiple command and staff positions, including roles in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army. After 26 years of dedicated active-duty service, he retired with the rank of colonel in 2000. In retirement, Russell continued to serve through his second career with United Defense Corporation, where he played a crucial role in the management of the Bradley Fighting Vehicle program.

Sam Shimmessel began his sports career for PISD playing soccer, basketball, football, basketball, and running track and cross-country at Thompson Intermediate. He went on to succeed in high school as a four-year letterman in track and a three-year letterman in football. Shimmessel was part of the 4x800 meter and distance medley teams that won the 1981 state championship, holding records still standing 42 years later. Shimmessel went on to record-breaking success at the Southland Conference Championship for Louisiana Tech and continued with a world record time in the 4x800 meter relay for Houston Baptist University. He was inducted into the Hall of Honor at HBU last year, and Shimmessel and his Dobbie teammates will be inducted into the PISD Hall of Fame this spring.

A member of the Lariatettes in high school, Marla Hurley credits the experiences and lessons learned at Dobbie as a key to her success. After graduating from Texas A&M University, she began her career in the oil and gas industry, eventually leaving to assume a senior management role in the family pawn business. Hurley capitalized on her business acumen and sales experience, beginning her own successful luxury consignment business. Today, that business has grown from a web-based storefront to two locations in Round Top, Texas. In addition, Hurley serves as the stylist for Miss Texas USA and Miss Texas Teen USA. She has chaired numerous charitable organizations and is actively involved in the Houston Symphony, Texas Children's Hospital Cancer Center, Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, Help Cure HD, Houston PetSet, the Junior League of Houston and the Gardenia Janssen Animal Shelter.

Audi Resendez was very active in high school, participating in drama, cheer, student council and choir. One of her proudest moments was winning the Texas State Champion Mascot Award as Lucy the Longhorn. She received degrees in theater and psychology, performing at Six Flags and numerous operas, ballets, plays and concerts to pay for college. Resendez has worked on more than 100 television, film, and commercial productions, including "Indiana Jones," "Modern Family," "The Morning Show" and "Desperate Housewives." She was selected by Steven Spielberg for several projects and has worked alongside Jennifer Aniston, Eva Longoria, Anthony Hopkins and Kevin Bacon. Audi is an award-winning independent filmmaker, and seeks to create uplifting projects. She is also involved in many student filmmaker outreach programs.

Dr. Yvonne Claffin served as junior and senior class president at Dobbie. She competed in Health Occupation Students of America and numerous events with National Honor Society, as well as basketball, cross-country and track. She received a scholarship to Rice University, becoming an All-American in 2002 and won a gold medal in the 200 meters in 2005. She served as a mentor for students of lower socioeconomic status, before attending medical school. Claffin served as vice president of the Student National Medical Association and received the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Society to medical school. After medical school, Claffin completed her residency at Northwestern University. Today, she is a practicing anesthesiologist in Houston and continues to give back to her community. There will be a reception following the ceremony to celebrate all the inductees. Both events are open to the public.

Wolverine Stuart headed for state tournament



The weekend of Feb. 3-4 found a single member of the Brook Speech and Debate team at competition at the Langham Creek / Cypress Woods swing tournament in Cypress. Coming into the competition, Greg Stuart, shown above, had a total of seven state points in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking after picking up his most recent two points last weekend at Lamar High School. In the first half of the tournament on Friday, Feb. 3 Stuart fought his way to the semifinal round where he needed to place first or second, but actually placed third. Undeterred by this setback, he competed in the second part of the swing tournament and placed second in both prelims and semifinals which catapulted him to the final round where he placed third overall. This earned Stuart six more points for the season, ending in a total of 13 state points. This makes him the 16th member of the team now eligible to attend the TFA State tournament in March. More information about the Brook Debate Team can be found on their website, www.wolverinedebate.com. See related story on Page 3.

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BAHEP hosts Quasar banquet, awards given

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Thank you, again, for this honor." Wyche also expressed her gratitude for the people who helped her to achieve her goals. They included her senior staff, former JSC directors, elected officials, her husband, son, mother-in-law and her parents. Wyche said her parents, Gilbert and Inez Ellerbe, were educators who told her that she could do anything she wanted

if she was willing to work hard and excel. She also thanked the Wyche family pastor of more than 30 years, Dr. Joe Samuel Ratliff, and his wife, Doris. Ratliff gave the evening's invocation. Tim Kropp, executive vice president, MRI Technologies and 2023 chairman of the BAHEP board of directors, spoke about the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for BAHEP and the region in 2023, which concluded the very successful 29th Annual Quasar Award Banquet for approximately 600 of BAHEP's members and closest friends.

Past Quasar Award recipients include the following:
 - 2022: Houston City Council Member Dave Martin.
 - 2021: State Rep. Greg Bonnen.
 - 2020: San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer.
 - 2019: Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush.
 - 2018: Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.
 - 2017: State Sen. Larry Taylor.
 - 2016: CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith.
 - 2015: Dr. Bill Merrell, Texas A&M University at Galveston, professor.
 - 2014: University of Houston Chancellor Dr. Renu Khator.
 - 2013: Fred. B. Griffin, Richards.

South Houston High School announces third six-weeks honor roll students

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Kevin Morales, Kiara Moya De La Rosa, Daniela Murcia Reyes, Guadalupe Murillo Galloso, Gerald Murillo, Camila Navarro Moran and Kimberly Negrete.
 Kristi Nguyen, Leslie Oliveros, Danny Olmos, Eric Orellana, Vanessa Ortiz, Edgar Ortuño, Diego Osejo, Ilian Pacheco Villafranca, Shannon Palma, Noah Parras, Kelly Patel, Kesly Pedraza, Christian Perez, Victoria Perrett, Thien Pham, Jack Phu, Jovanny Portillo, Valerie Portillo, Jovany Quezada, Christy Ram and Camila Ramirez.
 Cierra Ramirez, Fatima Ramirez, Xiomara Ramirez, Caitlin Ramos, Tatyana Ramos, Hugo Rangel, Rosemary Rangel, David Revuelta, Inary Reyes, Joselin Rios, Cassandra Rivas, Carlos Rivera, Jennifer Rivera, Chelsea Robertson and Allison Robles.
 Mahia Rodriguez Agraz, Angel Rodriguez Castillo, Giovanni Rodriguez, Aldamaris Roman Tellez, Alexis

Romero, Rosalinda Salazar, Anthony Salinas, Carlos Salinas, Lindsey Sanchez, Diego Santillan, Frida Santos, Madison Scott, Katie Solano, Irma Sosa Villafranca, Natalie Terones and Kyra Tillman.
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11th grade
 Mikaela Acosta, Marjorie Aleman Retana, Lynkon Alexander, Jessica Alfaro, Evelin Almanza Padilla, Christopher Almanza, Georgianna Alvarado, Daniel Arias, Milton Arias, Andrea Ayala, Jonathan Barrientos, Amy Becerra, Christopher Bowshier, Ovidio Bustillo, Dora Caballero, Rosa Campos, Gustavo Cano-Mercado, Jose Cardoza and Abel Castellano.
 Jenny Chau, Aaron Chavarria, Rosana Correa, Angelina

Damian, Dalia De La Rosa Pantoja, Arlet Delgado, Olga Diaz Camacho, Paola Diaz Galvan, Xavier Diaz, Juan Escamilla, Abraham Escareno, Syntrel Evans, Everth Flores, Natalie Funes, Manuel Gamboa and Aldo Garcia Loya.
 Abraham Garcia, Alexia Garcia, Angela Garcia, Nathalie Garcia, Alexis Garza, Emily Garza, Ethan Garza, Julie Gonzales, Angel Gonzalez Torres, Eddie Guerrero, Azael Gutierrez, Will'aysia Harris, Edwin Hernandez Angeles, Cristian Hernandez and Mia Hernandez.
 Valeria Hernandez, Angela Herrera, Elissa Herrera, Kayla Hughes, Benjamin Jimenez, Khloe Johnson, Jose Labra, Joshua Larry, Kayleen Leal, Natalie Leon Jordan, Abril Leon, Stormy Lindsey, Carlos Lopez Montoya, Francisco Lopez Tejada, Yair Lopez and Daniela Maldonado.
 Judith Martinez, Kassandra Martinez, Raul Martinez, Ariana Mendoza, Jazlyn Montes, Edgar Najera, Aldo Navarro

Moran, Jaui Navarro, John Orozco, Rogelio Palma, Emily Parra, Michelle Perez, Ryan Pham, Junior Pineda Zuniga, Adrian Pineda, Eryn Ponce, Fernando Pruneda and Giselle Quintero.
 Kaylee Ramirez, Joanna Ramos, Gerardo Reyes, Rosa Reyes, Stacie Rivera, Karina Robledo, Josephine Robles, Silvio Rodriguez Suarez, Mansa Rogers, Carlos Roman, Victoria Romano, Monika Romero, Rigoberto Mendez, Estefany Salazar, Jose Salazar, Natalie Salinas and Devani Samaniego.
 Eytzel Sanchez, Roselyn Sanchez, Axel Saucedo Estrada, Roselin Serna, Urva Shah, Miracle Soto, Chamia Starks, Bryanna Suarez, Mariela Urias-Sarmiento, Eric Valdez, Gabriel Valenzuela, Jamileth Vasquez, Noemi Vasquez, Daniel Vazquez, Oscar Vilchis, Angela Villafranco and Ashley Zarate.
12th grade
 Edith Acosta, Denisse Aguilar, Nevaonna Alfred, Ben-

jamin Anaya Cruz, Alejandra Arredondo, Yaritzi Arvizu Pena, Nelson Banks, Stephanie Barrientos, Samantha Beltran Gonzalez, Roland Benavides, Jacqueline Bocanegra and Cristian Briagas.
 Jocelyn Caballero, Krystle Cabrera, Kamron Caldwell, Isaac Camacho, Briana Camarillo, Kimberly Cantillano Paxon, Ariana Cantu, Daniel Carrillo, Gael Castillo, Saul Castillo, Zujeily Castillo, Angeles Chamorro Hernandez and Daniel Chavez.
 Joseph Chavez, Cesar Conde, Moises Contreras, Diego Cortez, Monserrat Cruz Franco, Brittany De Leon, Hannan De Leon, Diego Espinoza, Joseph Ferguson, Jonathan Flores, Heidi Franco, Danielle Fuentes, Kelly Funes, Sara Gaeta, Manuel Galindo, Cesia Garcia Velasquez, Kimberly Garcia, Miguel Garduno and Aida Garza.
 Natalie Garza, Angel Gomez, Nathalie Gomez, Leslie Gonzalez, Xavier Gonzalez, Jakayla Gude, Socia Guti-

errez, Ever Guzman, Jason Hampton, Ashley Hernandez, Melanie Hernandez, Nicolas Hernandez, Antonio Herrera, Deandre Hill, Jeremiah Horton, Christina Houston, Tuan Huynh and Amy Jimenez.
 Jazlyn Jimenez, Jayden Johnson, Carolina Julian, Sindie Lemus Ruiz, Hakimuddin Lohkhandwala, Victor Lopez Morales, Aileen Lopez, Sonia Lopez, Joel Luque, Matthew Macias, Stephanie Maldonado, Jaselyn Martinez Huerta, Natalia Martinez, Daisy Mcgarity and Angel Mejia Mercedes.
 Melvin Mejia Reyes, Daisy Mendoza, Richard Mendoza, Tomas Meza, Mi'jai Mickle, Maribel Montalvo, Stephanie Montes, Autumn Montoya-Guidry, Nathanael Morales, Cristina Moreno, Brandon Muniz, Brittany Muniz, Kevin Murillo-Galloso, Antonio Negrete and Rigoberto Orellana.
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Remember When

45 years ago (1978)
 An arrest and a charge of attempted murder was filed against Carlos Mercado in the shooting of Edward O'Brien. The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association was in the process of taking a Sagemont Park resident to court for deed restriction violations, and planned to do the same with others who were not complying with the stated regulations.
40 years ago (1983)
 Residents of Sagelegen and Wood Meadow were asked to sign a petition asking the Burger King Corporation to reconsider putting up a 42-foot sign on Scarsdale Boulevard.
 Three cars were stripped of their tires in the Sage-meadow subdivision.
 Tod Lay and Victor Helguero, both Dobbie students, were injured in a car accident in South Houston at approximately 2:30 a.m. Officers believed Lay fell asleep at the wheel.

lington Road began in the Dixie Woods subdivision.
20 years ago (2003)
 Two area children, Carlos, 10, and Alex Chapa, 6, were taken away in their SUV when a wrecker mistakenly repossessed their vehicle in front of their home.
 Sagemont Church honored all armed forces personnel serving the country with special services titled "Praying Them Through" and a wall of honor.
15 years ago (2008)
 The Bank of America in the 9800 block of Blackhawk was robbed. Two men wearing masks entered the bank brandishing semiautomatic pistols and forced the customers to the ground. They proceeded to jump over the counter and demanded the tellers to open the cash drawers. After stuffing the

money into a bag, the men ran outside where an older-model white Chevrolet Suburban was waiting on them. This was reportedly the fourth time the bank has been robbed since opening.
 A storm drainage system near the intersection of Kirkwyn and Newton was repaired by city contractors thanks to the work of long-time Kirkwood resident Wade Hudson. Hudson had battled local officials for more than a decade to get the necessary repair work done.
 Several apartments at The Pointe Windmill Lakes caught fire. The blaze, caused by an electrical malfunction, was ruled accidental. A total of 10 units were damaged by fire, smoke and/or water.
 Longtime South Belt resident John Hoover was recognized as a Distinguished

Alumnus from his alma mater, Denison High School in northern Texas.
 The Clear Creek Independent School District pulled Westland Meat products after the United States Department of Agriculture issued an administrative hold on a series of lot numbers. None of the affected lot numbers made it to the cafeteria lines or was consumed by students or staff of CCISD.
10 years ago (2013)
 Judge John Dietz ruled that Texas' education funding was inadequate and inequitable across the state. In his ruling, Dietz specifically called on the state to provide the resources necessary to give all students a real opportunity to graduate from high school ready for college or a career, provide equitable funding to bring all Texas school dis-

tricts up to the funding levels necessary to meet Texas' high standards and provide local communities with meaningful discretion to provide local enrichment above state requirements. The Pasadena Independent School District and the Clear Creek Independent School District were among 600 school districts to file suit against the state when the Legislature cut \$5.4 billion from public education in 2011. This reduction occurred at a time when the state increased unfunded requirements for school districts and testing requirements.
 Sagemeadow resident Javier Rene Ortiz III, 30, died in an explosion at the Air Liquide facility in La Porte. The explosion happened in a lab that was used to mix industrial gases, such as nitrogen and

hydrogen, which are used to process food, beverages and electronics. Ortiz was initially reported as missing following the incident. His body, however, was discovered later that evening.
5 years ago (2018)
 Jarrett Scales-LeGare of the Riverstone Ranch subdivision was fatally shot on Friday, Feb. 2, outside of the Clear Creek Landing apartments, located at Beamer at Hall Road. Scales-LeGare was reportedly sitting inside his car in the parking lot at the time of the shooting. Investigators believe robbery was the motive. No immediate arrests were made.
 A South Belt woman was killed in an automobile accident Thursday, Feb. 1, in the 8000 block of Beltway 8 near Telephone Road. Chelcie Victoria Cloud, 25, of the

Highland Meadow subdivision was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, Cloud was rear-ended as she sat parked at the toll booth. No charges were immediately filed.
1 year ago (2022)
 State Rep. Greg Bonnen and Houston District E City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin were honored at the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's annual Quasar Award Banquet Friday, Jan. 28, when they were presented the 2021 and 2022 Quasar Awards respectively. This marked the last time longtime South Belt resident and BAHEP President Bob Mitchell would host the annual event.
 The annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off was once again canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This marked the third consecutive year the event was canceled due to disease. Organizers said the decision hinged largely on Harris County not committing to allow the event to be held at El Franco Lee Park, where the event has been traditionally held for several years. The event has grown significantly in size in recent years, making it difficult to relocate. The cook-off is the sole fund raiser for the annual South Belt fireworks display, which is also held at El Franco Lee Park. The fireworks display was also canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizers pledged to return the following year.
 On Friday, Jan. 28, a man was found shot to death inside his apartment in the 12200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. Lee Mayfield was pronounced dead at the scene. According to Houston police, officers responded to a report of a person down at the above address, and upon their arrival, they found signs of forced entry into an apartment. Once inside the apartment unit, police found the victim dead from multiple gunshot wounds. His body appeared to be in the early stages of decomposition. Eddrel Antonio Brown, 28, was later charged with the murder.

Perry, 86, debuts novel
 "When it comes to traveling, I'll go anywhere, anytime with almost anybody," said Helen Miller Perry, longtime resident of Sagemont. Perry, who owned a home in the Sabo Townhouses for 25 years, adds the title "author" to a long list of lifetime achievements.
 A familiar face to local residents, Perry, now 86, has published her first novel, "To Live Again," an adventure love story featuring a female astronaut in training. Drawing upon personal experiences of living off the land, she has written a profound story of tragedy, loss, love and the indomitable courage of people. Perry, known best for her long career as a real estate broker and certified instructor, was co-owner of the Real Estate School of Texas.
 An active member of Cokesbury Methodist in Sagemont (now Crossroads Methodist) until moving to her country place in Cleveland, Texas, in 2019, she continues to be part of the community by volunteering at The Rose Breast Imaging Center.
 Travel is her first love, helping people is her second, she noted, adding that writing now fills a big place in her life. Book signings for "To Live Again" are being hosted by local residents in late February and March. For information about a local book signing event, private message Helen via her Facebook page or contact her at hperry@prodigy.net.
 Perry's book "To Live Again" is available online at amazon.com.

CCEF celebrates 30th

The Clear Creek Education Foundation (CCEF) held a special celebration to commemorate a major milestone - its 30th anniversary, Thursday, Jan. 26 at Clear Creek High School and recognize the 30-year commemorative partners. At the celebration, a 30-year plaque was unveiled, recognizing the partners and organizations that have provided CCEF support. Each of CCISD's seven high schools will have a plaque.
 "Education in Clear Creek ISD has been enhanced because of the thousands of grants that CCEF has provided to our students and teachers. All these grants were made possible by generous partners across the CCISD community," said Deborah Laine, executive director of CCEF. "To celebrate the 30-year anniversary we offered all our partners the opportunity to make a special \$3,000 donation to annual campaign in support of innovative grants. Thirty spots were offered and donors stepped up to make an extra donation in support of this special campaign. I'm happy to say that the \$90,000 raised from this campaign is currently making a real difference in the classroom. This past year CCEF was successful in giving the highest amount of innovative grants ever in one year, over \$309,000," said Laine.
 The 30-year commemorative partners include: Sivaram and Swardy Arepalli, Dr. Robert Bayar, Jay and Carrie Cunningham, Drs. Sara and Glenn Freedman, Carl and Colene Johnson, Ron and Julie Masters, Joe and Jennifer



Over The Back Fence by Natalie

CHRIS ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
 Chris Clark marks a birthday Friday, Feb. 10. Birthday greetings are sent to Chris from wife Mary and "babies" Zeldia and Maude. Special birthday wishes are sent from the Leader staff as well as a big thank-you for all he does for the community.
LILY TURNS FIVE!
 Happy birthday wishes are sent to Lilian (Lily) Margaret Scarberry who celebrates her fifth birthday Sunday, Feb. 12, from dad Austin, mom Tiffany and big sister Jade Scarberry; grandparents Jannie and Robert Scarberry, former longtime South Belt residents; aunts Jenny (Hayes) Laney and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers; uncles Stephen Flowers, Joyce Hayes and Tyler Scarberry; and cousins Brayden and Baylee Espinosa, Olivia Moreno, and Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers.
DEAN CELEBRATES AN ANNIVERSARY
 Congratulations are in order for Dean Baier and his wife Barb as they celebrate the two years of their marriage. Dean and Barb married Feb. 13, 2021. Here's to many more wonderful years of marriage.
SCHOOL DAZE
 The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 9 through Feb. 15.
Atkinson Elementary
 Give a birthday shoutout Feb. 12 to Eileen

Guinon. The day for a party for Diana Trevino is Feb. 14.
Frazier Elementary
 On Feb. 9, Jennifer Wilson enjoys a birthday. Maritza De La Garza enjoys a birthday Feb. 15.
Meador Elementary
 Remember to wish Erika Rodarte a happy birthday Feb. 12. Blow out the birthday candles for Natalie Aviles Feb. 15. Join in the birthday fun Feb. 12 with Kristy Chapa.
Moore Elementary
 Give a birthday shoutout Feb. 9 to Anita Nickelson.
South Belt Elementary
 Melissa Cerda enjoys a birthday Feb. 12.
Fred Roberts Middle School
 Blow out the birthday candles Feb. 11 for Elsa Chichio. Send a special birthday greeting Feb. 13 to Esmeralda Rodriguez.
Melillo Middle School
 The day for birthday fun for Dawn Tomlinson is Feb. 9. Enjoying a birthday Feb. 12 is Michelle Rush. The day for a birthday cake for Gabrielle Creagh is Feb. 14.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Tina Garza celebrates a birthday Feb. 10. Feb. 11 is the day to wish Ronnie Thomas a happy birthday. Sing a happy birthday song with Yesenia Ramirez Feb. 12. Birthday wishes are in order Feb. 15 for Barbara Henderson and Janet Jaso.

Thompson Intermediate
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Dobbie High
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

JFD boys' soccer again surges to front of District 22-6A



First-place Dobie went up against second-place Rayburn Feb. 7 after press time with a chance to open an expanse between itself and the rest of the varsity boys' soccer field in the 22-6A ranks.

The Dobie program already owns eight consecutive 22-6A championships and went 3-0-1 early on to lead the way yet again.

The Longhorns got two more goals from Jordi Garcia, a goal and an assist from Alex Escobar and two assists from Miguel Azua in downing Channelview 5-1 Feb. 3 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

At 12-0-1 overall, the Longhorns are putting together one of the best runs in all of Region III as Garcia and Victor Hernandez share the team lead in goals scored with 13 each.

Escobar is next with seven goals and three assists, while J.P. Rodriguez paces the team with five assists.

Dobie goes against South Houston Feb. 10 at Veterans Stadium to close out the first half of District 22-6A action before taking an eight-day break from live action. The Longhorns will then host Deer Park Feb. 18 back at Veterans Stadium.

Locals blank Mavs

Gio Arango earned the shutout in the nets and Jordi Garcia recorded a hat trick with three goals scored as the Longhorns cruised past Memorial 5-0 Jan. 31 at Veterans Stadium.

Garcia was one of five players with assists, and Emerson Saravia and Robert Villatoro also netted goals.

Assists were also dealt by Miguel Azua, Kevin Guzman, J.P. Rodriguez and Villatoro as the Longhorns continued their season-long balanced scoring attack in the easy win.

At left, Dobie's Emerson Saravia (22) has scored five goals so far in 2023 as the Longhorns went 12-0-2 as of press time Feb. 6. At 3-0-1 in District 22-6A play, the Longhorns had collected 10 points to grab first place in the standings. Dobie will take on Rayburn Feb. 10 in Pasadena. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Dobie boys' soccer vs. South Houston

Fri., Feb. 10
7:30 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Dobie boys' soccer hosts Deer Park
Sat., Feb. 18
Noon Veterans Stadium

Softball pits Dobie versus CB

Alexis Acosta, Miriam Castillo, Emily Delgado, Brianna Garcia, Bella Perez, Marisa Perla, Sandra Quiroz, Claire Ramirez.

Those are the eight seniors of the Dobie softball program who will lead the Longhorns into the 2023 season as the locals host Clear Brook Feb. 13 at the Pasadena ISD Complex. Varsity game time is 6 p.m.

Dobie, coming off a 22-12 season in 2022, opened that season with an 11-2 win over the Wolverines and will look for a similar outcome this time around.

Clear Brook won just once in league play in 2022 but is aiming for a turnaround this season. Following the Feb. 13 opener, Dobie is off to the Bryan/College Station tournament Feb. 16-18 as non-district play continues.

Dobie softball hosts Clear Brook

Feb. 13, 6 p.m. PISD Complex

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Brown Relays arrive Feb. 10

The Brown Relays, Pasadena ISD's decades-running high school track and field meet, returns to Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena Feb. 10.

The 2023 event opens with the field events at noon, followed by the start of the field running events at 2:30 p.m.

Dobie is one of five host Pasadena ISD programs at the Brown Relays. As for the Longhorns, they will aim to continue momentum generated.

Dobie runs at Deer Park The Dobie programs opened their regular season at the Kethan Relays in Deer Park Feb. 3 as several first-time varsity performers got their careers started at the varsity level.

The Longhorn girls wound up fourth in the team standings with 57.3 points, with Clear Falls cruising to the team

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Clear Brook, Dobie boys' basketball teams still in hunt

Likely fourth place playoff berths are still in play for the Clear Brook and Dobie varsity boys' basketball programs as the regular season nears its Feb. 15 close.

Brook boys in hunt
So close, yet so far away.

A second straight win for the Clear Brook boys has the locals eyeing a late playoff push. Yet with road games against the league's top two teams - Feb. 8 after press time at Dickinson and Feb. 11 at Clear Falls - the Wolverines have more to do.

Two Wolverine wins coupled with three straight Clear Lake losses actually had Brook holding down fourth place.

But the Wolverines, 5-4 with three games to play, will lose a tiebreaker to the 5-5 Falcons should the two teams finish in a tie.

Lake's series sweep of Clear Brook helps the Falcons at present. And with Clear Lake finishing its season against last-place

Dobie boys at Deer Park

Feb. 11, 1 p.m.

Dobie hosts Pasadena

Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

Brook boys at Clear Falls

Feb. 11, 1 p.m.

Brook boys host Brazoswood

Feb. 15, 7 p.m.

Brazoswood and then Clear Creek, the Falcons have to like their chances. Dickinson and Clear Falls will make the playoffs, and despite two losses to Brook, Clear Falls is third at 6-3.

That leaves the Wolverines and Falcons battling for what is almost assuredly the No. 4 playoff seed.

JFD fights on
Like the Clear Brook boys, the Dobie varsity boys' team is fighting for

the fourth playoff seed in its 22-6A league.

Deer Park has won five straight games since a first-round loss to South Houston to lead the standings at 9-1 and went against South Houston, 8-1, Feb. 8 after press time, with the top playoff seed on the line.

Those two programs are in the playoffs, with Memorial currently third at 6-3.

At this point, the season

finale Feb. 15 between Dobie and Pasadena very well could decide who takes on

state-ranked Beaumont United in the Feb. 20-21 bi-district playoffs. Every

game counts at this point in the season with plenty at stake.



Clear Brook's varsity boys' basketball team has won two straight games to remain in the mix for a playoff spot in the District 24-6A race as Ja'Michael Young has led the way. Photo by Andy Tolbert

Giron eclipses 1,000 career points; JFD girls await bi-district opponent



At left, Dobie varsity girls' basketball standout Jacquie Giron (11) eclipsed the 1,000-points scored standard for her career as the Longhorns secured the No. 2 playoff seed with a 38-37 win over Pasadena Memorial Jan. 26. At press time Feb. 7, the Longhorns were still waiting for the 21-6A race to shake out, with the locals set to take on the No. 3 seed in the bi-district playoff round Feb. 13-14. Action photo by Donna Alsdorf

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22-6A Boys' Soccer Standings

Teams	W	L	T
Dobie	3	0	1
Rayburn	2	0	1
Pasadena	1	0	2
Channelview	1	1	1
South Houston	1	3	0
Deer Park	0	1	2
Memorial	0	3	1

Longhorns top 22-6A soccer race

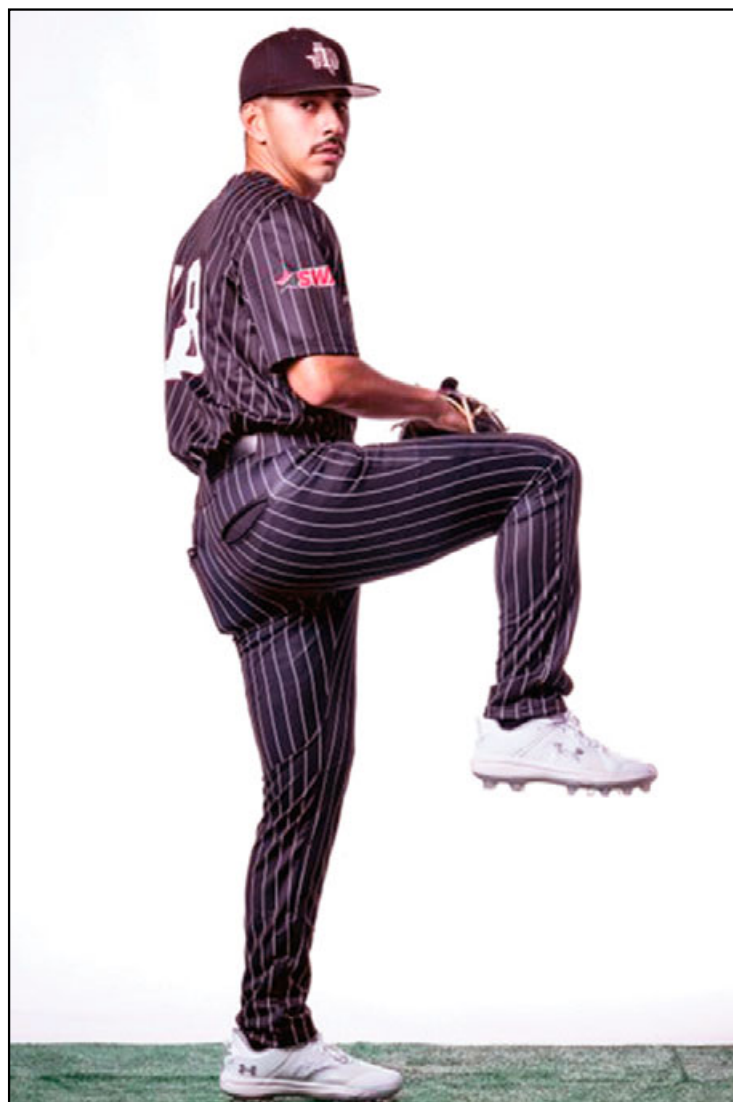
At right, Dobie junior midfielder Anthony Torres (12) and his Longhorn teammates have come through with a 12-0-2 overall record before facing Sam Rayburn Feb. 7 after press time. With a 3-0-1 start within the district, the team is in first place as it chases a ninth consecutive league title. Dobie will take on South Houston Feb. 10 to close out the first half of league play. The locals then resume the second half of 22-6A action Feb. 18.

At far right, the Longhorns' Kevin Guzman has been big for the Longhorns as they have remained unbeaten with more than half of the season in the rearview mirror. Guzman has had three assists while chipping in defensively in a big way.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Dobie graduates playing at TSU



Dobie graduate Domenic Martinez has joined the Texas Southern University baseball program for 2023. As a sophomore at Paris College in 2022, Martinez was 6-4 overall across 13 starts with 60 strikeouts over 43 1/3 innings and now slots as a left-handed option for the Tigers.



Dobie graduate Justin Blogg should be in line for much more playing time with the Texas Southern University baseball program after hitting .353 overall in 17 at-bats in 2022 as a freshman with five runs scored and five runs batted in. He started once and appeared in 17 games. TSU opens the 2023 season Feb. 17 at Minute Maid Park.

Raven softball wins pair; sweep over Tyler is big

A two-game sweep of Tyler Feb. 4 on the South campus has the San Jacinto College softball program at 4-3 through the first two weeks of the Division I National Junior College Athletic Association season.

The Ravens used an eight-run fourth inning in the first game Feb. 4 to win 8-3 over the Apaches. Kendra Cutlip drove in three runs and scored twice to lead the offense for the Ravens.

Arianna Wright singled and drove in two runs, and Dobie graduate Leslie Longoria singled and

knocked in a run. Hannah Benavides allowed one hit in four innings of relief and struck out six to earn the win. In the second game, San Jac's Christin Haygood struck out seven, allowing three hits in a 5-0 shutout for the locals. Kylie Hernandez doubled in three runs in the fourth inning and Wright had two more hits. In a Feb. 5 matchup of two programs that played in last season's NJCAA national tournament, McLennan blanked San Jacinto 9-0 in another game on the South campus.

- SJC hosts Hill College**
Feb. 11, noon/2 p.m.
- SJC hosts Kilgore College**
Feb. 12, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
- SJC at Bossier Parish**
Feb. 15, 3 p.m./5 p.m.
- SJC hosts Ranger College**
Feb. 18, 4 p.m./6 p.m.



Lutheran South Academy junior Makynna Robbins earlier this month surpassed 1,000 career points on the basketball court as she continues to lead the Pioneers' program in the district standings. Robbins is averaging 18 points and 14.5 rebounds per game to this point in the season as Lutheran South has gone 16-7 overall and 9-2 in league play for second place with one game remaining in the regular season Feb. 7 after press time against Fort Bend Christian.



Dobie seniors Aubree Myers (20) and Talibah Curtis (21) were two of six players honored along with their families as part of Senior Day Feb. 4 at Dobie as the Longhorns closed out the home portion of the regular season schedule with a win over South Houston to finish at 10-2 for second place in the District 22-



6A race. The other seniors recognized included Valerie Akinloye, Jacque Giron, Ociana Means, Aubree Myers and Brenda Torres. Dobie will play in the bidistrict playoffs against a foe from District 21-6A Feb. 13-14 with Summer Creek, North Shore and West Brook all options as of press time.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill," at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce website calendar or call 281-485-3634.
9:30 a.m. **NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse** - Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. Call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.
11:30 a.m. **ABWA - Southeast Express Network** - meets at Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd, Pearland. Visit www.seenabwa.org.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300
6:30 p.m. **Pearland Area Republican's Club** - meets at VFW Post 7109 Pearland, 4202 W Walnut St., Pearland. Email pearlandarearepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - free discussion about Judaism and religion in general at Sawa Restaurant and Grill, 16608 El Camino Real, Houston. Contact socialaction@shaarhashalom.org.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland. Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. Visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices

available. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Thursday's notice.
11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787 or visit https://www.houstonalanon.org/.
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets at 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 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.
8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen, 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon 713-472-0565 for appointment.
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, is now open. Dance lessons taught. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
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 12 Step Recovery open meeting in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10:00 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Monday's notice.
10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - General meetings held at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. To RSVP, visit www.tricountyrw.club/ or call 832-250-8901.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually every Tuesday. Visit southeasthouston.toastmastersclub.org or call 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - See Monday's notice.
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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Dobie football players sign to play collegiately



Four Dobie varsity football players took center stage during National Signing Day Feb. 1 as they inked letters of intent to continue their education and playing careers at four-year colleges. From left, receiver Jalen Baldwin is headed to the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, receiver Elijah Howard is off to Texas Lutheran University in Belton, as is safety Cohen Landry Jr. (third from left). At far right, linebacker Nigel Hill is headed to Prairie View A&M University.

Brook's Baldwin picks UT-Permian Basin

At right, Clear Brook varsity football stand-out defensive end John Baldwin (seated) will continue his education and playing career at the University of Texas Permian Basin in Midland. The Falcons are now under the guidance of head coach Kris McCullough, who was named the program's head coach in December. Baldwin was three times a District 24-6A all-league selection and figures to compete for playing time at UT Permian Basin. The Falcon football program competes in the NCAA Division II ranks and is part of the Lone Star Conference. Those with Baldwin at the signing included, left to right, Ben Baldwin (father), Jack Baldwin (brother) and Jennifer Baldwin (mother).



South Belt youth soccer continues its late sign-up

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is continuing online late registration for the upcoming 2023 spring season as the league continues decades of player development on local fields. The registration fee for under-4, under-5, under-6, under-7 and under-8 divisions is \$85 per player, while the fee is \$95 for the under-9, under-10, under-11 and under-12 divisions. Players in the under-13, under-14, under-15, under-16, under-17, under-18 and under-19 divisions will pay \$105 per player. Payment must be made by credit card or debit card only.

Player families will be required to provide a soccer ball, shin guards and cleats, while the league will provide uniform items including a jersey, game shorts and socks. League officials also encourage parents to apply online for head coach, assistant coach, team parent and team manager opportunities. Visit www.southbelt-soccer.org for registration options as well as other information about the league and the season. Spots will be filled on a space available basis.

Coach Sho debuts at MSU



Sharonda McDonald, a Dobie High School graduate and all-time women's softball great, will enjoy a homecoming of sorts as she makes her debut as Michigan State head coach Feb. 10-11 with the Spartans playing in the Texas A&M Invitational in College Station. McDonald starred at Texas A&M as a player and went on to become a top player professionally. Her now lengthy coaching career had her at Campbell University last season before she was named head coach at Michigan State this offseason. Michigan State features senior Camryn Wincher, who played three seasons at Dobie.

LSA FB's Teichman chooses UH

At right, Lutheran South Academy senior football player Hunter Teichman celebrated National Signing Day Feb. 1 by inking a letter of intent to join the University of Houston football program. The Cougars will be joining the Big 12 Conference beginning with the 2023 season and will host UT-San Antonio Sept. 2 at TDECU Stadium in the regular season opener. The Cougars will host Texas Christian University in the Big 12 opener Sept. 16.



Brook track hosts meet

The Clear Brook varsity track and field teams got out of the blocks Feb. 3 to start the 2023 season as the Wolverine Winter Relays were held on campus. Host Clear Brook was seventh in the final girls' standings with 22 points, with George Ranch collecting 58 points for the team title. Wet conditions prevented the field events from taking place. Pearl and Houston Memorial shared the boys' team crown with 37 points each, with host Clear Brook eighth with 17 points. Brook's girls had their

top finish in the Swedish relay that included 100, 200, 300 and 400-meter legs. In that one, Julisa Hudson, Kyra Freeman, Jizalle Davis and Patty Barnes combined for second place in a time of 2 minutes, 23.06 seconds. The Wolverine girls were represented by Twyla Penn, Hudson, Freeman and Davis in the 4x100 relay as the group earned fourth place at 49.32. In the 4x400 relay, it was Penn, Alexis McLaurin, Hudson and Davis for eighth place in a time of 4:22.00.

A&M's Dickson claims 200 win at New Mexico

At right, Clear Brook Class of 2022 graduate and current Texas A&M University freshman track and field competitor Camryn Dickson has enjoyed a good start to her collegiate career as the Aggies continue the indoor portion of the 2023 season. On the track during the first day of the New Mexico Collegiate Classic at the Albuquerque Convention Center, Dickson claimed the win in the unseeded sections of the 200, clocking in at 23.30 seconds to top the field of 97 competitors. Kennedy Wade, a sophomore from Clear Falls High School, finished fourth, rounding the track in 23.54.



Lajaunie scholarship tennis calls netters

The Darren Lajaunie Scholarship Fund Tennis Tournament will celebrate its 12th year with an exciting new format for 2023 that includes three doubles jamboree mixer events as organizers continue to raise funds for youth tennis and graduating senior class educational scholarships. As the sponsorship efforts start for 2023, various sponsorship levels are available to individuals or

businesses at DLTTennisScholarships.com, where the "Be A Sponsor" tab may then be selected. For students applying for the tennis camp and college scholarships on the same site, deadline for submissions is April 7, 2023. The scholarships will be awarded to all honorees in the latter part of April. Dobie seniors who wish to apply for the college scholarships may do so

by visiting the Lajaunie website or by picking up a packet in the school's counseling office. The deadline for Dobie senior scholarship submissions is April 6, 2023. The scholarship fund is named in honor of Lajaunie, a Dobie High School graduate and lifelong tennis enthusiast who died in 2011 after a lengthy cancer battle. Over the years, the fund has provided dozens of

youth tennis scholarships and college education scholarships to deserving players. The three jamboree series events will be held at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena, with as many as 60 players (30 doubles teams) competing during the April 29, Aug. 19 and Dec. 2 events. Individual players who would like to register without a predetermined playing partner will be

paired with another player prior to the start of the first of the three jamborees. Players/teams will earn points for performance during each jamboree segment, with an emphasis placed on competing in each of the three three-hour Saturday events. The first segment - April 29 - will include a fun-filled April Fools theme. Players may register for play at DLTTennisScholarships.com.

Pleasants leads LSU

At right, Dobie High School graduate and current Louisiana State University softball star Taylor Pleasants has been named to the 2023 USA Softball Top 50 Watch List. A season ago, she was also a 2022 All-SEC and NFCA All-Region selection after registering a .295 batting average and led the team with 28 extra-base hits, including 15 doubles, 12 homers and one triple. Pleasants is on the USA Softball Top 50 Watch List and has made the list for the second consecutive year. No. 20 LSU will open the 2023 season at Tiger Park with the LSU Invitational Feb. 10-12 where they will welcome New Mexico, No. 25 Oregon State and Nicholls State to Baton Rouge, La.



Dobie track gets started

Continued from Page 5 the group of four included Sophia Perez, Harris, Ashley Dunn and Jordan Davis. Elsewhere from the Ke-thans, Lauren Garza was sixth in the 1,600 in a time of 5:48.633 for sixth place in the event, and Sanchez took fifth place in the 200 as she posted a time of 27.669 in that one. Harris also grabbed herself a silver medal for second place in the 300 hurdles as she clocked in at 49.376. A time of 4 minutes, 21.709 seconds earned the Dobie girls a third-place finish in the 4x400 relay as

Sophia Perez was third in the 400 as she finished in a time of 1:03.564. At the 800 distance, Dobie's Ashlee Garcia was third for another six points as her time of 2:35.00 brought a medal.

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