

K of C to host BBQ sale

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a BBQ Sandwich Sale at St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road in the rear parking lot Saturday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. or until food runs out.

Sale includes a chopped beef sandwich with trimmings (onions and pickles), chips and a soft drink for \$10 or a sausage-on-a-stick for \$6. Proceeds benefit KC charities. For more information, call Richard Valdez at 713-542-1760.

Gardens host shopping events

A Sip and Shop event will take place Thursday, Dec. 16, at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer at Hughes, from 3 to 7 p.m. Similar to the monthly Pop-Up Shop also held at the Gardens, the event will feature a wide variety of booths from local vendors. Entry is free with a donation to the Leader's annual Christmas food and toy drive. (See related story on this page.)

The monthly Pop-Up Shop will be held Sunday, Dec. 19 at the Gardens Houston from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will set up inside and outside the venue. The Gardens Pop-Up Shop is an opportunity for exhibitors, crafters and small businesses in the South Belt-Ellington and surrounding areas to sell and display merchandise and promote their services. Booths include arts and crafts, jams and jellies, clothing, jewelry and many other custom and handmade items. Prepared food vendors such as barbecue, funnel cakes and other sweets will be on site. For more information, contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Event organizers recently helped raise more than \$500 for the annual Leader Christmas drive by holding raffles and a garage sale, and through generous donations from Kay Barbour, Jeff Turnipseed and Roland Mares.

Sageglen to judge lights

The Sageglen Community Association will hold its annual Christmas light contest on Sunday, Dec. 19. Categories will include most colorful, best Christmas spirit, most elegant display and honorable mention. Residents should have their lights on by 6 p.m. to be judged. Sageglen's administrative office, 11610 Sageglen, will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Dec. 31, for the holidays. It will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3.

Holiday book drive set

South Belt boy James Gonzalez will host a holiday book drive Sunday, Dec. 19, at Food Town, 10902 Scarsdale, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., aimed at benefiting children at the Texas Hearing Institute. Hearing impaired himself, Gonzalez will be collecting brand new, unwrapped children's books. Books can help children with hearing loss reach their full potential by teaching them listening, speaking and literacy skills. To make a monetary donation, visit centerhearingandspeech.org/donate-today.

COVID cases continue

As of Tuesday, Dec. 14, there were 246 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19. Harris County records indicated 247 deaths the previous week.

Of the 7,874 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 115 remain active, up 11 from the previous week. To date, 102 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, two more than recorded the previous week.)

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 76 of the 6,034 confirmed cases remain active, down seven from the previous week. A total of 66 from the ZIP code have died. (The county reported 68 deaths the previous week.)

Of the 6,131 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 118 remain active, no increase from the previous week. To date, 78 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (County records indicated 79 deaths the previous week.)

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there have been 590,952 total confirmed cases. Of those, 575,494 have recovered from the disease, while 8,766 cases remain active. A total of 6,656 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit pub.healthy.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-el-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound exit ramp from Beltway 8 to SH 3/Old Galveston Road is closed until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, Dec. 21.

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

Highway 3 closure planned

At least one northbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to El Dorado Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 27.

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31.

Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Blvd. ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022.

DOJ sues State of Texas over redistricting plan

New maps allegedly violate Voting Rights Act

The U.S. Department of Justice announced Monday, Dec. 6, it filed a lawsuit against the State of Texas and the Texas Secretary of State, alleging the state's redistricting plans violate the Voting Rights Act.

"Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act requires that state voting laws - including laws that draw electoral maps - provide eligible voters with an equal opportunity to participate in the democratic process and elect representatives of their choosing," said U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. "The complaint we filed today alleges that Texas has violated Section 2 by creating redistricting plans that deny or abridge the rights of Latino and black voters to vote on account of their race, color or membership in a language minority group."

This past October, the state's Republican-led Legislature approved new congressional districts that shored up GOP influence and diminished the voting power of people of color, which fueled most of the state's growth over the last decade.

The state Senate approved the map on an 18-13 vote, while the House passed the measure with an 84-59 vote.

The new map incorporates two additional House seats the state gained following the Census count, more than any other state. While minorities accounted for approximately 95 percent of the new growth, the two new seats - located in Houston and Austin - will effectively be controlled by white voters.

Under the new maps, the number of districts

in which whites make up the majority of eligible voters increased from 22 to 23; the number of districts in which Hispanics make up the majority of eligible voters decreased from eight to seven; and the number of districts in which blacks make up the majority of eligible voters decreased from one to zero.

According to the 2020 census, the state's white population and Hispanic population were roughly the same size. The state's Hispanic population increased by around 2 million over the last 10 years, while the state's white population only grew by around 187,000 during the same time period.

The state's current congressional delegation consists of 23 Republicans and 13 Democrats. The new map increases the number of districts that would have voted for Donald Trump in 2020 from 22 to 25. Statewide, Trump got 52 percent of the vote.

This year marked the first time in approximately 50 years, state lawmakers redrew the new maps without federal oversight ensuring people of color are free from discrimination, as guaranteed in the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Since that law's enactment, Texas has not made it a single decade without a federal court ruling.

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Filing ends for 2022 primary elections

Risner runs for commissioner, Mitchell runs for Congress

Filing to appear on the 2022 primary ballot ended Monday, Dec. 13, with a couple of last-minute surprises.

George Risner, who currently serves as Harris County Precinct 2, Place 2 justice of the peace, has filed to challenge Adrian Garcia for the Democratic nomination to serve as Precinct 2 county

commissioner.

On the Republican side of the aisle, longtime South Belt resident Bob Mitchell, who currently serves as president of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, has filed to fill the state Senate District 11 seat being vacated by Larry Taylor.

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SJC provides free tuition to area grads

San Jacinto College is once again offering free tuition to high school graduates in its taxing district.

"San Jacinto College is always looking at how we can remove barriers that students face in achieving their professional and educational goals," said San Jacinto College Vice Chancellor Dr. Allatia Harris. "We are promising that in-district high school graduates who attend San Jac full time and work hard can have a bright future where paying for a quality education is no longer a concern."

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

Part of the area college's Promise program, the initiative will ensure all high school graduates who

live in the college district can earn a workforce credential or an associate degree at San Jac with 100 percent of their tuition and books covered.

The San Jacinto College District includes six independent school districts, including Channelview ISD, Deer Park ISD, Galena Park ISD, La Porte ISD, Pasadena ISD and Sheldon ISD. 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 taxing district, despite being zoned to Clear Creek ISD and Pearland ISD schools. To verify whether or not they are in the college's taxing district, resi-

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Dobie past, present and future



There is a changing of the guard at Dobie High School, as current Principal Franklin Moses (center) is leaving the high school at the end of this semester to take a new position in Clear Creek ISD. Jorly Thomas (left) has been named interim principal until a permanent replacement is selected. Shown above with the pair at the school's recent annual Christmas cook-off is former Principal Steve Jamail, who preceded Moses. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Moses leaves behind a Longhorn legacy

Pasadena ISD officials announced this past week that current Roberts Middle School Principal Jorly Thomas will replace Franklin Moses as principal of Dobie High School, as Moses is leaving the area campus at the end this year.

Moses told the Leader he is accepting a job as assistant superintendent for secondary education in Clear Creek ISD. Moses' wife Britani also works with the school district, as its Human

Resources director, and their two children both attend schools there - Harrison, 13, as an eighth-grader and Brylee, 9, as a fourth-grader.

The fifth principal in Dobie's 53-year history, Moses served 10 years in the position, previously serving six years as the high school's assistant principal.

Moses began his Pasadena ISD career at Park-

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County reports first Omicron variant

Harris County Public Health received a report indicating a woman in her 40s from northwest Harris County contracted the COVID-19 Omicron variant recently.

The female was fully vaccinated with no recent travel history.

The woman experienced COVID-19 symptoms and has not required hospitalization.

This case is the first reported in Harris County

and likely in Texas.

The CDC has reported that the Omicron variant has been identified in 17 states across the U.S. There is still a lot of unknown information about the Omicron variant. Even though this case of the Omicron variant has been confirmed through additional testing, that number may not reflect the total number of cases in the commu-

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Hortons host Random Acts of Christmas

The annual Random Acts of Christmas family outreach event will take place Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Sagement Church Annex, located at 11600 Hughes Road at Beltway 8, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Hosted by Dobie High School faculty members Joseph Horton and Ruth Horton, the event helps families in need.

"Be the extended hand to families who could use a hand by adopting, donating, meeting, greeting, serving and celebrating them this Christmas," event organizers promote.

The Hortons started Random Acts of Christ-

mas with a few Dobie students collecting spare change during lunch. Their generosity has now grown to help more than 80 families in the South Belt and surrounding communities.

This year, Sagement Church has graciously offered the use of its Youth Annex to house the event.

The Ninth Wonder Foundation helped solicit donations for this year's event through its athletic mentoring programs.

Donations are still being accepted.

For additional information or to R.S.V.P., email RAOC@ninthwonder.org.

Chamber hosts legislative update lunch

Dozens of community leaders and elected officials gathered Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland, as the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 2021 legislative update luncheon.

Sen. Carol Alvarado, Sen. Larry Taylor and Rep. Dennis Paul all served as featured speakers at the event.

Alvarado was first elected to her District 6 senate seat in 2018 after serving five terms in the Texas House of Representatives District 145. Prior to that, Alvarado was a member of Houston City Council, serving from 2002 to 2008.

While Alvarado's legislative focus is traditionally on economic development, she said she tried to "balance her legislative portfolio" by

also addressing public health and environmental issues this session.

One such public health bill dealt with providing mammograms to economically challenged women. Another one of the Alvarado's bills involved placing regulations on above-ground storage facilities, which until now, have gone largely unchecked, the senator said.

Economic-related bills introduced by Alvarado this session included one that allows the Port of Houston to sell land that had been long-term lease, generating funds that can be used to deepen/widen the Ship Channel.

Dubbed the Texas Ports Prosperity Act, S.B. 1774 could generate as much as \$200 billion per year, Alvarado said.

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Chamber hosts luncheon



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce recently resumed in-person gatherings with its 2021 Legislative Update Luncheon, held Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. Featured speakers shown above at the function were, left to right, state Rep. Dennis Paul, state Sen. Carol Alvarado and state Sen. Larry Taylor, who recently announced he is not seeking re-election in 2022. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Filing ends with Risner, Mitchell seeking office

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Risner said he felt compelled to run after seeing firsthand how the court system is failing under the current Democratic leadership.
"Over the last three years, I've watched my opponent, with the help of two others, almost destroy the Harris County justice system," said Risner. "Someone has to stop this from happening."
The judge, who has served more than 35 years on the bench, said Garcia, along with fellow Democratic commissioner Rodney Ellis and County Judge Lina Hidalgo, who often casts the tie-breaking Democratic vote on the court, rejected a request from District Attorney Kim Ogg to provide 100-150 new prosecutors, deemed necessary to handle the court system's workload.
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where in the wind." Assistant District Attorney Kenisha Day said. "When the victim showed up to testify, you could just see he knew he was going to prison." He was prosecuted by Day and ADA Veronica Alvarado, both of Adult Sex Crimes & Trafficking Division of the HCDA's office. After the jury convicted Dorsey of the charges, Jones set his punishment at 40 years in prison.
The teen, who said Dorsey repeatedly threatened to kill her if she didn't work, escaped long enough to borrow a cellphone and call her mother to go get her. Her mother called police and the Harris County Sheriff's Office, which investigated the case, arrested Dorsey.
Court records show that prosecutors had requested

from the court that the defendant be held without bond pending trial, as he was previously convicted of robbery in Michigan and presented a flight risk, and a danger to the Harris County community and the trafficking victim.
Jones later reduced the bond from \$50,000 to \$25,000, then further reduced the bond to \$15,000, which the defendant made, and he was released from custody, therefore, able to flee from justice the week during the course of his jury trial.
Anyone with information on Dorsey's whereabouts is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS. A reward of up to \$5,000 is offered for information leading to him being back in custody.

Deaths

Barbara Nell Jacobson



Barbara Nell Jacobson lived her life in service to others and was an inspiration to her family and friends. That inspiration shone brightly through her valiant battle against cancer and up to when she was called home on Dec. 7, 2021.

She was born Sept. 18, 1940 in San Augustine, Texas to Joe and Margie Anders. She lived much of her childhood in Kountze, where they knew her as "Nell." She married her husband of 63 years, Bobby Jacobson, and moved to Houston soon after graduating from Kountze High School.

Barbara attended college part time while raising two sons — studying in the pre-dawn hours before the rascals began their daily rampage. After graduating from the University of Houston with a degree in speech and English, she began a 31-year career teaching English at Pasadena High School. Her students learned a lot more than English. "Mrs. J" taught them how to put their God-given abilities to work, not only to achieve their highest ambitions, but to make the world a better place. During her tenure at PHS, she served as faculty sponsor for student government, homecoming, and other extracurricular activities. She was loved by students and colleagues alike. After retirement, she devoted time to community activities, including president of Tri-County Republican Women's Club. Her favorite

activity in her later years was doting over her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They could always count on "Meme" for fun, food, laughter, advice, comfort and unconditional love. As one of her grandsons put it, "the best grandma ever." Indeed, she was the rock of her family and will be sorely missed.
Barbara leaves behind her devoted husband, sons Jeff, wife Paula and Malcolm, wife, Laura; grandchildren Jennifer (Stewart) Schaefer, Jaymee Jacobson, Shannon (Luis) Montalvo, Colin (Elizabeth) Jacobson, Jared Jacobson, Ryan (Kaitlin) Martin, Kristen (Nick) Peña; great-grandchildren Scarlet McAvoy, Bella Peña, Vivienne Schaefer and Arie Martin; and brothers Gerald Anders and Jimmy Anders. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings Tommy Anders, JoAnn Dorsett, David Anders and Joe Anders, Jr.



She was the middle child of three, her older brother Ruben Huitron and her younger sister Jessica Huitron.

Ana was a proud mother to two beautiful girls Genoa and Rani Huitron mother-in-law to Tony Herrera; a stepmother to Darious, Aaliyah and Amaya Murray; and an amazing soul mate to Dexter Murray. Ana loved her family more than anything whether that be by blood or love. She was always there to protect them, guide them, and offer a helping hand. In addition to being an amazing mother and soul mate, she was also a very loving grandmother to her two grandchildren Zoey Jael Torres and Antonio Xavier Herrera. Although Ana was extremely proud of her children, her grandchildren were her entire life.

Being a mother and grandmother in her young life were her proudest accomplishments.
Ana will forever be known as a fierce, loving, and loyal woman who spoke her mind no matter what. Her heartfelt conversations, wisdom, and love will continue to be a void in her family's world but will always remain at the forefront of their mind.
A memorial of Ana's life will be celebrated with family and friends on Friday, Dec. 17, at Peevey Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m.
The family is requesting flowers and other remembrances to honor Ana's life.

Barbara's life was celebrated with a visitation Dec. 13, and a funeral service the following day, Tuesday, Dec. 14.

In lieu of flowers, Barbara requested that family and friends consider donating to a scholarship endowment in her name for aspiring teachers at Lone Star College. To give online, visit www.lonestar.edu/giving/donate-general-donation.htm. Specify "Barbara Jacobson Legacy Scholarship for Future Teachers" in the Additional Comments section. Send checks to LSC Foundation, 5000 Research Forest Dr, CB.232, The Woodlands, TX 77381. (Specify fund in memo line.)

Ana Bertha Huitron

Ana Bertha Huitron passed away Dec. 5, 2021 at the beautiful age of 53. She was called home to be greeted by God and her father Ruben Huitron.
Ana was born in Brownsville, Texas on Sept. 22, 1968 to her proud parents Ruben and Bertha Huitron.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library
In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.
Bracewell Library will be closed Friday-Sunday, Dec. 24-26, for Christmas. The library will be closed Saturday-Monday, Jan. 1-3, 2022 for the New Year holiday.
Bracewell Library, 9002 Kingspoint. Customers may browse the collection, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library provides online resources. 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 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. Archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.
HPL's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and checkout. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection which may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, through Sunday, Dec. 26. The library will also close at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, through Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.
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.
Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"
– After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
– Have a library card number and PIN handy. A pickup time and instructions will be given.
– Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
– Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
Hours are: Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services available

Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi. Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net. Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube. Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels. Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy. Listen to audiobooks on RBDigital or OverDrive. Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks. Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.
Monday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m. Christmas Cookie Celebration. Learn to make shortbread cookies and hot chocolate with Tanner Adams and Elyssa Peterson. The video featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary will show how to make these Christmas treats!



DeAundric Dorsey
A Harris County jury convicted DeAundric Jaquay Dorsey, 33, after a three-day trial. Dorsey, whom District Judge DaSean Jones had released on bond, didn't come back to court after the first day of his trial. "He is a dangerous pimp and now he is some-

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Fugitive on the loose after skipping out on trial

A Houston man is a fugitive, after skipping out during his trial where he was convicted and got 40 years in prison for forcing a runaway teenager into prostitution, Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg announced Dec. 9.

"He repeatedly forced a minor to have sex with strangers for money, and anyone who does that deserves decades in prison," Ogg said. "Somebody out there knows where he is hiding, and could collect a reward for doing the right thing."

Sageglan Christmas Light Contest

Get those Christmas lights ready for Sageglan's Annual Christmas Light Contest. Judging will be on: Most Colorful, Best Christmas Spirit, Most Elegant, and Honorable Mention. Judging will be on Sunday, December 19, 2021 so have your lights on by 6 P.M.

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Southeast VFD celebrates 50th anniversary

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 50th anniversary with a banquet held Saturday, Dec. 4, at Golfcrest Country Club in Pearland. Founded in 1972 as the Sagemont Volunteer Fire Department, the group changed its name in 1974 when the City of Houston annexed the Sagemont subdivision. The department is currently responsible for covering communities serviced by the Kirkmont, Sagemeadow and Clear Brook City MUDs. The area covers approximately five square miles and has roughly 25,000 residents. Two current members – Ed Baker and Jerry Terrell – have been with fire department since the beginning. Other members like former

Chief Chuck Tylka have been there almost as long, serving 45 years with the volunteer fire force. Several members, both new and old, were recognized at the banquet, being honored with plaques for their extraordinary achievements. Local law enforcement and area MUDs were also recognized for their relationships with SVFD, as was the Forest Bend Fire Department, which often assists on South belt calls. An empty table was set in remembrance of the members who have died, with one – Mason Miller – making the ultimate sacrifice of dying in the line duty in March 1988.

Photos by Marie Flickinger



Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Cino (left) and former SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka (right) are shown above recognizing Harris County Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez for his work in the South Belt community.



Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Cino (left) and EMS Chief Robert Zolan (right) are shown above presenting the Officer of the Year award to Bobby Shannahan at the SVFD's 50th anniversary celebration.



Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Cino (left) and EMS Chief Robert Zolan (right) are shown above recognizing Austin Staner as the First Responder of the Year. Staner was also recognized for making the most runs of 2021.



Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Chief David Cino (right) and former SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka (rear) are shown above recognizing SVFD founding member Ed Baker for his 40 years of service as a Texas A&M fire instructor.

Melillo students celebrate fundraising

Dr. Dixie Melillo Middle School raised \$13,940.07 during the month of October for the Komen foundation. Yearly, Pasadena ISD is a large supporter of the Susan G Komen Foundation. During the last 10 years, under the direction of Diane Wheeler (principal), Melillo Middle School has raised a total of \$138,528.01 for the Komen foundation. Wheeler believes that supporting Komen is a great way to honor Dr. Dixie Melillo, the breast cancer

surgeon for whom the middle school is named. Students and faculty helped raise the funds through classroom challenges, candy sales, mask and T-shirt sales, Jeans Days and Fun Hour. The students were treated to "Sliming the Principals" for achieving the most money raised in PISD. The high success of the fundraising activities illustrates the school's motto: "Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care, and Minds that Think."



Shown above is Diane Wheeler, principal, getting whipped cream squeezed on her by the students.



Shown above is Kelly Jurek, assistant principal, getting chocolate and yogurt squeezed on her.



Shown above after being slimed by students, left to right, are Kelly Jurek, assistant principal; Diane Wheeler, principal; and Jennifer Saucedo, assistant principal.



Shown above is Jennifer Saucedo, assistant principal, getting yogurt squeezed on her head by many different students.

Edgebrook man shot

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The suspect fled the scene. The area surrounding the Cabo San Lucas Apartments has become a hot spot for shootings in recent months, with at least six taking place just this year. Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

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Moore students present Christmas musical

The fourth graders from Moore Elementary performed the Christmas musical "Cool Yule" on Tuesday, Nov. 30 for the students and parents. retta Poinsettia and Tina Tinsel. These students worked hard to put on such a great show for the school and parents. (See related photos on Page 4.)



Shown above, left to right, are Billy Holly and his mistletoe dancers Mia Pastrana, Julieta Cruz, Elise Perseval, Diego Flores (Holly), Amberlin Garza, Diana Angeles and Abigail Orozco.



Shown above, left to right, are Diego Flores (Bill Holly), Genness Rivera (Loretta Poinsettia), Dahlia Salinas (announcer), Jordan McCombs (Santa), Kai Tillman (Scrooge) and Marlee Johnson (Tina Tinsel).



Shown above, left to right, are Noah Cervantes, Ryan Tran, Nyroshi Harris, Angel Paul and Rylie Hagan.



Shown right, left to right, are (front row) Chance Slaughter, Tony Herrera, Arturo De Hoyos, Jordan Villa, (back row) Jayden Rice, Carlos Gomez and Emiliano Solis.

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Melillo honors NEHS inductees



Melillo Middle School's National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) induction ceremony took place on Dec. 2. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Riley Blakely, Israel Cantu, Paola Ibarra Torres, Mikolai Ibarra, Hyram Wheeler, (middle row) Mia Nguyen, Bella Sherwood, Lisa Ngo, Douglas Moreno, Ethan Tran, Khoa Tran, Alayna Rodriguez, Paulina Valdez Bautista, (back row) Jennie Mancuso, Daniella Tamayo and Jacob Perez. Not pictured are Aja Breaux and Liliana Olivarez. The sponsors were Melillo teachers Michelle Rush, Sherri Richardson, Kayne Schafroth and Katheline Ingersoll.

Moore celebrates Thanksgiving with students, family, staff



Moore Elementary celebrated Thanksgiving with a first-grade Thanksgiving performance for students, families and staff. Shown left, left to right, are (first row) Ivan Duncan; Jeremiah Maturey; Ivan Aguayo; Ruby Salinas; Loretta Marsh; (second row) Sheryl Munn, music teacher; Ava Almanza; Zoey DelLeon; Jessica Tran; Daisy Sordia; Lilyana Martinez; Bernard Evans; (third row) Jenaya Perez; Josiah Ayala; Cassie Harris; Deede Pitts, assistant principal; (fourth row) Gail Bailey, first grade teacher; Jordan Villarreal; Caleb Soloya; Jet Pond; and Damian Hudson.

Moore presents Christmas musical

The fourth graders from Moore Elementary performed the Christmas musical, "Cool Yule" on Tuesday, Nov. 30 for the students and parents. Some of the guest appearances were by Santa, Bill Holly, Scrooge, Loretta Poinsettia and Tina Tinsel. These students worked hard to put on a great show. (See related photos on Page 3.)



Shown above, left to right, are Alyssa Moreno, Kaylee Moreira, Jakayah Amos, Sophia Chacon, Chacidy Carter and Hailey Sichach.



Shown above, left to right, are Kyla Low, Xara Oddo, Anayah Khan, Miah Valdez, Marlee Johnson, Maite Ortega, Alesana Salinas, Maryuri Corona and Jeanine Armenta.

1st Omicron variant

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The best protection against any COVID-19 variant is being fully vaccinated with any of the three available COVID-19 vaccines.

Those who are eligible are also encouraged to get the COVID-19 booster shot.

Those who are eligible are also encouraged to get the COVID-19 booster shot. Variants are mutations or changes to the genes of the original virus and there are currently several notable COVID-19 variants in the U.S.

The Omicron variant was first identified in South Africa in November 2021 and currently is a concern for medical professionals.

HCPH recommends all individuals 5 years and older get vaccinated.

To be protected against the Omicron variant and all other current COVID-19 known variants, individuals must be fully vaccinated and get the booster shot when they are eligible.

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To find a nearby Harris County vaccine site, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-November-1-Coronavirus/Local-COVID-19-Vaccine-Providers or call 832-927-8787.

While they are not required, if one would prefer to make an appointment, visit vacstrack.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787.

PARSE virtual seminar set Jan. 8

Pasadena Area of Retired School Employees (PARSE) invites all to attend a virtual retirement seminar hosted by Teacher Retirement System of Texas on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. One must register at www.trta.org/retire mentseminars.

For more information contact Rosa Espinosa by email at rdcespinosa73@gmail.com or call 972-351-4813.

DOJ sues State of Texas, redistricting plan

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ing it violated protections for minority voters. Nevertheless, the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013 essentially did away with a provision in the Voting Rights Act that required states like Texas with a history of racial discrimination to gain approval from the federal government before making changes to election laws or political maps.

Should the redistricting plans stay in place, the South Belt community would lose Rep. Troy Nehls, as the area, now located in the 22nd Congressional District, would be absorbed by Rep. Brian Babin's 36th Congressional District, which covers much of Pasadena.

The United States' complaint contends that Texas' redistricting plan for its congressional delegation violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act because it has the discriminatory purpose of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race, color or membership in a language minority group in that it deliberately minimizes the voting strength of minority communities.

The lawsuit also claims that Texas violated Section 2 because its congressional redistricting plan has

the discriminatory result of leading to an inequality in the opportunities for minority voters to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.

The United States' complaint further contends that Texas' State House redistricting plan violates Section 2 because it results in minority voters having less opportunity than other citizens to participate in the political process and elect legislators of their choice.

The United States' complaint asks the court to prohibit Texas from conducting elections under the challenged plans and asks the court to order Texas to devise and implement new plans that comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The complaint also asks the court to establish interim plans pending a lawful state redistricting.

On Sept. 1, the department issued guidance under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, for redistricting and methods of electing government bodies.

More information about the Voting Rights Act and other federal voting laws is available on the Department of Justice's website at www.justice.gov/crt/voting-section.

justice.gov/crt/voting-section.

Complaints about discriminatory voting practices may be reported to the Civil Rights Division through the internet reporting portal at civilrights.justice.gov or by telephone at 1-800-253-3931.

Moses leaves behind Longhorn legacy

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view Intermediate, where he served as a math teacher during the 2004-05 school year.

This year, Moses was named the 2021 Pasadena ISD Secondary Principal of the Year.

Prior to that, Moses worked at DeRidder High School in DeRidder, La., where he was born and raised. Moses served five years as the high school's math teacher and head girls' basketball coach.

Moses said he always enjoyed Dobie's graduations and particularly liked seeing former students return to work at their alma mater.

"(The students) decided to come back and be a part of that Dobie pride," said Moses.

Other highlights for Moses include the way students and staff pulled together after Hurricane Harvey and the

boys soccer team run to the state tournament.

Moses said it has been an honor to serve as Dobie's principal and that the South Belt community holds a special place in his heart.

"It has been a tremendous honor to serve as the principal at Dobie High School for the past 10 years," Moses said. "I have been blessed to serve alongside the incredible staff at Dobie, while impacting and influencing the lives of the teenagers in the South Belt."

"This community and this area has been, and will always be, special to me. Go Horns!"

Current Fred Roberts Middle School Principal Jory Thomas has been named interim principal at Dobie until a permanent replacement can be selected.

See future editions of the Leader for additional information on Thomas.

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)

Agenda items for the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees included the purchase of a proposed school site located in the South Belt area and the trimester system.

State Rep. Bill Caraway of Legislative District 100 said he would fight a Houston municipal school district if the threat of establishing it were proposed by city of Houston residents.

40 years ago (1981)

Memorial Hospital System purchased a 90-acre site for a \$30 million hospital facility adjacent to San Jacinto College South on Beamer.

Ten Dobie High School organizations contributed \$2,240 to aid in the replacement of the school's sign which was damaged due to wind.

35 years ago (1986)

Local youths Jessica Scott and Katie Jo Nelson, both 14, were killed in a three-vehicle accident.

Erin Bowen, Caleb Chen and Julie Kolar attended the Fall 1986 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

30 years ago (1991)

Acting on tips from students, Dobie High officials found two guns in students' vehicles. As a result, three students were disciplined.

Dobie's Academic Decathlon team won its third straight PISD title.

25 years ago (1996)

Dobie's junior varsity cheerleading team won first place at state for the second consecutive year at UCA competition in San Marcos.

The 18-year-old former boyfriend of a 17-year-old girl who lived on Kirkbend suffered four gunshot wounds while in the yard of her house. She and her current 15-year-old boyfriend were in the house at the time of the shooting. They heard a knock on the door and assumed it to be her ex-boyfriend. They did not answer it. Moments later, the couple said someone shot the former boyfriend. His 21-year-old companion was shot twice.

20 years ago (2001)

Frazier Elementary students raised \$1,200 for toys for the Leader's annual South Belt Christmas program. Beverly

Hills Intermediate students contributed \$780 to the program.

Deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office donated more than 10 cases of canned goods to the Leader's annual program.

15 years ago (2006)

The 24th annual South Belt-Ellington Leader Christmas program was under way. Numerous local schools and residents held food and toy drives to aid local families.

Contrary to what was previously believed, PISD would not create a bus terminal on Blackhawk.

The top 10 students who raised funds for Meador Elementary's PTO were chauffeured to Chuck E. Cheese in a limousine to enjoy a pizza lunch.

10 years ago (2011)

Dobie Principal Steve Jamail announced his plans to retire Jan. 31. Only the fourth principal in Dobie's 43-year history, Jamail began his career at the school in 1991 as

an assistant football coach.

In 2000, after six years as the assistant principal, he replaced Jerry Speer as Dobie's head administrator. Jamail's replacement would be named at the district's January board meeting.

After months of discussions, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) announced that it had selected Houston's Ellington Airport to be the location of its newest campus. The decision of where to build the university's third campus was between Houston and Rockford, Ill. It would soon move into a new 90,000-square-foot facility at Ellington in the first phase of a multiyear expansion program. The university was to bring between 100 and 300 new jobs to the community.

The City of Pearland held a grand opening for the Hughes Road extension to Barry Rose Wednesday, Dec. 19. Construction was a joint venture involving Harris County, the City of Pearland, Holcomb

Properties and Beazer Homes.

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees approved two new assistant principals for J. Frank Dobie High School. Carey Sink and Tomie Noise took their positions at the area school following the Christmas holidays. A 1990 Dobie graduate, Sink began his career in education in 1996 as a teacher at PISD's South Houston Elementary School. In 2003, Sink moved to the Angleton Independent School District, where he served as both a math teacher and head football coach. Sink moved again in 2006 to the Willis Independent School District, where he again served as a math teacher and the football team's defensive coordinator. The following year, Sink returned to Dobie as a math teacher and football coach. Sink received a Bachelor of Science from Texas A&M University in kinesiology, before receiving his master's in education administration from Lamar University.

He is certified in physical education, in mathematics and as principal. He replaced James Golden, who resigned to work in another district. Noise began her career in education in 2004 in the Los Angeles Unified School District, where she served as both a teacher and coach. She moved to PISD in 2006, where she worked as a physical education teacher at Beverly Hills Intermediate. She earned both a Bachelor of Arts in human kinetics and pedagogy and a Master of Arts in education administration from Houston Baptist University. Noise replaced John Lee, who retired.

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to an incident the evening of Sunday, Dec. 16, in the 9800 block of Hughes Ranch Road, where a home's garage caught fire. According to SVFD Chief Chuck Tylka, the homeowner called to report the blaze at roughly 8:30 p.m. Responding firefighters found the home's detached garage engulfed in

flames and filled with heavy smoke. Tylka said the garage, which had a western room linking it to the house, had a heavy fire load that helped fuel the blaze. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire before it spread to the house. The home, however, sustained smoke damage and radiant heat damage, Tylka said. SVFD was assisted by the Forest Bend and Pearland fire departments.

5 years ago (2016)

The Pasadena Independent School District's Athletics Department took a blow when both its athletic director and assistant athletic director unexpectedly resigned from their posts to work for other school districts. Athletic Director Rodney Chant left to take over as AD for the Fort Bend Independent School District, while Assistant Athletic Director Jana Williams accepted a similar position with the Humble Independent School District.

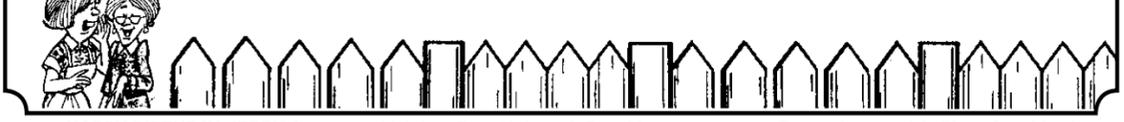
1 year ago (2020)

An alleged carjacker was

fatally shot by police around 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, following a chase on Sabo near Fuqua. According to investigators, the incident began earlier that morning when the suspect reportedly stole a black Cadillac Escalade at gunpoint in the 9800 block of Blackhawk near Beltway 8. After tracking the vehicle through its OnStar security system, the suspect reportedly held a gun to his own head, before turning the weapon on officers, prompting them to fatally shoot the suspect. Police said the suspect struck several other vehicles during the pursuit. No injuries were reported. No officers were injured in the incident.

A second carjacking took place Thursday, Dec. 10, in the 10400 block of Sageville Drive. Precinct 2 deputies responded to find the male victim had just returned home from the gym when his Audi was stolen at gunpoint by someone driving a van that had also been reported as stolen. No immediate arrests were made.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESSICA

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Dec. 16 are sent to **Jessica Escobar**, daughter of Leader staffer **Luis Escobar**, from the South Belt Leader staff.

LUCY ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Lucy Peterson celebrates a birthday Sunday, Dec. 19. She is wished a wonderful day from her family, especially her nine grandchildren; all her friends; and her former co-workers at the *South Belt Leader*.

JOEY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Joseph "Joey" Hayes celebrates his birthday Tuesday, Dec. 21. Best wishes and lots of love are sent from mom and dad, **Jannie and Robert Scarberry**, former longtime South Belt residents; sister **Jenny (Hayes) and Josh Laney** and children **Brayden, Baylee and Olivia**; sister **Stacey (Hayes)** and husband **Stephen Flowers** and children **Kennedy, Owen and Evie**; brother **Austin Scarberry** and daughters **Jade and Lily**; and brother **Tyler Scarberry**. Joey was a member of the Dobie High School Class of 2000 and the Longhorn Marching Band.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate

birthdays Dec. 16 through Dec. 22.

Frazier Elementary

Dec. 19 is the day to break out the balloons and party favors for **Alicia Tucker**.

Meador Elementary

Enjoying a birthday Dec. 17 are **Omega Pena** and **Katia Garcia**. The day for a celebration for **Jill Gifford** is Dec. 18. Blow out the birthday candles for **Lanalis Sinclair** Dec. 20.

Moore Elementary

Marie Alanis marks a birthday Dec. 18. Light the birthday candles Dec. 20 for **Erica Villarreal**.

South Belt Elementary

Dec. 20 is the day for a celebration for **Roneasha Reliford**. **Victoria Stelmach** enjoys a birthday Dec. 22.

Roberts Middle School

Give a shoutout Dec. 19 to **Charlotte Godley** Sing a happy birthday song Dec. 22 to **Citlali Guerrero**.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Send a warm birthday greeting to **Geraldine Jones** Dec. 18. **Mai Tram Tong** celebrates a birthday Dec. 20. Dec. 21 is the day for a party for **Jaimie Green**. Sing a chorus of a happy birthday song to **Johna Moreland** on Dec. 22.

Thompson Intermediate

Remember to wish **Shay Arnold** a happy birthday Dec. 20.

Dobie High

A double birthday celebration is in order Dec. 22 for **Susan Ayala** and **Cheryl Sanders**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Dec. 16: **Kamisha Dennis, Tamara Spencer** and **Adam Garcia Sr.**; Friday, Dec. 17: **Joy Warneke, Dawn Watkins-Swain** and **Jabari Dobson**; Saturday, Dec. 18: **Jackie Klayman, Damen Polleck, John O'Connor** and **Felicia Sharp**; Sunday, Dec. 19: **Randy Tenorio, Beckie Davidson, Kim Jones** and **Rene Gomez**; Monday, Dec. 20: **Sally Esquivel, Lisa West** and **Michelle Gerbich**; Tuesday, Dec. 21: **Jimmy Thomas, Patricia O'Brien, Scott Louvier, Helen White, Christopher Lewis, Jeana Pierce, Ruth Fischer, Tara Garven** and **Crystal Biller**; and Wednesday, Dec. 22: **Jennifer Bryant** and **Tiffany Wennerstrom**.

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Basketball teams prepped for district



Dobie's Chris Jones (4) and his teammates, winners of 10 of their first 16 games, are set to open District 22-6A action Dec. 18 against Channelview. Both programs believe the league championship is open for the taking. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



The Lady Longhorns have received strong play inside from Peyton Smith (33) and have every intention of successfully defending their District 22-6A championship. For more basketball news, see Page 6. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Southbelt L.L. signs up

Southbelt Little League online registration for the spring 2022 season is ongoing through the first week of the new year as league officials excitedly work toward opening day. Youths ages 3 through 16 are eligible to compete and may complete online registration by visiting the league website at www.SouthBeltLL.org. Families will also be responsible for providing proof of residency documents. The fee for instructional T-Ball is \$75 per player, while the per-player fee for T-Ball and Coach Pitch is \$125. The minor division fee is \$145, the major fee is \$150 and the junior/senior division fee is \$160. All players will also be required to pay a \$100 raffle fee at the time of registration, and players will receive their raffle tickets to sell when practices start. League tryouts will be held Jan. 8, and practices will then begin Jan. 17. The league's Opening Day festivities, complete with the annual parade, is set for Feb. 26.

Dobie footballers make grade

The Texas High School Coaches Association has honored several Dobie High School football players among its Academic All-State selections. Keegan Ashworth and Mohamed Elghawi were second-team honorees, while Jordan Barrett, Trajan Davis, Emmanuel Drain and Ryan Saxton were honorable mention listees. On the field, these athletes helped the Longhorns to an 8-3 overall finish, which included a bidistrict playoff berth. Davis led District 22-6A in rushing.

SBGSA registering now online

The South Belt Girls Softball Association continues to host online registration for the spring 2022 season now through Jan. 31, 2022 at www.southbeltsoftball.com. Girls ages 4 through 16 are eligible to compete in the SBGSA ranks at \$110 per player. Currently, there are openings in the younger age division, while there is a waiting list in others. League officials are also seeking volunteer coaches. There are no residency requirements, and sibling discounts are available.

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LSA footballers score all-district selections

Lutheran South's varsity football team went 7-4 overall this season

en route to another playoff berth, and several key Pioneer players earned all-district honors following the season Division II District 4 season. Offensively, Pioneer receiver Joel Hutchins, who put together one of the best seasons statistically in the entire Texas Association of Private and Pa-

rochial Schools ranks, was a first-team choice, as was tight end Ethan Savell. Hutchins had 78 catches for 1,311 yards and 20 touchdowns to give the Pioneers a huge lift during his senior season. On the defensive side of things, LSA lineman Josh Gomez, linebacker Xavier Edwards and defensive

back Cade Goldstraw were also selected. As for the all-district second team, Lutheran South offensive lineman Diego David and running back Matthew Savala were selected offensively, with lineman Colin Fox, linebacker Cole Noack and secondary man Reid Goldstraw on defense.

The Pioneers' honorable mention all-district picks included kicker Nick Hatch, offensive linemen Logan Schmidt and Jacob Sims, receiver Kaleb Cox, defensive lineman Maddox Govea, linebacker Hunter Teichman and defensive back Kaden Harvey.

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Lutheran South receiver Joel Hutchins (7) put together a season of 78 grabs for 1,311 yards and 20 touchdowns to score first-team all-district accolades in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II District 4 ranks.

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Dobie soccer teams preparing for 2022

The high school soccer season is underway as the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' teams build toward the 2022 regular season openers. Head coach Justo Manrique's Longhorn boys' squad will eventually look to win an eighth straight District 22-6A championship, but first develop some continuity with a revamped roster. The 2021 varsity boys' squad did claim another title within 22-6A but then suffered a tough 1-0 loss to Kingwood in the bidistrict round. Following that loss, Manrique watched five senior first-team all-district players as well as 22-6A Defensive Player of the Year Alan Lopez graduate. So with Isaac Cortez and his 20 goals and 10 assists back for 2022, the Longhorns

continue scrimmage play Dec. 17 at Katy Jordan before playing at Dawson Dec. 20. Dobie's preseason concludes Jan. 30 with a home match against Spring Woods at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, and the Longhorns open the regular season Jan. 3 against Alief Taylor at Alief ISD's Crump Stadium. Head coach Monika Mackey is in her second campaign with the Lady Longhorns after the team placed third in the District 22-6A race a season ago. The Lady Longhorns wrap up scrimmage play Dec. 16 at Traylor Stadium against Lamar Consolidated, and will then begin the 2022 regular season Jan. 4 at Clear Creek. Mackey's team then takes on Elkins in a first-round game at the Jan. 6-8 Angleton Invitational.

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Touchdown Club honors Lutheran South stars

At right, Lutheran South High School varsity football players, from left, Joel Hutchins, Nick Hatch and Cade Goldstraw were Touchdown Club of Houston post-season award finalists, with Hatch named the club's private school Special Teams Player of the Year. Hutchins had more than 1,300 yards receiving this season to close out one of the greatest individual careers in program history, while Goldstraw was the leader of the Pioneers' defensive unit. Following the completion of the season within the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division II District 4 ranks, Hutchins, a receiver, and Goldstraw, a defensive back, were first-team all district selections, while Hatch was an honorable mention honoree at kicker.



Hoops great Bowman enters Kilgore College Hall of Fame

At right, Dobie Class of 2001 graduate Alex Bowman (third from left) was inducted into the Kilgore College Hall of Fame in recognition of her accomplishments as a women's basketball player for the 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 seasons. Guiding the Rangers to 41 wins over two seasons, Bowman was an all-conference and all-region performer during her sophomore campaign, averaging more than 10 points per game while directing the Kilgore offense. An assistant on the Dobie girls' basketball staff following her collegiate graduation, Bowman is now a varsity girls' basketball assistant coach at C.E. King High School. Members of Bowman's family with her at the ceremony included, from left, Diane Bowman (mother), Lali Bowman (niece) and Wayne Bowman (father).



LSU's Pleasants, a Dobie graduate, earns WNT bid

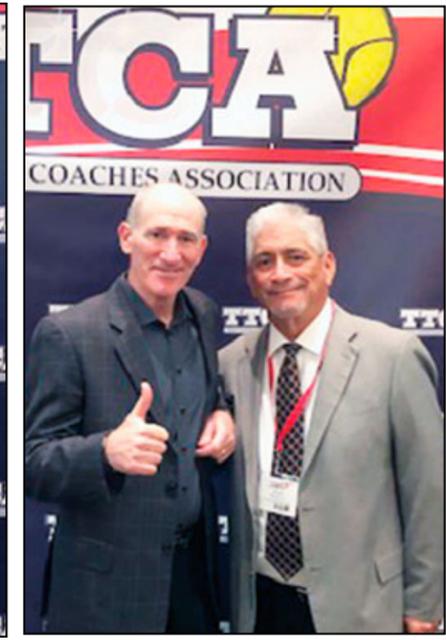
At right, Louisiana State University women's softball redshirt sophomore Taylor Pleasants and former teammates Aliyah Andrews, Carley Hoover and Savannah Jaquish were selected to participate in the 2022 USA Softball Women's National Team Selection Trials. Athletes who accept the invitation will vie for a spot on the 18-player roster for the 2022 USA Softball WNT that will compete in the 2022 World Games in Birmingham, Ala. The 2022 USA Softball WNT roster will be announced after the Selection Trials are held Jan. 1-6, 2022, in Vero Beach, Fla. at the Jackie Robinson Training Complex. Pleasants, a Dobie graduate is a 2021 NFCA All-American shortstop who had a .316 batting average with 56 hits, 49 RBIs, 37 runs and 13 home runs in her first full season with the Tigers. Pleasants' 13 home runs are the ninth most in a single season in school history.



Dobie tennis coach Moreno scores TTCA 40-year service honor



Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (left) was honored with a 40-year service to youth tennis award at the Texas Tennis Coaches Association's annual clinic and convention at Horseshoe Bay Resort in Marble Falls Dec. 4. Moreno shared the moment with his son, Mitchell Moreno.



Former professional tennis player and current broadcast personality Brad Gilbert (left) and Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. chat during the TTCA banquet in Marble Falls.

JFD grad Thomas scores volleyball all-conference



Dobie Class of 2021 graduate and current McCook Community College freshman volleyball player Victoria Thomas earned All-Region IX South team recognition after helping the Indians to a postseason berth. During her freshman season at outside hitter, Thomas appeared in 34 MCC matches and compiled 192 kills, 21 total

blocks, 201 digs and 12 service aces. She reached double-digit kills six times during the season, including a season-high 16 in the Region IX postseason tournament Nov. 3 against Central Wyoming. MCC, which competes in the National Junior College Athletic Association, is located in McCook, Neb.

District hoops races get underway

The second and most important portion of the high school basketball season has started on the girls' side of things as both Clear Brook and Dobie opened with resounding victories in their respective openers. Meanwhile, the Dobie boys' program will play at Channelview Oct. 18, with both the Longhorns and Falcons having designs on winning the 22-6A title. The Clear Brook boys are the defending champions of District 24-6A but figure to face tough competition from Clear Lake and Dickinson as the race

starts Dec. 21 with Brook at Clear Creek. **CB girls strong** Clear Springs' 12-year hold on the District 24-6A varsity girls' basketball championship could very well be put to the test this season as Clear Brook and Clear Creek both leapt to the forefront during non-district action. The Lady Wolverines have watched senior Alyssa Berry average better than 15 points per game, with the team at 14-4 overall heading into a 24-6A game Dec. 14 against Clear Lake after press time.

Tamia Moody's 14 points led five players in double figures as head coach Warren Brooks substituted freely in an 84-23 victory for Clear Brook at Alvin Dec. 10. The Lady Wolverines took second place at the Pflugerville tournament and third place at the Clear Creek ISD-sponsored Peggy Whitely Classic, showing they are likely in this thing for the long haul. Brook's 14 overall wins have been matched by Clear Creek's 14 to this point, with the two teams slated to go head-to-head Dec. 31.

24-6A race a doozy At 15-2 overall with wins over several state-ranked opponents, the Clear Brook boys appear well-positioned to repeat as champions of District 24-6A with the Millender duo, Kemo and Marcus, leading the way. Just don't say that to the folks at Clear Lake or Dickinson, where those two teams have had equally impressive starts. Dickinson's Seth Jones has averaged nearly 20 points a game and former Wolverine Zyon Little has been a nice rotation option as the Gators won 15

straight games this season before a loss. At Clear Lake, Alex Lee has powered the Falcons to a 17-3 overall start to the season to give the 24-6A ranks a true triple threat at the top. Clear Brook also has a remaining tournament appearance at the Allen Invitational Dec. 27-29, with scheduled games against Keller Central, Heritage, Rockwall Heath and Naaman Forest. Host Allen owns a state ranking, as does Brook. The Wolverines host Mayde Creek Dec. 17 and then open District 24-6A play Dec. 21 at Clear Creek. **JFD boys start well** Dobie, second in the district 22-6A varsity boys' standings a season ago, have every intention of taking things a step or more farther, beginning with the Dec. 18 matchup with Channelview. Dobie will then take on Beaumont West Brook in a home nondistrict matchup Dec. 20 before taking a break from game action through the remainder of the year. The Longhorns will then resume league play Jan. 8 at home against the Pasadena Eagles.



At left, Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball player Raymond Felton (left) presses the ball during a victory over Pearland earlier this season. With 15 wins in their first 17 games, including several against state-ranked foes, the Wolverines are battle-tested for a District 24-6A race that also includes Dickinson at 15-1 and Clear Lake at 17-4. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

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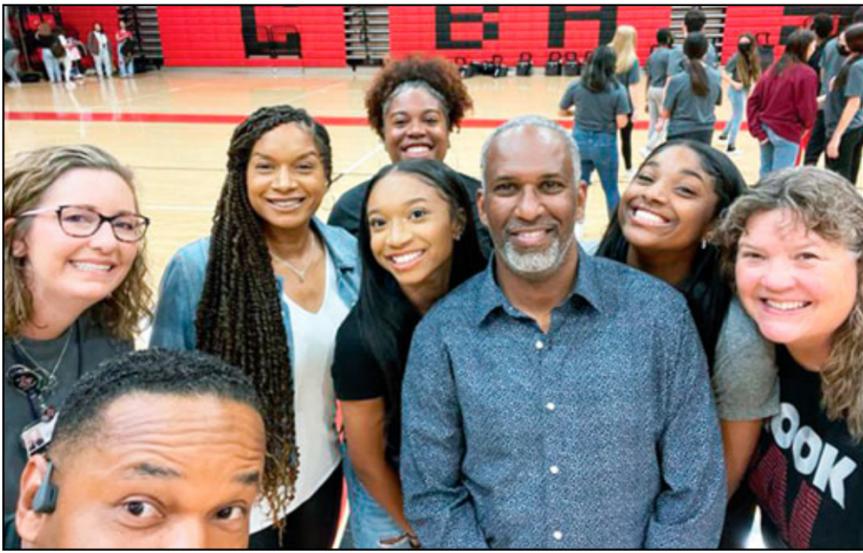
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CB's Dickson makes the grade with Fox 26



Fox 26 News and host Nate Griffin made an appearance at Clear Brook High School as part of its Making the Grade feature as senior and recent Texas A&M University women's track and field signee Camryn Dickson (fourth from left) was honored during a student body gathering, aired live on Fox. Those in on the fun with Camryn included, left to right, Chancellor Dickson (father), Dr. Sharon Lopez (Brook principal), Wintress Dickson (mother), Erica Alexander (Brook track and field coach), Griffin, Kalyn Dickson (sister) and Donna Stone (Brook Peer Assistance and Leadership Program coach).

Brook's debate team tallies state points



The Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate team earned over 35 state points at the Clear Lake Falcon Classic speech and debate tournament Dec. 3 and 4. With all wins being tallied, the team walked away with their third Sweepstakes trophy of the year, this time 3rd place. Congratulations to the team for continuing to progress in their hard work. Shown above, left to right, are Ethan Suratt, Ayla Yoakum, Ava Soza, Sophie Nguyen, Safa Prasla and Aqsa Babar.

SJC provides free tuition to area graduates

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 Harris County tax records. The Promise initiative is a last-dollar scholarship, meaning it kicks in only after all other grant and scholarship funding has been applied.

Students must also maintain a 2.0 GPA and take 12 hours each fall and spring semester to remain eligible for the scholarship.

Promise started in fall 2020 as a collaboration between the college and Pasadena ISD's South Houston, Dobie and Rayburn high schools. Expanding Promise to

cover all in-district high school graduates creates a stronger community and workforce. With fewer worries about school expenses, students can focus on their studies

and have a chance at a better life. To learn more about Promise scholarships and view enrollment/eligibility requirements, visit www.sanjac.edu/promise.

Police launching holiday patrol

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 walking to their vehicle, request an escort from a store security officer.

invitation for thieves. Sandlin said a second phase called Impaired Driver Patrol Initiative will focus on arresting intoxicated drivers and protecting law-abiding citizens and their families who are driving on area street during the holidays.

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Chamber hosts legislative lunch

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 Taylor was first elected to the state senate in 2012. Prior to that, he had served five terms in the Texas House of Representatives from 2003 to 2013. Taylor previously served as mayor pro tem and city council member with the City of Friendswood.

such as the Houston Spaceport, the Gulf Coast Coastal Barrier and flooding. Originally elected in 2014, Paul's District 129 also includes much of the South Belt community. Event co-host Chris Clark described Paul as the most active representative he's ever seen in his 40 years with the community.

gether. "And we make better decisions because of it. I wish D.C. were a little more like Austin." This sentiment was echoed by *Leader* publisher and chamber chair Marie Flickinger, who co-hosted the event.

The Friendswood senator currently chairs the Education Committee and serves as a member of Finance Committee; Senate Higher Education Committee; Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee; and Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee.

A recurring theme throughout the day was the idea of bipartisanship and working together for the betterment of the community, regardless of party affiliation.

"These guys are working for their constituents," Flickinger said. "They're working for us, and that's rare."

Taylor, whose District 11 includes much of the South Belt community, focused his attention primarily on education-related issues, such as school finance and virtual learning.

"It's not like D.C.," said Taylor, noting that he and Alvarado are good friends and regularly have lunch together.

Chamber President/CEO Stephanie Tanner reminded those in attendance about the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual gala, scheduled to take place Friday, Feb. 18, at the Palms Event Center, located at 15301 Gulf Freeway near FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road.

The senator also praised the creation of the Community College Finance Commission and the Gulf Coast Protection District.

Taylor's appearance at the luncheon was fresh on the heels of his recent announcement that he will not seek re-election in 2022.

"It has truly been my honor," Taylor concluded. "I've had so many great experiences. Thank you."

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