

Sageglen has openings

The Sageglen Community Association has openings on its board of directors and Architectural Control Committee. Applicants must be Sageglen homeowners in good standing, ages 21 and up. Anyone interested in running for these three-year terms should contact Jackie Burnaman or Lori Ewing at 281-481-2160 no later than June 9. Sageglen's annual meeting will take place July 17.

Kirkmont I to meet June 14

Kirkmont I HOA will hold its board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be this month's featured speaker. All Kirkmont I residents are encouraged to attend.

Beltway closed for repairs

All westbound Beltway 8 main lanes near the Gulf Freeway will be closed through Thursday, Aug. 31, to make emergency repairs, according to Texas Department of Transportation officials.

All westbound traffic will be forced to exit the main lanes at SH 3/Old Galveston Road and be diverted to the Beltway 8 frontage road lanes.

The westbound entrance ramps will be closed at SH 3/Old Galveston Road, Crenshaw and Genoa Red Bluff. The westbound main lanes will reopen at Beamer. Eastbound Beltway 8 main lanes and all connector ramps to the Gulf Freeway will remain open.

TxDOT officials said the closures are necessary to make emergency repairs near the westbound Sabo exit, where the ground is sinking. The closures are expected to cause significant traffic delays.

Sagemont to meet June 6

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month.

Ellington holds e-recycling

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, June 10, 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.

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 Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, May 30, there were 213 active cases in 77089, up three from the previous week. To date, 140 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up three from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 16 active cases, up two from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 18 active cases, down three from the previous week. To date, 91 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 93 deaths the previous week.)

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 covid19.harriscounty.org or [pages/cumulative.com](https://pages.cumulative.com).

Gulf Freeway closures set

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 517 in League City to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Sailfish Street in Hitchcock to the Galveston Causeway Bridge in Tiki Island daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

Summer begins for South Belt students

Free meals, activities available for area youths

The 2022-2023 school year has come to a close, with all local high schools celebrating the graduations before the Memorial Day holiday.

For Pasadena ISD students, summer school will be broken into two sessions with the first session taking place from June 5 to June 12 and

the second taking place from June 13 to June 20. Summer school graduation dates had yet to be determined at press time.

STAAR retesting will take place for Pasadena ISD students June 21 -23. Several local Pasadena ISD campuses are offer-

ing free meals through much of the summer as part of the 2023 as part of the federal Summer Food Service Program.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, this program will provide free breakfast and lunch to children ages 18 and younger at participating schools.

Local schools participating in the program include Moore Elementary, 8880 Southbluff; Melillo Middle School, 9220 Hughes Road; Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer; Thompson Intermediate, 11309 Sagedowne; and Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk.

Moore will serve breakfast from 7 to 7:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:55 to 11:20 a.m. Dates are Monday through Friday, June 5 through June 29.

Melillo will serve breakfast from 8:40 to 9:05 a.m. and lunch from 11:15 to 11:40 a.m. Dates are Monday through Friday, June 6 through June 23.

Beverly Hills and Thompson will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 8 a.m. and lunch from 11:15 to 11:40 a.m. Dates are Monday through Friday, June 5 through June 16.

Dobie will serve breakfast from 7:50 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dates are Monday through Friday, June 5 through June 20.

Meals will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis.

For more information or for a complete list of times and locations, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/about/news/current_news/2023_sum

mer_food_service_program_schedule.

Clear Creek ISD

Clear Creek ISD will also provide free meals to children ages 18 and younger at participating schools this summer as part of the federal Summer Food Service Program.

Participating campuses include Stewart Elementary, Clear Creek Intermediate and Clear Creek High School. Like Pasadena ISD, both breakfast and lunch will be served.

For a complete list of dates and times, visit www.ccsisd.net/studentmeals.

On its website, Clear Creek ISD has a list of summer enrichment activities for district students. To see the list, visit www.ccsisd.net/summer.

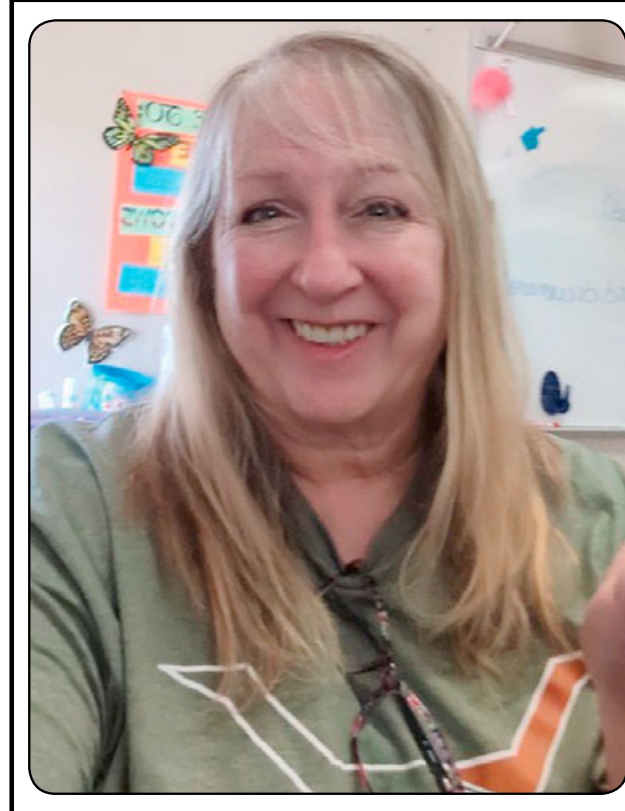
Harris County Public Library

Harris County Public Library also has a list of summer activities and reading assignments for area students. To see a list of summer activities, see Page 4 or visit hclpl.net/locations/PW.

Swimming pools

While several subdivisions in the South Belt area have already opened their swimming pools for the summer, the City of Houston has yet to announce its 2023 summer plans at press time, leaving the status of both the Sagemont and Beverly Hills pools unknown.

During the 2022 summer season, most of the city's swimming pools were closed due to a nationwide lifeguard shortage. The nearest pool to be open in the South Belt area was at Wilson Memorial Park, located at 100 Gilpin near Highway 3 and Edgebrook.



Whatley sheds horns

Dobie teacher Tracy Whatley recently shed her horns, retiring from the area high after serving 32 years. Prior to working as a teacher, Whatley attended Dobie High School as a student. During her time as a teacher, Whatley has taught history, biology, environmental systems, and AP environmental science. She also served as a Student Council sponsor. Under her environmental leadership, students cared for orphaned wildlife and constructed a butterfly garden.

Dobie's Whatley retires after 32 years

Dobie High School teacher Tracy Whatley recently retired after serving 32 years at the area school.

During her time as a teacher, Whatley has taught history, biology, environmental systems, and AP environmental science.

Additionally, Whatley sponsored Student Council, and her classroom was where students learned about caring for orphaned native wildlife by working with wildlife rehabilitators.

Whatley's students participated in Envirothon,

an outdoor competition where teams won multiple awards. She further led the environmental club in building a small butterfly garden in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife called the "Barry Harris Memorial Butterfly Garden."

According to Whatley, the bravest thing she's ever done was act in the faculty production of the play "Steel Magnolias" alongside the talents of Lauren Calderaro, Rachel Rodriguez, Nicole Johnson, Tracy Richeson and Juliet Rogers under the direction of Clinton Hopper.

Pct. 2 assists multiagency initiative

High-crime areas targeted; drugs, weapons seized

This past week, patrol deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office teamed up with the Pasadena Police Department and Precinct 2 Constable Phil Sandlin's office in a coordinated multiagency law enforcement initiative, targeting areas with high crime.

The coordinated efforts between these agencies resulted in dozens of traffic stops, multiple narcotics seizures and other criminal investigations.

The following list details the initiative's successes:

– 53 traffic stops were initiated.

- Seven gang members were identified.
- Seven guns recovered.
- Two recovered stolen vehicles.
- Six felony arrests.
- Six misdemeanor arrests.

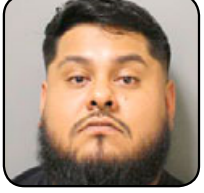
The following narcotics were seized during the initiative:

- Cocaine.
- Marijuana.
- Xanax.
- Ecstasy.
- Promethazine.

Man arrested for racing on freeway

A man was arrested for freeway racing around 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 19, in the 10800 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook.

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry



Luis Salazar

Garcia's office, district patrol deputies observed three vehicles racing and attempted to make a traffic stop. Deputies were able to stop one of the three vehicles.

After an investigation was completed, the driver, Luis Maldonado Salazar, was arrested and booked into the Harris County Jail without further incident.

Freeway racing has been a growing problem.



Shabazz greets Davila

Beverly Hills Civic Club President Angel Davila (left) is shown with with Houston District D City Council Member Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz at the recent District of Destination Small Business & Civic Engagement Symposium. Davilla said Shabazz and her office have been receptive to his calls for assistance in the South Belt community.

Pony League threatened with lawsuit

Parent alleges funds mishandled, fields subleased

A local parent is threatening legal action against the newly formed South Belt Baseball League and its president Johnny Ramirez, alleging the league was founded by siphoning funds from the competing South Belt Little League and deliberately misleading parents into signing up for the new league. The draft lawsuit further alleges Ramirez subleased the South Belt Baseball League's fields without proper authority for personal gain.

Tommy Breen said when he signed up his 3-year-old son for T-ball in December 2022, he believed he was joining the South Belt Little League, a tradition dating back roughly 25 years in Breen's family. Breen, however, had unknowingly signed his son up for the South Belt Baseball League, a new area league begun by Ramirez after he resigned as president of the South Belt Little League Dec. 31, 2022.

"It has come to my attention that the president of the league, Johnny Ramirez, recently left a competing league, South Belt Little League, after resigning from the previous position he took the funds from their account without proper legal

authority (See related editorial on Page 2.). Furthermore, there are concerns about unauthorized field subleasing," Breen recently wrote in a letter to the South Belt Baseball League board of directors. "This letter serves as notice of our intent to initiate a lawsuit against Johnny Ramirez and the South Belt Baseball League board if these matters are not promptly resolved."

Breen said he speaks on behalf of more than two dozen area parents who share his concerns, adding that many are too intimidated by Ramirez to speak out.

"He's created an atmosphere of fear," Breen said. "He calls the police and has parents removed from the fields, or he'll take it out on the kids and not let them play."

Breen said the community deserves answers. "The community has questions that need to be addressed," Breen said. "We deserve accountability and transparency. I want to know where the money is."

Breen said he intends to file the lawsuit in the next week if the issues in question are not immediately addressed.

Deputies target high crime



Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office recently teamed up with other local law enforcement agencies for a coordinated effort to target areas known for high crime. The initiative, which also included the Pasadena Police Department and Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office, resulted in numerous arrests and drug seizures.

District D hosts business, civic symposium

Local community leaders attend function

Houston District D City Council Member Dr. Carolyn Evans-Shabazz on Saturday, May 13, hosted the District of Destination Small Business & Civic Engagement Symposium.

"The event was an enormous success, bringing together community leaders, small-business owners, city officials and industry leaders to engage in thoughtful discussions on community progress, leadership and business opportunities," said District D Chief of Staff Steven A. James.

U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, whose House District 18 encompasses much of District D, was

in attendance and presented Evans-Shabazz a congressional recognition to commemorate the occasion.

A presentation was also delivered by Raamel C. Mitchell, who heads Microsoft's Black Partner Growth Initiative.

The all-day event was broken into halves and included both breakfast and lunch.

The first half of the symposium included two workshops – the Small Business University and the Complete Communities University.

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In My Opinion

Fuslier on May 4 Leader Editorial

Dear Publisher,
While picking up my son at school a few weeks ago, I picked up a copy of the *South Belt Leader* and noticed a publisher's opinion note regarding the Pasadena ISD school board elections.
In it, you made mention that it is a known "fact" that "some school board members" want Dr. Powell and others gone because they are not the "correct race."
This is just as disturbing to read as it is to repeat now. I was uncertain of where you got your facts and when speaking to you, you mentioned hearing this from about 30 different people, which confirmed that this gossip and misinformation is being spread as "fact" by numerous people.
This is not a fact. What is a fact, is that I have supported Dr. Powell from the beginning. I have remained consistent and I have spoken to her on numerous occasions about the rumors, lies, and innuendos that I've heard. The focus should be on children and their outcomes, not on the spread of misinformation.
The community as a whole deserves truth. Let's set the record straight with facts:
• Meeting 1/24/23 - I voted in favor of an extension of the superintendents contract and amendments
• Meeting 4/25/23 - I voted in favor of superintendents summative (obviously positive) evaluation
• Meeting 4/25/23 - I voted in favor of amendments to superintendents contract
These are just a few examples from the past few months. If I wanted anyone gone, I would simply vote against keeping them on longer, promoting them, or giving them more taxpayer dollars. That's our role as elected officials. As such, I vote based on

the needs and desires of the entire Pasadena ISD community because they all deserve to be heard. That's what I was elected to do. I answer to the people who elected me and I will continue to represent the Pasadena ISD community with integrity and competence.
Last I checked, a lie is still a lie regardless of who said it. Publishers hold a responsibility with regards to the first amendment and printing unchecked "facts" makes a newspaper no better than a tabloid magazine.
I would hope that the next time anyone wants to write or repeat such comments, they would seek statements from all board members before printing or spreading misinformation.
Please feel free to contact me any time you need clarification on issues.
Best regards,

Paola Gonzalez Fuslier
Pasadena ISD Trustee

Publisher's response: Sorry that you assumed this was speaking of you. I do not disagree with your letter or public stand, and you know you were not named.
But factually this was spread about, not by you, but by other members. In fact, one even stated so in a In My Opinion letter which was published in the *Leader*. I apologize that you took this personally, but the following was a fact: "In it, you made mention that it is a known 'fact' that 'some school board members' want Dr. Powell and others gone because they are not the 'correct race.'"
Possibly people read that IMO letter and were concerned. I agree it is disturbing, but unfortunately, it is also factual statement that it was said and repeated by a number of people. Our editorial was accurate.

Marie Flickinger
Publisher

Publisher's Opinion

More than you would ever want to know about our youth baseball

The following was sent to South Belt Sports after a phone conversation between myself and Frank where Frank asked me to send my questions regarding money that had been Little League's and was taken out of their bank account. *Below is the email I sent Bernie in response. Following that is my comment to their email. *This was published in error. The email was sent to Frank not Bernie.

Email from Marie Flickinger to Frank Cush seeking information

Date: Mon, May 8, 2023 at 11:26 AM
Subject: LL expenses
To: Frank Cush <frankcush23@gmail.com>
Thanks so much for your help. These are current concerns: Cashier checks of \$24,475 and \$21,250 on July 28, 2022 and checks in the same amounts on Sept. 16, 2022. Was this for the netting, down payment and Payoff? Checks were cashier checks made out to Ralph Benitez.

Two cashier checks to Ralph Benitez in the amount of \$21,250.00 and \$24,745.00 in July 2022 and duplicated in September 16, 2022 same amounts, same person Questions on this file, can Johnny legally take \$291,509.30 out of Little League, 12 days after quitting Little League? How do you justify taking out \$291,509.30 from an account that the deposits were for Little League and leaving only \$271.24 in checking and .18 cents in savings.

Letter to SBASA from Frank Cush, Bernie Aldape and Johnny Ramirez

Sent to Marie from Little League member.
To South Belt Sports Association (SBASA), We received this email from Marie Flickinger earlier this week with regards to the finances of our organization. We are happy to meet with the Sports Association Board to provide any documentation or answer any questions related to the finances of our association. We did not receive this request directly from the board, but from Marie Flickinger. We are not sure of what official role she plays for the Sports Association or with this matter directly. We would be happy to answer your questions.

Please feel free to reach out to us directly. We have invoices and a better understanding of our accounts. Marie seems to be double counting because of inter-branch transfers within our account. We reached out to Joe, the new president, and the rest of the board last week to get clarity on next steps related to the vote that was to be held on the weekend of May 20. This was the last formal communication that we received from the Sports Association.
We have not received any formal communication since the sudden departure of Rich Newell, the president. Our families

have been informed that this vote was scheduled to take place on that date, as agreed upon with Rich. This was Denny's idea at our first official meeting in February. Our parents are invested in having their voices heard. Please provide an update, as our parents are asking about specific times. We provided all documentation on our current membership (including addresses) to Rich, when requested. Again, we would be happy to meet with any members of the Sports Association or the County to bring clarity to our current situation. Thank you, Frank, Bernie, and Johnny Directors of Southbelt Baseball

Marie's response to Frank Cush, Bernie Aldape and Johnny Ramirez

I am puzzled at Frank's email. When he and I spoke on the phone, he was very willing to help answer questions on which I had to have clarity concerning the issue of money and Little League versus Pony.
Frank knows I am the owner of the *South Belt Ellington Leader* newspaper and that is why I am interfering. Only a small part of my interest is Little League and sports association. My main interest is what is going on with Sagemont/South Belt youth baseball for the purpose of educating the community through stories in the *Leader*. I aim to be a resource to straighten out the problem.
As I learned very well during my experience fighting the Brio Superfund Site, of which this situation is reminding me more and more, whenever people are not forthright with facts, there's usually a reason. It was my understanding after Frank and I talked that he was very

willing to help answer and get information on some of these questions. How strange it is that he does not respond to me but yet is making accusations, half of which are false and half-truths. My most important interest in this situation is what is right and fair for the South Belt area community.
I acknowledged to Frank there may be some totally good explanations on where a quarter of a million dollars went from the Little League account 12 days after Johnny Ramirez and the board dropped all connections with Little League, but there has been no explanation. One question is why in December and January there was such an enormous amount of money to be deposited and then it was deposited in one day in the Little League account and withdrawn the same day and put in account non-related to Little League that Johnny had control of. (See link below.)

We need to know the facts of where Little League money went and why. For some reason Pony officials are reluctant to share this information.
Of special interest is the more than a quarter of a million dollars put in the Little League bank account which was transferred out the same day. And this was 12 days after Johnny and the board of Little League cut all ties with Little League. These are some of the many questions I believe should be answered by a group that is working under a tax exempt charter and using the local taxpayer-funded county park. I'm going public with this letter because I believe the community needs to know answers to so far Pony has not been answered.
I know Johnny believes that the money is their money and it doesn't matter if it was Little League's or Pony's, but with the contract Johnny signed with Little League, he agreed that if they left the league the assets that were Little League's would stay with Little League. This would include checks made out to Little League should belong to Little League. Instead they were deposited in Little League's account at the bank and then withdrawn apparently by Johnny and put in apparently Pony's account. They even paid fees to join Pony with Little League's money.
On Dec. 31 the day Johnny and his group, quit Little League had \$63,096.30 in their checking account and around \$27,509.30 in their savings account.
On Jan. 12, 12 days after Johnny and the gang that left Little League, put \$255,282.60 in the Little League account. He then withdrew \$157,848.56 and \$107,434.04 from the Little League accounts in spite of the fact the money was Little League's as Johnny had put it in Little League's account before taking it out and transferring it the same day to another unknown account that he managed. I believe the checks he deposited were made out to Little League, otherwise, he would've put it directly into his other account.
People were critical of Little League, because kids all signed up for Pony, yet nobody is answering why

quires permission to change fields. I don't know to what extent this is, but know Little League fields were altered to the point Little League could not officially play on some. Were county rules followed? I was told money spent has a limit of \$600 to be approved by the board. Were board rules followed? Two identical payments for around \$45,000 each were made two months apart. Is there a paper trail with board approval for the \$90,000 spent last July and September 2022? Over \$90,000 was spent for one set of improvements. Did they abide by the county rules? I believe the county requires approval and bids. I am told this did not happen on the \$90,000. Plus, there's another similar expense that may have been for turf.
One might ask, why is it the business of the newspaper to ask such questions? Both Pony and Little League reportedly are working as nonprofit organizations that depend on money from the community, so I believe strongly it's the right of the community to know that the money is being used properly. What I do not understand is why there's such a reluctance to be transparent with the community. It is necessary to keep records for a 501(c)(3) so the record should be easily available.
You need minutes, etc. that should be available for a 501(c)(3).
The community has the right to know what's going on. These are questions I've been asking for five months with no attempt whatsoever on the part of Johnny or the Pony organization members, including Frank, to answer them.

Owls awarded scholarships

Frazier Elementary School held its annual Scholarship Awards Night. Six former Frazier Owls were awarded scholarships. Frazier students and staff and it's donors wish all former owls well on their next adventure - "Once an Owl; always an Owl!"



Shown, left to right, are Jay Gorman, John Gorman, Madison Lugo and Cyndi Gorman. The Gorman family awarded the Karen Gorman Memorial Scholarship to Lugo. This year marked the 25th anniversary that the scholarship has been awarded, honoring Karen Gorman, who was a fourth-grade teacher at Frazier. Lugo plans to pursue a path in agricultural education.



Shown left to right are Aryana Mejorado, Julie Kutra and Darren Kutra. The Kutra family awarded the Matthew Kutra Memorial Scholarship to Mejorado who plans to pursue a path in veterinary studies.



At left, Evelyn Sifuentes stands to the left of Wendy Wiseburn, Frazier principal. The PTO Cecilia Ramirez Memorial Scholarship was presented to Sifuentes, who plans to go into nursing.



Shown at right is Evelyn Sanchez (right) who was awarded The Frank, Elda & Kimberly Wiseburn Memorial Scholarship. She plans to major in English and aspires to become a professor.



The Frazier Student Council Leadership Scholarship was awarded to Marcus Kemp Jr. (left), shown with Araceli Rodriguez, Frazier counselor and student council sponsor. Marcus plans to study business marketing at North Park University in Chicago.



Members of the Widows Warriors group drove from Louisiana to award Isela Munoz a scholarship. They attended a scholarship presentation at Frazier the previous year and were so moved by it, that they, too, wanted to give a scholarship to a graduating senior. Isela plans to study biology and will pursue a path in medicine.

Deaths

Wesley Hyatt Swift



Wesley Hyatt Swift, 47, died unexpectedly on Sunday, April 23, after suffering a stroke a week earlier. Wes was born on July 23, 1975, in Pasadena, to Alice Lynn Williams Swift and Robert Louis Swift.
He lived most of his life in the Greater Houston area, graduating from Clear Brook High School in 1993,

then earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Texas A&M University in 1997 and an MBA from the University of Houston in 2012.
Wes will be remembered for his quick wit and keen sense of humor. He made friends everywhere he went and always appreciated diversity in thought and experience.
Wes was a loyal colleague, most recently working as an associate editor for S&P Global as part of their agriculture pricing team. He previously spent many years in the newspaper business with the Galveston County Daily News and Houston Community newspapers.
An avid reader, Wes never stopped learning. Whether it was language lessons to learn Mandarin, trying new recipes or taking up woodworking, he loved to try new things.
Wes loved movies, his

tory, live music and, most notably, trivia. He led trivia on Tuesday nights and often quizzed his co-workers as he prepared questions for that evening. He also loved animals, especially his two cats, Callie and Castor.
Wes is survived by his parents, his sister Alicen Swift, uncle Carl Williams (Roxanne) of Three Rivers, Texas; and numerous cousins.
A memorial service for Wes will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m. at The Story Church (4910 Montrose Blvd). In lieu of flowers, family and friends are invited to make gifts to the Wesley H. Swift '97 Memorial Scholarship at Texas A&M University.
Scholarships may be made online at tx.ag/wesleyswift or mailed to The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840.

Southbelt Baseball Little League

Dec. 31 2022-Jan 31, 2023

CHECKING SUMMARY		
	INSTANCES	AMOUNT
Beginning Balance		\$63,096.30
Deposits and Additions	22	206,679.45
ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals	15	-4,221.91
Electronic Withdrawals	11	-157,848.56
Other Withdrawals	1	-107,434.04
Ending Balance	49	\$271.24

ELECTRONIC WITHDRAWALS		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/12	01/12 Online Transfer To Chk...6285 Transaction#: 16271196554	\$100,000.00
01/12	01/12 Online Domestic Wire Transfer Via: Bk Amer Nyo026009593 A/C: Barbara Andrade Americas National Cypress TX 77429 US Ref: Invoice 37277a/Southbelt Little League Imad: 0112B1Cqg08C012657 Trn: 3214323012ES	50,000.00
01/12	01/12 Online Transfer To Chk...6285 Transaction#: 16273548132	2,000.00
01/12	01/12 Online Transfer To Chk...6285 Transaction#: 16274042424	603.69
01/17	01/14 Online Transfer To Chk...6285 Transaction#: 16290625841	4,794.25
01/17	01/14 Online Transfer To Chk...6285 Transaction#: 16292356943	91.98
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01/17	01/17 Online Transfer To Chk...2639 Transaction#: 16316729366	54.13

ELECTRONIC WITHDRAWALS (continued)		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/18	01/18 Online Transfer To Chk...2639 Transaction#: 16319357821	120.00
01/20	01/20 Online Transfer To Chk...2639 Transaction#: 16339284477	142.90
01/25	01/25 Online Payment 16099697145 To Amulfo Ramirez	10.11
Total Electronic Withdrawals		\$157,848.56

OTHER WITHDRAWALS		
DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
01/12	01/12 Withdrawal	\$107,434.04
Total Other Withdrawals		\$107,434.04

SAVINGS SUMMARY		
	INSTANCES	AMOUNT
Beginning Balance		\$27,509.30
Deposits and Additions	1	0.18
Electronic Withdrawals	3	-27,509.30
Ending Balance	4	\$0.18
Annual Percentage Yield Earned This Period		0.02%
Interest Paid This Period		\$0.18
Interest Paid Year-to-Date		\$0.18

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Davy & Marie Flickinger, owners

Coast Guard Capt. Jonathan Carter to take command of USCGC Stone

Coast Guard Capt. Jonathan Carter has been assigned to command the USCGC Stone, a 418-foot, Legend-class cutter stationed in Charleston, S.C. Carter, a 1995 Dobie graduate, will take over as commanding officer of Stone at a shipboard ceremony in Charleston on June 23. The Stone is one of nine

Legend-class cutters, a class featuring the largest patrol cutter in the Coast Guard. Each cutter is typically assigned a crew of 113, including 14 officers. Stone was commissioned in March 2021. Carter will transition from his post as the chief of Coast Guard enlisted personnel at Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Stone will mark Carter's fourth assignment as commanding officer of a Coast Guard cutter. From 2006-2007, he commanded USCGC Aquidneck in the Arabian Gulf war zone. He subsequently commanded the cutters Pea Island and Legare. From 2008-2010, he served in the President's Emergency Operations Center

in the White House, the first Coast Guardsman ever to hold that position. Carter attended Stuchbery Elementary, Thompson Intermediate and Dobie High School, where he excelled in baseball and football, earning five varsity letters and numerous honors. He played baseball at Sam Houston State, graduating with a degree in criminal justice in 1999. He was accepted into Officer Candidate School at the Coast Guard Academy and was commissioned in 2000. He subsequently earned master's degrees from the U.S. Naval War College and the Marine Corps University. Carter and wife Amy make their home in Stafford, Va. They have three children: college students Alison and Katelynn; and Matthew, a high school sophomore. Carter is the son of former Sagemont residents Al and Mary Carter.



Coast Guard Capt. Jonathan Carter

Pasadena ISD chess tournament winners announced

The following are the winners of the Pasadena ISD chess tournament held at J. Frank Dobie High School on Saturday, May 20. The event is under the direction of James Early.

Division	Place	Campus
Grade 3	1	Frazier Elementary
	2	Laura Bush Elementary
	3	Jensen Elementary
Grade 4	1	Genoa Elementary
	2	Laura Bush Elementary
	3	Fairmont Elementary
Grade 5	1	Deepwater Elementary
	2	Sablatura Middle School
	3	Dunbar Middle School
Grade 6	1	Melillo Middle School
	2	Lomax Middle School
	3	Sablatura Middle School
Intermediate	1	Beverly Hills Int.
	2	Pearland Jr. High West
	3	Kranz Jr. High
High School	1	Deer Park
	2	Clear Springs
	3	J. Frank Dobie

Division	Place	Name	Campus	Grade
Grade 3	1	Leonel Cuellar	Laura Bush El.	3
	2	Luke Nguyen	Frazier El.	3
	3	Isaac Pargas	Golden Acres El.	3
	4	Nathan Rivera	Frazier El.	3
	5	Juan Mondragon	Genoa El.	3
	6	Jackson Idom	Jensen El.	3
	7	Drayen Copeland	Frazier El.	3
	8	Alana Rivas-Lopez	Meador El.	3
Grade 4	1	Jonathan Pelico	Genoa El.	4
	2	Justin Jimenez	Genoa El.	4
	3	Alexis Vega	Genoa El.	4
	4	Leyi Zhou	Fairmont El.	4
	5	Samuel Nfor	Meador El.	4
	6	Conner Barker	Laura Bush El.	4
	7	Milo Galvan	Genoa El.	4
	8	Porter Bhuyan	Laura Bush El.	4
Grade 5	1	Santiago Borrego	Deepwater El.	5
	2	Tyler Nguyen	Alexander MS	5
	3	Latif Garcia Bernal	Deepwater El.	5
	4	Suri Nguyen	Melillo MS	5
	5	Fernando Montes	Deepwater El.	5
	6	Carlos Martinez	Fred Roberts MS	5
	7	Jasper Dengel	Sablatura MS	5
	8	Stephen Robin	Sablatura MS	5
Grade 6	1	Nathaniel Gansit	Melillo MS	6
	2	Simon Nguyen	Melillo MS	6
	3	Abhinav Nair	Sablatura MS	6
	4	Joshua Bui	Lomax MS	6
	5	Alex Buntaer	Melillo MS	6
	6	Ivan Diaz	Schneider MS	6
	7	Nathan Campos	Lomax MS	6
	8	Alexander Maravella Cabrera	Melillo MS	6
Intermediate	1	Carlos Albarran	Beverly Hills Int.	8
	2	Roger Cui	Pearland Jr. High West	7
	3	Alexander Healy	Pearland Jr. High West	8
	4	John Davy	Coram Deo Academy	8
	5	Juan Martinez	Beverly Hills	8
	6	Matthew Huynh	Pearland Jr. High West	8
	7	Michael Schmidt	Pearland Jr. High West	8
	8	Klevis Matoshi	Kranz Jr. High	7
High School	1	Jacob Iraheta	Pasadena Memorial	10
	2	Parker Jia	Clear Springs	12
	3	Brenden Rehbein	Deer Park	12
	4	Hussai Arias	Dobie 9	9
	5	Dylan Campos	Dobie	12
	6	Tristan Fuentes	Dobie	12
	7	Brandon Lozano	Raul Yzaguirre	9
	8	Jonathan Galvan	Tegeler	12

District D hosts symposium; attended by club president Angel Davila

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Led by Houston Area Urban League Senior Vice President Eric Goodie, the Small Business University workshop focused on providing small businesses with the tools and resources needed to grow and thrive in the district.

workshop focused on comprehensive strategies to improve the district's neighborhoods and grow the next generation of civic club leaders. Lunch provided an opportunity for networking, according to James. "The networking lunch featured round-table discussions and was a dynamic platform for sharing insights and ideas," said James. "Facilitators ensured that everyone had the

opportunity to contribute, fostering a rich, diverse dialogue that reflected the multiplicity of experiences within District D." The second half of the symposium included multiple panel discussions from business and community leaders. Beverly Hills Civic Club President Angel Davila attended the symposium and said he left inspired. "(Home) appraisals are

up, and I'm concerned about keeping up the quality neighborhood," said Davila. "I don't mind paying more taxes, but people should do their part in keeping up the community. This is our home." Inspired by the recent South Belt Clean-up hosted by the Sagemont Civic Club, Davila said he is hopeful the Beverly Hills Civic Club can organize something similar in the future. Davila encourages South

Belt residents to report any local METRO bus stops in need of repair/improvements to the city's 311 helpline, as there is reportedly more than \$100,000 in the city's coffers to address such issues, according to one of the symposium's panelists. Davila further said that city officials seemed receptive to helping clear waste from local homeless encampments. James is hopeful the symposium provided a founda-

tion for problem solving and growth in the district moving forward. "The symposium provided a platform for collaboration, knowledge sharing and empowerment," said James. "Attendees left with valuable insights, actionable strategies and a renewed community spirit. This event has laid a strong foundation for continued growth and progress in District D."

Class of 2023 seniors take last walk through Burnett Elementary



Class of 2023 seniors recently visited Burnett Elementary to take their last walk through the halls of their elementary school before graduating from high school. Shown at left are, left to right, (front row) Yen Cao, Lilian Mares, Serenity Garcia, Kaylee Frank, Mariana Pantoja, Daisy Ramirez, Destiny Rodriguez, Perla Barrera, Felecty Resendez, Cindy Medina, Samuel Pineda, (middle row) Marissa Rojas, Lyzbeth Flores, Sara Cruz, Elizabeth Hernandez, Tashjae McCann, Iveth Flores, Julian Del Valle, (back row) Maria Diaz, Angelo Martinez, Miguel Ochoa, Johnathan Espinoza, Jose Alonso, Ben Evans, Mario Moreno and Manuel Colunga.

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Parker Williams Library announces June activities for area adults, children

Parker Williams Library programming for June and July 2023 is listed below.

Family story time is scheduled for Mondays at 11:15 a.m., all ages are welcome to attend.

Babies 'n' Books is set for Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and is recommended for ages 0-2 years old.

Camp Little Rock Stars will be held Wednesdays at 11:15 a.m. and is recommended for ages 3-5. This is a summer reading program story time.

Toddler time is held Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and is recommended for ages 2-4.

ESL Conversation Club is held every Thursday at 10 a.m. for those who are learning English and want to practice, either with native speakers or other students.

Level one Vietnamese classes are set for Saturday, June 3, 17, 24. Those interested in learning to speak and read Vietnamese are encouraged to join Loc Bui for lessons. Classes are geared toward adults and kids aged 8 years and older. Registration required. Level one for kids is from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and level one for adults is from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. For more information about classes and to register, call or visit the library.

Movies and coloring with Ariel Perez is scheduled for Monday June 5 and 26, at 3 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a kids movie and some coloring time in the big meeting room.

Game nights will be held Monday June 5 at 5 p.m. for a fun evening of video, board and VR gaming.

Viet Help Service is set for Tuesday, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, at 10 a.m. Vietnamese speakers will assist attendees in filling out application forms regarding citizenship, Green card renewal; as well as tips for job applications. This is a free service. Call or visit the library to make appointments.

Basic computer classes are scheduled for June 6, 13, 20 and at 11 a.m. These classes are for Vietnamese speakers who want to enhance their computer skills for daily life. Registration is required.

Dungeons and Dragons gameplay is set for Tuesday, June 6 and 20, at 3:30 p.m. D&D is a fantasy tabletop role-playing game where the players create characters and form an adventuring party who explore fantasy worlds together as they embark on

epic quests and level up in experience. Those interested in playing are encouraged to join.

Laser Cutter Orientation is set for Wednesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the Parker Williams Library Innovation Lab. This session will introduce participants to the laser-cutting services offered at the library. Those who complete the orientation will then be able to request supervised time to use a laser cutter at any HCPL branch that has one. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a laser cutter in the future. This event is open to all ages. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult guardian. Potential attendees are required to sign up for a Beanstack account prior to orientation. Visit this link to do so, <https://hclp.beanstack.com/reader365>.

Laser Cutter demonstrations are scheduled for Thursday, June 8, at 4 p.m. Those who join will learn how to use the Dremel Digilab Laser Cutter with E.

A weekly LEGO challenge, Camp Lego, will take place Friday, June 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 3:30 p.m. Intended for ages 6 to 11 years old.

The summer reading program kickoff is Saturday, June 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. Those who participate will have the opportunity to learn, explore and earn badges at the library during the kickoff for the summer reading program Camp Kindness. There will be SRP sign-ups, games, a camp photo booth, smores by the "campfire," potted plants, butterfly tie die, a storytime, friendship bracelets and more.

Saturday, June 10 at 2 p.m. is Young at Heart Book Club. Join the library for a discussion of a YA novel *Ac of Spades* by Faridah Abiké-Iyimié.

Monday, June 12 at noon is Adult Computer Class: Canva. Join the library for a crash course in how to get the most out of Canva.

Tuesday, June 13, at 3:30 p.m. is Magic: The Gathering Magic: The Gathering is a dueling card game from Wizards of the Coast. It incorporates strategy, mythical lore and competitive-community play. Join the library as it brings out a stash of thousands of cards or bring one's own decks for some friendly competition.

Wednesday, June 14, at 10 a.m. is Canva Design Time with Perez.

Need help starting or continuing a personal project or

design on Canva? This is a free flow class to come and work on a project in Canva while Perez helps out with troubleshooting. All one needs is a free Canva account. Get one at www.Canva.com. This is an intermediate/advance class and requires participant to have some computer knowledge.

Wednesday, June 14, at 11 a.m. is Tech Time. Need help installing an update? Formatting a document? Or even just setting up an email? Stop by for one-on-one technology help.

Wednesday, June 14, at 5 p.m. is 3D Printer Orientation at the Parker Williams Library Innovation Lab for the 3D Printer Orientation! This orientation session will introduce participants to 3D printing services offered at the library. Those who complete the orientation will be able to request supervised time to use a 3D printer at any HCPL branch that has one. Attending this orientation is mandatory before patrons can request time to use a 3D printer in the future.

This event is open to all ages. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult guardian.

If one does not already have a Beanstack account, sign up for Beanstack prior to orientation. One can sign up for a Beanstack account at <https://hclp.beanstack.com/reader365>.

Thursday, June 15, at 3 p.m. is Community Craft- Father's Day craft: rock painting.

Join the library with a craft of all ages. This project can be designed by kids or adults to make a rock paper desk holder, a gift for dads, uncles or grandpas. All materials are provided.

Thursday, June 15, at 4 p.m. is a 3d printer demo. Learn how to use the Ultimaker 3 3D Printer.

On Tuesday, June 20, at 2 p.m. is Imagineers in Gear (IIG) Grade(s) K-2nd. Participants will learn engineering key concepts and fundamentals building with LEGO elements from the creative tool kit. Students will be challenged to use pieces to create a structure or setting using LEGO elements. Students will engage with hands-on experience including fun and challenging activities. Students will learn to identify build pieces and their function required to build structures and or settings. This program offers STEM-STEAM curriculum as well diversity, self-es-

teem, social competency, collaboration and more. Concepts and core values are taught to prepare students for life challenges.

On Tuesday, June 20, at 2 p.m., is Battle Bots (Engineering & Robotics) for grades third-sixth. Campers will follow design instructions and build a bot to compete with their teammates. Campers will participate in challenging competitions with their teammates to test their robot's structural integrity and maneuverability. Campers will be asked to think outside the BOT - How can I make the Bot go faster? How can I make it more powerful? These are questions the campers will face during their challenging competitions. Campers will use LEGO Technic pieces that come together to create movable, steerable, controlled robots.

On Wednesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. is Canva Design Time with Perez. Need help starting or continuing a personal project or design on Canva? This is a free flow class for participants to work on projects in Canva while Perez helps with troubleshooting. All one needs is a free Canva account. Get one at www.Canva.com. This is an intermediate/advance class and requires some computer knowledge.

Wednesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. is Cricut Orientation. Join us at the Parker Williams Library Innovation Lab for our Cricut Orientation.

This orientation session will introduce participants to the Cricut services offered at the library. Those who complete the orientation will be able to request supervised time to use a Cricut in the future.

Monday, June 26, at 6 p.m. is Readers Rendezvous Book Club which includes a discussion of *Disorientation* by Elaine Hsieh Chou.

Tuesday, June 27 at 3:30 p.m. is Magic: The Gathering Magic: The Gathering is a du-

eling card game. Incorporating strategy, mythical lore and competitive-community play. Join the library as the staff brings out the stash of thousands of cards or bring one's own for a friendly competition.

Wednesday, June 28, at 10 a.m. is Canva Design Time with Perez. Need help starting or continuing a personal project or design on Canva? This is a free flow class for one to come and work on a project in Canva while Perez helps out with troubleshooting. All one needs is a free Canva account. Get one at www.Canva.com. This is an intermediate/advance class and requires some computer knowledge.

Wednesday, June 28, all day is Stuffy Sleepover Camp.

NASA Aglow announces June schedule

NASA Aglow's monthly prayer meeting is set for Thursday, June 1, at 10 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3. The second meeting will be Thursday, June 8, at 10 a.m. at the same location. Bishop Gerdi Di Somma, senior pastor, Carmel Church Houston in Needville, and also the Apostolic oversight for Carmel Bristol, will be ministering at the meeting on June 8.

Quilt Guild sets June meeting

The Bay Area Quilt Guild will hold its June meeting on Tuesday, June 2, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale at 7 p.m. Visitors may attend two meetings free, but annual dues are \$25. The Guild expresses thanks for all those who attended the "Memories made With Love" quilt show, as it was a great success.

For the regular meeting on June 6, Glenda Wilder will be speaking on "Traditional, Modern and Everything Between." She will have a workshop on June 7 making a boomerang quilt. This quilt involves advanced chain piecing, layout and assembly using techniques that are easy to use. The Bay Area Quilt Guild supports charities by making quilts for The Bridge, Jane Around the World, Hermann Memorial NICU and the Alvin Team Challenge for Women. Service Project Days are twice a month; for questions, contact Carol Garcia at galaxy3318@aol.com or visit website at bayareaquiltguild.org.

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://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

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

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.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.hclp.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.hclp.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Cisneros finishes year with awards

Longtime South Belt residents, Lupe and Vivian Cisneros, send congratulations to their granddaughter, Isabella Cisneros for the many awards she received at school on Monday, May 22. Isabella, who is 11 years old and a sixth-grader at Morris Middle School received the following awards: Outstanding choir student, a merit award, Student of the Year and the President's Education Award for outstanding academic excellence. Isabella will attend Beverly Hills Intermediate in the fall.

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Remember When

45 years ago (1978)
David Koetter chalked up win No. 1 for the Dobie-South Houston American Legion Post #290 team by pitching a no-hitter against Deer Park.

St. Luke's Catholic Church was the target of vandalism while under construction.

40 years ago (1983)
Carl Judd and Ronald Monell were charged with felony possession of marijuana after police seized 37 pounds of marijuana from Judd's home.

35 years ago (1988)
Thompson Intermediate teacher Larry Spasic was named the Outstanding Texas History Teacher in the state by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

The Silver Spectacular was held as a tribute to the community's first 25 years of existence.

30 years ago (1993)
Houston police had a warrant out for the arrest of a 17-year-old male for the murder of Luis Morales, 18. Police were searching for Catalino Villareal, who fled after the questioning of several of his companions in the two Camaros involved the night of the murder. Several people had called in with leads after reading about the murder in the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*. After a verbal altercation, a beer bottle was hurled at one of the Camaros, prompting the suspect to fire a gun at the pickup, killing Morales, who was riding in the back with two others.

Kirkmont resident Virginia Campbell Scott's first book, "The Dream Horse," was released by Harper Paperbacks. The teen romance became available locally at Paper-back Trader. Although "The Dream Horse" was her first book, she previously had four short stories published in "Highlights for Children" and another in "Cricket." Scott is a nurse and the sister of the two doctors at Campbell Family Practice.

25 years ago (1998)
Dobie softball player Carmela Ortiz signed a scholarship to play at Louisiana Tech.

San Jacinto College South students Teresann Kirk and Gina Posso were the first recipients of scholarships funded by the San Jacinto College

Foundation for health sciences majors.

20 years ago (2003)
Jerry Speer was elected Pasadena Independent School District board president.

Houston Fire Chief and 1977 Dobie High School graduate Chris Connealy was named 2003 Texas Fire Chief of the Year by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association.

15 years ago (2008)
A Harris County Precinct 2 deputy constable was forced to discharge his firearm as he attempted to apprehend an individual suspected of robbing someone at gunpoint the previous day. A deputy spotted the vehicle that had been taken during the robbery, and the driver led the deputy on a high-speed chase. The vehicle pursuit ended when the driver, Arrington Floyd Burley, 21, lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a ditch. The deputy attempted to apprehend Burley peacefully, but his verbal commands were ignored. As the suspect climbed out of his vehicle with a pistol in his hand, the

deputy fired a single shot, but missed the suspect who was found shortly thereafter and charged.

In other crime news, a man was charged with murder in a shooting at a Broadway apartment complex, following a carjacking near Alameda Mall, where a second victim was wounded. Justin Patrick Nichols, 20, was accused of killing John Huey Edmonds, 25, in the 8400 block of Broadway. Police officials said at the time of the alleged murder, Nichols was driving a red Pontiac Grand Am that was stolen from April Jean Dukes earlier that morning during a carjacking in the 10100 block of Alameda Genoa. Dukes suffered a single gunshot wound to the pelvis. She was taken to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where she was treated and released. In addition to the murder charge for Edmonds, Nichols was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for the Dukes shooting.

10 years ago (2013)
Longtime South Belt res-

ident Robert Bebee was one of four Houston firefighters to die Friday, May 31, while battling a five-alarm fire in a motel near the Southwest Freeway at Hillcroft. The blaze, which injured 14 more, marked the deadliest day in the 118-year history of the Houston Fire Department, officials said.

According to officials, the fire started around noon in an adjacent restaurant, then quickly spread to the Southwest Inn in the 6800 block of the Southwest Freeway. The four were killed when the motel's roof collapsed. The firefighters had entered the building under the false assumption there were civilians trapped inside. It took more than 150 firefighters roughly three hours to bring the flames under control. A 1990 Dobie graduate, Bebee, 41, dedicated his life to public service, first working as a deputy for the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, before making the switch to become an HFD firefighter in August 2001. Bebee began his HFD career as a firefight-

er/EMT but was promoted to engineer operator EMT in December 2007. At the time of his death, Bebee was studying to become a captain.

The Rev. John Morgan, senior pastor at Sagemont Church, was honored at a ceremony Thursday, May 30, for being the Pasadena Independent School District's 2013 Distinguished Alumnus. A 1959 Pasadena High School graduate, Morgan was recognized for transforming the once small Sagemont ministry into one of the largest in the state. Under Morgan's direction, the church's congregation has grown from a mere 16 members to more than 17,000. Morgan is married to the former Beth Ann Barcello, a 1959 South Houston High School graduate and the school's first homecoming queen. The couple have two sons, two daughters-in-law and three grandchildren.

5 years ago (2018)
Dobie High School's senior prom was forced to relocate during the event Saturday, May 26, after a small mechanical fire caused a power out-

age at the function's original location. Initially located at Galveston Island Convention Center at the San Luis Resort, the event was moved a few blocks away to a ballroom at the San Luis Resort, Spa and Conference Center following the incident, which took place shortly after the prom started at 7 p.m., knocking out the air conditioning, lighting and music. While a shuttle was provided to transport the attendees, many of the approximately 800 students opted to just walk to the new location. The second room was significantly smaller in size than the first one, but tables were removed to accommodate more guests.

Meador and Bush elementary schools were named to the 2017-2018 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll for outstanding academic achievements and student success. The schools were among 729 public schools in Texas to receive the distinction, awarded annually to campuses that continuously demonstrate high levels of academic achievement, im-

provement in achievement levels over time and reductions in achievement gaps among student populations.

1 year ago (2022)
Dobie High School named its 2022 Teacher of the Year and New Teacher of the Year, coach Shane Brown was named Teacher of the Year, while coach Hector Saldivar was named New Teacher of the Year.

Clear Brook High School was placed on lockdown Wednesday, May 25, after a scare involving a gun. According to Clear Creek ISD officials, the incident began when alert Brook students reported a social media post of a student holding a gun. While the photo was not taken on school grounds, law enforcement officers still viewed the post as a possible threat and removed the student in question from class to be searched. During the search, police discovered an unloaded gun and immediately placed the campus on lockdown. The lockdown was lifted once law enforcement deemed the campuses safe.

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MATT CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Matt Griesmeyer celebrates a birthday June 4. Best wishes are sent to Matt from his former co-workers at the *Leader*.

HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY, BOBBY
Bobby Griffin, co-founder of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, is wished a happy birthday on Sunday, June 5, from son, David Griffin and wife Angie; daughter Tracy Giles and husband Jim; grandchildren Robert and Kenneth Griffin and wife Lacie, Aaron Giles and wife Ashley, Cody Giles and wife Liz and Kristen Giles; great-grandchildren Jaxson, Jace and Braelyn Giles and Ellie Griffin; friends; and co-workers at the *Leader*.

ENJOY YOUR DAY, LAURA
Birthday greetings are sent to former *Leader* staffer Laura Aguilar on June 7 from her former co-workers.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 1 through June 7.

Atkinson Elementary
Remember to wish Emy Lewis a happy birthday June 7.

Bush Elementary
Enjoy a slice of birthday cake with Suzanne Anderson June 4.

Burnett Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for Eric Snell who enjoys a birthday June 1.

Frazier Elementary
Elsa Martinez celebrates a birthday June 7.

Meador Elementary
Remember to wish Laura Alvarez a happy birthday June 6.

Stuchbery Elementary
The day for a celebration for Jose Wong is June 4.

Fred Roberts Middle School
Esmeralda Mayorga enjoys a birthday June 6.

Melillo Middle School
Blow out the birthday candles June 2 for Maria Eufrazio. Send a birthday greeting June 4 to Lisa Hoffpauir. June 5 is the day to break out the balloons and birthday cake with ice cream for Gabriel Busch.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Give a birthday shoutout June 4 to Guadalupe Ayala.

Thompson Intermediate
Aaron Feldman is wished a happy birthday June 5. Sing a happy birthday song to Jessica Krustchinsky June 6. June 7 is the day of celebration for Jose Lozano.

Dobie High
The day for a double-layer birthday cake for Gerson Garcia and William Rampf is June 2. Sing a special birthday song June 3 to Robert Pleister. Remember to wish Gilbert Deleon a happy birthday June 4. Send a birthday greeting June 7 to Linu John.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie's Torres is 22-6A Coach of the Year; Torres top newcomer



Dobie varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres, who guided the Longhorns to their first league championship in 14 seasons, was named the District 22-6A Coach of the Year following the 2023 season. Under Torres' leadership, the Longhorns won 23 overall games, including 11 straight victories to clinch the league crown. He then led the Longhorns to a bidistrict playoff series victory over Beaumont West Brook. Senior outfielder Daniel Delgado, sophomore catcher Omar Serna and sophomore left-handed pitcher Aiden Sanchez were all unanimously chosen to the 22-6A All-District first-team by the league's head coaches following the season.



JFD's Torres earns Futures invite

Dobie sophomore right-handed pitcher Cruz Torres, named the District 22-6A Newcomer of the Year after leading the Longhorns to the league championship, has been invited to take part in the Greater Houston Area Baseball Coaches Association's Futures Game and Home Run Derby June 6 at Constellation Field in Sugar Land. See the 22-6A All-District baseball selections on Page 6. Undefeated at 11-0 until the area round, Torres was 6-0 in 22-6A play with a 0.80 earned run average. Photos by Donna Alsdorf

Clear Brook baseball standouts earn 24-6A all-district accolades

District 24-6A three-way varsity baseball champion Clear Brook had starting pitcher Santiago Lejia unanimously chosen to the all-district first team, while Francisco Lejia was also named a first-team outfielder following the season.

The Leijas led the way for Clear Brook this season as the Wolverines won five of their final six district games to force a three-way tie at 8-4 with Clear Falls and Clear Springs for the 24-6A title.

The Wolverines represented 24-6A as the No. 2 playoff seed and ultimately lost in the bidistrict playoff round to Strake Jesuit.

Clear Brook second baseman Ismail Hatamleh was a 24-6A all-district second-team selection, as was catcher Trenton Flores, third baseman Logan Sariga and outfielder Trey Broussard.

Outfielder Jaylen Price and pitcher Tyler Gaudet of Clear Brook earned all-district honorable mention accolades.

Zachary Tuxtorn of Clear Lake was named the Most Valuable Player of the 24-6A ranks, and the league's Newcomer of the Year was Clear Falls pitcher David Ramirez, a sophomore.

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South Belt soccer plans youth camp during June

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is planning to host a summer soccer camp for boys and girls who were born from 2013 to 2017.

The camp will be held at El Franco Lee Park Tuesdays and Thursdays during June, starting at 6 p.m. The sign-up fee for the camp is \$70 per participant, and additional details will soon be available at www.southbeltsoccer.org.

Football camp at Dobie

Dobie High School graduate and collegiate football player Jeremy Davis is set to host his annual youth football camp June 3 at the Dobie High School main campus.

Youths ages 6 to 12 may attend the camp from noon to 2 p.m., while those ages 13 to 17 may attend from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration is \$20 for all participants. Davis played for the Southbelt Dolphins as a youth player and went on to enjoy a successful playing career at Dobie and then collegiately at Lamar. To register, visit www.jeremydavisfootballcamp.com.

CB girls' hoops set to host camp

Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball head coach Mileka Loydrake and her staff will host the Lady Wolverines' Summer Youth Camp at the high school June 5-8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants will pay \$100 each, with incoming third- through sixth-grade students as of the 2023-2024 in the Elementary group.

Incoming seventh- through ninth-grade students will also work out together in the Elite camp. Families may pay via Venmo at CbhsGbb or via CashApp at CbhsGbb-Camp.

Participants should wear a T-shirt, shorts and tennis shoes to the camp and bring a personal water bottle. Basketballs will be provided.

The camp will include training in all phases of the game, including shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding, 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 play. Loydrake's camp staff will include current college players.

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Area players see NCAA baseball seasons close out

A handful of Dobie High School graduates have seen their 2023 collegiate seasons come to a close following conference tournament play.

At the University of Texas at San Antonio, a once-promising season ended for the Roadrunners in the Conference USA Tournament as the Roadrunners finished at 38-19 overall.

Dobie graduate Daniel

Garza was solid for UTSA this season, going 5-1 in 19 appearances for UTSA to round out his junior season.

Three Dobie graduates saw their 2023 collegiate seasons end as Texas Southern University was eliminated in the SWAC Tournament by Prairie View.

Dobie Class of 2020 graduate Domenic Marti-

nez tied for the team lead at TSU in pitching victories as he was 6-3 overall with a 3.81 earned run average. He fanned 65 hitters over 59 innings and allowed a .227 batting average against him during his junior season.

Jeffrey Mercado, a Class of 2019 Dobie graduate, was a regular starter for the Tigers, seeing time in 40 overall games with 32 starts.

Hitting .275, Mercado scored 21 runs and drove in 21 runs for the Tigers, who finished 31-22 overall. Justin Blogg, also a Dobie graduate, hit .310 in limited action as he logged 29 at-bats.

The Oklahoma Sooners are headed to the Charlottesville Regional beginning June 2 as Clear Brook graduate Aaron Calhoun is on the roster, having pitched in 13 over-

all games. The University of Texas is off to the Coral Gables Regional in Miami with Lutheran South Academy's Luke Harrison on the roster, and former

Gaitan fifth in Alabama

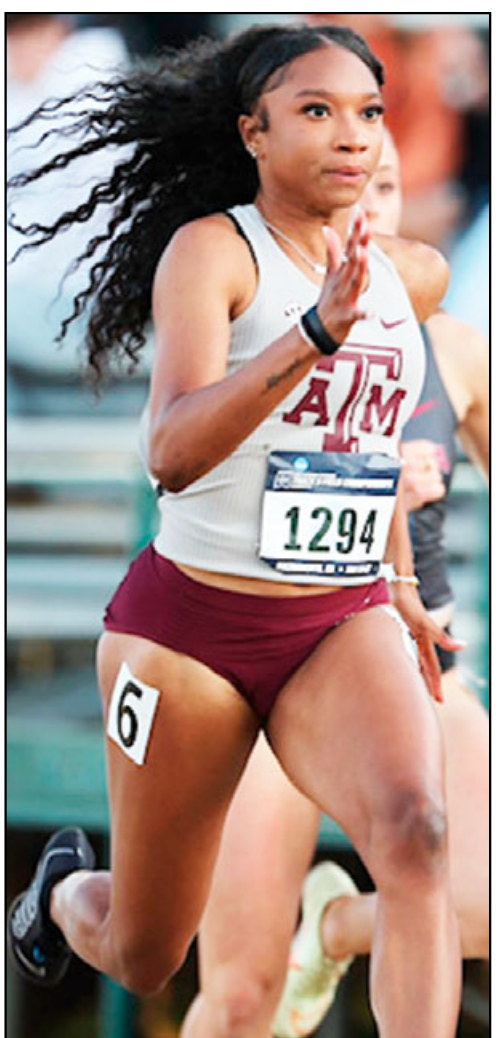
Lutheran South Academy senior-to-be Marcus Gaitan continued his stellar performances on the summer track and field circuit, placing fifth in the

800 at the Running Lane Track Nationals May 27 in Huntsville, Ala. Gaitan, the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A state champion in the event this season, posted a time of 1 minute, 51.26 as he was one of six runners to better the previous meet record in the event.

Gaitan's brother, Matthew Gaitan, was seventh in his 800 heat at 1:55.03.

San Jacinto College left-hander Hunter Hollan is 8-2 with a 4.06 earned run average at Arkansas as the Razorbacks host the Fayetteville Regional.

TAMU's Dickson reached NCAA track nationals



Texas A&M University freshman sprinter Camryn Dickson will return to familiar territory as she and several of her Aggie teammates have qualified for the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships June 7-10 in Austin at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus. Dickson, a Class of 2022 Clear Brook High School graduate and three-time state qualifier with the Wolverines, has put together a dazzling freshman season at



Texas A&M and will look to finish strong at nationals. Dickson will run the second leg of the 4x100 relay as she and teammates Jania Martin, Leeah Burr and Semira Killabrew boast an NCAA West First Round top time of 43.35 seconds in the event heading to Austin. Also at the May 24-27 West First Round at Sacramento State University, Dickson delivered A&M's ninth-best all-time clocking of 11.17 in the women's 100 to reach nationals. She also grabbed the last nonautomatic qualifying spot at 22.88 in the 200. In all, Texas A&M will send 15 men and 13 women to the national championships in Austin. Texas A&M athletics photos



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League champion Dobie earns 22-6A All-District baseball honors

Things truly came together for the Dobie varsity baseball team as the Longhorns won the district championship for the first time in four years, claimed a bidistrict play-off round series win and put together 23 overall wins.

As disappointing as an extra-inning loss to Deer Park in the 22-6A opening game had to be, the team's subsequent 11 consecutive victories were that much more satisfying.

All things considered, it was only fair that the Longhorns ultimately earned their just due amid the 22-6A All-District postseason honors, with sophomore right-hander Cruz Torres' star shining brightest.

Simply put, Torres was one of the state's top performers in 2023, going 11-1 overall with a 1.11 earned run average over 56 2/3 innings, punching out 58 hitters and delivering a 0.980 WHIP.

For his efforts, Torres earned 22-6A Newcomer

of the Year honors in the 22-6A ranks as he won each of his six starts in league play, allowing less than one earned run per outing.

Torres, who has been invited to pitch in the Greater Houston Baseball Coaches Association's Futures Game June 6 at Constellation Field in Sugar Land (see additional information on Page 5), was not alone in the pitching department for the Longhorns in 2023.

Sophomore left-hander Aiden Sanchez typically pitched the Tuesday games for Dobie during league play and was solid in his own right.

The 22-6A unanimous first-team selection was 5-2 in his district starts, pitching to a 1.81 earned run average over 58 innings.

A third sophomore, star catcher Omar Serna, was also unanimously chosen for all-district first-team status by each of the league's coaches. Serna, an early Louisiana State

University verbal commit, hit .385 with 30 runs batted in and 30 runs scored.

Even as some teams pitched Serna carefully, the two-year varsity starter had 10 doubles and four home runs in 2023 as he fortified the middle of the Longhorns' lineup.

While the three sophomores certainly played key roles for the Dobie district championship squad, senior Daniel Delgado was another force, hitting .440 this season with 19 runs batted in and 35 runs scored.

Delgado, who has signed to play collegiately at St. Thomas University in Houston, also swiped 17 bases as he was a 22-6A unanimous first team selection.

As for Dobie's Miguel Torres, he was the deserved honoree for Coach of the Year in 22-6A as the 11 straight wins in league play allowed the Longhorns to hoist their first district title in 14 seasons.

Overall, the Longhorns were 23-8-2.



Dobie sophomore left-hander Aiden Sanchez excelled as the Longhorns' primary Tuesday starting pitcher as he was a unanimous 22-6A All-District first-teamer while helping his team to the league championship. He went 5-2 with a 1.81 earned run average, striking out 23 over 58 innings during the season.



Already a veteran in the District 22-6A varsity baseball ranks and one of the nation's most talked about sophomores, Dobie catcher Omar Serna was stellar in 2023 as a unanimous first-team catcher, hitting .385 this season with 30 runs scored and 30 runs batted in to go with four homers and 10 doubles.

District 22-6A Varsity Baseball All-District Award Winners

Most Valuable Player

Brayden Gilley, Deer Park, Sr.

Newcomer of the Year

Cruz Torres, Dobie, Soph.

Utility Player of the Year

Reed Mallett, Deer Park, Jr.

Coach of the Year

Miguel Torres, Dobie

First-Team Honorees

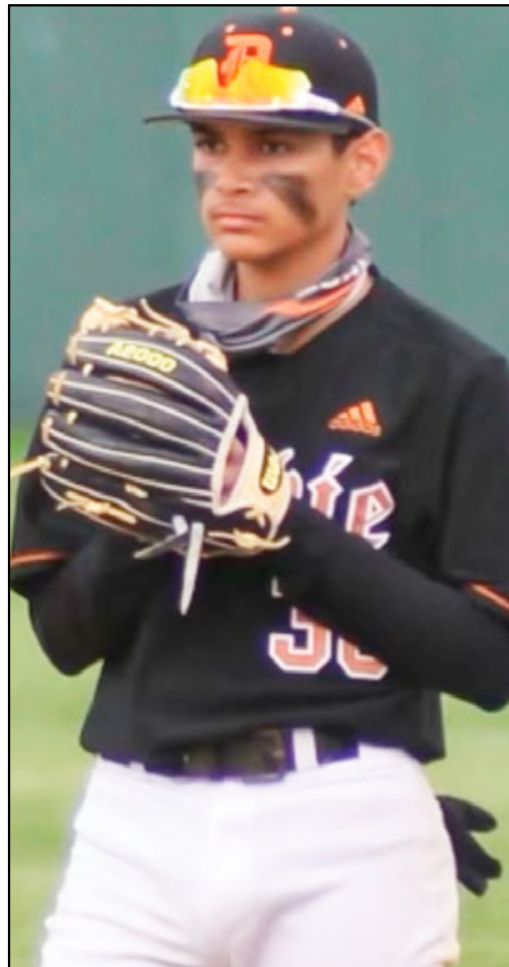
- DH – Jose Andrades, Channelview, Soph.*
- P – Aiden Sanchez, Dobie, Soph. (Unanimous)*
- P – Joey Garcia, South Houston, Soph.*
- P – Damian Torres, Memorial, Fr.*
- P – Christian Valdez, Channelview, Jr.*
- P – Bennett Springer, Deer Park, Jr.*
- C – Omar Serna, Dobie, Soph. (Unanimous)*
- 1B – Angel Hinojosa, Memorial, Sr.*
- 2B – Abraham Serna, Pasadena, Sr. (Unanimous)*
- 3B – Caleb Atafua, Channelview, Jr.*
- SS – Diego Martinez, Channelview, Soph.*
- OF – Daniel Delgado, Dobie, Sr. (Unanimous)*
- OF – Cruz Hernandez, Rayburn, Sr.*
- OF – Erik Aguirre, Deer Park, Sr.*
- OF – Dylan Marbury, Deer Park, Jr.*

Second-Team Honorees

- DH – Ian Johnson, Dobie, Sr.*
- P – Aiden Carranza, Memorial, Fr.*
- P – Joseph Duron, Rayburn, Sr.*
- P – Jose Silva, Channelview, Soph.*
- P – Hayden Stallings, Memorial, Sr.*
- C – Matthew Martinez, Channelview, Sr.*
- 1B – Tristian Patterson, Deer Park, Jr.*
- 2B – Doroteo Ruiz, Channelview, Soph.*
- 3B – Matthew Torres, Dobie, Sr.*
- SS – Junior Orozco, Dobie, Jr.*
- OF – Victor Lopez, South Houston, Sr.*
- OF – Liam Vasquez, Dobie, Jr.*
- OF – Juelz Martinez, Dobie, Soph.*

Honorable Mention - Dobie

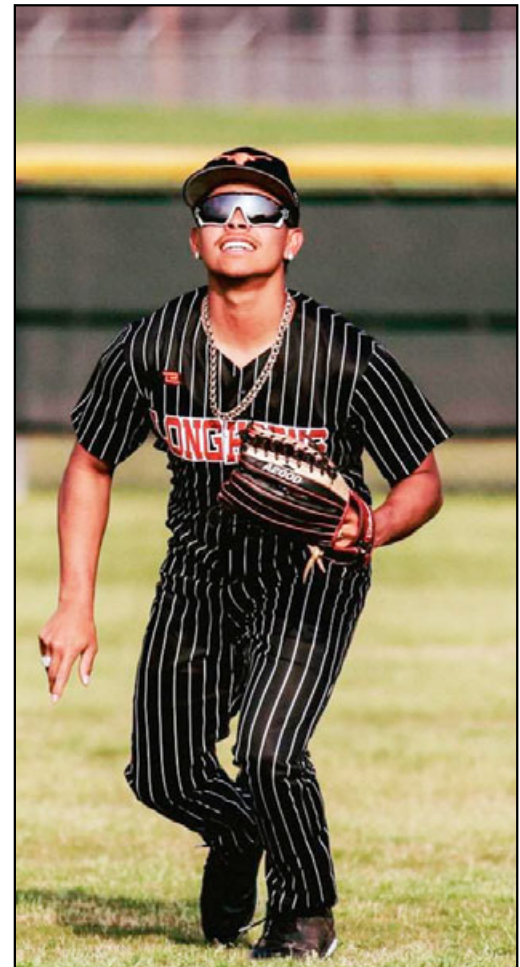
- 1B – Antonio Hernandez, Jr.*
- 2B – Eduardo Lorea, Jr.*



Dobie junior outfielder Liam Vasquez was another standout for a Longhorn varsity baseball team that won 11 straight league games on the way to first place. A second-team All-District pick, Vasquez hit .484 with 14 runs batted in.



Junior Orozco (7) starred at shortstop for the District 22-6A champion Longhorns en route to an All-District second-team recognition. At the plate, the junior hit .308 with 19 runs scored, 17 runs driven in and 16 stolen bases.



Daniel Delgado of Dobie delivered a star-studded senior season for the Longhorns, earning unanimous first-team All-District honors after hitting .440 with 35 runs scored and 19 runs batted in. He also stole 17 bases.



Juelz Martinez (31) of Dobie had a terrific second varsity season with the Longhorns in 2023 as he was a 22-6A second-team selection. In playing a part in the team's first-place finish, Martinez hit .280 with 23 runs scored and 17 runs batted in.




Dobie senior Matthew Torres was a two-way standout with the Longhorns in his final season as he was a 22-6A second-team selection. The third baseman hit .286 with 12 runs scored and 11 runs driven in. On the mound, he was 2-1 with a save in relief.



Dobie senior Ian Johnson (13) was honored as the 22-6A second team selection at designated hitter as his final season saw Johnson hit .385 with 16 runs scored and another 16 runs driven in. Johnson also smacked three doubles and a triple.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 1
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill," at 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St. or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce website or call 281-485-3634.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2
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, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and on Zoom. For details on the services, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m. Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
7:30 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday'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, JUNE 4
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd. in the back of a medical/retail community. Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - 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 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.
8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, JUNE 5
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for tours of exhibits.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers teach dance lessons with a different rhythm each month. Call 281-554-1180.
5 p.m. New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meets at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. Call 646-489-4367.
6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 - Meets at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923.
7 p.m. AA - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 chapter meets at the 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, JUNE 6
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Call 713-444-6744.
9:30 a.m. Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call 832-298-9480
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12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Casual ballroom dancing offered. Call 281-554-1180.
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.

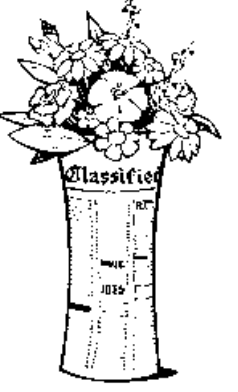
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Lajaunie tennis scholarship fund awards youth players

JFD strength/conditioning

The Dobie coaching staff is encouraging student athletes to register as soon as possible for the free strength and conditioning program that will run Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students entering the 10th through 12th grades as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend from 8 to 10 a.m. each day, with incoming freshmen to follow from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Visit www.dobiepride.com for additional information and to complete the registration process.

Dobie volleyball youth clinics

Dobie High School volleyball coaching staff is offering a variety of summer camps for youth players of all ages and skill levels this summer.

The purpose of these camps is to improve the skills of each girl by enhancing strengths and correcting weaknesses. The basic rules and strategies of the game will be taught along with the skills of the game. These skills include passing, setting, hitting, serving, blocking, offense and defense.

Girls entering the third through eighth grades as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend the camp July 18-20, with those entering the third through sixth grades attending each day from 9 to 11 a.m., and seventh- and eighth-grade students attending from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at \$50 per student.

Girls entering the ninth grade as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend the camp July 24-26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at \$60 per student.

Girls entering the 10th through 12th grades as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend the camp July 24-26 from 9 a.m. to noon at \$60 per student.

To register for any of the camps: CashApp: \$DobieVBBoster (make sure participant's name is in the note section).

Wolverine boys' hoops camp

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak and his staff will host the 2023 Wolverine Youth Hoops Camp June 12-15 for three separate sessions. Boys entering the fourth through sixth grades as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend from 9 a.m. to noon each day, while boys and girls entering kindergarten through the third grade will attend from 10 a.m. to noon. The 1 to 4 p.m. session is for boys entering the seventh through ninth grades. Direct email to njanak@ccisd.net for registration details.

The 12th Annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial tennis tournament hosted by the Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, successfully debuted its Jamboree Series of Tennis Mixers April 29 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena.

The first mixer had a "silly hat" theme, keeping in touch with the month's April Fools' date as a trio of players sported their silly hats and walked away with prizes.



Dobie High School tennis players, from left, Ashley Huynh, Thang Tran and Natalie Vo, all Class of 2023 graduates, were recipients of Darren Lajaunie Grand Slam collegiate scholarship awards. Huynh plans to study nursing at the University of Houston, while Tran will begin his studies at San Jacinto College. Vo, meanwhile, also plans to study at the University of Houston.



The 2022-2023 Harry Taylor Tennis Center Grand Slam College Scholarship was awarded at First Baptist Academy to Class of 2023 senior Kylee McKinney.

supports a small silent auction, which brought in \$350 for the scholarship fund, including a Houston Astros' Alex Bregman autographed baseball.

The second mixer will be Saturday, Aug. 19, complete with a "mulligan" theme. That means if and when players double fault, they may choose to donate \$1 and serve again without losing a point. There's no limit to the mulligans.

The third and final mixer of 2023 will be Saturday, Dec. 2, with an "ugly sweater/sweatshirt" theme. There will be small silent auctions for these mixers.

Refreshments will be provided for players and spectators. All details and entry forms can be found at www.DLtennisscholarships.com on the home page and on the Facebook page.

This year, the Harry Taylor Tennis Center Grand Slam College Scholarship was awarded at First Baptist Academy to Class of 2023 senior Kylee McKinney.

McKinney plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall to study biology and math possibly leading to a career in nursing.

On the courts, McKinney has been playing tennis for four years and plans to play intramural/club level in College Station.

In addition to playing tennis, McKinney also played softball and volleyball, and competed in track and field while maintaining an "A" average.

Throughout her 13-year scholastic career, McKinney maintained all "A's" from pre-K through her high school senior year.

Upon graduation, McKinney was a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society and History Honor Society.

When she finishes her

nursing degree Huynh plans to become a pediatrician. Her brother, Andrew Huynh, was a Lajaunie Scholarship recipient last year.

A Grand Slam College Scholarship of \$1,000 was also awarded to standout Dobie girls' player Natalie Vo, who said will be attending The University of Houston's Honors College to study Honors Biomedical Science. She would like to become a researcher and study vaccines.

On the court, Vo has been playing tennis for four years and looks to reigning Wimbledon Champion Elena Rybakina from Kazakhstan as her role model.

Vo told the scholarship committee that she is impressed with Rybakina's ability to remain calm, place the ball well on the court and make a comeback when she's behind in a given match.

When Vo was not on the tennis courts at Dobie, the honor roll student enjoyed contributing to the Key Club and the Asian Student Association.

The Dobie boys' Grand Slam College Scholarship of \$1,000 was awarded to Thang Tran, who will begin his college studies at San Jacinto College to study engineering or medicine.

At present, Tran said he is choosing between becoming a nurse practitioner or an engineer with the hopes of transferring to the University of Texas in Austin to finish his bachelor's degree.

Tran told scholarship committee members he has been playing tennis for six years, and his role model within the game has been Moreno.

Off the court, Tran is a member of the Dobie Chess Club with a rating of 1000.

He is an active member in his community by volunteering and is a member of the Key Club.

Tran has also played the violin for six years and added that it's his volunteering experience of which he's the proudest, is his involvement with "Bring Smiles to Seniors," a nonprofit group, where he has made more than 100 unique cards for seniors.

At Dobie, Tran was a STEM scholar, taking dual credit and Advanced Placement classes to prepare himself for college.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund raised more than \$6,000 in sponsorships and since 2012 has provided \$67,500 in college scholarships and 37 tennis camp scholarships.

Updates for scholarships, the tournament and the Used Tennis Racket Drive can be found at www.DLtennisscholarships.com and on the Facebook page.

Lion athletics plans summer

The Thompson Intermediate coaching staff has planned its summer of voluntary athletic programs at the school, including strength and conditioning workouts as well as a football/basketball skills and drills camp.

The strength and conditioning sessions will run June 5-8, June 12-15, June 19-22, June 26-29 as well as July 13-17 and July 20-23 at \$25 per student per week.

The workout sessions will run 9 to 11 a.m. daily and include weight room work as well as speed, conditioning and agility drills.

The coaching staff will also conduct football skills workouts each Monday and Wednesday, while basket-

ball workouts will be held each Tuesday and Thursday, with all of the sessions running from 11 a.m. to noon.

Thompson students must first have a completed athletics physical on file with the coaching staff. Students will then arrive 30 minutes early on the first day of each week to handle details.

Dobie basketball sets youth camp

Registration is now open for the Dobie Longhorns Basketball Skills Camp to be held June 27-29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at the Dobie High School main campus.

The skills camp is open to any male of female students entering the first through ninth grades as of the 2023-2024 school year, with first- through fifth-grade participants attending from 8 to 10 a.m. Sixth- through ninth-grade students will attend the camp from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$50 per student, payable with cash in person or online payment only.

Dobie basketball coaching staff members will direct the camp, with volunteer coaches assisting in some of the drills including shooting, ball-

could be available.

Direct any questions about registration or other camp details to Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman at jhartman@pasadenaisd.org.

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