

Sageglen to meet May 18

Sageglen Community Association will hold a homeowner meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, May 18, at the Sageglen Community Building, 11610 Sageyork. Guest speaker to be announced. Light refreshments will be served. All Sageglen residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings typically take place the third Monday of every other month. For additional information, call 281-481-2160.

New Covenant feeds needy

Each month, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the events is to provide food to people in need. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

HPD's PIP set for May 18

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, May 18, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, Classroom No. 103. Guest speaker to be announced.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Monday of each month. For additional information, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series.

For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow Drive continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH-225 to Red Bluff Road continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

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

Ellington eRecycling set

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

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

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

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

Kirkwood to meet May 25

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 25, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held on the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

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

Results tallied from MUD, Clear Creek ISD elections

Rabe wins Clear Brook City MUD contest; Towey loses to challenger

The results have been tallied from the May 2 MUD and school district elections, with new office holders taking the helm in multiple posts.

Longtime candidate Yen Rabe narrowly edged out her two opponents in the Clear Brook City MUD Position 5 race to replace Jim Bishop who was not seeking re-election after serving several years in his seat.

Rabe received 394 votes, while Dawn McDonald received 346 votes and Delfina (Fina) Govea received 23 votes.

In the Position 4 race, incumbent Jim Towey was defeated by challenger Karen Richards McMillan, receiving around 40 fewer votes than his opponent. McMillan received 392 votes to Towey's 354.

Sage Meadow MUD and Kirkmont MUD did not hold elections this cycle.

In Clear Creek ISD, District 2 incumbent Jamieson Mackay will maintain his position, easily defeating challenger Ernest A. Hallman II. Mackay received 458 votes to Hallman's 190 votes.

District 3 incumbent Arturo Sanchez will also maintain his seat, handily defeating challenger Gabriel Gonzales II. Sanchez received 1,122 votes to Gonzales' 209 votes.

Terms are three years. Pasadena ISD did not hold an election this cycle.

Mattress Mack greets students



Furniture mogul Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale visited Thompson Intermediate Friday, April 24, and took part in the school's weekly High Five Friday, greeting students as they arrived at the area campus. McIngvale is shown above high-fiving students with Thompson Intermediate Principal Tanis Griffin. See related photos on Page 3.

Hail storm hammers South Belt

Affected residents urged to use caution when making repairs

A sudden, late-night hailstorm hammered the South Belt community late Thursday, April 30, into early Friday, May 1, leaving behind dented cars and damaged roofs.

The fast-moving storm caught many area residents off guard, waking several from a deep sleep. The hail began shortly before midnight Thursday and intensified rapidly, with residents reporting hail stones the size of quarters and golf balls pounding homes and vehicles.

Local emergency officials said there were no major injuries reported.

Residents who suffered property damage in the hailstorm are urged to use caution when making repairs.

After a hailstorm, state officials and consumer protection groups recommend a few key steps to protect both one's property and their wallet.

Officials offer the following tips to affected Texans:

- Document everything. Take clear photos and videos of all damage - roofs, vehicles, windows, fences and landscaping. This will be essential for insurance claims.

- Contact one's insurance provider before signing anything. Most insurers will send an adjuster to evaluate the damage. Texans are urged to start with their insurance company rather than a contractor.

- Use only licensed, reputable contractors. Texas does not require roofing contractors to be licensed, which unfortunately makes the state a magnet for "storm chasers" - out-of-town crews who arrive immediately after severe weather, offer quick repairs, and often disappear before problems surface.

Avoid "storm chasers"

Consumer advocates urge affected residents to watch for the following red flags to avoid storm chasers:

- Contractors who go door-to-door offering "free inspections"
- High-pressure sales tactics or demands for immediate decisions
- Requests for large upfront payments
- Out-of-state license plates or temporary crews
- Offers to "waive your deductible" (which is illegal in Texas)

Advocates encourage affected residents to do the following when making repairs:

- Get multiple written estimates.
- Check reviews and references.
- Verify the contractor has a physical, local office.

- Confirm they carry liability and workers' compensation insurance.
- Never pay in full before work is completed.

City crews spent Friday clearing debris from major intersections and drainage channels. With more rain in the forecast, officials urged residents to keep gutters and storm drains clear to prevent localized flooding.

See related photo on Page 4.



Reader photo

South Belt Cleanup a success!

More than 300 volunteers take part in this year's event

The daunting rain Friday, May 1, did not deter volunteers from showing up in droves on Saturday, May 2, for the fourth annual South Belt Cleanup.

More than 300 volunteers cleaned up approximately 6.25 square miles of roadways in the local area.

Volunteers cleaned up from the Gulf Freeway to Blackhawk, east to west, and from Fuqua to FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road, north to south. Volunteers did not clean Dixie Farm Road out of safety concerns.

A large group of volunteers was dispatched to the former C&D Burger Shoppe, which had become a dumping ground for large waste in recent years. Houston police also fined the current property owner for its disheveled appearance.

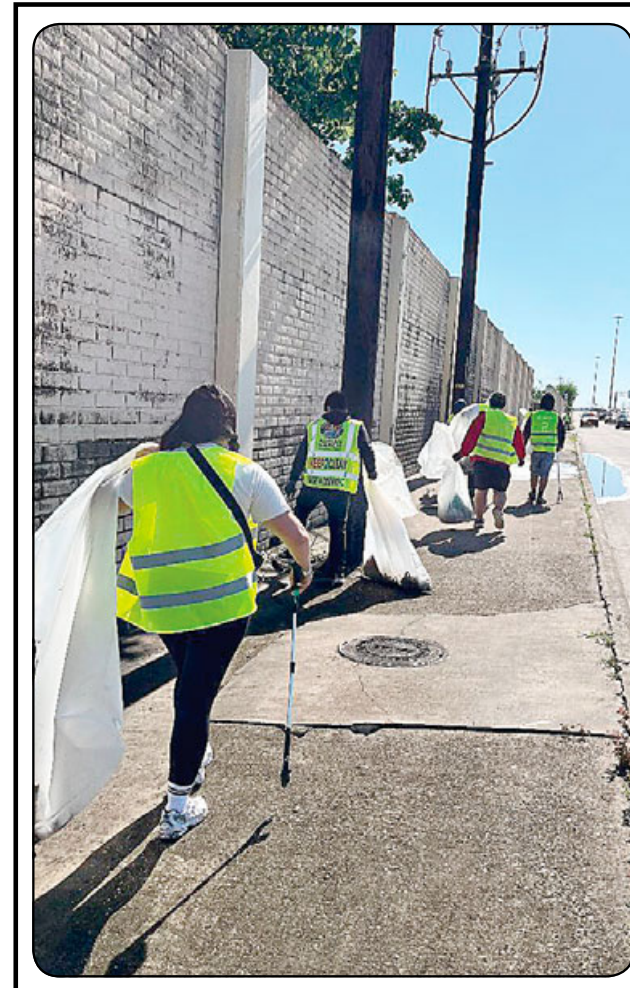
See related photos on Page 3.

At press time, it was unclear how many pounds of debris were collected by volunteers at this year's cleanup.

The annual event, organized by Knights of Columbus 9201 and the Sagemont Civic Club, is a collaborative effort with Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office, Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, City of Houston Solid Waste, Pasadena ISD, Pasadena ISD Police Department, Houston Police Dept and Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, along with other sponsors, partners and residents.

"Kudos to (event organizer) Mike Work for his vision and tireless leadership in spearheading this annual event," said Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour. "His efforts bring together our entire community - from young children to those 80+ - proving that when people unite with purpose, we can make a lasting impact."

Organizers are already planning next year's cleanup. The 2027 event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 3.



300+ volunteers clean South Belt community

The fourth annual South Belt Cleanup was a huge success Saturday, May 2, attracting a record 300+ volunteers. Organized by Knights of Columbus 9201 and the Sagemont Civic Club, the cleanup tackled the daunting task of removing debris from roughly 6.25 square miles of roadways in the South Belt community. A team of volunteers is shown to the left picking up waste along Beltway 8. See related photos on Pages 2 and 3.

San Jac receives \$200K state grant

Funds part of \$2M grants to boost workforce training

Gov. Greg Abbott recently announced nearly \$2 million in grants to select state schools known to excel in workforce training, including San Jacinto College.

"Our greatest resource is our young and skilled workforce," said Abbott. "This 1.7 million in grant funding to schools throughout Southeast Texas will provide students with the opportunity to gain real hands-on career and technical training to provide a solid foundation for future career aspirations. Together, we are strengthening our state by investing in our workforce of tomorrow."

In all, six Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grants totaling \$1,777,641 were awarded to six schools in Southeast Texas by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The JET grants will support career and technical education (CTE) training programs by helping the schools purchase and install equipment to initially train 410 students for high-demand occupations such as information security analysts, nurses, welders and more.

"With these funds, six schools in Southeast Texas will train more than 400 students for in-demand occupations, creating pathways to economic prosperity," said TWC Chairman Joe Esparza. "JET grants are a great example of aligning industry demand with curriculum, which ensures Texas employers have access to skilled talent to meet their business needs."

The six JET grants included the following:

- San Jacinto College: a \$189,987 grant to

train 110 students as electrical and electronic engineering technologists and technicians.

- Brazosport College: a \$356,250 grant to train 75 students as information security analysts.

- Hitchcock ISD: a \$190,769 grant to train 65 students as licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses in partnership with College of the Mainland.

- Kountze ISD: a \$353,282 grant to train 90 students as welders in partnership with Lamar Institute of Technology.

- Lamar Institute of Technology: a \$354,853 grant to train 50 students as electrical and electronics repairers of commercial and industrial equipment.

- West Sabine ISD: a \$332,500 grant to train 20 students as registered nurses in partnership with Lamar Institute of Technology.

Through funding provided by the Texas Legislature each biennium, TWC uses JET grants to defray start-up costs to develop or expand career and technical education programs for public community, state, and technical colleges; school districts; and open-enrollment charter schools.

Equipment funded through JET grants must be used to train students for jobs in high-demand occupations. JET grant awards for the current fiscal year have yet to be announced and will be published in the coming months.

To learn more about TWC's JET grant program, visit www.twc.texas.gov/programs/jet.

Seniors Helping Seniors



Dozens of Dobie High School students selflessly volunteered recently to participate in the annual Seniors Helping Seniors program. Now in its 22nd year, the program allows high school seniors to help local senior citizens make needed home repairs. The event was headed by former Dobie teacher Jim Sawyer and Lewis Career and Technical High School teacher Shane Brown. See related photo on Page 2.

Annual cleanup a success!



The 2026 South Belt Cleanup was a huge success, attracting hundreds of local volunteers. Organized by the Knights of Columbus Council 9201 and the Sagemont Civic Club, the event continues to grow in size each year.

St. Luke volunteers



Volunteers from St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church taking part in this year's cleanup are, left to right, Craig Guth, Marion Hulin, Steven Ybarbo, Art Valdez, Lee Garcia, Anthony Zarate, Clemente Armenta, Chris Sorenson, Sylvia Valdez, Faye Guth and Val Comeaux.



DeLeon honored at Astros game

The Houston Astros recognize veterans and active members of the U.S. forces during each home game. At the Dodgers/Astros game Monday, May 4, South Belt community member and veteran Juan P. DeLeon, who served in the Army as a specialist in Vietnam, was applauded and honored by the 35,000+ fans in attendance.

Funeral home, cemetery honor flags, vets

As America prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday, Grand View Funeral Home and Grand View Memorial Park/ Bethany Cemetery, Pasadena, is planning two ways to honor the country, Old Glory and the nation's veterans, who have protected America in times of war and peace since 1776.

A flag retirement box has been installed at the funeral home's front door. Anyone in the area who has a tattered flag may place it in the box, and American Legion Cortez-Norris Post 319, which serves La Porte and Deer Park, will work with the Eagle Scouts to properly retire the flag in a dignified ceremony. American flags should be retired if they are worn, torn or soiled.

Separately, on Saturday, May 23, at 9 a.m., Grand View invites the community to place flags on the graves of veterans ahead of Memorial Day. The cemetery wants to show the community's gratitude and respect for those who have served and sacrificed for the country. Community groups, families and individuals are invited to volunteer. Register by calling 281-479-6076.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

The following events are scheduled for Bracewell Library:
 Thursday, May 7, 4 - 5 p.m. Living English lessons. Registration required.
 Saturday, May 9, 2 - 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.
 Monday, May 11, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.
 Tuesday, May 12, 4 - 5 p.m. Join family craft adventure. Registration required.
 Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

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

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for more information. One can also visit social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library:
 Thursday, May 7, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
 Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. - noon. Tai Chi.
 Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Asian American Pacific Islander heritage month celebration.

Monday, May 11, Noon - 1:30 p.m. Basic computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Monday, May 11, 1 - 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.
 Monday, May 11, 4 - 5 p.m. 3D orientation. Registration required.
 Monday, May 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
 Tuesday, May 12, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.
 Wednesday, May 13, Noon - 1 p.m. Family place workshop with free Children's Museum passes.

Wednesday, May 13, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
 - Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
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David Flickinger, owner

Crew tackles C&D junk



A team of volunteers focused their efforts on the former C&D Burger Shoppe on Fuqua, which has become a dumping ground in recent years. See related before and after photos on Page 3. Houston police also issued a fine to the current property owners for the neighborhood eyesore.

Local Scouts pitch in



Cub Scout Pack 692 members shown above pitching in are, left to right, Julian Dominguez-Landeros, Haley Mauer, Logan Mauer and Levi Burk.



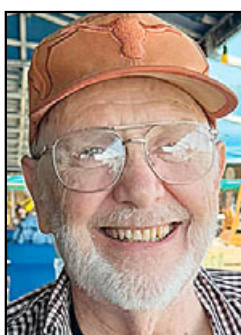
Cub Scout Pack 692 members shown above at the cleanup are Julian Dominguez Landeros (left) and Ethan Goforth.



Cub Scout Pack 692 members shown to the left volunteering in the fourth annual South Belt Cleanup Saturday, May 2, are, left to right, (front row) Levi Burk, (back row) Logan Mauer, Julian Dominguez Landeros and Haley Mauer. See related photos on Pages 1 and 3.

Death

Ernest Marion Fridge III



South Belt resident since 1969, Ernest Marion Fridge III, lovingly known as Ernie, passed away Monday, April 27, 2026.

Ernie was born on Feb. 27, 1938, to Faye Inez and Ernest Marion Fridge Jr. in Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated from Northside High School in 1956 before continuing his education at The

University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics in 1960. While attending school in Austin, Ernie met Frankie Marie Kirkpatrick at church. They were married on April 29, 1961, in Fort Worth. Soon after, Ernie and his beloved wife, Frankie, moved to Houston as he began his career with NASA.

Ernie was proud of his work at NASA as a data analyst and deputy branch chief. He was involved in every project from Apollo to the International Space Station before retiring, after 40 years, in 2002.

Outside of work, Ernie found joy in restoring old cars and caring for his yard, but his greatest passion was teaching the Bible. For more than 60 years, he faithfully shared his love of Scripture with both children and adults through Sunday School, Bible studies, Vacation Bible School and Kids Camps, leaving a lasting impact on countless lives through his kindness, wisdom and unwavering faith.

He and Frankie were members of Christian Temple Assembly of God for 43 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Charles David Fridge.

Ernie is survived by his wife; daughter, Sherri Campbell and husband Johnny; daughter Terri Flowers and husband Craig; son Ernest Fridge IV and wife Sharon; grandchildren Brandon Campbell, Chloe Flowers, Ernest Fridge V, Taylor Campbell, Ear Flowers, Dylan Campbell, Kelsie Green and Cameron Fridge; eight great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Irma Fridge.

The family would like to thank Brookdale Senior Living-Pearland for the attentive and compassionate care they gave Ernie for the past three months.

Volunteers aid cleanup



Volunteers shown above at the recent South Belt Cleanup are, left to right, (front row) Melissa Black, Danielle Work, Emily Work, (back row) Rob Work, Mike Work, Michael Work (event organizer), Rhonda Work and John Work.

AARP Webster sets meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 invites one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX 77586. The chapter meets in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. One is invited to come to meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors, followed by a social activity.

The program this month will be a presentation on Health Walk. The social event will be BACC Derby Days. Bring quarters and get ready to cheer for a favorite horse.

AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, May 19, to Eternal Ghandi Museum. Ghandi Museum is a cultural and educational museum dedicated to Ghandi's legacy of nonviolent conflict resolution. The trip price is \$12. Lunch will be at Lazy Dog Cafe. Members may register and pay for these trips at the Thursday, May 14, monthly meeting. One must be a member of Chapter 199 to participate in the bus trips.

If one is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show one's current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact President Veronica Stanford at 409-256-1195 or at veronica_stfrd46@yahoo.com.

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Seniors Helping Seniors



Three different crews of Dobie students took part in this year's Seniors helping Seniors event, in which local high school seniors volunteer to help repair the homes of area senior citizens. Dobie staff members who served as crew supervisors included Amber Allan, Nichole Johnson, Jennifer Bland, Sydnee Chollett, Warren Parker, Will Joiner and Gerson Garcia. See related photo on Page 1.

Thompson cheer motivates Melillo during STAAR testing days



The Thompson Intermediate School cheer team recently met at Melillo Middle School to help create a STAAR tunnel to encourage students to perform their best on the STAAR test. Left to right, are (front row) Xara Oddo, Julissa Bonilla, Aliyah Alvarez, Daniella Gonzalez, London Rodriguez, Nathalie Blanc Candelaria, Soraya Shah, (middle row)

Alicia Sypien, Brooklyn Reyes, Khloe Woodard, Jaselym Enriquez, Dora Campos, Bella Hernandez, Isabella Squier, Demi Rose Gaitan, (back row) fifth-grade reading teacher and campus culture coordinator Tyler Oakes, Thompson cheer coach Meagan Wisniewski, Melillo principal Jennifer Saucedo and sixth-grade social studies teacher Raven Lowe.

Frazier Owls place in PISD Name That Book contest



Frazier Elementary School students recently competed in the Pasadena ISD Name That Book contest and took home third place in the elementary division. Left to right, are Frazier Owls Benjamin Resendiz, Jose Reyes, Noah Rivera, Athan Garcia, Sophia Covarrubias, coach Lupe Palacios, Alfonso Garza and Cassandra Vega.

Thompson welcomes Mattress Mack for High Five Friday



Thompson Intermediate School recently celebrated High Five Friday and Mattress Mack made an appearance at the school to participate in the event. Left to right, are principal Tanis Griffin, teacher Sara Hall, teacher Stefanie Cantin, Mattress Mac, teacher Melissa Prestridge and teacher Meagan Wisniewski. See related photo on Page 1.



Mattress Mack (back row) is shown with the Thompson cheer team, left to right, (front row) Soraya Shah, London Rodriguez, Daniella Gonzales, Nathalia Blanc Candelaria, Khloe Woodard, (back row) Alicia Sypien, Demi Rose Gaitan, Isabella Squier, Jaselym Enriquez, Bella Hernandez, Dora Campos, Brooklyn Reyes and coach Meagan Wisniewski.

Thompson names fifth-six weeks honor roll

Officials of Thompson Intermediate have announced the fifth six-weeks honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seventh grade

Eduardo Rafael Acosta Aguilar, Martin Daniel Acosta, Qurat Ul Ain Adeeel, Alfonso Martin Aguilar, Lucas Xavier Aguilar, Ava Danae Ahmad, Usman Kamran Alceem, Mahim Ashaun Alexander, Tristan Kaleb Alvarez, Austine James Arce, Jocelyn Clara Arredondo Diosdado, Jacob Jarrett Arroela, Emery Gray Banda, Allison Michelle Barahona and Aubrey Daniella Barajas.

Yahir Barron, Christie Alexa Bradley, Madilyn Rose Briso, Aubrey Rene Brown, Torrie Lorraine Caniff, Leilyn Crysthal Castillo Munoz, Ava Rae Castro, Avelardo Ceniceros, Victoria Chapa, Cullen Nguyen Chau, Alezea Alia Chavez, Jovani King Cisneros, Quelwin Seth Alberto Colangoy, Miranda Star Coronado, Isabelle Marie Covarrubias and Sofia Crow Tanson.

Isabella Audrey Cruz, Angel Marquez Davila, Kason Kane Dillard, Benedict Duncan, Andrew Son Duong, Naomi Kieu-Nga Duong, Camilla Fernandez, Natalia Lizbeth Flores, Neveah Isabella Flores, Sophia Marcella Franklin, Gabriel Angel Garcia, Liam Hailey Goffney, Anabel Alejandra Gomez, Jacob Gabino Gomez and Jacob Joseph Leo Gonzales.

Vanessa Annmarie Gonzales, Adalynn Gonzales, Mae Elizabeth Green, Mariana Guajardo, Adelyn Faith Guillen, Mia Amairany Gutierrez, Olivia Ann Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Ann Heitman, Gael Hernandez, Kelsey Emma Hernandez, Julian Alejandro Herrera, Kourtney Marie Hinojosa, Eleora Zafora Hunt, Luke Macelli Irizarry and Zayan Ali Jafri.

Idalia Marie Jaramil-

lo, Paulette Jimenez, Amy Heather Leon, Camila Mar Licon, Damian Jay Lopez, Joseph Alexander Lopez, Aliyanna Belen Machado, Arielle Elena Maldonado, Jennifer Love Marquez, Gabriel Alejandro Martinez, Layla Janet Mata, Adalynn Faith McMullin, Isabel Christine Mejia, Marleen Adamaris Melendez and Mariah Aubrey Mendez.

Shaun Edward Mijares, Madison Katherine Monford, Arianna Nicole Moreno, Daniel Javier Moreno, Londyn Tre'ne Moses, Andrew Lee Navarro, Samantha Yue Ngoc Nghiem, Abriella Quynh Lien Nguyen, Danielle Nguyen, Giselle Ngoc Anh Nguyen, Justin Hoang Nguyen, Kyle Thanh Nguyen, Phuc Thien Nguyen and Quan Minh Nguyen.

Simon Ducson Nguyen, Vincent Hoang Nguyen, Justin Rambo Nino, Gift Ayongogwe Abimmi Obah, Daniel Ricardo Patterson, Adriana Guadalupe Perez, Brad Pitt Nguyen Phuong, Victoria Mercedes Pineda, Anthony Ramirez, Roselyn Ramirez, Dayana Lisbeth Ramos Carrasco, Antonio Rentas, Emily Beatriz Reyes Najarro and Alyssa Aime Reyes.

Claudette Reyna, Emma Kharisma Rios, Aleena Evon Robinson, Jesus Estiven Romero Mendoza, Eric Mateo Romero, Orlando Arturo Salazar, Jazlynn Alexa Sanchez, Jorge King Sanchez, Marie Elizabeth Sanchez, Leonardo Daniel Segovia Franco, Rayah J Nae Semien, Elijah Zacarias Sevilla, Soraya Primrose Shah, Mckenzie Lanae Sigler and Zoya Sikandar.

Audryna Faithlynn St. Roman, Sophie Jak Manangan Strickland, Colten Buu Tang, Roy James Thomas, Liam Robert Torok, Samuel Hawk Torres, Ba An Tram, Duyen My Tran, Lyann Bao Han Tran, Tracy Thien Kim Tran,

Zoey Allison Trevino, Jayden Leonel Turcios, Almasofia Umanzor, Abelardo Valdez Torres, Martin Alejandro Valenzuela, Emma Natalia Villa, Jordyn Devon Weldon and Frida Zavala.

Eighth grade

Avaian Alexander Aguilar, Adrian Keidrick Aiken, Jay Addison Alanis, Aliyah Itzel Alvarez, Mauricio Alberto Amaya, Isabella Ancha Ruiz, Gianna Renae Andrade, Jeanine Guadalupe Armenta, Syeda Roshanrukh Ashrafi, Giselle Lizette Ayala, Kris-Sean Deon Baines, Arian Nathaniel Banda and Jose Roberto Barahona Gutierrez.

Ximena Marisol Barahona Guzman, Tristan Matthews Barlow, Eliana Marie Benavides, Julian Baylor Benedict, Cecilia Scottie-Marie Bogany, Adam Ras Bowman, Broderick Glenn Bragg, De'Vonte Deshawn Brown, Karrington Lebron Brown, Richard Xavier Brown, Hannah Linh Bui, Carlos Gabriel Cabrera, Altia Miamor Caldwell and Jason Alexander Castellano.

Ruben Castillo, Sophia Castro, Noah Alexander Cervantes, Sophia Catalina Chacon, Sofia Deon Charles, Curtis Nguyen Chau, Blakeley Star Chavez, Miguel Compean, Mina Berlin Crake, Rachel Lynn Cummings, Jazlyn Jrew Daniels, Abigail Dalilah De Hoyos, Mia Del Bosque, Peyton Brook-Lynn Deleon and Jaselym Danna Enriquez.

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sandra Renee Hernandez. Max Emiliano Hernandez, Ethan Tyler Ho, Son Duc Hoang, Julianne Michelle Hood, Tristan Noel James, Joshua Oluwadamilare Jegede, Christian Jayden Jimenez, Tripp Vader Edward Jodway, Simone Elise Jones, Silas James Kelch, Anayah Ali Khan, Ca thy Mong Khau, Jayleen Bao-Chau Lam, Sophia Isabella Landaverde and Nguyen Khoi Le.

Roland Alexander Lee, Felix Anderson Lopez, Yaxixa Lopez, Emilee Nicole Lugo, Hannah Nguyen Luu, Bryan Clifton Martin, Andrew Martinez, Ayden Elijah-Joseph Martinez, Damian Martinez, Emily Alexa Martinez, Jacob Alexander Martinez, Matthew Ismael Martinez, Mia Pilar Martinez, Olivia Martinez, Jordan Alexander McCombs and Breanna Johana McNeal.

Jayden Christian Miko, Kayleigh Lynn Mitchell, Nyla Elizabeth Mitchell, Katalina Aracely Morales, Alyssa Moreno, Braden Todd Motley, Bella Munoz, Aryan Nepal, David King Nguyen, Drake Khuongtrieu Nguyen, Duc Thanh Hung Nguyen, Nina Anh Nguyen, Sharon Nguyen, Suri Ngoc Nguyen, Y Thien Nguyen, Xara Rose Oddo and Skye Andrei Buan Orsua.

Brielle Nevaeh Ortega, Leah Nicole Ortiz, Angel Daniel Paul, Annaelizabeth S. Pelekamoyo, Camila Andrea Pena, Anyssa Cali Perez, Victoria Perez, Elise Maria Perseval, Fernanda Pineda, Aaron Miguel Posadas, Maria De Jesus Ramirez Gloria, Kyle Gabriel Dimalanta Ramos, Michael Andres Rentas, Jazlynn Danielle Reyes and Isaac Ismael Reyna.

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Tate Phat Tran, Carney Truong, Zylah Marie Vargas, Alessandra Vasquez, Elijah Andrew Vasquez, Haylie Elizabeth Villalta, Jacqueline Le Vo, Evan Naofel Zaman, Andy Zamora and Christian Gerard Zelaya Juarez.

Volunteers clean debris from former C&D Burger Shoppe



During the recent South Belt Cleanup, a team of volunteers focused their efforts on removing debris from the former C&D Burger Shoppe, which has become a dumping ground for large waste in recent years. Above and below serve as before and after photos of the location. Houston police also fined the current property owner. See related photos on Pages 1 and 2.

Fred Roberts names Aviators of the month



Fred Roberts Middle School recently announced the Aviators of the month for April. These students were chosen for being the most well-rounded, meaning they have exhibited a positive attitude, strong work ethic, ability to work

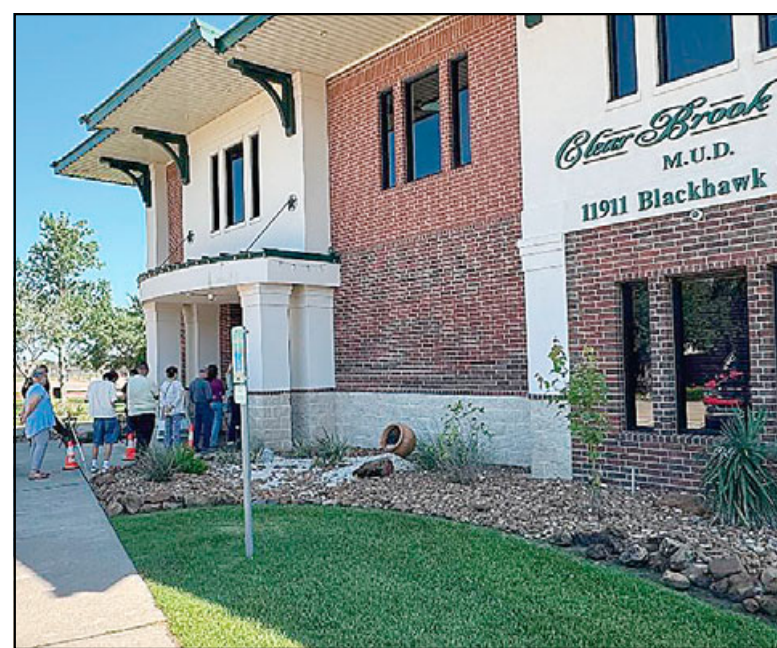
well with others and a dedication to learning. Left to right, are counselor Mike Evans, sixth-graders Khoi Nguyen, Nicolette Martinez, fifth-graders Jacqueline Barrera Reyes, Conner Strickland and counselor Crissy Higham.

Hail strikes South Belt



A hailstorm struck the South Belt community this past week, causing extensive damage. The above photo was taken in the Riverstone Ranch subdivision. See related story on Page 1.
Photo by David Flickinger

MUD voters cast ballots



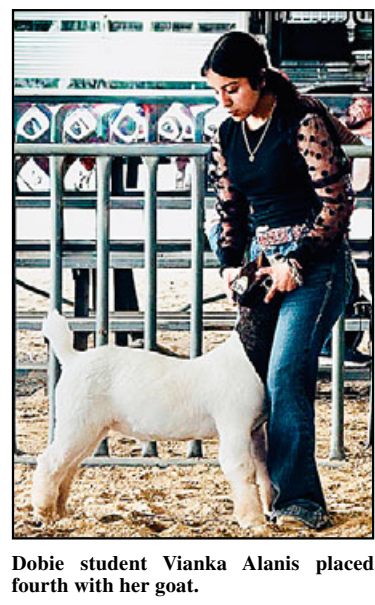
Voters took to the polls Saturday, May 2, as elections were held in local utility districts and select school districts. Clear Brook City MUD residents are shown above casting their ballots in two of the local utility district's board races. See related story on Page 1.
Photo by David Flickinger

Dobie FFA competes in Crosby 4-H Spring Prospect Show

Dobie High School FFA members recently participated and placed high in the Crosby 4-H Spring Prospect Show. Shown at right is Dobie FFA student Elijah Garza who placed second with his steer.



FFA member Vianka Alanis placed second in class with her pig.



Dobie student Vianka Alanis placed fourth with her goat.



Dobie FFA member Brianna Aleman placed first in the steer competition.



Dobie student and newly elected FFA student president Luke Stacey placed third with his steer.



FFA student Pablo Reyes placed first in his class in the steer competition.

Beverly Hills Intermediate announces fifth six-weeks honor roll

Officials of Beverly Hills Intermediate have announced the fifth six-weeks honor roll for the 2025-2026 school year.

Seventh grade
Emiliano Javier Aguirre, Fajer Faisal Al Mezeini, Angelina Avila, Alexa Dallana Bonilla, Skylar Anita Bowie-Simien, Halie Latrice Braxton, Daiera Daniyah Brown, Giselle Stella Cammack Alegria, Camilo Cano, Ava Deshawna Carter, Zoe Thuy Carter, Sophia Cavazos, David Khang Chavez, Sophia Yamileth Chayeb, Aizzell De Los Angeles Chirinos

Guevara and Citalli Celeste Cornejo Lule.
Brandon Covarrubias Rodriguez, Debora Victoria Cruz Avelar, Nathaniel Ivann Delgado, Harrison Manh Do, Maximus C. Doan, Nhat Minh Doan, Jace Jose Enriquez, Delilah Nevaeh Esparza, Eliana Lexi Garcia, Matthew Aiden Garcia, Emily Alejandra Garza, Ethan Alexander Gonzalez, Kristin Jade Gonzalez and Paula Sabine Guevara-Gonzalez.
Jude Michael Gutierrez, Sofia Guzman, Alex Iram Herrera, Chase Hicks, Alayah

Madison Holmes, Alaina Janelle King, Thienkim Hoang Le, Luis Felipe Lopez De La Cruz, Ginhaya Denise Lopez Herrera, Nathalie Sang-Nhi Mai, Joselyn Adeline Martinez, Pablo Esteban Martinez, Valerie Martinez, Paige Mae McMullen and Joshua Raphael Menahem.
Emma Mendoza, Vivian Iliana Montano, Quan Minh Ngo, An Thanh Nguyen, Christlyn Nguyen, Cindy Tran Nguyen, Jenny Quang Nguyen, Thi Kim Phuong Nguyen, Tommy Dac Nguyen, Tyler Le Nguyen, Savannah Lynn

Ollervides, Rouis-Rich Bacay Ong, Emmy Reyna Ortiz, Mikaela Anai Portillo, Lily Alyson Resendez and Louis Rodgers.
Jose Noel Rodriguez-Marquez, Aleida Verence Segovia, Isaiiah Jermaine Shepherd, Everett Matthew John Short, Amira Sophia Sosa, Braylan Tinajero-Barcenas, Khloe Minh-Phuong Tran, Seraphina Hong Tran, Daniella Nicole Valdez, Rosalynn Amaris Vega, Sofia Vega, Ariel Jayde Villanueva, Adrian Villarreal, Rooney Vu, A'maya Faye White, Spencer Charles Wil-

liams and Ayleen Gianely Zavala.
Eighth grade
Abigail Grace Acattilan, Diana Paola Alvarez, Jakayah Ayira Amos, Paulina Arredondo, Evelyn Arzate, Ryan Nicholas Barker, Noah Christian Barrios, Sofia Lily Barrios, Adrian Bryce Bell, Damian Alexander Belman, Lailah Nevaeh Berruete, Ashley Daniela Bonilla Alvarez, Kathryn Scarlett Botello, Alani Lee Bravo, Dean Lamar Brewer and Alannah Janay Cazada.
Aaron James Palma Cardenas, Jeremy Bryce Ceasar, Jayden Jahir Cevallos Mejia, Huy Cat Gia Chung, Dalen Jamar Copeland, Timothy David Lee Craigie, Julieta Fernanda Cruz, David Dang, Myrion Davis, Anthony Cecilio Del Campo, Ruizhe Deng, Henry Hung Do, Luis Ernesto Escobar Gonzalez, Ximena Lizbeth Espinoza and Nathan Alexander Esquivel.

Ashton Markell Farris, Isabella Ferruffino, Fabian Alexander Figueroa, Diego Alberto Flores, Rafael Ernesto Flores, Jordan Manuel Franco, Christopher Jacob Gaffney, Tatiana Esther Gamboa, Nicolas Garcia, Natalia Celeste Garza, Skylar Cheyenne Glayzer, Natalie Ann Graff, Morgan Toni Green, Layla Leticia Guerra and Reina Daniela Guzman Guzman.
Ellis Ramon Guzman, Jaythan Elian Guzman, Lilij Heng, Arlen Siup Hernandez, Jozelynn Celsy Hernandez, Noah Marley Hodgson, Aria Rose Holcomb, Huy Hoang Huynh, Khloe Lynn Thi Huynh, Shae Avery Ibarra, Jonathan Micah Jackson, Omar Anthony Jimenez, Marlee Alyse Johnson, Zeniah Monae Johnson, Minh Thu Le and Kinley Louanne Lerche-Fowler.
Noah Michael Lewis, Natali Analeah Lievanos, Ayden Alexander Lima, Fernando Lomas, Emma Rose Lopez, Minh Ngoc Luong, Arleny Gisel Maldonado, Ethan Edward Mancillas, Robert An-

Remember When

50 years ago (1976)
The year 1976 marked the first year for a girls' track team at Dobie High School.
Lana Shannon, daughter of Bobby and Joyce Shannon, was named Miss Black Gold Jamboree at a festival held at Southern State Bank.
Jeffery Tate was fatally injured when he was struck by a truck on South Belt and Sagewood.
45 years ago (1981)
During heavy rains, 75 area homes were flooded.
State Rep. Randy Pennington called for the resignation of Harris County Flood Control Director Jim Green. Pennington said Green "is not competent to carry out the duties of the Harris County Flood Control director as evidenced by the flooding in Harris County over the weekend."
40 years ago (1986)
Approximately 300 people visited with Harris County political candidates at an open house at San Jacinto College in anticipation of the upcoming election.
Precinct 654 was formed in the South Belt area. The boundaries were Beamer, Kingspoint, Blackhawk and Hall roads.
A fight, which began at Dobie High School, resumed after school and resulted in the arrest of one juvenile. The fight wound up on Fuqua near Randalls, and involved 10 to 15 high school students from Dobie and Ross Sterling high schools.
A "contract of termination" in the murder-for-hire killing of Gilbert Boyce Swain was entered into evidence at the trial of the accused. The four on trial were Swain's widow, the victim's stepson and two others, who claimed money was left in a prearranged location and a door was left unlocked to gain access to murder Swain.
35 years ago (1991)
Dobie varsity football coach Buzzy Kieth accepted the second annual Tom Landry Award from Baylor University Coach Grant Teaff. The award was presented at the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame banquet in Waco.
More than 900 cases of truancy were filed in court by the Pasadena Independent School District. Approximately a quarter of those involved South Belt area schools and students.

sard won her third straight gold medal at the state triple-jump competition.
Memorial Hospital Southeast Vice President/C.E.O. Dan Martin cut the ribbon to open the hospital's new quarter-mile walking track.
25 years ago (2001)
The Gardens was named the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce SEED business of the year.
Mayor Lee Brown nominated acting Fire Chief Chris Connealy, a 1977 Dobie graduate, to serve as fire chief for the Houston Fire Department. He would assume the position pending City Council approval.
For the third consecutive year, South Belt area homeowners faced a major increase in their Harris County tax appraisals.
Incumbent Paula Thomas garnered more than 70 percent of the 2,649 votes cast in her run for at-large Position B in Clear Creek Independent School District's board election.
20 years ago (2006)
Kirk Lewis, who for years served as a spokesman for PISD, was officially named superintendent.
Houston firefighters responded to a townhome fire on Sabo near Sagedowne. The fire was caused by a short in the aluminum wiring of an electrical outlet on the first floor.
The congregation of Cokesbury United Methodist Church honored its pastor, the Rev. Sara Owen-Gemoets, with a retirement reception and appreciation.
For its military service during World War II, Ellington Field, the joint-use civil/military airport, was declared a historical landmark by the Houston Airport System.
15 years ago (2011)
Dobie High School's Academic Decathlon team took home second place at the national championships held in Charlotte, N.C. Granada Hills Charter School won the event, giving California its ninth consecutive national title. Dobie piled up 50,436.2 points, the most ever for the school at the national level. The point difference - 1,677.3 - is considered razor-thin in the scoring system used.
10 years ago (2016)
Hundreds gathered at El Franco Lee Park to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, despite rainfall. Texian Cookers won the prize for best overall cooking team, placing first in beans, fourth in chef's choice and fifth in ribs.
The Pasadena Independent School District officially dedicated the new Fred Roberts Middle School on Thursday, April 28. Named for longtime PISD school board member Fred Roberts, the new campus is located the 13400 block on Conklin near Beltway 8.
5 years ago (2021)
Election results from the May 1 local school board

elections were tabulated, with incumbents from both Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD losing seats. In the Pasadena ISD race, incumbent Nelda Sullivan maintained her Position 3 spot, while incumbent Mariselle Quijano lost her Position 2 seat. In the Position 3 contest, Sullivan handily defeated her two challengers, receiving 70.8 percent of the vote (5,047 total votes). Yen Huynh Rabe received 23 percent of the vote, and Sunil Nepal received 6.2 percent. In the Position 2 race, Quijano received 48.4 percent of the vote to challenger Crystal Davila's 51.6 percent. In the election to fill the Position 1 seat being vacated by Fred Roberts, Paola Gonzalez Fusilier defeated Noble J. Alix Jr., receiving 55.7 percent of the vote to Alix's 44.3 percent. In the contest for Position 4 being vacated by Jack Bailey, Casey Phelan beat out opponents Al Bledsoe and Areef Bhuyan. Phelan received 54

percent of the vote, while Bledsoe received 38.9 percent and Bhuyan received 7.1 percent.
In the CCISD election, incumbents Jay Cunningham and Jonathan Cottrell maintained their positions, while longtime board member Page Rander lost her District 4 seat. In the District 4 race, Rander received 46 percent of the vote, while the challenger bested her with 54 percent. In the District 5 contest, Cunningham received 62 percent of the vote with 1,406 votes, while Christine Parizo received 841 votes, and Keith Esthary received 10. In the At-Large Position A race, Cottrell received 48 percent of the vote with 3,264 votes, while Kevin in Oditt received 2,716 votes, Michael Creedon received 568 votes, and Marlene Montesinos received 317.
Former longtime South Belt resident and Dobie High School guidance counselor Andrea Longoria was killed

in an auto-pedestrian accident the evening of Friday, April 30, during her daily walk near Northfork Drive and Bagnoli Rose Lane in Pearland. Longoria, 74, served as the school's counselor for 19 years, before retiring in 2011. She was also active in St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. The site of the crash became a makeshift memorial and included signs telling drivers to slow down. No charges were immediately filed against the 17-year-old driver.
1 year ago (2025)
For the second time in less than two months, deputies with Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office raided a hemp shop in the 500 block of El Dorado Boulevard near SH 3/Old Galveston Road, alleging the business is actually selling marijuana rather than hemp.
On Wednesday, April 16, deputies executed warrants simultaneously on My City Hemp, as well as two nearby residences associated with the business.
The raids were a follow-up to a similar warrant execution launched at the hemp shop Wednesday, Feb. 26, in which deputies seized more than 93 pounds of suspected marijuana to be tested.
As suspected, testing confirmed the product was marijuana rather than hemp. Based on the test results, arrest warrants were issued for Jason Moreno, 52; Maria Moreno, 53; and Kevin Moreno, 18, for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.
These arrest warrants were to be executed April 16.
During the latest raids, Precinct 8 deputies discovered approximately another 100 pounds of suspected marijuana.
In addition to the hemp shop on El Dorado, concurrent raids were executed on private residences in Galveston County by the Galveston County Precinct 1 Constable's office and in League City by the League City Police Department.
Deputies also seized roughly 7.5 pounds in other THC products, as well as multiple weapons and an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency.
The busts come at a time when the Legislature is contemplating a ban on all THC products. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has listed the ban as a top priority of his this special legislative session.

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OLIVE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Special birthday wishes are sent May 10, for a wonderful birthday to **Olive Falkowski** from her daughter **Leslie Flickinger** and husband **Fred**; granddaughter **Kimberly Lipina** and husband **Matt** and child **William**; granddaughter **Courtney**; and children **Abigail, Jackson** and **Penelope Durham**; **David Flickinger**; **David** (Leader president) and wife **Ellie Flickinger**.
ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY, JOHN!
Wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent to **South Belt Leader** staff member **John Bechtle** May 11, from his family, friends and the **Leader** staff. He has been the sports editor of the **Leader** for many years and is greatly appreciated by his co-workers!

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 7 through May 13.

Atkinson Elementary
Kortnie Rieck enjoys a birthday May 12.

Burnett Elementary
Sonia Fonseca celebrates a birthday May 12.

Bush Elementary
Send a birthday greeting May 12 to **Andrew Duron**. **Yagaira Alaniz** marks a birthday May 13.

Frazier Elementary
Kayla Pitts celebrates a birthday May 7. Light the birthday candles May 8 for **India Kemp**. Remember to wish **Isabel Tabarez** a happy birthday May 9. Birthday wishes go out to **Amanda Guajardo**, **Milady Ordonez** and **Ronnetta Sims** May 13.

Genoa Elementary
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent May 7 to **Telisa Jones**.

Meador Elementary
Megan Godeke celebrates a birthday May 7. Send a birthday greeting May 9 to **Leslie Perez**. The day for **Melanie Turcios** and **Jose Trevino** to celebrate with ice cream and a double-layer birthday cake is May 13.

Moore Elementary
Break out the balloons and ice party favors for **Yvonne Ixcoy** May 9. May 10 is the day for a fun celebration for **Nancy Avila**.

South Belt Elementary
Kristina Dodson enjoys a birthday May 7. **Nikole Zurek** marks a birthday May 8.

Mellillo Middle School
Break open the balloons and party favors May 7 for **Jorge Palomares**. Light the candles for **Kathleen Ingersoll** May 12. Birthday greetings go out to **Rebecca Castaneda** May 13.

Thompson Intermediate

Lynette Montes and **Rosa Soto** enjoy a double-layer cake May 7. **Diana Moreno** celebrates a birthday May 10.

Dobie High
May 7 is the day for a party for **Kelley Elizondo** and **Jesse Lopez**. Light the candles May 9 for **Jordan Evans**. Give a birthday shoutout May 10 to **Kelcey Davis**. Send a humorous birthday card May 11 to **Steven Mayo**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, May 7: **Ted Heinrich**, **Josh Garza**, **Stephanie Salazar** and **Jenn Verchiens**; Friday, May 8: **Christopher Barber**, **Tiffany Robbins**, **Julie Kutra** and **Sara Muller**; Saturday, May 9: **Tiana Jaime-Perez**, **Freedom Groebner**, **Ronny Carker** and **Bubba Bannett**; Sunday, May 10: **Becky Lopez**, **Kathy Vingoe** and **Angela Ojeda**; Monday, May 11: **Tyson Dillard**, **Leslie Fair** and **George King**; Tuesday, May 12: **Jennifer Main**, **Raymond Massey**, **Jennifer Ashe** and **Sophie Harrison**; Wednesday, May 13: **Lexi Salinas**, **Norma Torres**, **Karen Kerr**, **Douglas Mikel** and **Faith Roberts**.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie baseball falls in D1 opening round

A winner of 22 overall games this season heading into the playoffs, the Dobie varsity baseball team simply ran into a red hot Ridge Point squad in the opening round of the 6A Division 1 bracket, with the Panthers coming away with a 17-0, 3-1 series sweep.

Having cruised through the opening game victory in five innings, thanks to an 11-run second frame, the Panthers plated a pair of runs in the top of the seventh inning May 2 at Maguire Field in Pasadena to close out the Longhorns.

Dobie sophomore Jaylen Aguilar was solid through five innings on the mound for the Longhorns, allowing just three hits and one earned run while walking four and striking out six. The Longhorns got an RBI single from Julian Ricks in the bottom of the fifth inning to tie the game at 1-1. The Panthers, champions of 21-6A, advanced to take on Atascocita in the next round while also avenging a loss to the Longhorns in the same round in 2025.

Dobie was looking to advance to the second round for the third straight season, but the Panthers

had other ideas. With more than 20 overall wins during the current season, the Longhorn baseball program has continued its climb as one of the top Class 6A programs in the region.

Junior shortstop Isaiah Jones will return for his senior season in 2027 and will no doubt be one of the top performers at his position in the area. By the same token, Aguilar is a proven standout both on the mound and at third base and should only continue to improve as he and Jones will be two of the leaders for the Longhorns heading into the offseason.

With the Longhorns set to enter the newly created District 18-6A ranks next season, Alvin will have relocated in favor of the arrival of newcomer Brazoswood. With reigning district champion Pearland set to return along with Dawson, Shadow Creek, Manvel and two other Pasadena ISD programs, The chase to the postseason won't be easy. That said, the Dobie program certainly appears to be in tremendous shape moving forward.

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Following another tremendous season at shortstop for the Longhorns, junior Isaiah Jones (11) will return next season to lead the team offensively at the plate as well as in the field.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Sophomore right-hander Jaylen Aguilar put together a solid sophomore season both on the mound and at third base for the Longhorns and clearly is a big part of the program's future.

JFD softball stuns Springs, reaches regional semi round

One of just 16 statewide programs remaining in the hunt for a crown, the Dobie varsity softball team is headed to the Class 6A Division 1 regional semifinals, where the district 17-6A champion Cy-Fair Bobcats await.

The Longhorns, now 25-11 overall this season, remain in the mix for a push to Austin following a dramatic best-of-three series victory over Clear Springs.

Having lost in back-to-back games to the Chargers in this same spot in 2025, the Longhorns watched as Clear Springs captured the opener of this series April 29 by an 8-3 count, but then bounced back April 30 to even the matchup with a 5-1 win.

In the winner-take-all third game at Goose Creek Memorial, Clear Springs built a 5-3 lead through five innings.

From there, the Longhorns rallied for two runs in the top of the sixth inning to tie the game at 5-5, then scored three times in the top of the seventh, eventually coming away with an 8-5 victory to capture the series.

Cy-Fair, which has a nine-game winning streak heading into action against Dobie, opened the playoffs by crushing Bellaire before also sweeping past Katy Paetow.

Only the best of the best remain in contention for a state championship, and at this point Dobie has to feel as though it can do whatever is necessary to advance. The Clear Springs series is proof.

Dobie senior starting pitcher Vanessa De La Fuente allowed four early runs in the decisive game against the Chargers but then made big pitches again and again down the stretch as Clear Springs stranded nine runners in the game.

Trailing 5-3 in the top of the sixth inning, the Longhorns got a leadoff double from Maddi Campos, who quickly came around to score on a double by Alexis Martinez as the locals got to within 5-4.

Martinez advanced to third base on a single by Eniko Sanchez and scored to tie the game on a sacrifice bunt by Madison Villatoro.

Clear Springs escaped further damage by getting

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D1 Semi Softball Round

Dobie vs. Cy-Fair

(Best of 3 series)

Game 1: May 6 after press time

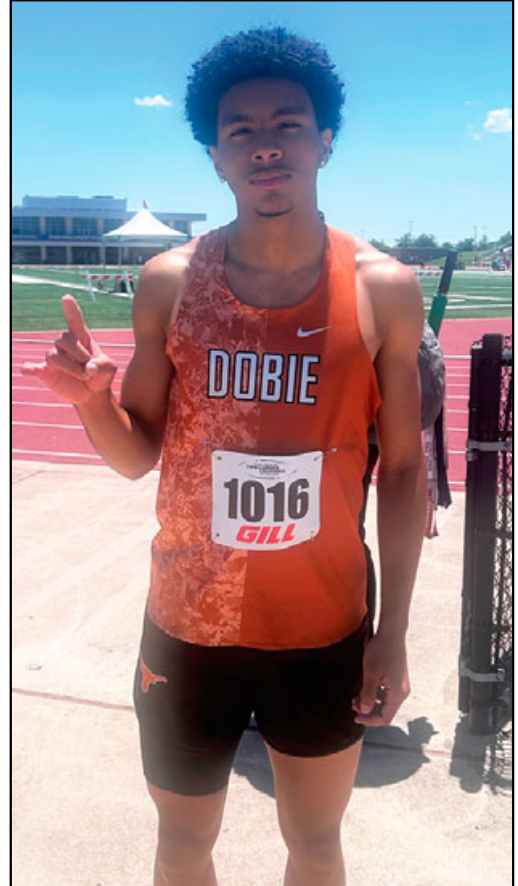
Game 2: May 7, at Cy-Fair, 5:30 p.m.

* Game 3: May 8, at Humble High School, 5:30 p.m.

* If necessary

Dobie's Parker snags bronze in RIII triple jump

In that 6A boys' triple jump event, Isaiah Rashied of Atascocita was the gold medalist and a state qualifier with the best of 48 feet, 1/2 inches.



Dobie senior Johan Villavicencio placed sixth in the 400 event at the Region III track and field championships and will now look toward graduation knowing that he played a key role in the success of the Longhorns' distance running programs during his career.

David Ojelabi of Fort Bend Clements edged D.K. Parker for the second automatic state berth as he was the silver medalist 47-7.

Parker, looking to become Dobie's first state qualifier in many years, was third for the silver medal at 47-6, leaving himself in position for a possible at-large bid.

In the 6A girls' long jump competition, Dobie senior Kylar Joseph completed what has been an outstanding two-sport career with the Longhorns as she was 11th overall in the event at 17-1/4.

Dobie senior Blessing Akinloye also put the finishing touches on what was a tremendous season for herself in the shot put as she was 14th at a distance of 31-3 1/2.

In the 6A boys' 100, the Longhorns' Marcus Jones was 14th following the preliminaries as he completed his final sprint at 10.77.

In the boys' 400 preliminaries, Johan Vil-

lavencio also rounded out what has been a tremendous career with the Longhorns

Six athletes from Dobie High School certainly matched up well against

the very best in the Region III alignment as the track and field championships played out at an often soggy Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster May 1-2.

In the end, Longhorn junior triple jumper D.K. Parker gave himself a legitimate opportunity to advance to state as he wound up third overall in the triple jump. Mean-

while senior Villavicencio came up with the Longhorns' top finish after that as he was six overall in the 400.

Elsewhere, boys' distance runner Jordan Roman was solid in both the 1,600 and 3,200 events, and senior Marcus Jones wrapped up his career by competing in the 100. On the girls' side of things, seniors Kylar Joseph and Blessing Akinloye also completed their careers.

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At right, Dobie junior triple jumper D.K. Parker, looking to become Dobie's first state qualifier in many years, was third at the Region III championships for a bronze medal at 47 feet, 6 inches.

LSA tracksters headed to 5A state championships



Lutheran South Academy senior Sam Hergenrader trimmed nearly 16 seconds off his previous best time at the 1,600 distance and went on to win a gold medal at the regional championships. Now, he will lead his Pioneer teammates into the state championships May 9 in Waco.

Several Lutheran South Academy track and field relay teams and individual competitors are looking forward to delivering their very best performances as the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A track and field season plays out at the state championships May

Rocha as they were also fourth in the event at regional.

Individually for the boys, Noack will compete in the 800 at the state championship meet after finishing second at regionals. No act was also third in the 400 to advance, while Brown moved on to state

she was the silver medalist at regionals, with teammate Reed Brenner also advancing as the bronze medalist.

TAPPS 5A State Track May 9, Waco Midway High School

9 at Waco Midway High School.

The Pioneers were second for a silver medal in the 4x400 relay to advance to state as that group included Carson Rocha, Rhett Lavergne, Carter Lee and Case Noack.

LSA was fourth to advance to state in the 4x100 relay as that foursome included Elijah Brown, Reese Catron, Rocha and Lee.

as the fourth place finisher in the 100. Lavergne was fourth at the 400 to advance.

Pole vaulter Cody Noack placed fifth to complete the successful season. Senior Sam Hergenrader was the gold medalist in the 1,600 to advance to the state championship meet.

Senior Lanie Ward will advance to state in the 100 hurdles, as she was third for a bronze medal.

Ward will also compete in the pole vault at state as

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Dobie track and field concludes successful 2026 season at regional finals

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The Dobie boys' track and field program certainly turned in one of its most impressive seasons in recent memory.

With four competitors making it to regionals after having first advanced out of a district that includes Pearland, Shadow Creek, Dawson and Manvel, the Longhorns were impressive simply to reach the area round.

From there, a quartet of outstanding individual athletes on the boys' side and two more on the girls' roster made their way to regionals. Four of the six athletes will now graduate, but Parker and Roman will remain to help guide future Longhorns on the track and in the field.

Looking ahead, both Parker and Roman should have every reason to believe that they can make it back to regionals and perhaps further in 2027.



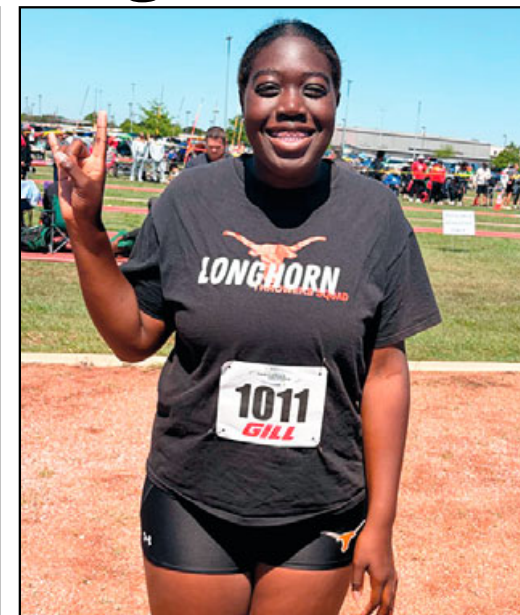
Jordan Roman was again exceptional as a distance runner for the Longhorns as a sophomore as he was first the 22-6A champion in cross-country and then advanced to regionals in both the 1,600 and 3,200 events.



Dobie senior Marcus Jones strung together several victories in the 100 during the regular season. He finished second at the district championships and eventually reached the regional meet before a 14th-place overall finish.



In the 6A girls' long jump competition, Dobie senior Kylar Joseph completed what has been an outstanding two-sport career with the Longhorns as she was 11th overall in the event at 17 feet, 1/4 inch.



Dobie senior Blessing Akinloye also put the finishing touches on what was a tremendous season for herself in the shot put as she was 14th at a distance of 31 feet, 3 1/2 inches.

Dobie girls' hoops camp

Dobie girls' basketball head coach Rachel Flores will host the 2026 Longhorn basketball camp June 8-10 at \$60 per student at the main campus. Incoming first- through fifth-grade students will attend the camp from 8 to 10 a.m., while incoming sixth- through ninth-grade students will attend from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those who wish may register via X at Dobie GBB, then scan the QR code. For additional information, direct email to Flores at RRodriguezFlores@pasadenaisd.org.

Brook girls' hoops camp

Clear Brook girls' basketball head coach Mileka Loydrake will host the 2026 Wolverine Summer Camp June 2-3 on the main campus. The elementary camp is designed for incoming third- through sixth-grade students and will cost \$65 per student. The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those entering the seventh through ninth grades as of next school year will attend the elite camp at \$65 per student from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each camper should wear a T-shirt, shorts, socks and basketball shoes. Personalized water bottles are recommended, and basketballs will be provided. Camp activities will include instruction in the areas of shooting, passing, rebounding, ball handling, offense

and defense, game action and end of camp awards. To register for the camp, visit the girls' basketball site on X at Brook Girls BBall.

Brook boys hoops camp

Clear Brook boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak will host the 2026 Wolverine Basketball Camp June 15-18 at the main campus. Session one will be open to students entering the fourth through sixth grade as of next school year and will run from 9 to 10 a.m. Cost of the campus is \$125 per student. Session two is for boys and girls entering kindergarten through the third-grade levels and will begin at 10 a.m. Cost of the camp is \$85 per student. The third session will be open to students entering the seventh through ninth grades and will begin at 1 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$125 per student. To register for the camp, visit the Clear Brook boys' basketball site on X at Clear Brook Hoops.

LSA boys' soccer scores honors

Several members of the Lutheran South Academy varsity boys' soccer team earned All-District accolades following the 2026 season. Alijah Banda was a first team honoree while teammate Mac Hoggatt was a second team selection. Four Pioneers, including R.J. Femat, Brad Whitehead, Garrett Waddell and Nick Pena, were honorable mention choices.

Dobie softball to regionals: first time since 2011

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out of the inning with a double play ball, but De La Fuente managed to keep the game tied at 5-5 by stranding two runners in the bottom half of the sixth.

JFD sophomore Destiny Sidiropoulos doubled to center field to open the top of the seventh inning and moved to third base on a one-out single by Ramirez.

With Alayna Rodriguez running for Ramirez and Sidiropoulos at third base, Campos singled to center field, driving in Sidiropoulos with the go-ahead run for a 6-5 lead.

Dobie then extended its edge to 8-5 as Sanchez drove a single into right field, scoring both Cam-

pos and Rodriguez as the Longhorns surged ahead 8-5.

De La Fuente, who has been a huge part of the success of the program for three varsity seasons now, retired Clear Springs in order in the bottom of the seventh inning to secure the series win for the Longhorns.

Dobie defeated 21-6A champion Ridge Point a season ago in the first round of the playoffs but then dropped consecutive games to the Chargers, who then advanced to the Division 1 state final.

But now Dobie has turned the tables and will advance in the postseason as one of those 16 remaining programs in the hunt for the coveted state

championship. Cy-Ridge and Pearland remain in the Region III bracket, leaving the potential for a Dobie/Pearland regional final. First, though, the Longhorns will take on Cy-Fair.

Having lost three consecutive postseason games to the Chargers over two seasons, Dobie responded in a big way in the middle game to come away with a 5-1 victory to keep its season alive.

Overall, the Longhorns erupted for 11 hits in the game, but it was three separate run-scoring doubles that proved to be the difference on the offensive side of things.

Sidiropoulos doubled to left field in the bottom of the first inning and

came around to score on a double by Ramirez for a 1-0 lead. The Longhorns then scored four runs in the bottom of the third inning to take a decisive 5-0 advantage.

Ramirez and Maddi Campos had consecutive doubles as courtesy runner Madison Villatoro scored for a 2-0 lead. Martinez then singled to drive in Campos, and Genesis Leal sent a double to left field to make the score 5-0.

Clear Springs scored three runs in the bottom of the first to build an early lead and never really looked back in the 7-3 victory in the series opener.

In that three-run uprising, the twin duo of Alana and Emil Strever smacked back-to-back doubles for

a 1-0 lead.

Esa Garcia and Brooke Colianni also smashed consecutive run-scoring doubles as the Chargers made an early statement.

Clear Springs pushed the lead to 4-0 before Leal singled with two outs in the top of the fourth inning to trim the lead to 4-1.

But the Chargers quickly responded in the bottom half of the inning as Emily Gonzalez came through with a two-out, two-run double to extend the advantage.

Freshman Zoey Dabila went the distance for Clear Springs, scattering seven hits and allowing two earned runs but also surviving eight walks to complete her seven frames for the victory.

Lions 8th-grade girls' soccer outlasts Beverly Hills in PK shootout



Thompson goalkeeper Dolly Salinas made enough stops in the shootout to help the Lions' eighth-grade squad to a championship win over rival Beverly Hills.



The Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade girls' soccer team downed Beverly Hills in an overtime shootout to win the district championship. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Maria Ramirez, Emilee Lugo, Nevaeh Torres, Sophia Garza, Alexia Guerra, Estefania Rodriguez, Marley Manriquez, (back row) Ximena Barahona, Isabella Ancheta, Dolly Salinas, Vivi Salazar, coach Amanda Anderson, Kobee Rodriguez, Angelin Garcia, principal Tanis Griffin, Mia Del Bosque, Gianna Andrade, Yaritza Hernandez and Karla Trujillo.



Marley Manriquez (10) and her Thompson teammates eventually won the eighth-grade trophy with a win over Beverly Hills.



Tatiana Gamboa had a terrific season for the Beverly Hills eighth-grade girls' soccer team as the group advanced to the district championship match.



The Beverly Hills eighth-grade girls' soccer team won its zone championship and pushed Thompson to a shootout for the district championship before taking the runner-up spot. Members of the Beverly Hills team include, left to right, coach Garcia, Isabella Rios, Abigail Rodriguez, Crystal Ventura, Tatiana Gamboa, Serenity Martinez, Neriah LeBlanc, Natalia Garza, Delilah Parra, Nydine Castillo, Kaelyn Sanchez, Valeria Aguilera, Evelyn Arzate, Principal Collier, Skylar Glayzer, Coach Jones, Sophia Salas, Ixhalia Flores and Arianna Castillo.



Evelyn Arzate (22) of Beverly Hills advances the ball upfield during the championship match against Thompson that went to a shootout before the Lions came away with a victory after a 3-1 advantage in a shootout.

Bears plan summer open gym, training

The Beverly Hills intermediate coaching staff has announced open weight room dates for the summer. Each of the sessions will be from 10 a.m. to noon, including June 2-4, June 9-11, June 30-July 2, July 14-16, July 21-22 and July 28-30. Any students currently playing football or planning to play may also attend the Dobie Head-Start football camp July 28-30. The on-campus, back-to-school camps for both volleyball and football will be held Aug. 4-6, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each day.

Dobie strength and conditioning

The Dobie High School coaching staff has planned dates for the summer strength and conditioning program at the main campus. These sessions will run from 8-10 a.m. daily, with sport-specific sessions to follow from 10-11 a.m. each day. The dates include June 8-11, June 15-18, June 22-25, June 29-July 2, July 6-9 and July 13-16.

Thompson strength and conditioning

The Thompson intermediate coaching staff will host strength and conditioner sessions for both boys and girls throughout the summer. Each of the sessions will run from 9-11 a.m. each day.

The dates include June 1-4, June 8-11, June 15-18, June 22-25, July 6-9 and July 13-16. The Lions football camp will be held July 20-23, from 9-11 a.m. each day at a cost of \$40 per student. Additional information and or adjustments to the above information will be provided as needed. As required by the state, all students must have a current athletic physical on file and have had completed required Rank One paperwork.

San Jacinto College softball keeps rolling

A 12-game winning streak has the San Jacinto College softball program comfortably in front of the Region 14 South Division standings with a 19-3 record ahead of a key game matchup against Galveston. Head coach Kelly Saenz has seen her team roll out to a four-game lead over its closest foe within the region thanks to the big win streak. It wasn't that long ago that the Ravens pulled even at 23-23 overall but have now pushed their record to 35-23. Maddie Perez is hitting .487 this season with 52 runs driven in and 78 total hits. Bree Norman is hitting .435 with 36 runs driven in and 54 hits. Ary Garcia is hitting .369 with 47 runs driven in and 48 total hits, while Kam De Leon has hit .359 with 30 runs driven in and 51 hits. Alyssa Terry of Clear Brook High School has been a terrific addition this season to the team as she has hit .372 with 27 runs driven in.

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 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13
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 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
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 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
 11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
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Lutheran South athletes aim to chase medals at TAPPS state track championships



The Lutheran South Academy track and field state qualifiers included, left to right, Lanie Ward, Reed Brenner, Rhett Lavergne, Case Noack, Sam Hergenrader, Carson Rocha, Elijah Brown and Reese Catron. The 5A state meet is May 9 in Waco.

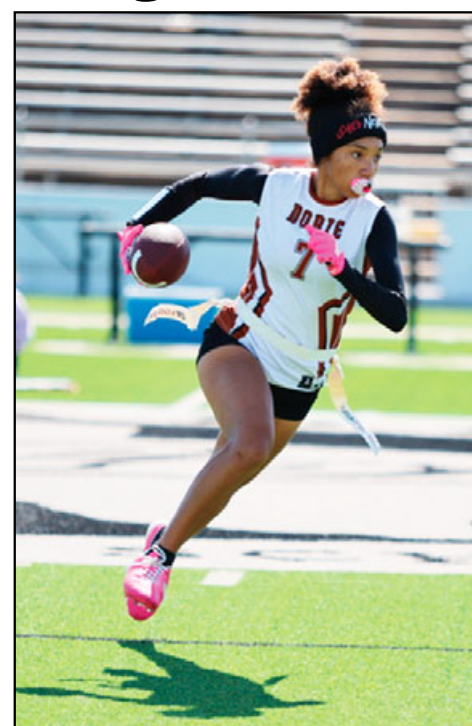


Senior Sam Hergenrader has been on quite a roll during the track and field postseason as he has twice improved his 1,600-meter time. The regional champion, Hergenrader will certainly take aim at a gold medal at state.



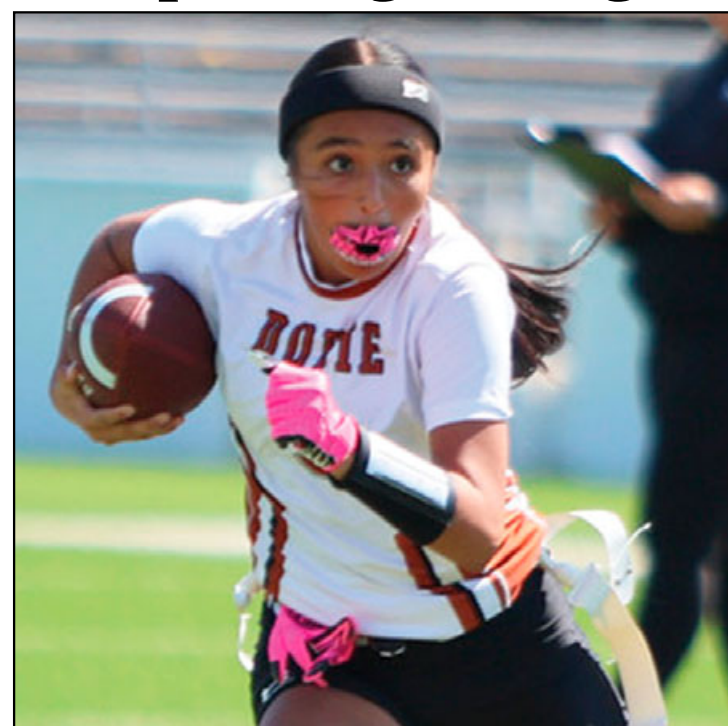
The Lutheran South Academy boys' track and field squad qualified for the state meet in each of the relays, including the 4x1, 4x2 and 4x4 as, from left, Rhett Lavergne, Carter Lee, Case Noack and Carson Rocha contributed their talents.

Longhorns enthusiastically participate in girls' flag football in She's Next program



At left, Senior Christina Rodriguez (7) has proven to be quite a talented performer in flag football and she has provided plenty of highlight moments for Dobie. At right, Dobie has seen Demi Rodriguez (9) become quite the accomplished performer on the flag football field in a short period of time as the Longhorns have joined the rest of the Pasadena ISD ranks in competition with Alvin ISD programs Alvin and Shadow Creek along with teams from the Brazosport ISD in a local league. The postseason tournament will be held May 9 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, with the tournament winner qualifying to compete in the state She's Next tournament. Flag football for the female competitors at the high school level has received a big boost from both the Houston Texans and Dallas Cowboys in recent years, with Pasadena ISD jumping on board this season.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Rajanae Woods (13) and Olivia Gaitan have both quickly learned defensive skill sets to help the Dobie teams stand out this spring. Photos by Donna Alsdorf

JFD football to contest spring game May 15 on campus



Jarrett Daniels (33) came away with a big interception during 7-on-7 drills at a recent workout and certainly intends to pave the way for himself in the Longhorns' defensive backfield this coming season. At right is receiver Jordan Ramirez (10).



Javion Polidore (18) was impressive during the track and field season for the Longhorns and has since shifted his focus to the gridiron as he looks to impress the coaching staff throughout summer workouts.

JFD baseball falls to Panthers

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Dobie defeated Ridge Point a season ago in the same round and has now seen the Panthers turn the tables in the form of a season-ending sweep for the locals. Yet despite the loss, the Longhorns put together quite an impressive season in 2026 with 22 overall victories and a second-place district finish that included 13 of those victories. Just like most seasons, the Dobie program will now have to reload following the graduation of several key senior performers, but head coach Miguel Torres and his staff no doubt will find the answers both this summer and into the offseason once the school year begins. Ridge Point will advance to the second round to take on Atascocita.



Dobie senior Gio Ramirez (3) and his teammates looked to rally against Ridge Point in a tight second game but eventually fell 3-1 as the Longhorns saw their 22 total victory season come to a close. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



At left, Christopher Forde (32) was a hurler during the track and field season and is another player looking to make a name for himself on the football field for the Longhorns. At right, Longhorn defensive back Jeremy Smith (25) and receiver Jordan Ramirez (10) have had plenty of one-on-one battles this spring as the program looks for competition at both the receiver and defensive back positions. Photos by Kendrick Ramos



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