

Sagemont to meet June 7

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

Highway 3 closures planned

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane will be closed on SH 3/Old Galveston Road from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding Sundays) through Tuesday, June 7.

Active COVID cases increase

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community continues to grow, with increases being reported in all three local ZIP codes.

As of Tuesday, May 31, there had been 12,793 confirmed cases in 77089. Of those, 150 remain active, up 45 from the previous week. To date, 133 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 134 deaths the previous week.)

In ZIP code 77075, there had been 9,992 confirmed cases. Of those, 616 remain active, up 21 from the previous week. To date, there have been 77 in the ZIP code. (Harris County reported 79 deaths the previous week.)

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there had been 8,761 confirmed cases. Of those, 94 remained active, up 32 from the previous week. To date, 90 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 91 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 covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, June 5.

At least one southbound frontage road lane and at least one northbound frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Sept. 30.

At least one southbound main lane and frontage road lane and at least one northbound main lane and frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 31.

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

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

Two outside southbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Texas City Railroad to SH 6/SH 146 in La Marque nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Jan. 8.

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

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

PISD holds public meetings

Pasadena ISD will hold a pair of public meetings Wednesday, June 8, to seek comments on the need and use of federal funds within Title I, II, III and IV. The purpose of the meeting is to seek input on how the district can use funds to provide supplemental services and support to students, families, teachers, administrators and other district staff. Meetings are scheduled for 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Pasadena ISD Administration Building, 1515 Cherrybrook Lane in Pasadena, Board Room #R101. For more information, contact the Pasadena ISD Special Programs office at 713-740-0225.

Kirkmont I to meet June 8

Kirkmont I HOA will hold its board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. All Kirkmont I residents are encouraged to attend.

Island Breeze begins work

Island Breeze Car Wash Scarsdale, 11210 Scarsdale, will be temporarily closed from June 13 to June 23 for renovations. During this time, hand-wash services will still be provided for full-service packages. Customers with monthly memberships (Fast Pass) will be prorated for the time closed. Regular service will resume June 24.

City of Houston begins redistricting process

Local critics seek to leave District D, join District E; others seek to separate from Kingwood

With the culmination of last month's town hall meetings, the City of Houston's 2022-2023 redistricting process is currently underway.

Throughout the month of May, a public forum to discuss the process of redrawing the maps was held in each City Council district prior to its annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) meeting, with a meeting being held in District E on May 18.

District E City Council Member Dave Martin was joined at the function by Houston Mayor

Sylvester Turner.

"We are privileged to live in one of the most wonderfully diverse cities in the world," said Turner. "As Houston continues to grow, we must ensure fair and equitable representation for all Houstonians."

District E is unique in that it is split between the South Belt-Ellington/Clear Lake area and Kingwood - roughly 60 miles to the north.

"District E is the most convoluted district that we have," Martin said.

A similar sentiment was shared by Turner.

"District E is different than all the other districts," Turner said, noting that District E was the only City Council district to have two town hall meetings.

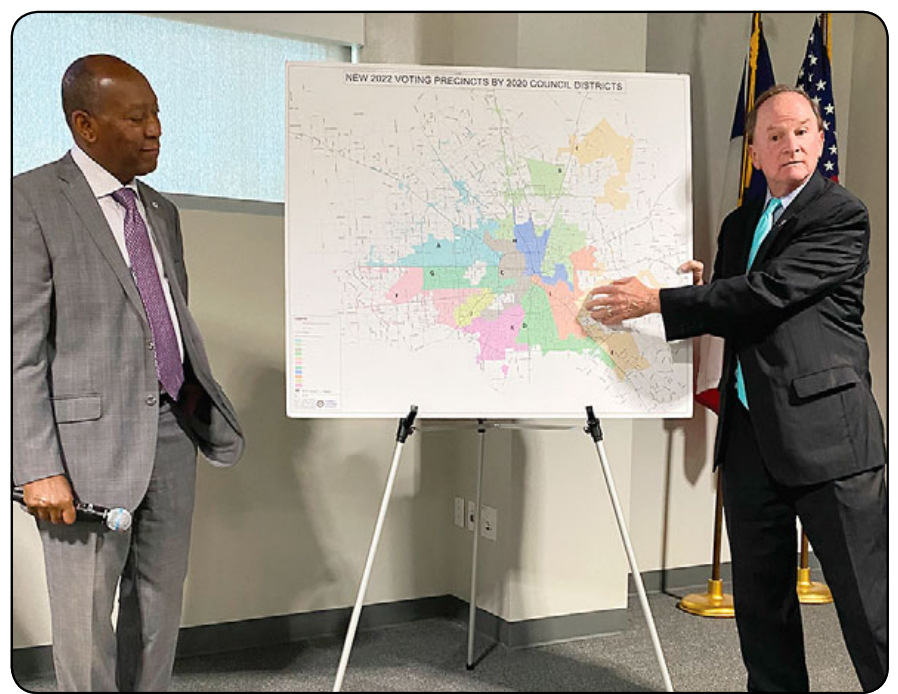
The Clear Lake/Kingwood split has long been a concern for area residents who see the gerrymandered divide as splitting the District E council member's attention.

The South Belt-Ellington community is currently split between District D, which encompasses all areas west of the Gulf Freeway, and District E, which includes all to the east.

Many critics of the current boundaries are hoping that District E will absorb the areas currently located in District D, as they feel they are presently neglected, particularly after District D

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Turner, Martin discuss city maps



Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner (left) recently joined District E City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin (right) at a town hall meeting at the Johnson Space Center to discuss the city's 2022-2023 redistricting process. Complaints about the existing boundaries include that District E is too spread out and that the western portion of South Belt, which is in District D, has more in common with District E and should be absorbed into District E. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Gun places Clear Brook on lockdown

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.

Police officers from the neighboring campuses of Landolt Elementary and Westbrook Intermediate were called for assistance. Because of this, those two campuses were also placed on lockdown as a precaution.

The lockdowns were lifted once law enforcement deemed the campuses safe.

The incident happened fresh on the heels of the mass shooting in Uvalde that took place the day before on Tuesday, May 24. In that incident, 18-year-old gunman Salvador Ramos killed 19 children and two teachers, and wounded 17 others. Earlier that day, Ramos allegedly shot and wounded his 66-year-old grandmother. He was

later killed by responding police officers.

"In light of the tragedy in Uvalde, we understand that students, staff, and families are anxious and worried about their learning and working environments. We will err on the side of caution," Clear Creek ISD Superintendent Eric Williams said in a statement to parents notifying them of the incident and subsequent lockdowns.

Additional law enforcement was put in place at area campuses, Clear Creek ISD officials said. Deputies from Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office also provided extra security at Clear Creek ISD schools.

Additional police patrols were also put in place at Pasadena ISD campuses following the Uvalde incident.

"We are deeply saddened to learn about the tragedy that occurred this afternoon at Robb Elementary School at Uvalde CISD. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every Uvalde community member affected by this tragic event," Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell said in a statement to parents. "We are continuously evaluating our safety and security measures to ensure that we provide a safe environment for our students and staff."

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PISD to distribute free summer lunches

Several local Pasadena ISD campuses are offering free meals through much of the summer as part of the 2022 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 Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beam-

er; Jessup Elementary, 9301 Alameda Genoa; Melillo Middle School, 9220 Hughes; Moore Elementary, 8880 Southbluff; South Belt Elementary, 1801 Riverstone Ranch; and Thompson Intermediate, 11309 Sagedowne.

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 6 through June 17.

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HPD releases officers' body cam footage

In an effort to be transparent with the public, the Houston Police Department recently released body camera footage from the two officers involved in the May 4 shooting in the 14300 block of the Gulf Freeway at Astoria, in which an HPD officer was shot.

In that incident, Officer J. Sallee was shot in the lower pelvic area and was transported by private vehicle to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in stable condition.

Suspect Jimmy Bryan, 23, was also shot

during the incident and transported to an area hospital in stable condition.

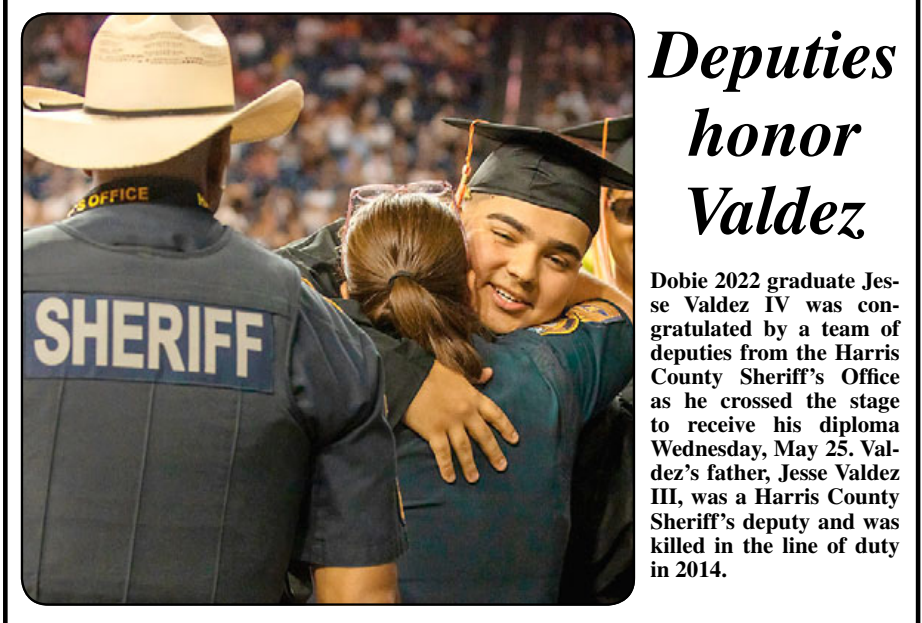
According to police, members of the HPD Narcotics Division were conducting a multi-agency narcotics investigation in the area of the above address. As part of the investigation, officers with the HPD Highway Interdiction Unit conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, driven by Bryan, who stopped at a gas station at the above address.

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JFD names teachers of the year



Dobie High School recently named its 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year and New Teacher of the Year. Coach Shane Brown (left) was named Teacher of the Year, while Coach Hector Saldivar was named New Teacher of the Year. Dobie Principal Jorly Thomas is shown above with the pair.



Deputies honor Valdez

Dobie 2022 graduate Jesse Valdez IV was congratulated by a team of deputies from the Harris County Sheriff's Office as he crossed the stage to receive his diploma Wednesday, May 25. Valdez's father, Jesse Valdez III, was a Harris County Sheriff's deputy and was killed in the line of duty in 2014.

Fatal shooting heads to grand jury

The fatal shooting of a man that took place around 9 p.m. Monday, May 30, at an apartment complex in the 15600 block of the Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road will be referred to a Harris County grand jury.

The identity of the deceased male suspect, 42, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

The female shooter, 40, was not injured in the incident.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting call at an apartment complex at the above ad-

dress and found the male suspect suffering from a gunshot wound.

Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced him dead at the scene.

Further investigation determined the suspect kicked in the apartment door and entered the residence after he threatened to kill the occupants. A female inside the apartment shot the suspect as he entered, killing him.

After detectives consulted with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, it was determined the incident would be referred to a grand jury.

SJC offers free tuition to PISD grads

There is still time for recent Pasadena ISD graduates to register to take free classes at San Jacinto College, as part of the area school's Promise program. San Jacinto College is offering up to three years of free tuition to high school graduates in its taxing district.

To be eligible, students must have taken the pledge to do so by the Feb. 10 deadline. Pledged students now have until July 7 to register for full-time classes.

The move is made possible by a \$30 million donation from MacKenzie Scott, former wife of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.

The scholarship is good for up to three years at San Jacinto College. Students must begin classes at San Jacinto College this fall, take a minimum of six credit hours each semester and must apply annually for financial aid.

The Promise program is a last-dollar scholarship.

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Booster now available for children

Following approvals of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Texas Department of State Health Services, Harris County Public Health encourages parents to have their children aged 5 to 11 receive the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine booster.

All child boosters must be administered at least five months after the primary series. If residents have not received the COVID-19 primary series, they are advised to do so as soon as possible.

Parents/guardians can seek a COVID-19 vaccine booster for their children from a primary care provider, pediatrician or local pharmacy.

HCPH will provide free vaccine boosters to children at its vaccination sites to residents who cannot obtain it otherwise.

Residents who would like to have their children receive the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine booster can do so now by visiting ReadyHarris.org to find the location closest to them or visiting HCPH's vaccine registration page at publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus/2019-19-Vaccine.

All COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are safe, effective, and provide strong protection against severe illness, hospitalizations and death.

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In My Opinion

Davila corrects Leader error

My name is Jocelyn Davila, a highlight graduate from the most recent Leader issue on Thursday, May 26th on page 3A. My father, Julio Davila, was the one who initially contacted and emailed with one of the representatives for information about my story. I was definitely excited and appreciated being highlighted in my community's newspaper, but did notice some errors with article information. I was emailing in hopes of possibly being able to have a reprint of my story.

The current title states, 'Davila earns bachelor's degree', but I most recently graduated with my Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree on May 21st, 2022, and would appreciate the title changed to 'Davila earns Doctorate degree' or something similar. But it is correct that I did receive my Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology Exercise Science from the University of Houston (UH) in 2018. As a first generation student, I'm proud to be the first doctor in my family, since without their sacrifices, support and love, it would not have been possible!

Between graduating from UH in 2018 and beginning my doctorate program at UT Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) in Fall 2019, I worked at The Institute of Rehabilitation and Research Memorial Hermann (more well known as TIRR Memorial Hermann) as a rehabilitation technician to assist other physical therapists and occupational therapists treat patients who experienced traumatic brain injuries or spinal cord injuries that severely impacted their life.

I have recently accepted a position as a Physical Therapist (PT) at Ben Taub Hospital in the Texas Medical Center here in Houston, TX, where I look forward to serving the community who raised me.

Again, I do appreciate the staff's time and effort towards creating this issue! I would just like to be recognized appropriately for the work I spent these last 3 years earning my DPT, which has been a dream and goal of mine since high school. If a reprint is not an option, I understand. If you have any questions about physical therapy or would like clarification about anything, please feel free to reach me at (832) 633-5416 or via email. Thank you for your time and consideration. Warm Regards,

Jocelyn J. Davila

Publisher's comment: Thank you so much for setting the record straight. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Marie Flickinger

Superintendent on Brook incident

Dear CCISD Families,
Providing a safe environment for your children is our highest priority. I am writing to you today to inform you of a lockdown

that occurred at Clear Brook High School, the subsequent brief secure mode placed at Landolt Elementary and Westbrook Intermediate, and the important role students play in keeping their schools safe.

This morning, several Clear Brook High School students reported a social media post that involved a student holding a weapon. While this image was not taken on school property, it was rightfully concerning to the students who reported the post. Law enforcement officers positioned at the school immediately removed the student in question from class and conducted a search. An unloaded weapon was found. The school went into a lockdown briefly. No other prohibited items were located. The students at Clear Brook High School did a phenomenal job of following instructions and our lockdown protocol. The principal shared the situation with students over the intercom to let them know they were safe and communication to parents was swift and accurate.

Due to the nature of the incident, we moved officers from neighboring schools to Clear Brook High School to assist. Because of that, we locked the exterior doors at Landolt Elementary and Westbrook Intermediate and brought students indoors until the officers returned to those two schools. Landolt Elementary and Westbrook Intermediate were not placed in lockdown. Information was shared with parents of these schools.

In light of the tragedy in Uvalde, we understand that students, staff, and families are anxious and worried about their learning and working environments. We will err on the side of caution. We have arranged for a law enforcement officer to be present at all elementary schools and school liaison staffing at the intermediate and high schools will remain in place as we end the school year. We are also asking parents to send their students to school tomorrow without backpacks.

Students do a great job of alerting adults to their concerns. They can do this in person or via our anonymous tip system. This is also available to parents. Please visit this link to learn how to download the Anonymous Alerts app.

As shared with you yesterday evening, we are reviewing our safety practices and communication methods. We have received invaluable feedback from families at Seabrook Intermediate, which is related to a previous incident at that campus, on how we can improve communication between families and students in times of uncertainty.

Clear Creek ISD has an active School Safety Committee. The group of parents, staff, and law enforcement experts met last month. We will reconvene this committee again to review our safety and communication protocols considering recent events. Changes and improvements will be shared with the larger community once identified.

Thank you for your deep support of our schools and staff.

Sincerely,
Eric Williams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Clear Creek ISD

Dobie scholarship winners announced



Shown above are (left to right) Adrianna Golden, Julie Kutra and Deron Kutra. Adrianna Golden was awarded the Matthew Kutra Memorial Scholarship.



Shown above are Victoria Acosta (left) and Wendy Wiseburn. The Frazier PTO Cecilia Ramirez Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Victoria Acosta.



Shown above are Kendall Brown (left) and Wendy Wiseburn. The Frank, Elda and Kimberly Wiseburn Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kendall Brown.



Shown above (left to right) are Chase Moore, Cyndi Moore, John Gorman, Gabriela Lozano and Jay Gorman. Gabriela Lozano was awarded the Karen Gorman Memorial Scholarship.

2 CCISD principals go to Harvard

Two Clear Creek ISD principals were chosen among 85 school leaders from across Texas and selected as the 2022 cohort of educators to attend summer institutes at the Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education sponsored by the Charles

this will be the first year the Harvard program is being held since 2019.

Attendees will participate in one of two weeklong workshops on leadership development, coaching or school turnaround led by Harvard faculty and other national and international experts.

Each program is designed to inspire, challenge and empower school leaders to bring lasting impact to their campuses and communities, the entire state of Texas and beyond.

Following the Harvard Institutes, Lopez and Speaks

remain a part of the program's statewide network of school leaders and are empowered to work together to create change at the campus and district levels.

Alumni are sponsored to attend the organization's annual leadership symposium and receive continuous support and professional development.



Dr. Sharon Lopez

Butt Foundation.
Current Clear Brook High School Principal Dr. Sharon Lopez and Clear View High School Principal Monica Speaks were originally chosen for this honor in 2020, however, due to COVID-19 restrictions,



Monica Speaks

Leader checks out social media

A member of the Next-door app posted a video of two teens that broke into their neighbor's vehicle in the Kirkwood Southeast subdivision, Friday, May 27. The member states that the teens were going around the neighborhood checking for other vehicles unlocked. The member wants to be contacted by anyone who might know them.

Another member of the same app posted alerting others that Monday, May 30, about 4:30 a.m. a black four-door car with four to

five guys were splitting up and checking cars for unlocked doors.

The member states that they got away before he could get a license plate number.

A member of the People of Sagemont 2 Facebook page is alerting community members to be on the lookout and hold one's belongings close to them because a lady was robbed by a purse snatcher at Sam's Club on Fuqua Street and the Gulf Freeway, Saturday, May 28.

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Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors (weather permitting) storytime for all ages. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

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

Additional resources
The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

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Thursday, June 2, 2 p.m. Astronomy Dome.
Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. Family Storytime.
Tuesday, June 7, 3:30 p.m. Kids Craft.
Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m. Children's Chorus.

Parker Williams Library
Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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Thursday, June 2, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time. Join John Harbaugh and Jasmine Washington in the Library Community Room for Toddler Time. There will be singing, counting, rhyming and a variety of other activities.

Friday, June 3, 1 p.m. Genealogy. Come to Parker Williams Classroom 3 to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to all adults.

Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. Vietnamese Classes for Beginners. Learn how to speak and read Vietnamese. For adults and kids aged 8 years and older. To register and receive more information about classes, call 832-927-7870 or visit the Parker Williams website.

Monday, June 6, 1:30 p.m. Blood Drive. Come to the Parker Williams Library for a blood drive with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Photo ID is required. Before donating, one should eat a hearty meal with plenty of water. Snacks will be provided.

Monday, June 6, 6 p.m. Blue Planet. Watch an amazing documentary series about the wonders of the deep. Learn more about the ocean and all of its creatures in the Library Community Room.

Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. In-Person Story Time. John Harbaugh in the Library Community Room for some stories and rhymes. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

Tuesday, June 7, 11 a.m. Vietnamese Basic Computer Classes. Vietnamese speakers learn how to use a computer, use a laptop for daily life, create word documents, pay bills online, Zoom, use social media and search information on the internet. To register and receive more information about classes, call 832-927-7870 or visit the Parker Williams website.

Wednesday, June 8, 5 p.m. Teen VR Games. Feel the beat and cut some blocks with cyber-swords to the music. All teens welcome in the Community Room to play Beat Saber.

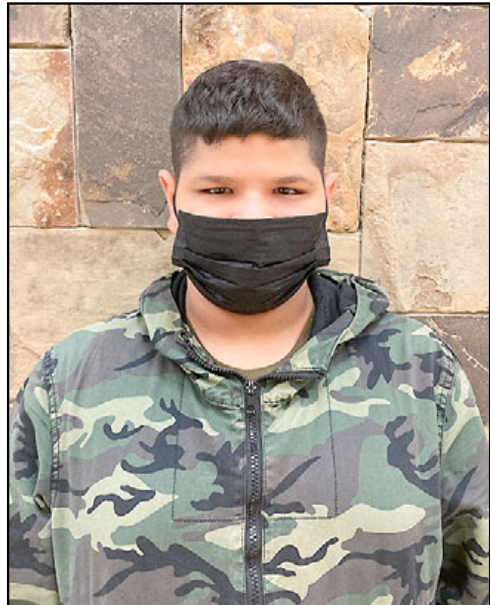
Melillo names May students of the month



Elijah Hernandez is an exceptional fifth-grade student at Melillo Middle School. Elijah always puts his best effort forward in everything he does. He always has a kind smile for everyone around him. His favorite subject is math. Elijah's favorite school memory is when the principals were slimed.



Michelle Medrano, fifth-grade student, takes the Melillo Guidelines for Success to heart. She truly has a caring heart. Michelle is a friend to all around her and is always willing to help. She works hard to shine in all her classes. Her favorite subject is social studies as she loves learning about history.

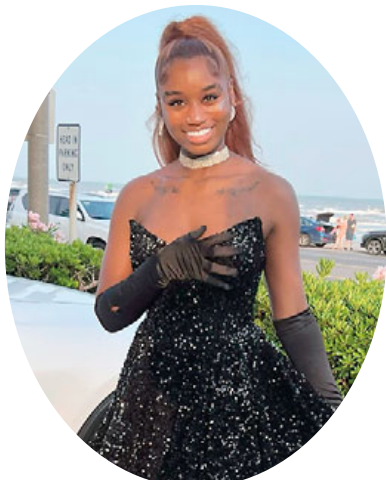


Osbaldo Ramirez is an outstanding sixth-grade student at Melillo Middle School. He is dedicated to his academics. His favorite subject is math. He assists his family in various capacities. He is excited to celebrate his birthday over summer break. Osbaldo's favorite Melillo memory is when the principals were slimed.



Heidi Padron is an incredible sixth-grade student for others to follow. Her favorite subject is history. Heidi's four siblings make for an exciting home environment. Heidi and her family plan to go to Disney and Universal Studios this summer. Her favorite school moment is when the principals were slimed.

Dobie High School Class Favorite, Maya Scott



Dobie High School senior Maya Scott won Class Favorite girl in her high school superlative category.

SJC free to grads

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ship, meaning it kicks in only after all other grant and scholarship funding has been applied. Once all other funding sources have been applied, the remaining balance, if any, will be picked up by the college.

Scott reportedly made the generous donation in response to recent gains made by the college district's minority students.

To stay enrolled in the Promise program, a student must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as determined by financial aid at the end of each semester.

The Promise program was initially offered to only Pasadena ISD students but is now offered to graduating seniors from Channelview ISD, Deer Park ISD, Galena Park ISD, La Porte ISD, Pasadena ISD and Sheldon ISD as well. Homeschool, private school and GED graduates in the district are also eligible.

Clear Creek ISD is not located in the college's taxing district.

A few South Belt homes, including some in the Ashley Pointe and Villa Verde subdivisions, are still located in the San Jacinto College tax district, despite being zoned to Clear Creek ISD and Pearland ISD schools, respectively. To verify whether or not they are in the college's taxing district, residents should check their Harris County tax records.

Pasadena ISD has a lengthy relationship working with San Jacinto College on mutual projects, including Early College High School, Dual Credit programs and workforce training.

The two school districts make a great team, according to Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell.

"It's a great collaboration," Powell said of the relationship. "We share a vision."

For additional information about San Jacinto College's Promise program or to register for summer classes, visit

www.sanjac.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/scholarships-grants.

Lock down at Brook

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"Our counselors and district administrators are on standby to provide support for students, staff and families if needed during this difficult time. We want to extend our special thanks to our Pasadena ISD Police, City of Pasadena Police, Precinct 2 and Precinct 8 for providing additional patrols tomorrow and Thursday for added safety."

Both Clear Creek ISD and Pasadena ISD encourage students to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities.

Anonymous Clear Creek ISD tips may be made to report.anonymousalerts.com/clearcreekisd/Mobile.

Pasadena ISD tips may be made anonymously to https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/departments/departments_f_1/financial_compliance/anonymous_tip

See related letter to the editor on Page 2.

Meador students celebrate Earth Day



Meador Elementary fourth-grade Safety and Litter Patrol picked up trash around campus on Earth Day. Shown above, left to right, are Jaelyn Alvarez, Tara Merida (counselor), Valeria Martinez, Natalie Estrada, Melanie Rico, Gabriella Rodriguez and Giovanni Venturella.



Shown above are Natalie Estrada (left) and Melanie Rico.

City of Houston begins redistricting

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City Council Member Dwight Boykins stepped down in 2018 to run for mayor.

Currently representing District D is City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, who critics accuse of focusing too much on the Sunnyside portion of the district.

Timeline

– With the public forums

now complete, a draft redistricting plan will be drawn and presented to City Council.

– July 2022: Three public hearings will take place at City Council. This is an additional opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input or suggest alternate plan. Those meetings are tentatively to be held on July 13 at 9 a.m., July 13 at 7 p.m. and July 20 at

9 a.m.

– July 2022: A revised redistricting plan will be presented to City Council.

– August 2022: City Council considers ordinances related to redistricting.

– September 2022: City Council ratifies ordinances related to redistricting.

– November 2023: Boundaries of new Council districts go into effect.

Submitting a redistricting plan:

The public is encouraged to submit a redistricting plan. Residents may propose that certain voting precincts, neighborhoods, or locations be included in a specific district.

All plans submitted to the city for consideration must:

- Be in writing.
- Be based on the 2020 federal census.
- Redistrict the entire city so that Council may assess its impact on protected minority groups.
- Conform to redistricting criteria in Sec. 3 of the City's Redistricting Resolution.

In order for the city to prop-

erly analyze any plan, it must be submitted by the last public hearing in City Council.

The Planning and Development Department will set up a computer with the redistricting software installed at its offices at 611 Walker Street, sixth floor. City staff will also lend technical assistance to anyone inter-

ested in creating a redistricting plan.

To make an appointment, contact Rupesh Koshy at rupesh.koshy@houston.tx.gov or 832-393-6552.

For additional information about the city's redistricting process, visit www.LetsTalkHouston.org/redistricting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

An application has been filed with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a mixed beverage with food and beverage certificate by Sumo Sushi, located at 19710 Northwest Fwy., Ste. 200 Houston, TX 77065 / Harris County. Owners of Shokujin Japan, LLC., are Raymond Lin and Wu Yang.



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New officers named



The Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) of Pasadena ISD announced its new officers for the 2022-2023 school year. Shown above from left to right are Christine Browning (vice president), Clare Stoker (secretary) and Darla Kelly (president). Not shown is Gayla Rhoads (treasurer).

Houston to Juilliard and back, a conversation with Madison Medina

by Madison Taylor Duke

Local graduate Madison Medina has moved back to Houston after graduating from The Juilliard School in New York in summer 2021. Now a professional dancer, Medina says an interest in dance started at a very early age – dancing around the house, naturally – which her parents took note of, supporting her in pursuing a career in dance.

According to Medina, Juilliard became a serious goal toward middle and high school. After graduating from Clear Brook High School in 2017, Medina moved to New York in furtherance of her education in performing arts. On her time spent in Manhattan, she describes it as a welcome challenge, saying “It pushed me to be a better person and a better artist.” Now with a bachelor’s in fine arts, Medina is currently performing at Vitacca Ballet in the Montrose area.

Dancing professionally began in her senior year of high school, she adds. “She trained with us in her pre-professional years and then she was accepted into Juilliard, which is a huge honor,” says Vitacca’s founder and owner, Kelly Ann Vitacca. “And now she’s returned to dance with us professionally. So we’ve actually seen the full scope of her early career.”

She continues that to build a successful career in dance, quite a bit of perseverance, determination and “a healthy mind, body and spirit to keep yourself pushing forward even during the most challenging training times,” are required. Medina gives similar remarks when speaking of setbacks, explaining, “You just have to push through that” and that success is found in endurance.



Photo by Ashkan Roayee

Vitacca also says a strong support team of friends, family, and coaches is needed in addition to build a strong dancer. Speaking of her fellow students at Juilliard, Medina explains that surrounding herself with peers of similar caliber character was challenging, but rewarding, and something she does miss here in Houston.

In addition to her career at Vitacca, Medina also teaches at Amy Blake’s Academy of Dance in Friendswood, professing that working with her young students brings her a great deal of joy.

When asked what advice she would give to any aspiring toward a similar career, Medina candidly replied, “You’re going to keep having rejection your whole entire career. Even when you’re in high school, middle school, whatever. There’s going to be lots of rejection in this art form and really anything.” She expresses needing to be prepared to face rejection more often than approval.

However, she concludes with, “It’s really rewarding when you’re told ‘yes.’”

HPD video released

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Officers approached the suspect’s vehicle, made contact with the driver and asked him to exit his pickup truck. Bryan then produced a weapon and fired several shots at the officers.

Fearing for their lives, Sallee and Officer J. M. McMurry returned fire, striking the suspect.

McMurry was not injured in the incident.

A summary video may be viewed at <http://bit.ly/3PEo9dz>.

All videos may be viewed at <http://bit.ly/CIVGulfWwy>

Both Sallee and McMurry were sworn in as HPD officers in June 2012 and are assigned to the Traffic Enforcement Division. As is customary in HPD officer-involved shooting incidents in the city limits, this case is being investigated by the Special Investigations Unit, the Internal Affairs Division and the Harris County District Attorney’s Office.

The case remains under investigation.

Child boosters available

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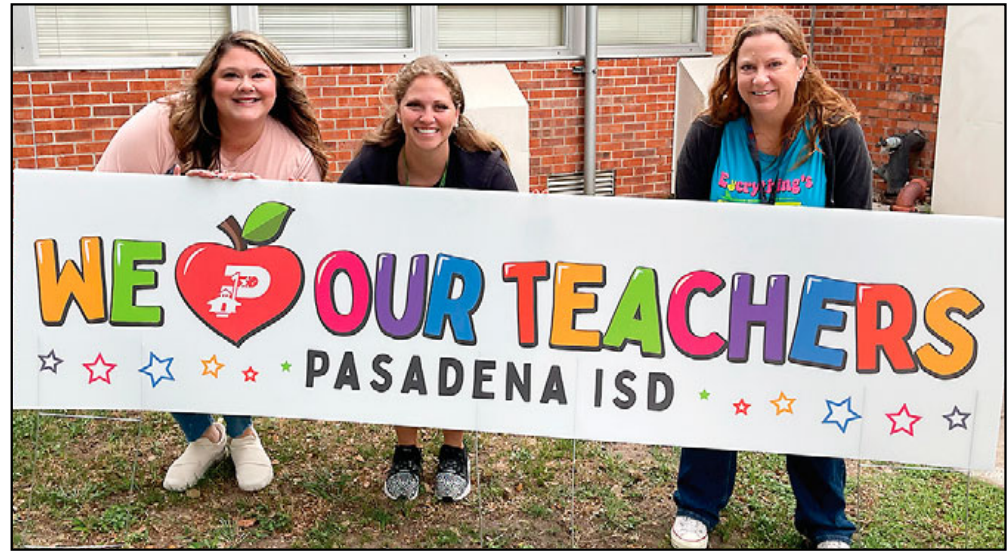
including this latest version approved for children aged 5 - 11. This version of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster for young children is a smaller dose or one-third of the version approved for adults and teens.

Vaccines provided by HCPH are free and appointments are not required.

If you would like to schedule an appointment, go to ReadyHarris.org, vacstrac.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787.

To find a nearby location, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Reources/2019-Novel-Corona-virus/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information.

Meador shows teacher appreciation



Meador Elementary School officials honored their teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Meador faculty was treated to bundt cakes, a barbecue lunch and other goodies. Shown above, left to right, are Lauren Riojas (dyslexia teacher), Stephanie Bounds (physical education coach) and Tracie Nair (music teacher).



Meador staff members enjoyed bundt cakes and assorted desserts. Shown left to right, are Amy Clowers (assistant principal), Tania Castillo (paraprofessional), Beverly Bolton (principal), Connie Aviles (paraprofessional) and Kat Williams (PPCD teacher).

Walmart employees delivered goodie bags and assorted desserts. Shown left to right, are Christina Delgado, Deisy Maldonado, Irfan Dinaj (Walmart store manager) and Bolton.

Remember When

45 years ago (1977)

Jean Fulton received the Mary Gibbs Jones Scholarship which she planned to use at Rice University.

An afternoon fire at the home of Leroy Cooley of Sagemont caused an estimated \$15,000 damages. The fire began in a chest-type freezer kept in the detached garage.

40 years ago (1982)

Approximately 75 firemen for the City of Houston Fire Department and the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department battled a blaze at the Sagemont Boat & RV Storage facility on Kingspoint and near Hall Road. Arson was the suspected cause of the fire at the 70-unit storage facility.

Dobie high school catcher Jeff Jacobson was drafted by the Houston Astros.

35 years ago (1987)

In the wake of the city’s sewer rate increase, the South-bend MUD was investigating the possibility of an agreement with the city to obtain a wholesale rate.

A retirement incentive calling for the payment of \$10,000 to early retirees was presented to the PISD board. Teachers with 20 years experience and a bachelor’s degree, or 17 years experience and a master’s degree were eligible and would receive the money the year after retirement.

Dobie high school graduate Amanda “Mandy” Schubert received the Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award during a ceremony at Texas A&M University.

South Belt area swimming pools opened for summer fun and swim lessons.

30 years ago (1992)

The first case involving health issues in regard to living adjacent to the Brio Toxic Waste Site was set to begin. This case specifically involved 39 children who had been chosen from approximately 800. These 39 had the most serious birth defects.

Sources told the South Belt-Ellington Leader that PISD Superintendent Larry Vaughn offered to let the board buy out the remaining two years on his contract.

Three 16-year-old males who had been charged with capital murder were expected to be certified as adults. The three confessed to the robbery/slaying at a South Belt area convenience store at which time the clerk, a Dobie graduate, was killed.

25 years ago (1997)

Two Sagemont entrance signs were installed on Hughes at Beamer, one for the entrance to the northern portion of the subdivision and the other for the southern part. Reminiscent of a homey white picket fence, the green and white sign was the brainchild of outgoing Sagemont Maintenance Committee board member Judy Etheredge. Since the original

Sagemont entrance sign located near I-45 was removed 20 years prior, the maintenance committee waited until the esplanade was completed.

20 years ago (2002)

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees approved a policy allowing for reprimand of elected board members, which is illegal under Texas open meetings laws, according to the Texas attorney general.

Dr. Catherine O’Brien, a San Jacinto South biology instructor, was nominated for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award.

15 years ago (2007)

The manslaughter trial for Jerry Michael Cook began. Cook was the Pasadena Independent School District bus driver charged in the death of 9-year-old Frazier student Ruth Young in August 2005.

Several Pasadena Independent School District students were recognized at the district’s May board meeting for earning health science technology certificates from San Jacinto College prior to graduating from high school. The students were able to accomplish this by participating in San Jac’s dual-credit program that allows students to take courses that count concurrently toward both high school and college credit.

A bomb threat at the Kroger grocery store at Sabo and Beltway 8 proved to be a hoax. This incident occurred just

eight days after a similar hoax took place at Thompson Intermediate.

Valves were stolen from three separate area businesses. The brass valves were presumably sold for scrap, according to Dean Baier, director of operations for the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District.

The Pasadena Independent School District Education Foundation awarded Thompson Intermediate a \$4,120 grant. Titled “REVEAL This: School/Community READ,” the grant aims at putting a stop to bullying by having students study fictional characters in Doug Wilhelm’s “The Revealers.”

10 years ago (2012)

Two-term state Rep. Ken Legler, 54, died from a heart attack while driving to a work function. Legler was elected in 2008 to represent House District 144, which included much of the South Belt. The Republican lawmaker announced earlier in the year he would not seek re-election due to the state’s legislative redistricting.

Sagemont Church celebrated the opening of its new worship center with a standing room only crowd. In the planning and construction phase for roughly six years, the new facility occupies approximately 115,000 square feet and seats around 2,500. As with all Sagemont projects, the \$31 million building was constructed debt-free.

5 years ago (2017)

In honor of Memorial Day, Sagemont Church flew 38,000 American flags on its grounds around the facility’s 170-foot-tall cross. Each of the flags represented a fallen Texas soldier from 1836 to the present. A Memorial Wall was also on display, where guests could sign the names of fallen loved ones.

Beth Morgan, wife of Sagemont Church founding pastor, the Rev. John Morgan, died Sunday, May 28, at the age of 76. The couple would have celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary Thursday, June 1.

1 year ago (2021)

The South Belt became an area of focus in the search for a missing 5-year-old boy, as police and volunteers from Texas EquuSearch combed the area near Dixie Farm Road and the Gulf Freeway, looking for signs of the child. The body of Samuel Olson, however, was later found inside a Jasper motel room. Theresa Balboa, the girlfriend of Olson’s father, was detained for questioning. Olson was reported missing from southwest Houston Thursday, May 27. Police said, however, he may have been missing for much longer. Olson was last seen by someone outside his family on April 30, when he was at school in northeast Houston.

Investigators had initially focused their attention on the

area around the Gateway at Ellington apartment complex on FM 1959 near Dixie Farm Road after receiving reports the child may have been there at a friend of Olson’s father’s girlfriend.

Morris Middle School fifth-grade science teacher Sonia Bonavita was named Pasadena ISD’s 2021 Elementary Teacher of the Year. Bonavita, along with the other winners, received the honor at a luncheon hosted by Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell and the school district’s board of trustees. For her efforts, Bonavita received free use of a new vehicle through the summer, courtesy of sponsor Bayway Auto Group.

Stuchbery rolls announced

Officials of Stuchbery Elementary have announced the honor and merit roll lists for the entire 2021-2022 school year.

Honor roll

Third grade

Declan Bristler, Sophia Cavazos, Aidan Hymas-Palos, Selena Le and Adalynn McMullin.

Isabelle Tristan, Samantha Villanueva, Soraya Shah, Leonardo Segovia and Savannah Hernandez.

Fourth grade

Austin Nguyen.

Merit roll

Third grade

Alistair Kabir, Damian Lopez, Sidra Elghawi, Liam Goffney, Emiliano Aguirre, Valerie Reyes and Martin Valenzuela.

Joseph Lopez, Charlotte Kearbey, Bryce Lee Jones and Victoria Neira.

Fourth grade

Jesus Alfaro, Zahir Balbi, Andy Zamora and Rachel Cummings.

PISD to distribute free summer lunches

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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 24. Jessup, Moore and South

Belt 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 6 through June 30. Meals will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to see a complete list of times and locations, visit www.pasadenaisd.org/about/news/current_news/pasadena_isd_nutrition_services_summer2022.

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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 Braelynn 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. CAMPBELL-FOX
Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox of Campbell Family Practice and Ghebranious Internal Medicine is wished a happy birthday Wednesday, June 9, from her family and friends.

SAMANTHA HAS A BIRTHDAY
Samantha Guerra, former Leader staff member, celebrates her birthday Thursday, June 9. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent from her former co-workers.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays June 2 through June 8.

Atkinson Elementary

Remember to wish Emy Lewis a happy birthday June 7. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday June 8 to Jessica Carlos.

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

Frazier Elementary
Elsa Martinez celebrates a birthday June 7. June 8 is the day of celebration for Denisse Saldivar.

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

South Belt Elementary
Melissa Linder celebrates a birthday June 8.

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. Celebrating a memorable birthday June 8 is Lilliana Monita.

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.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

San Jacinto College softball drops two games at nationals

Committing four errors in one game and surrendering five home runs in another were not the type of highlights the San Jacinto College softball team was planning for from a second straight trip to the JUCO national championship.

But things happen, and the Coyotes were handed a quick 0-2 appearance at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I National Championship in Yuma, Ariz.

Third nationally a season ago at the same national classic, a veteran Coyote team had visions of bringing a national crown home this time around, but it wasn't to be.

Four errors in a 4-1 opening round loss to Odessa led to four unearned runs and pushed the locals into the loser's bracket.

There, Seminole State (Oklahoma) walked off with a 9-8 win over San Jacinto, using five home runs to provide the majority of its offense in the game.

Taniece Tyson smacked her team-best 15th home run in the Odessa loss, but the Coyotes managed just three hits total and made three errors in Odessa's key three-run third inning.

Sophomores Maggie Childs, Kaurie Winters and Maddy Bailey all went deep in the Seminole State

game, only to watch the Raiders blast five homers of their own as San Jac's 2022 trip to nationals was abbreviated.

With six trips to the national championships since 2008, it's rarely a rebuild effort on the campus on Beamer Road, but head coach Kelly Saenz, who is one win shy of 650 for her career after 20 total seasons, will reload the roster.

Tyson is eligible to return in 2023 after hitting .414 as a freshman with 15 homers and 10 doubles while knocking in 51 runs.

In the circle, Christin Haygood, the Region 14 Pitcher of the Year, is due back after posting an 18-5 record with a 1.50 earned run average covering 141 innings pitched.

Florida Southwestern repeated as the NJCAA Division I national champion, defeating McLennan to add another title to its 2021 crown.



Daryn Grams, one of San Jacinto College's graduation losses following the NJCAA Division I national championship, was 10-3 with a 1.28 earned run average in the circle as she helped the Coyotes reach nationals for a second straight season.

Brook graduate Calhoun, LSA's Harrison to NCAAs

A pair of South Belt area high school graduates from the 2021 class are headed to the NCAA Division I postseason with the programs.

Aaron Calhoun of Clear Brook is a freshman with the Oklahoma Sooners, who defeated the Texas Longhorns 8-1 May 29 to win the Big 12 tournament championship in Arlington.

Calhoun, the District 24-6A Most Valuable Player in 2021, has had nine outings for the Sooners this season, going 0-1 with an 8.00 earned run average. Lutheran South

Academy Class of 2021 graduate Luke Harrison has enjoyed considerable success as a freshman with the University of Texas, pitching primarily out of the Longhorns' bullpen.

Harrison, who won Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state baseball championships with the Pioneers in 2019 and 2021, has pitched in 29 games overall, coming up with a 3.03 ERA and 31 strikeouts over 32 2/3 innings of work.

Texas is one of 16 first-round regional seeds and will host in Austin.

Dobie's Serna is top newcomer

Dobie freshman catcher Omar Serna was named the District 22-6A Newcomer of the Year following the 2022 varsity baseball season after he helped guide the Longhorns to a 9-3 second-place tie.

Preston Watkins of Deer Park, who was the top pitcher for the 22-6A league champion Deer, was named the league's Most Valuable Player, while head coach Chris Rupp of Deer Park also

led the league's Coaching Staff of the Year.

Dobie freshman center fielder Juelz Martinez was the Longhorns' lone All-District first-team pick, while pitcher Manuel Contreras and outfielder

Diego Torres were All-District second-team honorees.

See the full list of 22-6A All-District baseball selections, including Dobie's honorable mention list, on Page 6.

Gator baseball squad loses, falls into elimination bracket

Wabash Valley plated nine runs in the first inning, eventually taking a 10-8 victory over San Jacinto at the JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo.

At press time May 31, the Gators were in the elimination round at the series, which is the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I national championship.

Despite the loss to Wabash State, the Gators came through with some clutch offense.

Alan Shibley of San Jacinto went 3 for 5 with four runs batted in ad three

runs scored, while Harold Coll was 5 for 5 with a pair of runs scored.

The Gators opened play at the 2022 World Series May 28, blasting past defending national champion McLennan 15-7.

San Jacinto, fourth at the world series in 2021, led McLennan 8-7 entering the ninth inning before Jordan Williams blasted a grand slam in the top of the frame to blow the game open.

Williams, the Gators' leadoff hitter, went 2 for 6 with the four runs batted in and two runs scored.

Harold Coll, Armani Sanchez, Jack Hicks, M.J. Ro-

driguez and Jose Torres all knocked in two runs each.

Hunter Hollan pitched five frames to start for the Gators, striking out 10 en route to the win.

San Jacinto placed fourth in the nation at the event in 2021 and is in search of its first-ever national championship under head coach Tom Arrington, who now has more than 1,000 career victories.

The 2022 JUCO World Series runs through June 4 in Grand Junction, and the Gators remain hopeful of being the last team standing from the original 10-team field.

Clear Brook grad Julks rolling

Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Julks put on a power display in the month of May for the Sugar Land Space Cowboys, the AAA affiliate of the Houston Astros.

Julks, who was an eighth-round pick of the Astros in 2017 out of the University of Houston, swatted nine homers for the Space Cowboys in May. Through the month, Julks had hit .263 with 10 home runs and 16 runs batted in during his age 26 season.

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TSU's Pree ends '22 run in long jump

At right, Clear Brook High School graduate and Texas Southern University track and field star Kenneth Pree saw his 2022 season come to a close at the NCAA West Preliminaries despite going a season-best 24 feet, 9 inches in the long jump. Pree fouled on a second attempt and closed out at 24-7 1/4 for 20th place overall.

Pree was an NCAA national qualifier for the Tigers in 2021, reaching the championships in Eugene, Ore. Pree was a Region III meet qualifier as a senior at Clear Brook High School and originally signed with the University of Houston before transferring to TSU.



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Lutheran South lands all-state honors

Deundre Jones of Lutheran South Academy was a Texas Association of Private and Parochial School All-State first-team baseball selection after leading the Pioneers to the Division II state semifinals in 2022.

While Jones was a first teamer, the Pioneers' Garrett Coiner were named to the All-State second team, with Garrett Helpinstill an All-State honorable choice.

The Pioneers' All-District first-team picks were

Coiner, Garrett Helpinstill, Blaine Birkelbach and Jones.

Tyler Helpinstill and Drew Stanaland were All-District second-team picks, and the Pioneers also had Victor Coronado, Matthew Savala, Zach Blownee, Garrison King and Logan Schmidt earn All-District honorable mention status.

Lutheran South Academy softball standouts Evany Gonzalez and Bri Collazo

were Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools All-State first-team picks after leading the Pioneers to the Division II state semifinals this spring.

LSA also saw Cayden Koster and Hayley Calhoun score All-State second team berths.

Calhoun, Collazo, Gonzalez, and Koster were first team All-District picks for the Lady Pioneers, who reached the state semifinals.

Kat Maldonado and Car-

oline Ledbetter were second team All-District selections, and Lauren Brown was an honorable mention choice within the district.

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Loydrake takes over CB girls' hoops

Mileka Loydrake has been named the new varsity girls' basketball head coach at Clear Brook High School as she will take over a program coming off an undefeated run to the District 24-6A championship.

Loydrake had two highly successful seasons as a guard at Clear Springs High School and signed with the University of Houston for the 2011-2012 season before transferring to St. Edwards University.

Warren Brooks, who guided the Lady Wolverines to the area playoff round last season, resigned at Clear Brook earlier this spring and is now the varsity girls' basketball head coach at Deer Park High School.

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It's Huston-Tillotson for Dobie's Sanchez

At right, Dobie Class of 2022 graduate and Dobie baseball standout Bryce Sanchez (seated) will continue his education and playing career at Huston-Tillotson University in Austin after signing a letter of intent with the Rams this spring. Those with him at the signing included, left to right, Diana Sanchez (mother), Abriella Sanchez (sister) and Bernard Sanchez (father). The Rams compete within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in the Red River Athletic Conference. During the 2022 season, the Rams went 14-32 overall, including 11-12 in conference play. Sanchez, a left-handed pitcher with Dobie's varsity squad the past two seasons, will look to provide the Rams with immediate help in 2023 on the mound.



Dobie sports medicine honors students Castro, Sanford



The Dobie Sports Medicine department recognized Nya Sanford (left) as the Student Athletic Trainer of the Year while Emily Cano (right) was honored as the TnT of the Year winner. The pair will attend the University of Texas Longhorns Sports Medicine Camp June 24-27 in Austin. There, attendees will learn about the latest techniques and skills in their field.

22-6A All-District Baseball Selections

Most Valuable Player

Preston Watkins, Deer Park (P)

Newcomer of the Year

Omar Serna, Dobie (C)

First-Team Selections

Second-Team Selections

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| <i>C – Francisco Chavez, Memorial</i> | <i>C – Anthony Ramirez, Deer Park</i> |
| <i>1B – Jonah De La Hoz, Channelview</i> | <i>1B – Isaac Garcia, Memorial</i> |
| <i>2B – Wyatt Woodall, Deer Park</i> | <i>2B – Marcus Lind, Memorial</i> |
| <i>SS – Edward Moreno, Channelview</i> | <i>SS – Noah Rodarte, Deer Park</i> |
| <i>3B – Jaden Ramos, Deer Park</i> | <i>3B – Joey Garcia, South Houston</i> |
| <i>OF – Erick Aguirre, Deer Park (U)</i> | <i>OF – Ray Izaguirre, Memorial</i> |
| <i>OF – Kaden Fernandez, Memorial</i> | <i>OF – Victor Lopez, South Houston</i> |
| <i>OF – Juelz Martinez, Dobie</i> | <i>OF – Diego Torres, Dobie</i> |
| <i>OF – Dillon Mancha, Deer Park</i> | <i>OF – Christian Ibarra, Memorial</i> |
| <i>P – Elijah Rivera, Channelview (U)</i> | <i>P – Kyle Gregory, Memorial</i> |
| <i>P – Xavier Escobar, Pasadena</i> | <i>P – Manuel Contreras, Dobie</i> |
| <i>P – Hayden Stallings, Memorial</i> | <i>P – Ryan Robertson, South Houston</i> |
| <i>P – Preston Lea, Deer Park</i> | <i>P – Caiden Wilson, Deer Park</i> |
| <i>Util. – Richard Cazares, Rayburn</i> | Coaching Staff of the Year |
| <i>DH – Dillon Lester, Deer Park</i> | <i>– Deer Park</i> |
| <i>U – Unanimous Selection</i> | |

Honorable Mention Selections – Dobie

*Juan Estrada, 3B – Marco Ayala, OF – Christian Medina, C
Devin Molina, 1B – Christian Padua, P*

JFD's Serna top newcomer; Martinez a first-teamer



Omar Serna of Dobie developed into one of District 22-6A's top performers and was named the league's Newcomer of the Year in the league after helping the Longhorns to a 9-3 finish and second-place tie. Following the season, Serna was selected to play in the Greater Houston Baseball Coaches Association Futures Game June 14 at Constellation Field in Sugar Land.

Freshman Juelz Martinez (8) was a 22-6A All-District first-team selection and garnered all but one vote needed for unanimous status after he turned in a terrific debut season for the Longhorns in center field.
Photos by Donna Alsdorf

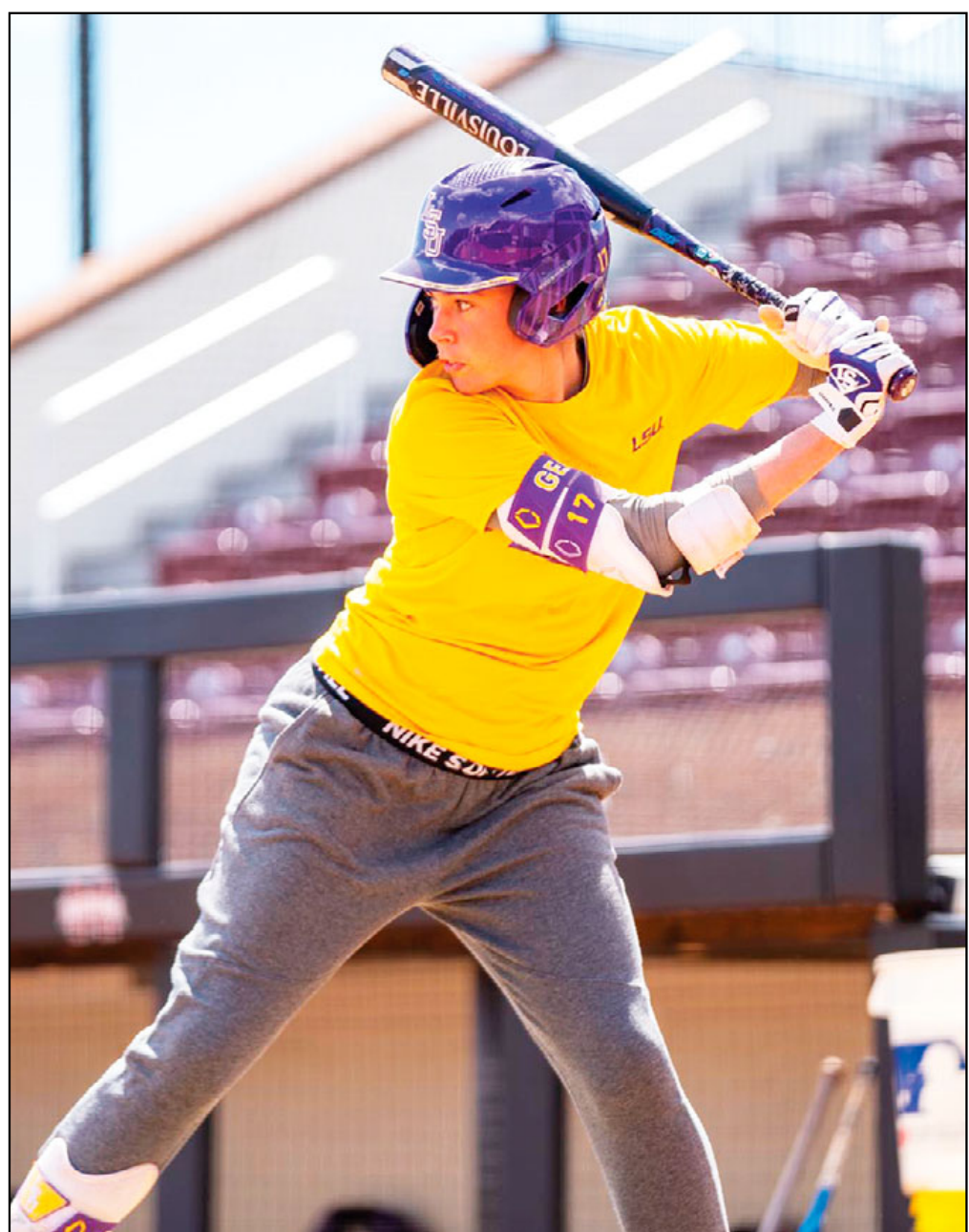
Lutheran South's Woods to Army football



Lutheran South Academy Class of 2022 graduate and varsity football standout Xavier Woods (center) was joined by his father, Wilbert Edwards (left) and his mother, Toni Edwards, as he signed to join the U.S. Army at West Point, where he will also play football for the Black Knights. While starring for the Pionners at Lutheran South, Woods was a two-time Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools All-State player and All-State Academic honoree.

Pleasants All-SEC honoree

At right, Dobie High School graduate and current Louisiana State University softball standout Taylor Pleasants wrapped up her sophomore season of eligibility with the Tigers as she was named to the All-Southeastern Conference second team. Pleasants hit .302 this season with 27 extra-base hits, which was tied for second-best conference-wide, as were her 14 doubles. Pleasants also hit 12 homers for the Tigers, who were 34-23 this season. LSU was part of the post-season Tempe Regional and lost 10-5 to San Diego State and 3-2 to Cal State Fullerton. Selected to the 2022 USA Women's National Team by USA Softball in January, Pleasants will now turn her attention to the 2022 World Games July 7-17 in Birmingham, Ala., which will signify the 2022 World Baseball Softball Confederation World Cup. Academically, Pleasants is a junior.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 2
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
1 - 3 p.m. **Parker Williams Genealogy Group** - meets the first and third Fridays monthly at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale, 1-3 p.m. Meetings are free and open to the public. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net for details.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4
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)** - meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference

room #111. Call 281-487-8787.
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.
SUNDAY, JUNE 5
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - Meets Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.
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** - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, JUNE 6
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays with a different dance rhythm each month. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
5 p.m. **New Directions Singles** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For details, Call Grant at 281-814-4750.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Toastmasters** - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com. Visit the website or call 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the

Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational building, room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, JUNE 7
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
2 p.m. **National Association of Retired Federal Employees** - meets at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. Call 713-944-2461.
6:30 p.m. **Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 713-253-2521. Visitors may attend two meetings free.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **AA** - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

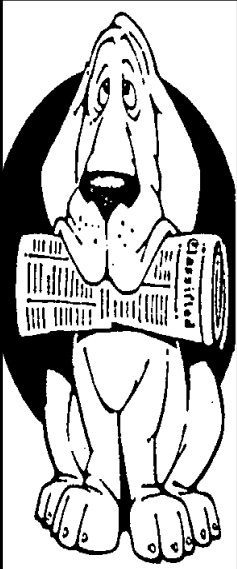
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Martinez, Rodriguez voted Dobie tennis MVPs



Dobie High School varsity tennis players Lael Martinez (left) and Megan Rodriguez (right), both co-captains for the 2021-2022 season, were voted the Longhorns' most valuable players during the program's annual banquet last month. Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno also completed his 29th season with the Longhorns.

2021-2022 Dobie Tennis Award Winners

- Varsity Team Honors**
 Girls' Most Valuable Player – Megan Rodriguez
 Boys' Most Valuable Player – Lael Martinez
 Girls' Player of the Year – Megan Rodriguez
 Boys' Player of the Year – Brian Nguyen
 Darren Lajaunie Student-Athlete Award – Kathleen Nguyen
 Texas Tennis Coaches Association All-Academic Team – Kathleen Nguyen, Vanessa Tran, Megan Rodriguez, Huxley Taganahan, Piseth So, Andrew Huynh, Lael Martinez and Violet Tran
 Jackie Cheramie Fighting Longhorn Award – Kim Nguyen
 Jonathan Barrica Fighting Longhorn Award – Lael Martinez
 Most Improved Girls' Player Award – Tracy Tran and Violet Tran
 Most Improved Boys' Player Award – Andrew Huynh
 Steve Jamail "Dobie Pride" Award – Ashley Huynh and William Ho
 "Be A Hero!" Award – Tiffany Tran and Natalie Vo
 Newcomer of the Year Award – Nolan Tran
 Desire to Win Award – Hailey Maldonado and Andrew Huynh
 Mrs. Coach Howard Spirit Award – Amalia Reyes and Vanessa Tran
 Coach Howard Inspiration Award – Lael Martinez
 Coach's Award-110% – Leena Pham and Ryan Le

Junior Varsity Team Honors

- Most Improved Girls' Player Award – Abigail Panza
 Most Improved Boys' Player Award – Maximiliano Delgado
 Coach's Award-110% – Katharina Bleith Ramirez, Janice Padilla, Piseth So and Huxley Taganahan

Freshman Team Honors

- Girls' Player of the Year – Kayla Lam
 Boys' Player of the Year – Diego Flores Tejada
 Most Improved Girls' Player – Trish Nguyen
 Most Improved Boys' Player – Diego Flores Tejada
 Coach's Award-110% – Rigoberto Alanis, Vyvy Do, Nestor Garza, Alena Morgan, Pitou So and Nolan Tran

PISD Education Foundation hosts golf June 7

The Pasadena ISD Education Foundation will host its ninth annual Texas Invitational Golf Tournament June 7, with tee time at 8 a.m.

The tournament will take place at a new location – Bay Forest Golf Course, 201 Bay Forest Dr., La Porte, TX 77571. A \$150 entry fee is required for each player/ sponsor that includes a standard hole sign with the company name included. There are 11 total individual and company sponsorship opportunities, starting as low as \$100 to \$10,000+.

custom hole sign, two basketball tournament passes, and sponsor recognition in the basketball tournament program, along with other promotional opportunities. Title sponsorships start at the Bronze level with \$750, which includes one



Dobie instructor Amber Allen (left) teamed with Class of 2022 graduate and JFD boys' Most Valuable Player Lael Martinez to capture top honors in the Beginner/Intermediate White division.



In the Advanced Burnt Orange/White Division, Dobie girls' soccer assistant coach Hector Saldivar (left) teamed with Hailey Maldonado to win the consolation award.

Faculty/student tennis 2022 aced at Dobie

By Manuel Moreno Jr. Dobie tennis coach
 Faculty and Staff,
 Congratulations to all the winners at the 23rd annual Student/Faculty-Staff Tennis Tournament!

The match of the day had to be the one pitting Amy Smith/Titus Gi-

ang against Laura Aiken/Nestor Garza in the first round of the "Dobie Pride" Division, literally

one point deciding the match, as Aiken/Garza prevailed in an exciting 5-4 tiebreaker.

Steve Jamail "DOBIE PRIDE" Division

- Champion – Sokratis Kostikoglou/Vyvy Do
 Runner-up – Laura Aiken/Nestor Garza
 Third place – Andy Kirkpatrick/Janice Padilla
 Consolation champion – Stephanie Albert/Andrew Huynh

Beginner/Intermediate White Division

- Champion – Amber Allan/Lael Martinez
 Runner-up – Gilbert Deleon/Kathleen Nguyen
 Third place – Jacquelyn Reyes/Aaron Charles
 Consolation champion – Tam Duong/Thang Tran

Advanced/Intermediate Burnt Orange Division

- Champion – Mo Hickman/Ryan Le
 Runner-up – Derek Beckham/Leena Pham
 Third place – Caitlin Morrison/Nolan Tran
 Consolation champion – Larry Davis/Tracy Tran

Advanced Burnt Orange/White Division


- Champion – Jordan Evans/Megan Rodriguez
 Runner-up – Ronnie Thomas/Ashley Huynh
 Third place – Joseph Duda/Natalie Vo
 Consolation champion – Hector Saldivar/Hailey Maldonado

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