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Leader seeks submissions

The South Belt-Ellington Leader encourages local schools, groups and individuals to continue sending story ideas and photos they'd like to see included in the newspaper. Submissions have declined following the death of Leader publisher Marie Flickinger in November. Contributions may be submitted to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

HPD PIP changes day, venue

The Houston Police Department Clear Lake Division has changed the day and location of its monthly Positive Interaction Program meetings. Previously held the third Tuesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, the meetings will now take place the third Monday of each month at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway Classroom No. 103. The meetings will also have a new start time, beginning at 6 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. The next event will take place Monday, June 16.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. HPD also now lists a new local contact for the program. To learn more about the Clear Lake Division PIP meetings, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at 832-395-1777.

Sagemont Park to meet

The Sagemont Park Community Improvement Association will hold its annual homeowner's meeting Thursday, June 19, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Agenda items include election of officers (board of directors) for the upcoming year, proposed deed restriction changes, deed restriction violations and community improvement issues and actions. The meeting is open for all Sagemont Park homeowners and residents.

Sagemeadow meets June 19

Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. Meetings are open to the public. All Sagemeadow residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings are typically held the third Thursday of each month. For meeting agenda, guest speaker or other additional information, visit www.sagemeadow.org.

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.

Beltway closures planned

One outside lane of the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Beamer to Hughes Road/Sabo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through Wednesday, Sept. 3.

One outside lane of the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

One inside lane of the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Greenshadow to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

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

Hughes/Sabo closures set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice. Westbound Beltway 8 frontage roads may also be intermittently closed at Hughes/Sabo until further notice. The closure is associated with an ongoing Houston Public Works project to replace a force water main at the intersection.

Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, June 14, 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 information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 311.

Harrison wins June 7 SJC runoff election

Longtime SJC staff member to fill position formerly held by Marie Flickinger

Former longtime San Jacinto College professor/coach Judy Harrison will now serve on the school's board of directors, narrowly defeating incumbent Salvador Serrano Jr. in a June 7 runoff election.

Also a longtime supporter of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, Harrison received 51 percent of the vote (3,577 total votes) to Serrano's 49 percent (3,380 votes).

The contest was to determine who would fill the SJC Position 3 trustee seat formerly held

by Leader co-founder Marie Flickinger — a close personal friend of Harrison's.

Flickinger retired from the position just weeks before her death in November 2024 after serving the district for nearly 30 years. Serrano was appointed



Judy Harrison

to serve the remainder of Flickinger's term following her passing.

In the May 3 general election, Serrano edged out Harrison, receiving 41.4 percent of the vote to her 41.1 percent. With no candidate in the four-person race receiving 50 percent of the vote, however, a subsequent runoff election was

required.

Longtime Position 4 incumbent Larry Wilson avoided a runoff election, handily defeating challenger Oscar Del Toro in the May 3 election, receiving 61 percent of the vote to his opponent's 39 percent.

Terms are six years each.

Car smashes Scarsdale wall



A 17-year-old driver and his 11-year-old brother were involved in a major crash around 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7, when their vehicle crashed through the Clear Brook City MUD's concrete barrier along Scarsdale at Sagemeadow Court. According to Precinct 2 officials, the driver's insurance is taking responsibility for replacing the damaged wall. The young driver was faulted for not having an adult present in the vehicle, officials said. No injuries were reported.

Man burns to death in Scarsdale

Despite media reports of suicide, cause of death remains unclear

A man was found burned to death around 2 p.m. Sunday, June 8, in the 11800 block of Astoria Boulevard near Beamer across the street from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

While multiple media outlets reported the incident as a suicide, saying the unidentified male set himself on fire in the middle of the street, Houston Police Department officials said the man was found in a field and that the circumstances surrounding his death remained unclear at press time.

According to HPD officials, police officers and Houston Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a dead male at the above address. Witnesses reported seeing a man whose

lower body was engulfed in flames and attempted to save him by unsuccessfully trying to extinguish the fire.

HFD was successful in putting out the fire but the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators said a gas can and an electric bicycle were found nearby. Officials said the man's death and what sparked the fire are being jointly investigated by the HPD Homicide Division, the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences and the Houston Fire Department Arson Division.

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

July 4 parade returns to South Belt

Hughes/Sabo construction cause 1st route detour in event's history

The annual South Belt Fourth of July parade returns this year, set to take place Friday, July 4.

This marks the third consecutive year for the event to take place following a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Begun in 1986, this will be the parade's 35th time to roll through the community, as the 2018 event was rained out.

Residents should note that for the first time in the parade's 35-year history, the parade will have a different route. This is due to ongoing construction at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Hughes Road/Sabo, where Houston Public Works crews are replacing a force water main.

Unlike previous parade routes that began at the Beverly Hills Intermediate campus on Beamer north of Beltway 8, this year's parade will begin at Sagemont Church on Hughes Road south

of Beltway 8. As in previous years, the parade route will still end at San Jacinto College South on Beamer. See related map on Page 7.

All local residents, organizations and businesses are welcome to join the parade in their vehicles and floats. Due to the length of the route, walking is not permitted.

Participants are encouraged to decorate their vehicles/floats as patriotically as possible, as prizes will be awarded in various categories.

To be eligible for a prize, there is a \$25 fee for noncommercial entries. There is no fee for noncommercial entries that do not wish to be eligible for a prize.

All commercial entries must pay a \$50 fee.

Entry forms are available on Page 3 of this issue, online at www.southbeltleader.com and at the Leader office, located at 11555 Beamer at

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San Jacinto College named Aspen Prize finalist

Recognition marks 5th consecutive cycle SJC selected for biennial honor

San Jacinto College was once again named a Finalist with Distinction for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, ranking the institution as one of the top community colleges in the nation.

This marked the fifth consecutive time the area college has been selected for the prestigious biennial honor.

"Being recognized as a Finalist with Distinction and one of the top institutions in the nation is a testament to the incredible dedication and hard work of our faculty, staff, students and the entire San Jacinto College community," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "This recognition reflects our unwavering commitment to student success and academic excellence, and it drives us to continue fostering an environment where every student can thrive. We are proud to be a part of shaping the future of higher education, and this recognition strengthens our resolve to ensure that each student is empowered to complete their credential and reach their full potential."

In recognizing San Jacinto College as a Finalist with Distinction, Aspen noted the college's commitment to prioritizing the onboarding and advising process to ensure students create academic, career, and financial plans, and that they are connected to the resources they need to be successful. To support this, 85 percent of the institution's student services support staff completed a six-week certificate on appreciative advising, focused on building intentional relationships with students.

Additional professional development for full- and part-time faculty, assessment reporting, a high school-to-college bridge program, staff/peer mentoring, a student success course taught by faculty specially trained in how to support and prepare students to be successful in college has helped to increase San Jacinto College's completion rates. From 2015 to 2024, the number of degrees and certificates awarded increased 27.7 percent from 6,156 to 7,860; and over the last 10 years, the first-time-in-college cohort four-year graduation rate increased from 20.1 percent to 33 percent.

The college has also focused on creating clear pathways for transfer students. Faculty and staff update certificate and degree pathways annually, and these maps are available to all advising staff and students through an online planning tool. Students are able to schedule advising appointments with university advisers through the

college's website and ensure that students who attend recruiting events have access to a university adviser from a specific program within one week. The college also utilizes feedback from its learning management system to identify students who are not attending class, may not have textbooks, or who are having difficulty in class. This alert system allows faculty and student support services staff, working as a team, to follow up and provide the necessary educational support resources.

"We know that intentional advising and having direct access to an adviser is an important resource for students to help them in their educational journey," said Dr. Laurel Williamson, San Jacinto College deputy chancellor and president. "Our goal is to help them complete their certificates or degrees and prepare them for whatever is next, whether that is transferring or entering the workforce. At the end of the day, the ultimate measure of success for San Jacinto College is our students' success."

In addition to its focus on helping students transfer, San Jacinto College is the workforce training partner for many industries in East Harris County and across the Gulf Coast region. The college regularly monitors labor market trends and develops programs based on information from focus groups and external partners.

"At San Jacinto College we prioritize a 'listen first' approach when collaborating with our industry partners," noted Williamson. "By truly understanding their needs and challenges, we ensure our curriculum is designed to equip students with the skills employers need and aligns with their expectations. This partnership approach is essential in creating a pipeline of talent and setting our students and graduates up for success in their chosen fields."

The college's fourth bachelor's degree, a Bachelor of Applied Technology in logistics and supply chain management, reflects its commitment to this "listen first" approach. With a projected 19 percent growth in logistics jobs by 2033, the college worked with the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Transportation, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, as well as the program's advisory committee, to develop and launch this new degree. Several of the college's facilities have also been designed with input from industry partners, along with the institution's other three bachelor's degrees in nursing, early childhood education and cybersecurity.

Awarded every two years, the \$1 million Aspen

Prize honors colleges with outstanding performance in six critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, broad access to the college and its offerings and equitable outcomes for students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.

"The 10 finalists for this year's Aspen Prize exemplify the excellent outcomes that are possible when a college commits to delivering on its promises, both to students and the broader community," said Josh Wyner, founder and executive director of the Aspen Institute College

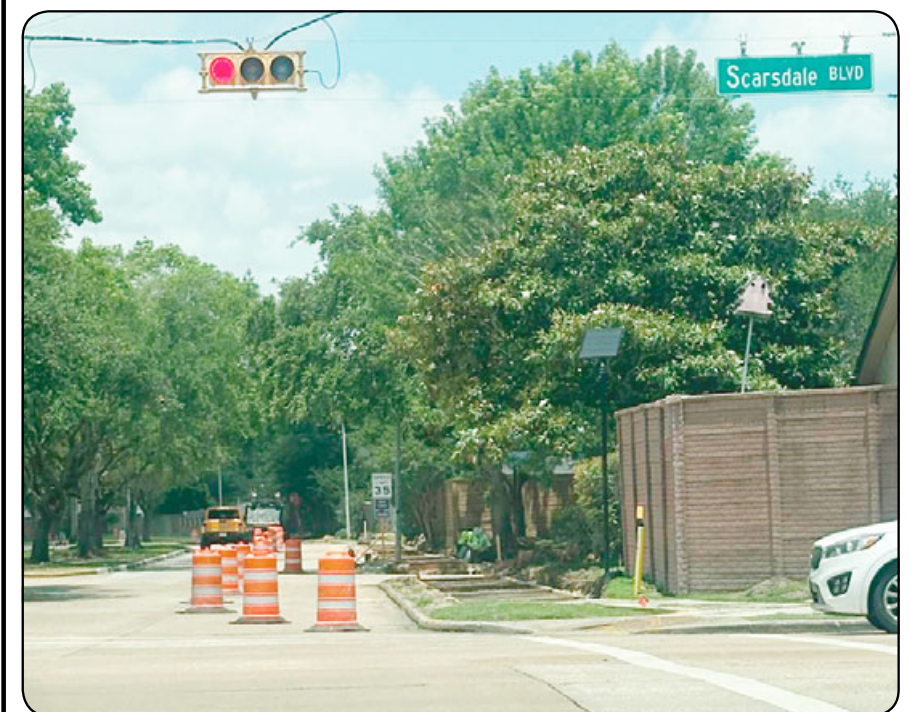
Excellence Program. "While each has advanced student success reforms in different ways and contexts, these colleges share an unwavering commitment to ensuring that all of their students not only graduate but earn credentials with value in transfer and the workforce."

San Jacinto College has previously been recognized by the Aspen Institute as a Rising Star (2017), Aspen Prize Finalist (2019), Finalist with Distinction (2021) and Aspen Prize Finalist (2023).

The following is a complete list of 2025 Aspen

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County makes Blackhawk repairs



A Harris County Precinct 2 project to make extensive street and sidewalk repairs on Blackhawk from Scarsdale to Beltway 8 is currently underway. According to officials, all concrete street panels deemed defective will be replaced along the area thoroughfare, and all sidewalks will be extended from 4 to 6 feet wide. (Some areas currently without a sidewalk will also now have a 6-foot sidewalk.) See related photo on Page 2.

Photo by James Bolen

In My Opinion

Valdez reflecting on faith in action and a call to serve

Brothers,
As my three-year term as Grand Knight of Council 9201 draws to a close, I've spent considerable time reflecting on our accomplishments, our challenges, and how we can continue to grow and strengthen our council. One question has remained particularly prominent in my thoughts: How can we inspire more of our members to actively participate in meetings and, crucially, in our fundraising endeavors?

Time and again, we rely on the dedication of the same core group of 10 to 20 brothers, who consistently answer the call to serve. Deeply grateful for their tireless commitment, I recently spoke with some of these members to understand what motivates their unwavering service. One long-time Knight, with over 15 years of membership, shared that he joined the Knights of Columbus seeking a way to put his faith into action. He finds immense fulfillment in helping others and feels that his involvement is a direct expression of his beliefs. As a retired member, he generously dedicates his time, even contributing to the upkeep of the Cenacle grounds.

Another brother, a former pastor from the Assemblies of God Church shared a similar sentiment. He sees his volunteer work as a continuation of his ministry, a way to serve God and his fellow man. He hopes that his active participation will inspire others to join him in making a positive impact on our community.

These thoughts resonate deeply with the message of James 2:14-17: "My brothers and sisters, what good is it if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

These conversations highlighted a common thread: a deep-seated belief that volunteering and serving others is an act of faith. Like many of you, I find that dedicating my time and talent is a meaningful way to contribute to our church and community, especially when I may not always be able to meet my financial giving goals.

Whether you are a regular volunteer or have yet to find your niche within the Knights, I encourage you to prayerfully consider what motivates you. What stirs your heart? What needs in our communi-

ty resonate with you?

If you are a Catholic man over the age of 18, Council 9201 welcomes you with open arms. The Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. We provide a platform for men to work together to serve our parishes and communities, protect the well-being of our Catholic families, and support each other in faith.

Beyond the camaraderie and spiritual fulfillment, as a Knight, you gain access to exclusive benefits, including top-rated life insurance products available only to members and their families. Our insurance agents are Knights themselves, dedicated to helping their brothers protect their families.

The Knights of Columbus is more than just a fraternity; it is a brotherhood of Catholic men united in faith and committed to making a positive impact on the world, one community at a time.

Consider joining us. Make a stand among us and discover how easy it is to make a difference in your life and the lives of others.

Fraternally,
Arthur J. Valdez
SAH Coordinator

Harrison thanks supporters

Dear Friends, Colleagues, Supporters. My heart is overflowing with gratitude for all of you. It took a village for me to win this election. Each of you is special to me and I thank God for you! Your willingness to come out to vote twice (Election and Run-off Election), your belief in me and my passion for education, your willingness to ask others to vote for me, your help putting up signs, working the polls, strategizing, helping with social media, etc. are what it took to put together a victory and God was in the midst of it all! He provided the money as I needed it for signs and mailers. He provided new friends and supporters to help talk to the voters. He brought to mind and reconnected me with former colleagues and friends. You spurred me on with your enthusiasm to get "one more vote". I loved the reporting in when you saw a damaged sign or suggested a place to put a sign and when you voted and were successful in getting others to vote. We celebrated each vote together. It truly was a team effort! I do not know how many of you knew Dr. Parker Williams or Marie Flickinger, but I knew them both and am humbly following in their footsteps as I serve you on the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees.

Judy Harrison
Elected to Position 3
San Jacinto College Board of Trustees

Elected officials share their words

Cornyn: Congress must reimburse Texas for President Biden's border security malpractice

The government's most basic duty is to keep its citizens safe. President Biden woefully neglected to fulfill this obligation, allowing our borders to be overrun by millions of unvetted illegal immigrants, criminal aliens, and cartels smuggling deadly synthetic opioids. Far from Washington, border states like Texas were left to suffer the consequences. Texas spent billions of dollars on Operation Lone Star in attempt to abate this catastrophe. We all owe Governor Abbott a debt of gratitude for doing what the Biden administration wouldn't, but we also owe Texas a monetary debt. Now the bill is due: it's time for the federal government to pay Texas taxpayers back.

From the moment he arrived at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, President Biden reversed the previous administration's successful immigration policies: he ended President Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy; directed DHS to halt construction of the border wall, instead using federal funds to store wall materials; and ended Title 42, the COVID-era policy that was our last line of defense against the incoming migrant surge.

President Biden oversaw a crisis on our southern border that far surpassed illegal migration numbers from prior decades. In Biden's four years, CBP encountered over 10 million illegal immigrants. More than 1.7 million known goaways evaded Border Patrol entirely and are freely roaming somewhere in the interior of our country. Hundreds of thousands of Americans died from overdose of synthetic opioids including fentanyl, a drug manufactured with Chinese precursor chemicals and smuggled through our open border by drug cartels. Innocent Americans such as Laken Riley and Jocelyn Nungaray died at the hands of illegal migrant criminals.

Despite the immigration authorities that were already available to President Biden, he threw up his hands, claiming that there was nothing more he could do — all while his designated Secretary for Homeland Security reassured the public that the border was "secure." But facts don't lie. The whole world knew America's borders were wide open.

This tragic crisis was felt most acutely in Texas. My state shares the longest border with Mexico, and with the President missing in action in the midst of a disaster, Governor Abbott had to intervene. Under Operation Lone Star, Texas law enforcement apprehended over half a million illegal immigrants, including more than 50,000 criminal arrests. They built more than 240 miles of border barriers, seized over half a billion deadly doses of fentanyl, and reduced illegal immigration into Texas by 87%, according to the Governor. However, these efforts cost upwards of \$11 billion, a pretty penny for Texans to pay for the basic safety and security that the federal government owes its people.

If there is any lingering question that President Biden's policies are to blame for the mess we saw at our southern border, consider President Trump's swift success in reversing the damage. As soon he was elected and even before he took office, the migrant flows began to

subside. In the first two weeks of 2025, CBP encounters were nearly 50% lower than they were at the same point in 2021, at the start of the Biden administration. In President Trump's first 100 days in office, daily border encounters decreased by 95%.

This dramatic sea change resulted from President Trump and U.S. Department of Homeland Secretary Kristi Noem's commonsense policies. On day one, President Trump declared a national emergency at the southern border. He ended President Biden's "catch and release" policy and reinstated his own tried-and-tested "Remain in Mexico" policy. ICE arrests have increased by more than 600%, while arrests of criminal migrants have doubled.

The Trump administration's policies are a welcome change from the past four years of disaster under the Biden administration. But the damage Texas experienced and the financial sacrifice we made for the good of the country must be fully repaid.

The federal government under President Biden created this crisis, and Congress must rectify it. Texans have had to bear the brunt of open borders, rampant crime, and deadly fentanyl for four years, costing the state billions of dollars to fill in for our absentee commander in chief.

In late January, Governor Abbott asked Congress to reimburse Texas for the \$11.1 billion dollars that Texas taxpayer spent. I immediately began working in partnership with President Trump, Senate Majority Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, and Texas Republicans in the House, to ensure Congress fulfills this request through the reconciliation bill, also known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill."

Texas Republicans make up the largest Republican delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives; thus the Speaker could not pass a bill without support from this key voting bloc. It was unacceptable that the initial text of the legislation released by the House did not reimburse Texas. But thanks to coordinating efforts with Congressman Chip Roy (TX-21), language to reimburse states like Texas was added to the legislation during the amendment process, and the House passed these provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill.

The next hurdle is to shepherd our reimbursement provisions through the Senate. I will continue working with Leader Thune, Governor Abbott, and President Trump to ensure the Senate includes even stronger language in the One Big Beautiful Bill and that Texas specifically will be rightfully repaid for Operation Lone Star. I will continue fighting to ensure this language remains in the final version of the One Big Beautiful Bill that will go to the President's desk.

The road to victory is long, but if there's one thing us Texans know how to do it's to stay the course and defy the odds. President Biden abdicated his responsibility as commander in chief at the southern border. It's now up to Congress to reverse the damage and make Texas taxpayers whole.

Sen. John Cornyn



BHI's Hatch earns nursing honor

Janet Hatch (right) of Beverly Hills Intermediate was recently honored with the 2024-2025 nurse award. Hatch was given the Public Health Service Award for providing exceptional leadership and outstanding professional contributions as a public health nurse in shaping the role and advancing the practice of public health nursing. Shown with Hatch is April Weisedel, chief nursing officer of Pasadena ISD.

Blackhawk repairs underway



A Harris County project to make street and sidewalk improvements on Blackhawk between Scarsdale and Beltway 8 is currently underway. The \$2.7 million project is expected to cause intermittent road closures along Blackhawk in the coming weeks. Drivers are urged to use caution. All defective road panels are to be replaced, according to Precinct 2 officials. A 6-foot sidewalk will also be installed for the entire length of the project, with all portions of sidewalk currently 4 feet wide being extended 2 feet in width. See related photo on Page 1.

Photo by James Bolen

Pct. 2 in search of suspect

Precinct 2 police are investigating an aggravated robbery that took place at Food Town before 7:30 a.m.,

on Wednesday, June 11, at 10902 Scarsdale Blvd. The suspect, who had a gun, is described as a black male, dressed all in black with a black face mask. The investigation was ongoing at press time.

Sen. John Cornyn

Community to honor Independence Day

Construction projects will bring change to usual route

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Beltway 8.

Fireworks

Once again, there will be no annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display at El Franco Lee Park.

Also once an annual event

in the South Belt community, the fireworks display has been placed on hold since 2020, as it was funded by the yearly South Belt Spectacular Cook-off (also held at El Franco Lee Park), which has been unable to secure

proper permitting from Harris County to hold the event since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents may still be able to enjoy fireworks, however, as part of Sagemon Church's annual Patriotic

Celebration at the Cross event, set to take place Sunday, June 29, from 5 to 9 p.m.

For additional information, visit www.sagemonchurch.org/event-detail/?id=31761.

Aspen Prize finalists include San Jac

Honor means college collects fifth straight biennial bid

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pen Prize honorees:

Finalists

— Georgia Highlands College (Ga.).
— Moorpark College (Calif.).
— Northeast Wisconsin

Technical College (Wis.).
— Northwest Vista College (Texas).
— Seminole State College of Florida (Fla.).
— Union College of Union County (N.J.).

Rising Star

— Wallace State Community College-Hanceville (Ala.).

Finalist with Distinction
— San Jacinto College (Texas).
— South Puget Sound Community College (Wash.).

2025 Aspen Prize Winner
— Southwest Wisconsin Technical College (Wis.).

For additional information on the Aspen Prize and its selection process, visit higher.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize.

Take me out to the CDA #2292

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Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*
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KBP presents "Disney's Descendants the Musical"

The public is invited to see Kids' Backporch Productions' June production of "Disney's Descendants the Musical" on Friday, June 20, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 21, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, June 22, at 2 p.m. The Kids' Backporch Productions' cast includes 49 students (ages 7-15) led by director Becky Richert and choreographer Jade Williamson. This is KBP's 99th production and tickets may be purchased at kidsbackporch.ticketleap.com.

Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost — home of the most infamous villains who ever lived — the teenaged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island — until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes,



Pictured are, Sofia Salazar as Maleficent (left) and Piper Fatter as Mal (Maleficent's daughter).

they have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

Corrington awarded Health Services Outstanding Support Professional of the Year

Gayelynn Corrington (holding shirt), assistant principal's clerical aide at Morris Middle School, was awarded the 2024-2025 Health Services Outstanding Support Professional of the Year. Congratulating her for her work and commitment are, left to right, Casey Cipriani, district nurse; April Weisedel, chief nursing officer; and Robin Cate, Morris principal.



New tower features Dobie art

The Sagemeadow MUD's new water tank being constructed at Hall Road and Sagetrail will feature the artwork of Dobie art student and JROTC cadet Ariana Rodriguez (left). Rodriguez's artwork was selected from more than 200 entries. Another Dobie artwork was unveiled the previous year at the MUD's other water tank on Hughes Road. In the works since last summer, the Hall Road water tank is expected to open in the coming weeks. A student of Dobie art teacher Alma Umanzor (not pictured), Rodriguez is shown above with Sgt. Everett Valdez, Texas Air National Guard (ret.), who heads Dobie's JROTC program.

O'Briens celebrate golden anniversary



Jeff and Catherine O'Brien, longtime South Belt residents, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, June 13. They have resided in the South Belt since 1977. The couple married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Texas City on Friday the 13th, 1975. They will celebrate their anniversary with a backyard barbecue surrounded by many of the friends and family members who were at their wedding 50 years ago. They will receive a special blessing during Mass this weekend at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Catherine taught biology at San Jacinto College South and retired from the college as the associate vice chancellor of Learning and Assessment after 35 years of service. She is

keeping busy as a board member of The Herb Society of America, of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Native Plant Society of Texas-Clear Lake. She keeps her hand in education by serving on a Perkins grant through Temple College. Jeff started his career as "vertical broom operator" (swept shavings) with Gray Tool and after 37 years retired as a plant manager in oilfield equipment production. The O'Briens raised two daughters together. The girls reside in Iowa and Virginia. If one asks the O'Briens the secret to their 50-year marriage, Catherine points to Jeff who says, "Yes, dear." According to Jeff, "You can be right, or you can be happy."

HPD seeks January robbery suspects

The Houston Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying a pair of suspects accused of robbing a convenience store this past January in the 7400 block

of SH 3/Old Galveston Road near Edgewood.



Surveillance footage of January armed robbery suspects

According to HPD officials, two unknown men entered the store and approached the counter as if they were making a small purchase, but when the clerk opened the cash register, one of the males forcibly removed all the cash from the machine. The suspects then fled the location on bicycles.

Both suspects were described merely as black males. They were each wearing Adidas hoodies, with one being camouflage and the other being gray. Anyone with information on this crime or the identities of the two suspects is urged to contact the Houston Police Department Robbery Division at 713-308-0700 or Crimestoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Pasadena Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM, June 24, 2025 in 3920 Mickey Gilley Blvd, Pasadena Texas 77505. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.8323/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.3400/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	1.40 % increase
Debt Service	-10.02 % decrease
Total Expenditures	0.04 % increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$28,179,092,378	\$28,824,718,975
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$314,477,937	\$317,965,928
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$20,479,263,229	\$20,947,474,829
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$228,548,044	\$231,082,955

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$846,460,000

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.8855	\$0.3400	\$1.2255	\$5,685	\$7,313
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.8859	\$0.3394	\$1.2253	\$6,267	\$6,962
Proposed Rate	\$0.8323	\$0.3400	\$1.1723	\$5,669	\$7,099

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$222,357	\$224,259
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$125,187	\$129,536
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2255	\$1.1723
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,534.17	\$1,518.55
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-15.62

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.1723. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.1723.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$161,245,592
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$68,033,000

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

2025 South Belt 4th of July Parade Entry Form

Parade lineup will be at 9 a.m. at Sagemont Church, 11300 S Sam Houston Pkwy E. The parade will begin at Sagemont Church at 10 a.m. and will end at San Jacinto College on Beamer Road. Businesses and individuals are encouraged to build floats and participate in the parade.

NO WATER BALLOONS, WATER GUNS, ETC.
 For more information, contact South Belt-Ellington Leader at 281-481-5656 or email mynews@southbeltleader.com.
All entries must be received by July 2.

Name of entry _____
 Name of Organization or Business _____
 Person to Contact _____
 Email _____
 Phone _____

Truck (2 axle) Car Float Truck (3 axle) Other

Due to the length of this parade, we request participants do not attempt to walk. All entries for community and nonprofit groups are free of charge—unless those participants wish to be eligible for a trophy in the judging contest. These contest entries require a \$25 entry fee.

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS.
 All entries for business require a \$50 entry fee. Commercial float: \$50
 Noncommercial for trophy: \$25 Noncommercial, not competing: no charge

* Each entrant is liable for the entry & participants involved with their entry. Adult supervision is a must!

Please complete this entry form & email or drop off at South Belt-Ellington Leader office (11555 Beamer) before July 2nd.

See new Parade route map on Page 7.

Pasadena Memorial High School announces fifth six-weeks honor roll

Officials of Pasadena Memorial High School recently announced the fifth six-weeks honor roll for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ninth grade

Kristian Alexander Acosta, Edosa Christian Agbhinim, Fernanda Aguirre, Jaidia Marie Allen, Cristina Marisol Alvarez Reyes, Emiliano Alvarez, Kevin Arana, Zoie Harper Arcenales, Amilia Arguello, Aliyah Aidee Avitia, Keira Lilian Azaara, Anessah Hussein Azzam, Dasha Nicole Balderas, Giarellis Esther Beas Rodriguez, Audrey Jade Bell, Dayzi Anahi Benavidez and Benet Joseph Benson.

Korbin Braffett, Deshawn Ray Branch, David Paul Brown, Catalina Isabella Bu-janda, Ambrianna Honesty Bustos, Zuhely Victoria Cain, Lia Elena Campos, Giselle Campusano Rodriguez, Yeriel Cante, Sergio Alejandro Cantu Gomez, Makayla Vy Cao, Adelaida Evelyn Castillo, Mark Anthony Castillo, Miranda Castruita, Elizabeth Gracie Cervantes and Melanie Isabel Chavez.

Kathya Contreras, Evan Christopher Cooper, Rosa Esther Cordova Villanueva, Isaac Cortez, Brenda Karen Cocotocat, Heylin Yamileth Cruz, Karla Cuevas, Elaína Tincy Daniel, Brian Nguyen Dao, Paulina Davila, Everardo De La Cerda, Yulenny Cristal De La Rosa Castillo, Insaal Khadija Dean, Carmen Alejandra Del Angel, Vianca Delao and Edgar Emiliiano Donjuan.

Kha Nhi Duong, Zaria Gilian Edgar, Helio Elizondo, Camille Isabella Escobar, Jocelyne Esparza Bejarano, Adalli Zulema Estrella, Arianna Marizalema Flores, Yannah Doris Flores, Yelitzia Juaneth Flores, Aiviagil Franco, Ryan Mark De La Pena Galang, Cesia Jurid Galeano, Genesis Michel Galeano, Francisco Uzziel Gallegos, Mayreli Garcia Adame and Jahyr Eduardo Garcia Mujica.

Aidan Anthony Sandoval Garcia, Carlos Christopher Garcia, Karla Rose Garcia, Flint Lee Gardner, Evan Alejandro Garza, Italia Daniela Gomez Espana, Natalia Sarahi Gomez, Jayla Nicole Gonzales, Valeria Sophia Gonzalez Parraga, Adrianna Abigail Gonzalez, Mariann Gonzalez, Nailea Valeria Gonzalez, Shaylie Natalia Guardado, Jesse Gianni Guidino and Valeria Gui Martinz.

Angel Gabriel Guerra, Devland Allen Guillory, Juliea Gutierrez Ballesteros, Felix Gutierrez, Daniel Esteban Hernandez, Lexi Rae Hernandez, Myranda Hernandez, Bryan Hernandez-Perez, Sara Valeria Hernandez-Viveros, Leonardo Ibarra, Brandon Lee Ingersoll, Ricardo Daniel Islas Coronado, Aaliyah Isabella Jones, Camila Sofia Juarez and Daniel Alexander Kaufman.

Andrew Josue Landaverde, Jonathan James Larue, Ludvic William Lay, Linh Thy Lu, Madalynn Nicole Leal, Mad-

ison Elizabeth Lee, Wendi Li, Eva Yurim Licona, Ethan Ryan Lind, Izabel Jenavieve Lopez, Leyla Nicole Lopez, Liann Marie Lopez, Nicholas Anthony Lopez, Freddy Alexander Lopez-Delcidi, Carlos Anthony Lozano, Elias Alexander Lozano, Lily Marlen Luna Rodri-guez and Damian Xavier Luna.

Kim Thien Luu, Aiden Tri duoc Ly, Jett Matthew Mahoney, Yael Marin, Elizabeth Martinez de Santelices Garcia, Giselle Martinez, Kayla Michelle Martinez, Samuel Martinez, Audrine Janelle Mason, Xochitl Mata, Bri'Nijah Joe Lee Mathis, Shi-ane Isabella Matlock, Kamora Skyler McGee, Kacey Daniel Meier, Diego David Mejia, Victoria Mendoza Luna and Fernando Mendoza.

Janai Yazil Mercado, Mathias William Middleton, Aniya Chalise Milton, Abigail Lexi Molinar, Samuel Wolfgang Montes, Madelyn Lissett Montoya Rojas, Martha Iztel Morales, Sophia Lorayne Morales, Aliver Jesus Moreno, Samuel Achilles Moreno, Ana Yely Mosqueda Ponce, Karen Mosqueda Ponce, Dylan Bryce Motal, Brianna Ruby Munguia and Jessica Arlene Navarro.

Bella T. Nguyen, Dang Duong Nguyen, Sabrena Nha Nguyen, Martin Alejandro Nuncio, Pablo Brandon Nunez Villegas, Sofia Olivares, Manuel Esteban Olivias, Matias Santiago Olivo, Fatima Oliveira, Leah Ortiz, Jonathan Ortuño, Shakira Osorio Garcia, Jaime Elizeo Pacheco, Isabella Michelle Pecina, Aidan Pena, Ana Maria Perez Perez, Jebraska Isabella Perez and Tran Nguyen Bao Pham.

Jonathan Lu Phann, Karla Pineda Garfias, Angeli-na Andreeh Pino, Liliana Elizabeth Pizana, Analay Gabriela Ramirez Esquivel, Axel Ramirez, Diana Lizeth Ramirez, Diego Eduardo Ramirez, Jerald David Ramirez, Madeline Marie Ramirez, Mario Luis Ramos Ramos, Riley Grace Reeves, Aniyah Madison Resendez and Daniel Jacob Revilla.

Gizel Rios, Kamila Anaíd Rios, Isabella Carly Rivera, Vanessa Rose Rivera, Abdul-lah Rizwan, Alexa Ann Robles, Jordan Renee Robles, Emiry Lorette Rodgers, Abigail Rodriguez, Christian Javier Rodriguez, Emberlyn Leanna Rodriguez, Jacob Andrew Rodriguez, Jimena Maris Rodriguez, Rick Ramirez Rodriguez and Leah Paola Rojas.

Joaquin Alexander Rojo, Abril Esmeralda Romero Morales, Joshua Roberto Rosales Alfaro, Ashley Carolina Ruiz, Barbara Ruiz, Samuel Leonel Ruiz, Sarah Lynn Saenz, Kylie Ayala Salas, Steven Obdulio Salgado, Rene Fidencio Salinas, Abigail Camila Sanchez, Ethan Paul Sanchez, Kadie Brooke Sanchez, Emily Alesí Santacruz and Divante Channel Santana.

Ethan Alexander Santiago, Zoe Airel Santos Castro, Katherine Sarabia Gomez, Emiliiano

Serrano Reyes, Abigail Cecily Sicard, Noe Mark Slattery, Itzel Yanina Solis, Josephine Rose Solis, Adrian Jesus Soria, Hector Sosa, Santos Osiel Soto, Camilla Soto-Azcona, Eleno Suarez, Qurratulan Fatima Suleman, Ruby Tamez, Mariah Kenise Thompson and Christian Daniel Thumann.

Layla Isabel Torres, Duc Long Tran, Emma Yen Tran, Quang Phat Tran, Freddy Trejo, Ava Gisele Trevino, Noah Perez Trevino, America Noraly Valdez, Allison Valenciano Hernandez, Cortez Armand Vallejo, Nguyen Kim Van, Ri-anze Viet Van, Ava Marie Vega, Jasmine Alejandra Vides, Luka Toni Vilchis and Julian Anthony Villagran.

Cristopher Abelino Villanueva, Amyah Larell Whitfield, Xiomara Alexia Yanez Castillo, Audrey Megan Zamudio, Hassan Ali Zamzam and Monserrat Isabella Zapien.

Tenth grade

Nadia Alyssa Abraham, Eric Eliseo Acosta, Retal Adi, Gissel Andrea Aguilar, Zaria Lynn Alexander, Kaylin Allyson Alvarez, Carlos Leo Araoz, Nancy Aylinn Avila, Javier Avilez, Cowan Banda, Tucker Owen Barker, Alyssa Marcelle Barnes, Asiel Basurto, Amanda Aiden Beason, Parker Jamison Bell, Emma Alyssa Bello, Flor-encio Alejandro Belmont and Valeria Benavidez.

Yogesh Bhandari, Jazlyn Marie Bies, Arnulfo James Boule, Eden Alani Brunson, Kayla Nevaeh Calvo, Shaylee Brisa Calvo, Emily Campa, Michell Campos, Erika Daniela Cantu, Mia Berenice Capps, Emery Arianna Cardenas, Nichole Isabella Carrizalez, Aiden Casas, Azul Isel Castillo, Yvett Anabel Castillo, Brayan David Castro Gomez and Hugo Adrian Castro Martinez.

Marlon Nelson Martinez, Adam Mata, Kylie Rynane Mccoy, Michael Tyler McFarland, Allison Margarita Mejias, Annakaren Melchor, Alexa Aide Melendez Rivera, Angel Moses Melendez, Lynden Elijah Melo, Genesis Angeli-na Mendoza, Jayden Michael Miller, Jai'kaylah Arianna Denise Milton, Marisleidy Molina Betancourt and Christopher Joseph Molina.

Ramiro Monroy, Fati-ma Montero, Madeline Diane Moore, Sadoc Morales, An-nalee Celest Moreno, Kevin Nathan Moreno, Larissa Jolie Moreno, Chloe Michelle Morse Zavala, Alejandra Lizbeth Mosqueda, Jaylene Mosqueda, Kamillah Ivonne Munoz, Karissa Itzel Munoz, Luis Arnoldo Munoz, Andrew Khang Nguyen and Han Helen Ngoc Nguyen.

Nam Hoang Nguyen, Ngoc Han Nguyen, Vivian Nha Nguyen, Andres Nunez, Grace Marie Ojeda, Juliana Esthela Olivo, Aldo Isai Ortiz Garcia, Ashley Danielle Ortiz, Sodana Oun, Layla Melody Palacios, Geirys Paniagua Caridad, Jake Aaron Pantoja, Andrew Rex Pasos, Andrew Perez Reyna, D'Angelo Xavier Perez,

and Garcia, Jayden Celeste Garcia, Mya Jordan Garcia and Isaac Marcus Garza.

Izrael Esau Garza, Victoria Julisa Garza, Logan Hunter Gerber, Amber Rose Gibbens, Emily Lyla Gil, Fabiola Giselle Gomez, Keneth Neftali Gonzalez Torres, Alexa Rose Gonzalez, Anamaria Gonzalez, Angelina Nicole Gonzalez, Enrique Tabare Gonzalez, Sara Luisa Gonzalez, Vanessa Jolynn Gonzalez, Alana Denise Green, Kara Grace Gregory and Angela Guadarrama.

Ana Rebecca Guerrero Gonzalez, Priscilla Esmeralda Guevara, Sofia Lee Gutierrez, Crystal Guzman, Jaslene Alyssa Guzman, Rogelio Izak Guzman, Tuan Tu Ha, Luke Aaron Harris, Jackson Ryan Hartness, Grace Gloria Hernandez, Grace Liana Hernandez, Hennessy Hernandez, Isaac Gerard Hernandez, Jose Luis Hernandez and Angelina Gabriela Hernandez-Toledano.

Vincent Luis Herrera, Victoria Vy Hoang, Manuel Elihu Huerta, Arelí Cassandra Ibarra, Isabel Maria Izaguirre, Jason Steve Jimenez-Rodriguez, Jilary Yuriza Juliana, Beau Champ Kanary, Angelina Trinh Le, Garth Henry-Floyd Leiber, Paulo Roberto Lima Cocuerca, Betzy Arlene Llanas, Anahi Jalynn Lomas, Wuillfrans Javier Lopez Semeco, Isaac Lopez and Jose Arnoldo Lopez.

Peyton Addison Lopez, Savannah Leigh Lott, Genesis Mercedes Lozano, Sebastian Lugo, Nevaeh Esther Lujan, Scarlett Yattana Lueke, Brei Rian Lynch, Amy Alejandra Marchante, Desiree Angelina Mares, Abigail Savannah Martinez, Alfonso Joaquin Martinez, Fernanda Martinez, Isabella Anaí Martínez and Jose Alfredo Martinez.

Eduardo Vela, Evelyn Vela, Eduardo Haziel Velazquez, Mario Velazquez, Daniel Elena Vigil, Marely Anahi Villarreal, Isabelle Faye Walden, Nardia Danielle Warfield, Cordae Xaviere Washington, Nayla Denise Watson, Aaliyah Nevaeh Whitaker and Marilyn Anai Zamora.

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Geniveve Perez and Dylan Minh Pham.

Emily Guadalupe Pinedo, Marely Angely Pinon, Gabriella Ines Pinto, Amanda Izabel Portillo, Cruz Andrew Prado, Adrian Matthew Ramirez, Jo-eanna Angelica Ramirez, Au-rimaria Ramos Ramos, Mary Carmen Ramos Ramos, Janie-ly Marie Ramos Rodriguez, Juan Miguel Ramos, Jeremy Edward Rangel, Nathan Igna-cio Rangel and Damaris Res-endez.

Jacob Cristian Resendez, Sarjay Ileannat Restrepo Molina, Nathaniel Evan Rincon, Brandon Isaias Rios, Rosario Mirella Rios, Kaitlyn Rae Roberts, Aydden Joshua Rocha, Andrew Rodriguez, Gen-esis Daniela Rodriguez, Jaylie Karlyze Rodriguez, Kevin Rodriguez, Nelson A. Rodriguez, Yamilex Nayeli Rodriguez and Angel Antonio Romero.

Analia Rubio, Alison Giselle Ruiz, Angel Daniel Sagastume, Giselle Salas, Christo-pher Salinas, Santiago San-chez, Tylan Anthony Santiago, Mariela Guadalupe Santibanez rodriguez, Magalie Esmeralda Serna, Mariah Serna, Caden Maddox Shelton, Serenity Ki-erra Shephard, Andrea Gual-dupe Silva Salazar, Janiyah Yeasna Simpson and Ryder Blake Smith.

Yulieth Daniela Soler Car-rascal, Natalia Soriano, Jer-mayne Dakarai Tambou, Guadalupe Tavera, Carlos David Tavora Martinez, Sydney Han Tavu, Bethany Marie Torres, Tam Minh Tran, Angel Adea Trevino, Conrad Bradley Tsend, Guadalupe Uriostegui, Noahmiah Zhen Urrabazo, Alejandro Urrutia, Oscar Gael Vasquez, Jose Manuel Vazquez and Isabella Vega.

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Valerie Yolanda Campos, Angie Dayana Caneguez Flores, Emma Isabella Carlos, Dafne Sofia Carmona, Israel Valentin Carrascal, Angeli-gue Guadalupe Carrasco, Marlin Bell Carter, Mariah Zada Cas-tro, Max Enrico Cazares, Va-nessa Cedillo, Joshua Josiah Cerda, Jaslyne Chapa, Larissa Marie Chapa, Angelina Chavez and Nevaeh Jassell Chavez.

Victoria Denisa Chioreanu, Kylie Marie Christiansen, Aidan Abraham Cisneros, Na-than Cisneros, Ava Elizabeth Condado, Casey Elizabeth Crawford, Edelmir Cruz, Adrian Cuevas, Kaiden Thom-as Cunningham, Camila Mon-serrat Davila, Jacob Andrew Davis, Lilyana Samantha Dav-iv, Jalisa Sandra De Bose, Daniella De Leon and Gilberto De Los Santos.

Lilian Gracie Delgado, Ja'Niya Norie Demmon, Isra-el Diaz, Sofia Isabella Duffey, Fabian Eloy Elizondo, Adar-us Christian Evans, Jennifer Fernandez, Kenzie Diana Fernandez, Angie Belen Flores, Landon Douglas French, Har-old Yair Funez, Estefani Game-ro-Reyna, Lia Sofia Garcia Co-locho, Larissa Garcia, Lauren Elisabeth Garcia, Caleb Kor-dell Gardner and Julian Ivan Garza.

Melissa Marie Garza, Brissa Colette Gaytan Montemayor, Madelyn Lea Gerber, Andrew Alexander Gomez, Ashley Jha-nally Gomez, Michaelangeolos Logan Gomez, Anthony Aeron Gonzales, Alexa Gonzalez, Genesis Gonzalez, Mia Eliza-beth Gonzalez, Victoria Sofia Gonzalez, Bryan Alexander Goytortua, Kaydence Breann Green and Sanaa Alexis Green.

Maria Guadalupe Guerra, Sofia Danielle Guerra, Henrik Guerrero, Mia Abigail Guerra, Jennifer Carolina Guevara, Menelik Joseph Gurnell, Al-exander Gutierrez Ballesteros, Rangel Scott Guzman, Diego Sebastian Hernandez, Eduardo Alexander Hernandez, Kamila Hernandez, Kian Yanez Her-nandez, Kaylyn Marie Hurst, Matthew Blake Izaguirre and Logan Andrew Johnson.

Cadie Nevaeh Jones, Ele-na Biani Juarez, Pheobe Ann Kaatz, Prithish Mangesh Ku-rade, Austin Max Lares, Rayne Lea-Anne Larson, Hailey Marie Leiber, Ellen Jackelyn Licona, Victor Daniel Lopez Carmona, Maria Fernanda Lo-pe-ze hernandez, Dalilah Lopez, Eliuth Ezequiel Lopez, Eliza-beth Lozano, Katalina Lozoya, Jonathan David Luna, Natalia Macias and Daniel Esau Man-cia Mendoza.

Israel Darius Margenau, Gae Marin, Nayelly Betzaire Marquez, David Martinez Prestegui, Jaylin Martinez, Osbaldo Salvador Martinez, Vanessa Martinez, Damhailey Medel, Jose Junior Mejia Mur-cia, Leilaene Menendez, Dylan Javier Merced, Spirit Gemima Millan, Charles Weldon Mitch-ell, Amirah Fazia Mohammed, Jonathan Mojica and Rosalynn Gallegos Molina.

Andrew Luis Molinar, Katy Sun Moncayo, Aura Alejandra Monge, Adam Alexander Mon-real, Alfa Alejandra Montalvo, Savannah Aliana Montes, Kai-ley Elizabeth Montoya, Dalia Jacobed Morales, Devani Mi-randa Morales, Juliet Jazmin Moreno, Mark Alexander Motal, Mariangel Navarro, Victo-ria Elizabeth Navarro, Anh Ngoc Ngo, Anthony Khang Nguyen and Phuc Nguyen.

Delayla Benny Nhi Nguye-n, Tien Nguyen, Tuan Minh Nguyen, Julian Ray Nieto, Ka-rina Elizabeth Nino, Saman-tha Anne Nix, Alex Bernardo Nunez-Hernandez, Melanni Ochoa Flores, Alana Naomi Oliver, Karla Giselle Ornelas, Brodie James Ortiz Cantu, Benjamin Deandre Ortiz, Igna-cio Ortiz, Jennifer Dominique Ortiz, Marcus Ignacio Ortiz, Monserrat Osorio and Chris-tian Davi Owens.

Katerina Pankova, Lina Al-exandra Parada, Kera Renee Peavy, Ethan Julian Perez, Victo-ria Anne Prado, Anya Cait-lynn Quezada, Priscilla Mo-nique Quiroga, Sophia Raab, David Ramirez, Mikaela Mar-iana Ramirez, Natalie Yvette Rangel, Alexa Reed, Dayami Michelle Reyes, Dilan Yeraih Reyes, Rebecca Gail Reyes, Ximena Dalyth Rios and Devan Robert Robison.

America Liliann De Jesus Rodriguez, Ashly Marely Ro-driguez, Davian Rodriguez, Jacklyn Dalila Rodriguez, Grace Camilla Romano, Ryan Alekzander Roque, Karen Ju-lianna Rozon Santos, Dia Al-exandra Rueda, Sophia Gua-dalupe Sagastizado, Isabella Salas, April Diana Salazar, Melanie Itzel Salcedo-Molina, Andrea Nicole Salinas, Camila Sanchez and Marlenie Sandov-al.

Kassandro Sauceda, Emilia Anabel Schneider, Dianey Ser-na, Alejandro Serrano, Tomas Hernan Serrano, Braden Alex-ander Smith, Sebastian Solis, Ventura Solis, Gerson Du-van Sorto Molina, Sydny Ma-rie Stewart, Hailey Alisha Tate, Janie Merced Tepox, Khanh Linh To, Dominic Jay Torres, John Hoang Tran, Melanie Tran, Nicole Anh Tran and Ra-chel Linh Tran.

Jolie Monet Trejo, Saman-tha Anahi Trevino, Ethan Lane Tyro, Rodrigo Valdez Gon-zalez, Manuel Alejandro Val-ladares Morales, Sofia Elise Vallejo, Miriam Vargas, Elan-ya Guadalupe Vasquez, Luna Ixchel Vazquez, Jared Ethan Vazquez, Annette Sarai Vela, Alice Yetzany Villa, Joshua Villan-ueva, Daniella Itzel Villareal, Jaxon Cade Villareal, Valdo Villareal and Joshua Connors Washington.

Vanessa Wu, Nora Jocelyn Zapata Oyervides and Karen Nicole Zuniga.

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Joel Acosta, Leila Emralino Aflliej, David Aguilir, Kelly Stephanie Agustín, Heppzibah Gabriela Alaniz, Dashiell Stone Allen-Smith, Kimberly Amar-d, Joselyn Paulina Amaro,

Raquell Elizabeth Amaya, So-fia Isabel Amaya, Fabian Amor, Kemora Neshae Andrade, Kei-ley Erin Anthony, Alphin Eliza Antony, Mia Fernanda Arana and Vanessa Arana.

Luis Armas, Metao Malique Armstrong, Brisa Anahi Arre-dondo, Yazmin Artega Del Real, Yesenia Artega Del Real, Felicity Artega, Roselyn Abigail Aviles, Aldrin Mag-ampon Baluyut, Julio Barron, Sandra Barron, Patrick James Ong Bernal, Daniel Berrones, Marycathryn Boyer, Lesley Grace Braden, Aslyn Buenros-tro and Ellie Irene Cantarero.

Tommy Trong Cao, Lilia Castaneda, Adamaria Alexia Castellano, Marcelly Cazares, Omayra Cerda, Tiffany Kay Cole, Kevin Alexander Colin-dres, Jacob Jonatan Condado, Adison Bailey Cooper, Mar-tin Cordova, Elizabeth-Truc Kieu Dao, Joshua Michael Daugereaux, Juan Pablo Del Angel, Levi Asaf Del Angel, Estrella Jolette Del Rio and Charles Richard Denham.

Jesus Enrique Diosab-ot, Kevin Scott Drey, Allison Anahi Duran Ramos, Eden Xavier Encizo, Alitzel Nayeli Enriquez, Jaime Damian Escam-illa, Lorianna Nicole Escare-no, Naomi Cibonet Escareno, Yonis Alejandro Escobar, Di-go E G Escobedo, Daniela Es-parza, Juleimy Lizeth Espinal Hernandez, Isabel Yesenia Es-pinoza, Julian Estrada Zavaleta and Adam Antonio Estrada.

Halley Felix, Delayana Ma-rianna Fernandez, Tristan Isaias Flores Tudon, Kayshia Crystal Flores, Yarezi Anahi Flores, Karla Elisa Galvan, Jessica Paola Garcia Ayala, Daniel Garcia, Evelyn Daniela Gar-cia, Gabriel Garcia, Kamila Ni-cole Garcia, Maria Elen Garcia, Nahomi Garcia, Nicole Garcia, Arlene Anabelle Garcia, Gavin Jose Garza and Xavier Garza.

Karen Lilianna Gil, Iveth Gomez, Mauro Daniel Go-me-z, Mia Gomez, Angie Gon-zalez, Atziri Abigail Gonzalez, Kassandra Lizbeth Gonza-lez, Nashly Gonzalez, Nathan Manuel Gonzalez, Sarahi Ale-jandra Gonzalez, Daphne Jo-selynn Goytortua, Dayanara Monserrat Granados, Sophia Ivonne Grote, Sayuri Guadar-rama, Christina Guzman and Serenity Mona 'elaïne Hall.

Aubrey Anne Hamilton, Lesliany Juliana Heredia, Jas-mine Mona Hernandez, Sabino Vera Hernandez, Erick Daniel Herrera Salazar, Dana Paola Herrera, Victoria Terrel Heslip, Gavin Xavier Hinojosa, Ngoc Han Ho, David Christian Hous-er, Kristine Ngoc Huynh, Kara Marie Ingersoll, Jacob Divon Iraheta, Eugenio Islas, Jeremi-cih Nicholas Isom and Francis-co Xavier Jimenez.

Marco Antonio Juarez, Na-talia Le Goenaga, Britney Le, Nina Ngan Thai Luu Le, Ille-ana Jacqueline Leija, Angelina Marie Lopez, Kennedy Grace Lopez, Miguel Jose Lozano, Fernando Vello Luna, Gabri-el Marcos, William Roland Marksberry, Isaac Adam Mar-

tero, Jonathan Isai Martinez, Kayla Martinez, Marie Giselle Martinez and Samantha Marti-nez.

Chloe Isabella Martorell, Jewel Justice Mayo, Sean Ri-jew McCoey, Yamileth Citla-l Melendez, Ethan Mendoza Vazquez, Gabriel Sebastian Mendoza, Heleny Paloma Mendoza, Aiden Conner Moes, Presslie Shae Molano, Grecia Monarrez, Estefania De Teresa Montalvo, Gabriel Allen Montemayor, Ise-Maria Morales Gustavo Adolfo Moreno, Sa-mantha Nicole Moreno and Ibtihaj Mubashir.

Jose Luis Muniz, Camila Navarro Moran, Genesis Na-varro, Bryanna Elizabeth Ne-grete, Emily Neri, Tony Ngo-c, Christine Thanh Nguyen Ngoc Dong Phuong Nguyen Vinh Quoc Nguyen, Gissel Valery Olmedo, Kimberli Gu-dalupe Olmedo, Angela Gabriela Orellana, Avril Ortega ar-ceo, Julian Aron Ortiz, Sodamin Oun, Aldo Troncoso Padron and Charles Martin Palacios.

Leonardo Palmeros, Faith Haley Paredes, Jush Dhan-sukhbhai Patel, Alejandro An-dres Paternina, Isaac Pereda, Ashley Joselyn Perez, Bethany Lilly Perez, Linh Tuyet Pham, Khang Tran Tuan Phan, Bianca Aurora Pinto, Luis Francisco Portilla, Daniel Isaac Queza-da, Angelica Ramirez Escobar, Jolette Ramirez, Yaryssa Ramirez, Nadine Elaine Ramos and Emma Kate Reeves.

Amber Elizabeth Reyes Andre Jay Reyes, Jayme Rene Reyna, Magally Reyna, Erica Flor Rivas, Aaliyah Leann Robles, Anthony Rafael Ro-driguez, Ariel Marie Rodri-guez, Emelyn Leanne Rodri-guez, Kelly Nicole Rodriguez, Amy Joanna Romero, Manuel De Jesus Romero, Kryslynn Marie Roque, Genesis Abigail Rosales Alfaro, Ricardo Rubio and Andrea Isabel Sagastizado.

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Gabrielle Denise Wil-liams, Mikayla Jolene Wil-liams, Brooklyn Janette Wright, Vivian Wu, Joan Alexander Zamora, Pauli-na Zapata, Anthony Jose Zeledon Moreno and Nadia Sarahi Zetino-Valencia.

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)
Heritage Finance Corporation, developer of the Southpoint complex on I-45 and Fuqua, was asked to explain and justify plans for construction of a 600,000 gallon-per-day sewage treatment plant to service the new facility. The Metropolitan Organization's Flood Action Committee concerned with inadequate drainage and frequent flooding in the Berry Bayou watershed, raised objections to the plant since plans had called for the treated sewage to be emptied into Berry Bayou.

Bond money had not yet been allocated for the completion of Blackhawk, which would run in front of Richard Moore Elementary to Fuqua. Construction was expected to last another two months.

40 years ago (1985)
The official ribbon-cutting for the *South Belt Leader* office building took place with the cutting of a paper chain made from newspaper.

Doris Barnes, associate principal of Pasadena High School, claimed she was denied due process of law when the PISD board refused to tell her why she was not given a job she considered a promotion.

Pasadena ISD planned to interview approximately six educators in the next week for the vacated superintendent of schools position.

35 Years ago (1990)
To help alleviate traffic backups on the eastbound side of the Scarsdale bridge over I-45, Houston traffic officials considered adding a second left turn lane.
The South Belt Area Sports Association, a nonprofit organization representing six youth sports leagues, planned to build a community sports complex because the South

Belt area youth sports leagues were forced to vacate their property.
At a U.S. Senate committee hearing, the Environmental Protection Agency was told it should stop letting polluters conduct health and risk assessments at Superfund sites.

30 years ago (1995)
An 11th-hour permit allowed the annual South Belt

July 4th parade to happen. The original permit was declined because another parade was also scheduled for the same day.

A 3-year-old girl was killed after being struck by a car on Saged Canyon.

The South Belt Ellington Rotary Club installed its new officers at a dinner at Steak & Ale.

Southbelters were advised

of a tax refund scam that was being carried out by companies calling themselves Property Tax Assessor Records Corp. and Asset Resolution Corp. Neither company was affiliated with any government agency.

25 years ago (2000)
Steve Jamail was named principal of Dobie, and Merlin Mohr was named principal of Rayburn.

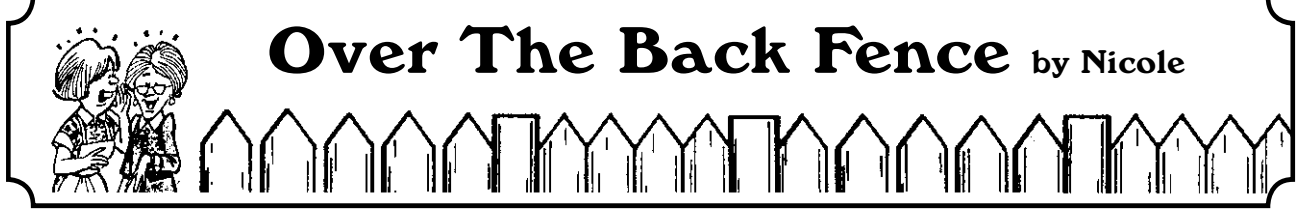
Beverly Hills principal Stephanie Wright was honored as the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year for Region IV.

20 years ago (2005)
South Belt Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado was threatened by a defendant as he left her courtroom. Second degree felony charges of

retailation were filed on the 18-year-old South Belt man.

Paul Reynolds, administrator for Park Manor of South Belt, returned after spending nine days in Aruba helping in the search for his missing niece, Nataliee Holloway, who had made worldwide headlines.

Houston Police were investigating the death of a man dropped off at Memori-



Over The Back Fence by Nicole

BILL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Local businessman Bill Winning celebrates his birthday June 15. Best wishes are sent from his wife Carol, family and friends and staff at the *South Belt Leader*.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARCUS!
Happy birthday wishes from friends at the *Leader* go to **Marcus Anderson** who enjoys a birthday June 15. He is a Precinct 2 officer who has served the South Belt area.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHUCK!
Birthday greetings are sent June 17 to longtime South Belt resident and businessman **Chuck Maricle** who serves as the district chief of staff for the U.S. Coast Guard's 8th Coastal Region. He is a veteran U.S. Army engineer and is active in several local chambers of commerce.

SANDY ENJOYS 86th BIRTHDAY
Longtime South Belt resident **Sandy Robb**, who is active with her daughter **Stacy Waugh** in the *Leader* Christmas program and many community events, celebrates her 86th birthday June 18. Birthday wishes are sent to Sandy from her daughter who says, "You are forever young!"

DAVID TURNS 22
David Garcia is celebrating his 22nd birthday on June 18. Happy Birthday wishes are sent from **Sandy Robb** and **Stacey Waugh**.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena In-

dependent School District celebrate birthdays June 12 through June 18.

Burnett Elementary
Jeany Ngo celebrates a birthday June 14.

Frazier Elementary
June 14 is the day of celebration for **Danielle Webster**. June 15 is the day for a fun celebration for **Bryanna Morales**. Enjoying a birthday June 17 is **Emily Siscoe**.

Genoa Elementary
Send a birthday greeting June 12 to **Cheryl Helaire**.

Meador Elementary
Remember to wish **Alexis Jaso** a happy birthday June 16.

Moore Elementary
The day for a party for **Shelly Blair** is June 16. Send a happy birthday greeting June 17 to **Amairani Espinoza**.

South Belt Elementary
Jamie Lagor enjoys a special birthday June 18.

Stuchbery Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles June 13 for **Lisette Gallegos**. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday June 14 are sent to **Heather Trog**.

Melillo Middle School
Remember to send a birthday greeting June 16 to **Lauren Sanchez**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Give a birthday shoutout June 14 to

Yessenia Lopez. The day for a double-layer birthday cake for **Thelma Baeza** and **Carla Castillo** is June 15.

Thompson Intermediate
MaryBeth Nicol and **Meagan Mancuso** celebrate birthdays June 16.

Dobie High
Break out the balloons and party favors June 17 for **John Kreisler**. June 18 is the day for a party for **Rhonda Battle Pike** and **Lachee Payne**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, June 12: **Charlie Groover**, **Marilyn Millet** and **Edily Watson**; Friday, June 13: **Daniel Huston**, **Rhonda Jones**, **Heidi Beckham** and **Keshia Rodriguez**; Saturday, June 14: **Thomas King**, **Thomas Golythigh**, **Sandra Torres**, **Dale Brister**, **Karl Jasso** and **Sandy Gutheinz**; Sunday, June 15: **Margarita Duron**, **Oscar Guevara**, **Jen Joyce**, **Corrie Galloway**, **Jason Evans** and **Derek Gray**; Monday, June 16: **Arturo Ayala**, **Melissa Farr** and **Caitlin Caughlin**; and Tuesday, June 17: **Patrick Thomas**, **Steven Bryant**, **Rick Bailey**, **Christine Thomas**, **Michelle Miller** and **Stephanie Hartman**.

LEADER WANTS YOU

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

JFD baseball represents PISD at HABCA games



The Dobie baseball program represented the Pasadena ISD ranks proudly with a big showing at the Greater Houston Baseball Coaches Association All-Star series and Futures games. From left, junior-to-be shortstop Isaiah Jones, 2025 graduate and San Jacinto College signee Juelz Martinez, Longhorns

varsity baseball head coach Miguel Torres, 2025 graduate Willard Joiner III, assistant coach Willard Joiner Jr. and sophomore-to-be Jayden Aguilar, a pitcher/third baseman, represented the Longhorns. The four Dobie players also earned 22-6A honors. See Page 6 for more details.

Brook duo to join CCISD Hall of Honor; full 2025 induction class to be named soon

While the news is not yet official, the *Leader* has learned that legendary varsity football head coach Jim Hatfield and varsity girls' track and field sensation Erica Alexander will represent Clear Brook High School as part of Clear Creek ISD's Class of 2025 Athletics Hall of Honor induction.

Hatfield was the first ever football head coach at Clear Brook, and immediately enjoyed success with the Wolverines.

He produced an 85-30-2 overall record over 10 seasons, with the Wolverines winning 10 games or more in a single season on four different occasions.

Also a longtime Clear Creek assistant football coach before being hired at Clear Brook, he went on to work in the Clear Creek ISD athletics department before his retirement. Hatfield died in 2014 after battling cancer.

Alexander quite sim-

ply is the greatest female sprinter in Clear Creek ISD history, winning six gold medals and a silver medal over the course of three seasons from 2006 through 2008 at the UIL state championships in Austin.

As a senior in 2008 and having already signed to attend the University of Southern California, Alexander was the most dominant individual athlete at the state championships at the University of Texas in Austin as she captured three gold medals to cap off a tremendous career at Clear Brook.

As a senior in 2008, Alexander posted a mark of 19 feet, 6 1/2 inches for the gold medal in the long jump.

She sprinted to a gold medal in the 100 at 11.48 seconds, then captured a third gold medal with a time of 23.53 in the 200.

Dallas Skyline won the Class 5A team championship that season with 50

points, followed by Alief Elsik's 40 points for second place.

Alexander was solely responsible for Clear Brook's 30-point total as the program finished third in the state team standings. As a sophomore in 2006, Alexander won a state championship in the 100 and was second in the 200.

A year later as a junior, Alexander captured golds in both the 200 and 400.

Transferring to Texas Tech after one season at USC, Alexander went on to enjoy a successful career both collegiately and on the U.S. and international stages.

Professionally, Alexander was back at her alma mater coaching the Wolverines' cross-country and track and field programs before joining Clear Springs in the same role beginning in 2024-2025.

BAFL sets key dates

The Bay Area Football League, home of the Sagemont Cowboys youth football organization has announced that the 2025 preseason practice schedule will begin July 26, and opening day will kick off Aug. 16.

Additional important league dates include cheer competition Nov. 2, with the league's All-Star Game series and skill competition Nov. 15. The BAFL drill team competition except for Nov. 22, and Super Bowl 49 will be held Dec. 6 at Rice Stadium.

Dickson, teammates headed to nationals

Clear Brook High School Class of 2022 graduate Camryn Dickson and 10 of her Texas A&M University women's track and field teammates have made their way to the NCAA Outdoor Nationals, which continue through June 14 at the prestigious Hayward Field on the campus of the University of Oregon. Dickson and teammate Jasmine Montgomery reached nationals in both the 100 and 200 as well as the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. It will be Jasmine Harmon, Dickson, Bria Bullard and Montgomery in the 4x100. In the 4x400, the Aggies will go with Clear Falls High School graduate Kennedy Wade, Dickson, Montgomery and Jaydan Wood.

Dobie volleyball offers camps

Dobie varsity volleyball coach Dawn Sexton and her staff are excited to offer a pair of summer camps aimed at both helping younger players develop their skills within the sport as well as preparing incoming high school-aged players for the upcoming 2025 season.

Students entering the first through eighth grades are invited to attend the Longhorns' developmental camp July 21-23 at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Incoming first- and second-grade students will attend the camp from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$35 per participant. Incoming third- through sixth-grade students will attend from 9 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$50 per participant, while incoming seventh- and eighth-grade students will attend from noon to 2 p.m. at a cost of \$50 per student. To register, visit the link at <https://square.link/u/5GddvXYw>.

Players ages 14 through 18 may attend the Longhorns July 28-30 camp, to be held at Dobie main at \$60 per participant. Dawn Sexton and other experienced volleyball coaches will direct participants in skill development, team building exercises, strategy sessions, fitness and conditioning drills as well as friendly match play.

Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors will attend the camp from 9 a.m. to noon, while incoming freshmen will attend from 1 to 4 p.m.

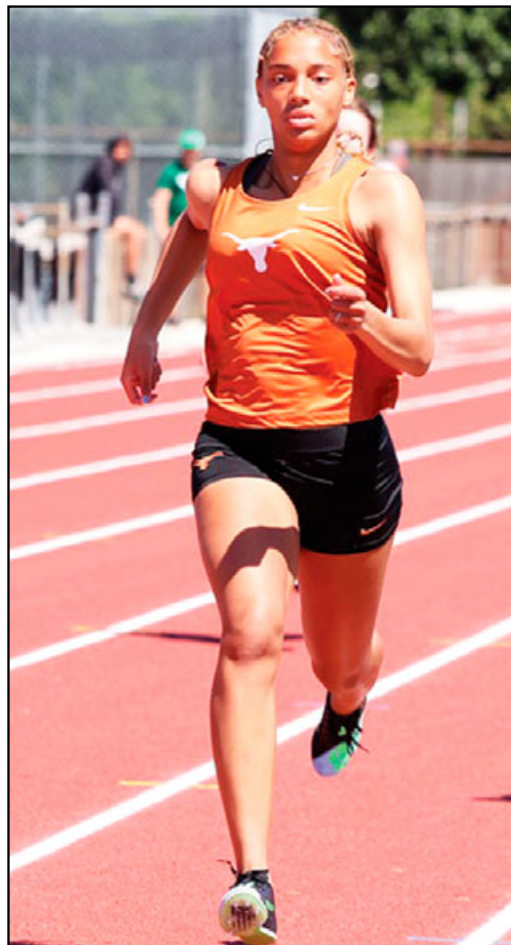
Visit the Dobie High School website issued link at <https://square.link/u/5GddvXYw> to register. For any questions, direct email to Sexton at dsexton@pasadenaisd.org.

Free youth FB camp at JFD

Coaches from the Sagemont Cowboys youth football organization as well as Dobie High School will host a free-of-charge Matt Bergeron Memorial youth football skills camp to area fifth- through eighth-grade boys and girls June 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dobie main.

To register, visit the Sagemont Cowboys and Cowgirls Facebook page and scan the QR code.

Harris to take track talents to Texas Southern



By John Bechtle Sports Editor
A four-year varsity career loaded with plenty of gold medals as a Dobie Longhorn now behind her, Class of 2025 graduate Stacie Harris this summer announced that she will join the women's track and field program at Texas

Southern University. Harris, a two-time regional qualifier in the long jump while with the Longhorns, plans to continue with the long jump and will also compete in the heptathlon with the Tigers. Harris, for several years now a member of the Pearland Track Xpress

summer program, has competed successfully in the heptathlon on the summer Amateur Athletic Union and United States Track and Field circuits and is excited to see what the possibilities are at the collegiate level with the Tigers.

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At left, Class of 2025 Dobie High School graduate Stacie Harris, a two-time regional qualifier in the long jump while with the Longhorns, plans to continue with the long jump and will also compete in the heptathlon with the Texas Southern University women's track and field program.

Dobie netters host faculty play

Editor's note: The following is an email sent out to Dobie staff members celebrating the success and fun had by all involved during the Longhorn tennis program's annual faculty tennis tournament event as head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. and his players recognized the contributions of their instructors over the course of the 2024- 2025 school year. The overall winners and top contenders of the various divisions of play appear on Page 8.

The 26th annual Faculty-Staff/Student Tennis Tournament was another huge success. Despite the expected ultra-heat, the weather was actually bearable. Of course, I was always in the shade managing the tournament!

But no court casualties that I know of, except for the usual muscle aches and pains afterwards! The match of the day goes to the "Dobie Pride!" teams of Rigo Alanis/Sinski and Evan Nguyen/Finley, whose outcome was decided by one point, a 5-4 sudden-death tiebreaker in favor of Alanis/Sinski.

Best dressed was definitely, again, the team of Alanis/Sinski, as the two wore matching tutus. Once more a big "thank you" to all of you who participated or came out to support your colleagues and students!

In conjunction with Teachers Appreciation Week one week later, this is the tennis team's way of thanking all of you for what you do for them throughout the year, because we know you go out of your way to accommodate their hectic 24/7 schedule!

The tennis courts and teammates are their second homes and family, and it means so much to them

Former Dobie state champions lead Kingwood to its first crown



Christina Borsche Mata (center), a member of Dobie's 1993 and 1995 state championship softball teams, celebrated her first state crown as a coach as Kingwood defeated Forney 4-1 to win the 6A Division II championship at McCombs field on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin. Mata, formerly the varsity softball head coach at both Pasadena Memorial and Dawson, joined Yates on staff at Kingwood prior to the 2024 season as the varsity assistant coach. Christina and Sammy Mata's twins, Abella Mata (left) and Christian (right), joined in on the fun as well. Abella Mata is a member of the Kingwood state championship softball program, while Christian Mata won a state title with the Mustangs' varsity baseball team June 7 in Round Rock as Kingwood defeated Tomball, 5-4. Sammy Mata played football at Dobie in the mid 1990s.



Kingwood's 4-1 victory over Forney in the 6A Division II softball state championship game May 31 at McCombs Field on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin secured the Mustangs' first-ever state championship and added another honor to the illustrious career of Kingwood head coach Christina Williams Yates (above), a Dobie graduate. Yates, who took over at Kingwood prior to the 2024 season, guided Dobie to the first Texas state championship in 1993, then won a second crown with the Longhorns in 1995. A collegiate player at both UCLA and the University of Texas, Yates won Olympic gold medals with Team USA in both 1996 and 2000 and was part of the first induction class in the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame.

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22-6A All-District Baseball Selections

Most Valuable Player

Nico Partida, Pearland, Sr.

Newcomer of the Year

Jaylen Aguilar, Dobie, Fr.

First-Team Selections

P Easton Burgess, Alvin

P Garritt Romero, Dawson

P Bennett Schnee, Dawson

P Jesus Merlo, Manvel

P Grant Shepherd, Pearland

C Arestio Chapa, Memorial

1B Jack Dymont, Dawson

2B Austin Silva, Dobie

3B Jayden Thompson, Manvel

SS Lubin Rincon, Shadow Creek

DH Miguel Mercedes, Dobie

Util. Joey Garcia, South Houston

OF Williard Joiner III, Dobie (U)

OF Juelz Martinez, Dobie (U)

OF Angel Molina, Dobie

OF Aiden Zamora, Alvin

OF Logan Johnson, Memorial

Second-Team Selections

P Aiden Sanchez, Dobie

P Kolin Swindall, Alvin

P Alec Carranza, Memorial

P Damian Torres, Memorial

P Jaden Ornelas, Pearland

P Ethan Sullivan, Pearland

C Gabriel Roberts, Manvel

1B Logan Johnson, Pearland

2B Aidan Avalos, Pearland

3B Grant Jackson, Alvin

SS Isaiah Jones, Dobie

OF Maddox Botas, Dawson

OF Mason Walls, Dawson

OF Anthony Torres, Memorial

OF Brayden Tuiasosopo, Manvel

OF Bryan Marroquin, Rayburn

U – Unanimous selection

Honorable Mention – Dobie

Julian Ricks, pitcher

Julian Valencia, catcher

Dobie baseball scores all-league accolades



Jaylen Aguilar is a big part of Dobie's varsity baseball plans moving forward after he was named the Newcomer of the Year in District 22-6A as he was both an exceptional starting pitcher as well as a solid performer at third base for the Longhorns as a freshman. It marked the fourth straight season that a Dobie player had won Newcomer of the Year honors in the league.



Longhorn senior Austin Silva capped his career with a 22-6A All-District First-Team nomination as a second baseman. Silva hit .417 in district action with 11 runs driven in and six runs scored. Silva combined with Second-Team All-District shortstop Isaiah Jones to give the Longhorns terrific defense up the middle.



A four-time All-District outfielder at the varsity level with Dobie, Juelz Martinez (31) in 2025 was a unanimous First-Team All-District selection as an outfielder. Martinez will begin his collegiate baseball career at San Jacinto College beginning this fall.



Williard Joiner III put together one of the best all-around seasons of anyone in the district on his way to unanimous 22-6A all-league First-Team honors as an outfielder. It was the second straight year for Joiner, a Class of 2025 senior, to garner unanimous consideration.



Dobie's Miguel Mercedes (27) was at his best for the Longhorns in 2025 as he earned All-District First-Team accolades as a designated hitter. Mercedes hit .375, drove in 18 runs and scored 11 more during his solid season at the plate. For the entire season, Mercedes hit .373 with an OBP of .494. His slugging percentage was .522 and he drove in 23 runs.



The Longhorns' Angel Molina capped his terrific senior season by earning All-District First-Team accolades as an outfielder. Molina hit .443 with 23 runs driven in, scored 25 runs and swiped 22 bases. He had 31 total hits entering the postseason, then had a brilliant postseason as Dobie reached the area round.

Lamar volleyball builds around Lexie



With Dobie Class of 2024 graduate Lexie Gonzalez back at setter following a freshman season in which she started 28 matches and recorded 857 assists, the Lamar University women volleyball program has continued to bolster its roster in the offseason after producing a 15-14 overall record last season. The Cardinals expect to make a big jump in the Southland Conference during the 2025 season, which begins Aug. 29 against Northern Illinois as part of the Stetson Invitational at DeLand, Fla.

Dobie Faculty-Staff/Student Tournament Results

Steve Jamail Dobie Pride Division (beginners)

- 1st – Angelina Vu/Kam
- 2nd – Hania Matin/Del Rio
- 3rd – Adrian Garza/Garza
- 4th – Brayden Rojas/Garza
- Consolation champions – Kiet Vu/Zuniga
- Consolation runners-up – Rigo Alanis/Sinski

White Division (beginner intermediate)

- 1st – Pitou So/Fernandez
- 2nd – Vince Bui/Morin
- 3rd – Kevin Do/Allan
- 4th – Mia Nguyen/Kluka
- Consolation champions – Tre Ramirez/Maslowski
- Consolation runners-up – Jabob Kostikoglou/Varela

Burnt Orange Division (advanced intermediate/round-robin)

- 1st – Chloe Estes/Taylor
- 2nd – Vyvy Do/Beckham
- 3rd – Ana Rodriguez/Sink
- 4th – Jonathan Maximos/Roy

Coach Giron Burnt Orange and White Division (Advanced)

- 1st – Tiffany Nguyen/Duda
- 2nd – Alena Morgan/Munoz
- 3rd – Dulce Mejia/Jurek
- 4th – Maddie Medina/Young
- Consolation champions – Cindy Nguyen/Davis
- Consolation runners-up – Marina Kostikoglou/Kostikoglou

JFD's Harris excels on track, looks ahead to TSU program

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"I wasn't really looking at Texas Southern University in the beginning of my recruitment process, but I am excited to be joining the program and continue my development," Harris said.

"Most of us at the high school level just want the opportunity to compete collegiately, and I'm going to get that chance. I'm looking forward to getting started at Texas Southern."

Competing at the 2025 District 22-6A Championships amid an extremely competitive field that included talented athletes from such programs as Shadow Creek, Pearland and others, Harris was considerably off her personal best in the long jump, finishing fifth. She also took sixth place in the 200 to complete her career at Dobie.

"I felt like I could have done better my senior year, but we go out there and give it our best and see how it finishes," Harris said.

"I'm still proud of a lot of the things that I accomplished at Dobie."

Despite falling short of what would have been a third regional qualification, Harris collected more gold medals than any other female track and field athlete at Dobie during her brilliant four-year run.

The then Dobie staff had to be excited about the potential of both Harris and then Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade teammate Tailin Curtis as the duo helped the Lions to a second-place finish

behind Bondy in 2021.

Harris was the gold medalist in the 100 hurdles and also helped to lift Thompson to a gold medal in the 4x200 relay, while Curtis championed the 100. Curtis proceeded to have a very successful career with the Longhorns as well.

Making the immediate jump to the varsity level in the spring of 2022, Harris was a bronze medalist in the 400 at district and also helped the Longhorns win a gold medal in the 4x100 relay at the 22-6A's that season. Harris was fifth in the 400 at the area meet, as was the 4x100 relay group, as both missed out on a regional berth by a single spot.

Harris made a big jump as a sophomore, winning individual gold medals in the 200 and long jump in 2023 as well as helping Dobie's 4x400 relay to a gold medal at district.

At the 21-22 area championship meet, Harris won the gold medal in the long jump at 18-4 and was fourth in the 200 to advance to her first Region III meet.

As a junior in 2024, Harris made her way to the 17-6 mark for the gold medal in the long jump at district and also won the 400 in a time of 1:00.44 to make areas.

She then captured a second consecutive regional invitation in the long jump at 18-4 1/2.

Per her X (formerly Twitter) account, Harris lists 18 feet, 7 inches as her personal best in the long jump, 1 minute, 7

seconds as a PB in the 400 hurdles, 59.65 in the 400 and a heptathlon best of 3,980 points.

The NCAA heptathlon event includes the 100 hurdles, high jump, shot and 200 on the first day of a competition, with the long jump, javelin and 800 occurring on the second day of a meet.

Harris had her diversity on display as she competed in the 100, 200, 400 and long jump as well as each of the relays at varying times.

She has focused on the heptathlon for several seasons on the summer circuit now, so should transition easily.

For reference, TSU's Destinee Payne was third for a bronze medal in the long jump at the southwestern Athletic Conference Championships this season at 19-0 1/2.

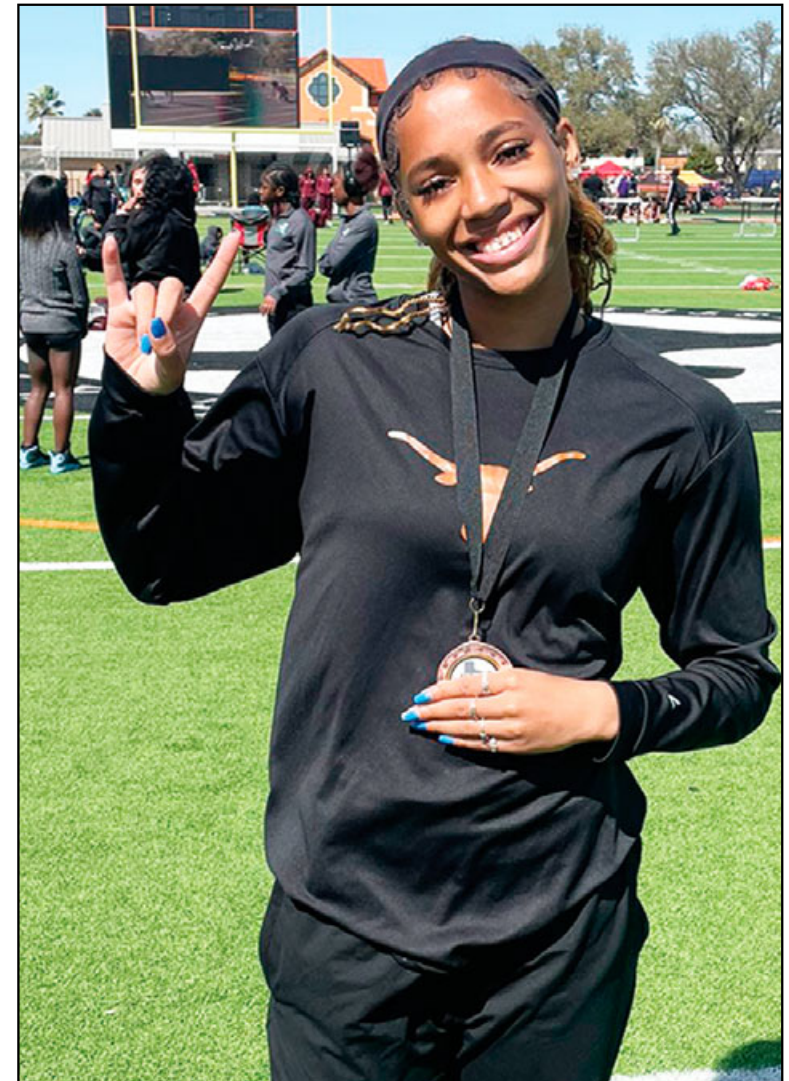
Meanwhile, the Tigers' Shaunece Miller amassed 4,259 points for fifth place in the heptathlon.

Harris said she will study kinesiology at Texas Southern University and plans to eventually become a physical therapist.

"I'm looking forward to my time at Texas Southern," Harris said.

"I've always enjoyed the camaraderie you get from spending a couple of days with athletes from different programs competing in the heptathlon and just having fun out there on the track and in a field.

"Yes, it's a competition, but it's important to have fun along the way."



Stacie Harris said she will study kinesiology at Texas Southern University and plans to eventually become a physical therapist. Athletically, she will focus on the long jump and heptathlon events.

Summer basketball camps upcoming

Local youths will have their choice of a pair of summer basketball camps hosted by high schools later this month.

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak and his staff will host a youth boys' summer camp/clinic June 23-26 at the high school as participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game.

Boys entering the fourth through sixth grades as of the 2025-2026 school year will attend from 9 a.m. to noon at \$125 per student. Boys and girls entering kindergarten through third grade will attend from 9 a.m. to noon at \$85 per student, and seventh- through ninth-grade students will attend from 1 to 4 p.m. at \$125 per student.

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Visit ClearBrookHoops on X (Twitter) to register via QR code.

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Rachel Flores and her staff are

now accepting registration for the 2025 Longhorn Youth Basketball Clinic June 23-25 at Dobie main as incoming first-through ninth-grade boys' and girls' students will be eligible to attend the fun-filled, three-day event at \$60 per participant.

Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game of basketball, including shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding, offensive and defensive team concepts and more.

Visit DoBiEGBB on X, then scan the QR code to begin registration or direct email to Flores at RRodriguezFlores@PasadenaISD.org.

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