

### Scarsdale reopening delayed

The Scarsdale bridge reopened Wednesday, Feb. 9. As reported in the Feb. 3 edition of the *Leader*, the bridge was originally to reopen Feb. 1. This was, however, delayed due to extreme cold weather. The bridge was temporarily closed in October so drainage improvements could be made underneath. The *Leader* apologizes about any confusion.

### Chamber holds gala Feb. 18

There's still time to buy tickets to the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual gala, set to take place Friday, Feb. 18, at the Palms Banquet and Event Center, located at 15301 Gulf Freeway near FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road.

Now in its 36th year, the event is titled *Friday Night Fever* and will have a disco theme.

The last two chamber banquets have been canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Both a citizen of the year chamber member of the year will be announced at the event.

All new chamber board members will also be officially sworn in at the function.

Individual tickets are \$75. Group packages are also available. To purchase tickets, visit [southbeltchamber.com/annual-gala](http://southbeltchamber.com/annual-gala).

For addition information, call 281-481-5516 or email [info@southbeltchamber.com](mailto:info@southbeltchamber.com).

### Catholic Daughters sale set

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court of St. Luke the Evangelist will have a baked potato sale Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13, in the social hall after all Masses. Cost is \$10 with brisket, \$8 without. Proceeds benefit various charitable funds.

### Pop-Up Shop planned

The Gardens Pop-Up Shop will be held Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will set up inside and outside. This is an opportunity for exhibitors, crafters and small businesses to sell and display merchandise and promote their services. Booths include arts and crafts, jam, clothing, jewelry and many other custom and handmade items. Food vendors such as barbecue, funnel cakes and other sweets will be on site. For information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### E-recycling event canceled

The City of Houston's monthly electronic recycling event set to take place Saturday, Feb. 12, is canceled due to COVID-19 staffing issues. Collection events will resume March 12, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport. For more information, visit [www.houston.solidwaste.org](http://www.houston.solidwaste.org) or call 311.

### Sagemeadow meets Feb. 17

Sagemeadow subdivision's monthly HOA meeting will be held Feb. 17, at The Gardens 12001 Beamer and Hughes beginning at 7 p.m. For information see the website, <https://sagemeadow.org>. Residents are urged to attend. General inquiries can be e-mailed to [info@sagemeadow.org](mailto:info@sagemeadow.org) or call/text 832-377-0847.

### SMF holds annual meeting

In accordance with its bylaws, the Sagemont Maintenance Fund (formerly known as Sagemont Maintenance Committee) will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer. The meeting will be held to discuss SMF business and to elect two new directors.

### COVID cases decrease

The number of local COVID-19 cases has dropped significantly, with all South Belt ZIP codes reporting fewer active cases than the week before. Countywide, the number of active cases has dropped by more than 50,000.

As of Tuesday, Feb. 8, there were 11,982 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866) — up 326 from the previous week. Of those, 1,691 remain active, down 804 from the previous week. To date, 108 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), there were 8,788 confirmed cases, up 517 from the previous week. Of those, 1,488 remain active, down 650 from the previous week. To date, there have been 70 deaths in the ZIP code. (Harris County recorded 71 deaths the previous week.)

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there were 8,292 confirmed cases, up 195 from the previous week. Of those, 1,287 remain active, down 459 from the previous week. To date, 83 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

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

Countywide, there have been 844,526 total confirmed cases, up 19,100 from the previous week. Of those, 728,831 have recovered from the disease, while 159,530 cases remain active, down 50,893 from the previous week. A total of 7,020 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

### 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 Thursday, May 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, May 22.

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. through Thursday, March 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.

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.

# Martin, Bonnen earn prestigious Quasar awards

## Annual BAHEP banquet honors economic development efforts

Dozens of community leaders and elected officials gathered Friday, Jan. 28, at South Shore Harbour Resort in League City for the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's annual Quasar Award Banquet.

Since last year's event was canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this year's banquet recognized both the 2021 and 2022 Quasar Award recipients. The Quasar Award

recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond in promoting economic development in the Bay Area region.

State Rep. Greg Bonnen was presented the 2021 Quasar Award, while Houston District E City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin was presented the 2022 award.

"The Quasar Award stands for inspiration and momentum," said BAHEP President Bob

Mitchell. "We feel that the Quasar is the number one award in the region, because it pays tribute to the men and women who contribute so exceptionally to two counties, a score of cities, thousands of businesses, and millions of people. The Quasar Award stands for brilliance — recognizing those who shine most brightly. They are the quasars in our Bay Area Houston galaxy."

Mitchell noted this would be his last time hosting the yearly event, as he is stepping down from his position to focus on a run for the Legislature in a bid to fill the District 11 state senate seat being vacated by Sen. Larry Taylor.

"Thank you for the memories and for the honor of presenting these awards over the years," Mitchell said.

Bonnen received the 2021 Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence. During the

86th Legislature, he was instrumental in getting the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program and the Texas Aerospace Scholars Program placed into the Texas A&M University system as part of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station.

For 100 years, TEES has performed groundbreaking engineering research and developed technology to address state and national problems. This provided a stable source of funding for SATOP/TAS, two very important programs, into the future.

TEES will provide STEM education expertise for the TAS Program, administered by NASA Johnson Space Center, and provide engineering expertise to SATOP, administered by BAHEP, to help small-business owners complete the development of new products at no cost to the business.

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## BAHEP honors Martin, Bonnen



State Rep. Greg Bonnen (second from right) and Houston District E City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin (second from left) were honored at the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership's annual Quasar Award Banquet Friday, Jan. 28, when they were presented the 2021 and 2022 Quasar Awards respectively. Shown above presenting the awards are Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner (left) and longtime South Belt resident and BAHEP President Bob Mitchell. This was Mitchell's last Quasar Award Banquet, as he is stepping down from the position to run for Legislature.

## Reckless driver dies in freeway crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place around 1:05 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, in the 12600 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua.

According to witnesses, a white Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck was traveling north on the Gulf Freeway at a high rate of speed and weaving in and out of lanes when the driver appeared to miss the Fuqua exit. Police said the driver then left the roadway, drove through the grassy median and entered the service road. While leaving

the roadway and driving across the median, the truck struck multiple road signs, according to police.

As the truck entered the service road, still traveling at a high rate of speed, it also struck the left side of a white Chevrolet Equinox and finally the concrete base of a freeway light post. The impact caused the truck to roll over and the driver (victim) was ejected.

Houston Fire Department paramedics responded.

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## Seniors Helping Seniors needs names

Organizers of the annual Seniors Helping Seniors event are seeking the public's input in identifying local parties deserving of a free home overhaul.

Now in its 13th year, the charitable program pairs area high school seniors with local senior citizens in need of minor home repairs, primarily exterior painting.

The yearly endeavor is a joint project between Dobie High School and local sponsors, including Sagemont Church. Students provide the manpower, while sponsors provide the necessary ma-

terials.

Each year, approximately 100 student volunteers step up to the plate to help restore the homes of three to five local senior citizens.

In past years, organizers Jimmy Sawyer and Gilbert Aguilar would go door-to-door seeking recipients. This year, however, due to COVID-19 scares, the team — now led by Sawyer and Shane Brown — is seeking recommendations.

At press time, it was unclear if the annual event would still take place at its regularly scheduled time.

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## Former resident accused of sexual assault

A former longtime South Belt resident was recently arrested on charges of sexual assault of a minor.

Thomas Gerald Golightly, 30, of La Porte was charged with one count of sexual assault of a child between the ages of 14 and 17 and one count of aggravated sexual assault of a child between the ages of 14 and 17.

According to investigators, a 16-year-old female Deer Park student reported to her school counselor Jan. 5 that she had been sexually as-

saulted multiple times in La Porte between Dec. 18 and Jan. 5.

Golightly was subsequently arrested by Deer Park police.

The Deer Park Police Department, working with the La Porte Police Department, on Jan. 19 conducted a search warrant in La Porte, producing multiple pieces of evidence including a weapon allegedly used.

Golightly is out of jail on a combined \$175,000 bail.

## City of Houston offers winter safety tips

In light of last week's winter storm, City of Houston officials are offering tips to help residents stay safe in times of low temperatures.

"Extreme cold weather can threaten the health and safety of vulnerable Houstonians," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner.

### The four Ps

During periods of extreme cold and/or winter weather, remember to protect the four Ps: People, Pets, Pipes and Plants:

— People should dress warmly and in layers. Check on family, friends, and neighbors who may be susceptible to cold weather and/or not have access to housing and heating, including the elderly and those with special needs.

The Coalition for the Homeless coordinates information for partner agencies and the general public and maintains an updated list of those resources for individuals who may be experiencing home-

lessness: <http://bit.ly/2TXSaan>.

— Pets should be brought indoors or provided with a warm place to sleep.

— Pipes that run outside or under a house should be wrapped in pipe insulation to avoid cracks due to water freezing in them.

Open kitchen and bathroom cabinets under sinks to allow heat to enter them.

— Plants may need to be covered or brought inside to avoid frost damage.

### Driving conditions

As with any type of precipitation, such as rain, sleet or snow, residents who are driving vehicles should take steps to protect themselves, including the following:

— Give themselves extra stopping distance. Wet conditions mean it takes longer for vehicles to come to a complete stop.

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## Man fatally shot near Edgebrook

On Friday, Jan. 28, a man was found shot to death inside his apartment in the 12200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to Houston police, officers responded to a report of a person down at the above address, and upon their arrival, they found signs of forced entry into an apartment.

Once inside the apartment unit, police found the victim dead from multiple gunshot wounds. His body appeared to be in the early stages of decomposition.

At press time, there was no known motive or suspect(s).

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).

## Chase leads to multiple charges

A police chase involving a wrong-way driver Tuesday, Feb. 1, in the 10500 block of the S. Sam Houston Parkway E. ended with multiple charges being filed.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. a sergeant with Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Toll Road Division observed a small silver SUV driving the wrong way down the tollway, as numerous other drivers were observed swerving out of the way to avoid being hit by this vehicle.

As the sergeant observed this situation, he made the decision to activate his emergency equipment and place his patrol vehicle in front



Bryan Chavez

of the suspect to prevent the driver from striking anyone.

The suspect quickly stopped, placed his vehicle in reverse, turned around and proceeded to flee from the sergeant.

A vehicle pursuit ensued and eventually came to an end at the 9400 block of Fuqua when a wrecker driver was able to block the intersection.

At this time, 23-year-old Bryan Chavez was detained without further incident. Upon further investigation, Chavez showed numerous signs of intoxication. A breathalyzer test was later administered, and Chavez blew over three times the legal limit.

After completing this investigation, Chavez was placed into custody and charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, as well as charged with felony evading.

## City to rehabilitate local streets

Houston District D City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin would like to make South Belt residents aware of a pair of upcoming Houston Public Works projects to make local street repair.

The first project involves rehabilitating the asphalt roadways of Conklin and 2nd Street.

The cost of the project is \$280,000 and is funded through the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund. The project is a result of Mayor Sylvester Turner's Street Rehab Initiative that was launched in September 2020.

Work on the project is expected to begin Monday, Feb. 14, and take approximately four weeks to complete, weather permitting. Construction-related activities are expected to take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Residents should look for possible flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be put in place

in the event of a lane closure. Two-way traffic will be maintained at all times, officials said.

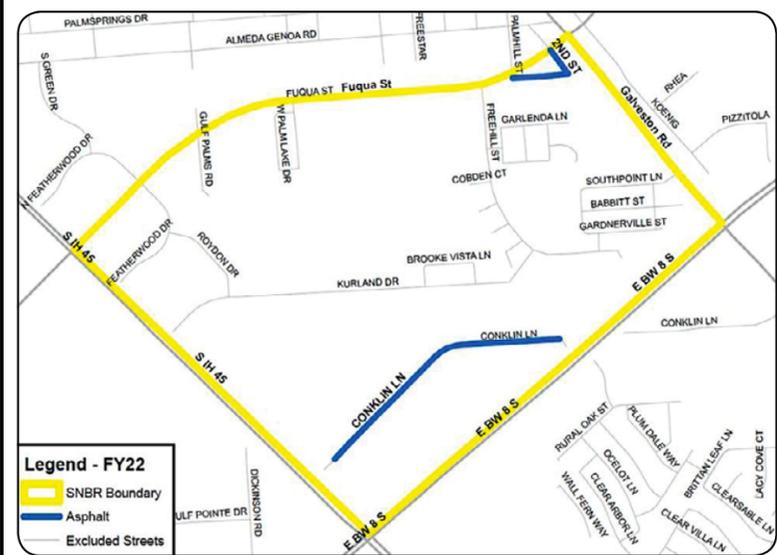
Businesses and residents will have access to driveways and sidewalks at all times and may experience an increase in noise levels due to trucks and equipment in the area. Crews will work with residents to minimize disruptions in deliveries, but trucks may need to park on an undisturbed portion of the street. There are no planned utility outages.

The second project involves rehabilitating the asphalt street of Easthaven Boulevard from College Avenue to the Gulf Freeway. The cost of the project is \$200,000 and is also funded through the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund and is a result of Turner's Street Rehab Initiative that was launched in September 2020.

Work on the project will begin Monday, Feb. 14.

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## Street rehab work to begin



On Monday, Feb. 14, City of Houston crews will begin a street rehabilitation project in the areas near Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway and Fuqua and SH 3/Old Galveston Road. Streets to be addressed include Conklin Lane and 2nd Street. Construction is expected to have limited impact on residents or traffic congestion. Work is expected to take approximately three weeks to complete.

# In My Opinion

## Tylka addresses misleading info

It has come to our attention that some intentionally misleading statements have been made by a local television station, as well as various individuals ignorant or dishonestly making accusations on Social Media accounts concerning the membership status of an individual who has been recently charged with various crimes. This individual is NOT a current member of our Volunteer Fire Department, nor has he been a member since 2019. We wholeheartedly condemn the actions leading to the arrest of this individual but must defend ourselves from blatant misleading accusations concerning his status with our department.

Chuck Tylka

## Griffin encourages votes for Mitchell

As one of the founding members of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP), I have watched and marveled over the growth of our organization, to become one of the Nation's leading Economic Development Organizations. For nearly two decades, Bob Mitchell's leadership has led BAHEP to great heights. Bob has announced he will run for Texas state senator for District 11. Obviously, I feel that he is the most qualified person to represent this district to ensure the district's continued economic growth and excellent quality of life.

I would certainly appreciate your financial support as well as your vote (if applicable) for Bob in the March 1, 2022 Republican Primary. Early voting starts February 14, 2022.

Dave Martin, Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Houston and I are having a fundrais-

er on February 10 at 5:30 p.m. at La Griglia, 2002 W Gray St., and would like for you to join us. Most importantly, if you live in District 11, please vote for Bob Mitchell.

Best Regards, Fred Griffin

## Muecke's thoughts on criminal activity

Lets get control of the criminals. We are now one month into the new year 2022. We all hoped things would change for the better. HAS NOT HAPPENED. Many homicides, two police officers shot and killed, a K-9 stabbed and three police wounded. Sunday another police response, criminal was wounded, shot by the responding officers. These officers just want to go home alive after their shift. Look at the DWI/DUI incidents and just sleeping or answering your door, you get shot. Our new police chief is doing a great job with the small force he has. It really needs to be doubled.

Why are we having to deal with all this criminal activity? First, get the weapons. No, legal citizens need to have this protection. We have to remove the guns from the criminals. Police report most weapons are stolen from vehicles, others from homes and then the many brought over the OPEN border. Lock up your weapons in a safe place and above all do not leave in your vehicle as many do.

We have an election in the next coming weeks. Please do not take someone else's view or what the news media tells you to vote for. Take the time to study the person running for office and ask he/she, what is their position on criminal activity and how to resolve what we are facing. You could be next, robbed, raped, shot or killed. We have to stop this senseless CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

James Muecke

## Local library events set

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

### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonslibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonslibrary.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 (weather permitting) storytime for all ages. Visit <https://houstonslibrary.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](http://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.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at [www.houstonlibrary.org](http://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 check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection 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 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, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://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 through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 10:30 a.m. Baby Time. Join Ms. Kathy and Ms. Jasmine in the Library Community Room for In-Person Baby Time. For babies 0 to 18 months who cannot walk confidently.

Friday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m. Story of Life. Highlights diverse communities and shares their stories. This program can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Saturday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Meditation. Join Daya Sharma, long time meditator for this lively and engaging workshop. Register at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. All adults welcome.

## Smith to Sam Houston State



Lutheran South track and field star Ayana Smith (center) will continue her education and athletic career at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville after signing a letter of intent with the Bearcats. With her at the signing were Smith's parents, Michael Smith (left) and Cynthia Mallard (right). Already a state champion, Smith is aiming for a return to the TAPPS state meet this spring.

# Publisher's Opinion

## Leader begins 47th year

Although I can't really say, "It seems like only yesterday, it surly does not seem like 40+ years ago! I will share just a little history for those who have not been with us most of that time, or who have forgotten. Many say they remember when we started the paper in my garage. Well, we never worked in my garage, but we did work out of our house for about the first 2 1/2 years. On the first issue of our paper, we uhad the slogan, "The Voice of Community Minded People." That still defines us today. I feel so blessed with my life. The South Belt Leader actually came about through my volunteer work with the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League. Getting to work with my son is also a blessing. Due to his ability to understand computers and my lack of ability, I know the paper would not exist without him. I believe what I have heard many times-that the Leader has really been a plus for the community. But most important is how good the community has been for the paper. From the beginning, the community has been very supportive. Publishing the paper has really been fun, not work. Thank you!

Marie Flickinger, Publisher

## John Edward Elam Sr.



John Edward Elam Sr., 86, passed away on Feb. 1, 2022 after suffering many years with dementia. He was born on Feb. 1, 1936, in Luling, as the only child of Uel and Ruth Elam. From an early age, John loved sports and excelled in football, basketball and baseball at Luling High School.

He attended The University of Texas from 1954 - 1958 on a full athletic scholarship. He played both football and baseball for the Longhorns. After graduation, John began his career in coaching in Amarillo at Tascosa High School and continued at San Angelo Central High School, Bishop High School and Temple High School. John coached for 14 years and then transitioned his career to real estate and mortgage banking. He was involved in his community and served on the Pasadena ISD school board for nine years and was a board member for the water district for over two decades. John was very connected to his church and served as a deacon for over 50 years.

While coaching in San Angelo, John met the love of his life - Mary Ella (Box) Elam. They married in July 1962. John was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather who cherished his family. John and Mary Ella had four children and ten grandchildren. His love for family and sports continued through his involvement with his children and grandchildren's school and sporting events.

He was preceded in death by his son John Elam Jr. in 2010 after a long battle with cancer.

John is survived by his wife; sons David Elam and wife, Amy (Boerne, Texas) and Brad Elam and wife, Kathleen (Rockwall, Texas); daughter Kimberley Hryhorchuk and husband, Derek (Houston); grandchildren John Elam III, Nathan Elam and spouse Morgan, Kristin Elam, Natalie Elam Garrett and spouse Connor, Ashley Hryhorchuk, Brittney Hryhorchuk, Lauren Elam, Kate Elam, Nicklaus Elam and Austin Hryhorchuk.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to Sagemont Church Nvision fund or to Alzheimer's Association.

A visitation with the family will be held at Sagemont Church, 11300 S. Sam Houston Parkway E. on Feb. 19, 2022 at 10 a.m. with a memorial service following at 11 a.m.

# Deaths

## Leticia Ann Munoz



Leticia Ann Muñoz, 46, was called home to the Lord on Jan. 31, where she was greeted by her dear father Russell Muñoz. She leaves behind her mother Olga Muñoz; significant other of 17 years Christopher Collins; three children; and her two siblings Christopher Muñoz and Sandra Teng.

Leticia was born April 28, 1975 in Houston. She attended Thompson Intermediate School and J. Frank Dobie High School. Graduating from The Academy of Healthcare Professionals, she became an ultrasound technician, a career that lasted over 20 years.

Leticia, or as her family and friends called her "Letti," had many friends and acquaintances she adored. Enjoying good times and going out, she loved talking to everyone. She loved all types of music from Rod Stewart to Jamie Foxx to Kanye West. She never missed an episode of Deltaline. She never failed to call her mother and kids every single day.

Letti was a beautiful, fun-loving and strong woman. Never giving up hope and faith, she faced many battles throughout her life. To know that she is gone saddens the hearts of Letti's loved ones. Loving memories will bring comfort to those who knew her. She will be missed.

The Lord's prayer Matthew 6:9-13.

The celebration of her life will be held at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road, Thursday, Feb. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Carol Lee Strange Phares



After a very courageous battle against cancer, Carol Lee (Strange) Phares went home to heaven on Feb. 2, 2022 at 2:22 a.m. Born in Pasadena on Nov. 17, 1959, Carol was the daughter of Cecil Floyd Strange Jr. and Norma Jean (Welford) Strange. She graduated from J. Frank Dobie High School in the Class of 1978.

Carol treasured spending

time with her children and grandchildren. Rather it be under the Friday night lights of the football field, at a convention center for cheerleading, in the gymnasium for basketball or in the cold for soccer, she was going to be in attendance rooting for her loved ones. Carol fancied antique shops, estate sales, garage sales, craft shows and trade shows. She enjoyed spending time going to different local events and "lunching" with her friends. Her favorite color was yellow; her favorite flower was the Texas Yellow Rose.

Carol was extremely proud of her family and grandchildren. She awaited and cherished birthday and holiday celebrations when the whole gang would gather and celebrate. She was dearly loved by all.

Carol was preceded in death by her mother and grandson Matthew Tripp Castro. Carol is survived by her father; her sisters, Cecelia Ganje and husband Michael, of Houston and Sabrina Herod and husband Roy, of La Porte; children Kiya Phares, Michael Phares and wife Candice, Matthew Phares and wife Ashley; grandchildren Trestin, Austin, Madison, Michael, Serenity, Raven, Brilee, Harper and Ryker; as well as many loved nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to MD Anderson cancer research.

## Carmen Valdez Zavala



With heavy hearts, the Zavala family regrets to announce the passing of Carmen Valdez Zavala. With her husband by her side, she went on to be with the Lord and Savior at 1:38 p.m. on Jan. 30, 2022.

Her loving heart, amazing cooking skills, and contagious laughter will be greatly missed.

Originally from Mercedes, Texas, she married her love, Pablo Zavala, in 1965. They moved to Corpus Christi and in 1975 settled in the South Belt area of Houston.

Carmen is survived by her husband of 56 years, Pablo Zavala; three children, Graciela Anderson, Edward Zavala and Theresa Zavala; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters; and one brother.

A memorial service with a rosary recited will be held Friday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road.

## Abel retires from Burnett



Teresa Abel retired Jan. 31, after working for 35 years in Pasadena ISD. She started her career at Meador Elementary in 1987 as a clerical aide, hired by retired ASCD and principal, Stephen Laymon. In 1990, she became the campus technology aide, working in the Writing to Read program with kindergarten students. In 1992, she took on the position of attendance clerk. In July 1995, retired principal Cynthia (Amador) Henderson hired Abel as executive secretary at Burnett Elementary. Abel has worked extremely hard to attain this position, working through the different positions of a school, and finally as the secretary. She has been the foundation of the school by being the first person that all staff greet in the morning. She is a great listener and confidant who has been a great source of encouragement through her years of service. Many view her as a "work mom" and someone they can always go to for advice. She has had a positive impact on the families of Burnett Elementary. The staff of Burnett Elementary congratulate Abel on her retirement and wish her a wonderful transition into the next chapter in her life. She will be missed greatly.

## McClure seeking position held by Hon. George Risner

Blair McClure is the Democratic candidate for Harris County Precinct 2, Place 2 justice of the peace position. He is seeking the position held by Hon. George Risner for the past 35 years.

McClure has lived in Precinct 2 for over 50 years. He is married to Jeanette Romero Ortiz, who is of Puerto Rican heritage, and their family is an integral part of the community in Precinct 2. McClure retired after 35 years as a project manager for IBM. While not a lawyer, McClure feels that his family history, his work experiences, and his long-term ties to the community, will allow him to competently decide the various types of disputes filed in the Justice Court.

McClure knows that the Justice Court is often a citizen's first contact with the justice system, and that the justice of the peace engages with the community on a grass roots level. McClure feels it is important to provide court participants an opportunity to be heard fairly and impartially, and to render decisions in accordance with governing procedures and laws. If elected, McClure says he promises to process cases timely and efficiently, and will promote dignity in court proceedings. McClure wants the opportunity to serve the citizens of Precinct 2 by bringing a common sense approach to equal justice for all.

For more information about the Blair McClure for justice of the peace, Precinct 2 Campaign, visit the Campaign's website at BlairMcClure.com.

Citizens are urged to vote in the Democratic Primary on March 1, 2022.

## BAHEP honors Martin, Bonnen

Continued from Page 1 A staunch BAHEP ally, Bonnen facilitated an increase in the SATOP budget for Texas A&M University Capstone Design Projects during the 87th Legislature as well. Senior Capstone Design courses provide engineering students in their senior year an opportunity to collaborate on team projects sponsored by industry and apply their knowledge and skills in developing a design solution that meets the design requirements of the sponsor.

Bonnen has been a staunch and active advocate of BAHEP in many ways, according to organization officials.

Houston City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin received the 2022 Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence.

He was first elected to the Houston City Council in November 2012 for BAHEP's district, District E. In January 2020, he was nominated as Mayor Pro Tem by Mayor Greg Bonnen and confirmed by City Council.

Fiscal responsibility and

economic development have been his focus from the beginning, BAHEP officials said. According to the group, Martin's investment and advocacy on behalf of economic development has been an invaluable resource for BAHEP and the entire district. He has endorsed many of BAHEP's initiatives including its extensive work on the Houston Spaceport, storm surge suppression/the Texas Coastal Study, the Biggert-Waters Act, recovery efforts in coordination with FEMA and as a traveler on BAHEP's Citizens for Space Exploration trips to Washington, D.C.

According to BAHEP officials, Martin's recognition of the group's efforts has inspired others to recognize and participate in BAHEP initiatives.

Both honorees were humbled by the honor and gave thanks to those who have helped along the way. "It is an amazing honor to be a recipient of the Quasar Award," said Bonnen. "We could not do our jobs in the legislature without the really talented, dedicated people

around us. I could not have asked for a more gracious, more gifted, more caring, and more sincere mentor and role model as a legislator and human being than Sen. Taylor. Thank you, Larry, for everything you have done for me and for my family and this community for the last 20 years. He actually is every bit as much a part of what we accomplished as I was. That is something that can't be overlooked."

A similar remark was made by Martin. "Bob Mitchell has been a big supporter of mine," Martin said. "He's been my mentor who's been my friend. He's an unbelievable person. He's brought this organization to a new level, and I'm so touched and honored that I'm receiving his very last Quasar Award."

In recognition of the two Quasar Award recipients, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner declared Jan. 28 Rep. Greg Bonnen and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin Day in the City of Houston.

## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca A member of the Pets of Southbelt Facebook group shared a post that there will be free vaccines for pets in need Saturday, Feb. 19, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until supplies run out, at 901 Buckingham Dr. Another member shared a post that the Pearland Animal Services is having a microchipping event Saturday, Feb. 12, 1 - 4 p.m., 2002 Old

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# CIS - Bay Area receives a gift for students

Communities In Schools - Bay Area (CIS - Bay Area) announced it received an unprecedented gift of \$2,000,000. CIS - Bay Area is a local affiliate of the national organization working to ensure every student, regardless of race, ZIP code, or history of marginalization has what they need to succeed in school and beyond.

This gift is part of a transformative \$133.5 million donation from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott to the Communities In Schools Network and National Office. In addition to CIS - Bay Area, 40 affiliates of the 110 organizations in the CIS Network and the CIS National Office, were also direct recipients of the MacKenzie Scott donation.

In a time when the global pandemic has created unparalleled challenges for students and families, including experiences of social isolation, economic crisis, stress,

and trauma, this investment will help CIS - Bay Area to carry out its cause to break down the systemic barriers that stand in the way of opportunity and student success. This is tremendous fuel for impact, infrastructure and the people working inside schools, but it does not change the reality of the continued work ahead, and the public and private partnership that must remain true.

"The CIS - Bay Area board of directors and staff are deeply grateful for this very generous gift," said Dr. Peter Wuenschel, executive director of CIS - Bay Area which currently serves over 22,000 students in 24 schools. "The timing of this gift is significant. We are at the beginning stages of developing our next 3-year Strategic Plan. This unexpected donation will help us realize a much needed expansion of our services and ensure our program will

continue in perpetuity. We are incredibly honored and grateful to receive this generous gift and look forward to announcing our formal plans for this funding in the next few months."

For three decades, CIS - Bay Area has demonstrated measurable success in student outcomes. In the 2020-2021 school year, 99 percent of students enrolled in CIS - Bay Area's programs remained in school, with 96 percent of K-11 students being promoted to the next grade and 98 percent of seniors graduating or receiving a GED.

Communities In Schools - Bay Area's school-based staff work inside schools and establish one-on-one relationships with students to help them navigate issues and move beyond barriers in the classroom, at home, and in the community. CIS - Bay Area coordinates with schools and local service providers to meet the needs of students and families, as well provides critical resources, like food, housing, healthcare, counseling, and

more so that students (and educators) can focus on academics.

CIS - Bay Area believes that transformative relationships is key to unlocking a student's potential. CIS staff and community partners coordinate with schools to improve school climate; boost socio-emotional skills among students, teachers, and staff; and reduce barriers to academic success. By putting students at the center of its efforts, CIS - Bay Area gives each student the opportunity to have the best educational experience possible to start them on the path to a successful future.

# Reckless driver dies in freeway crash

Continued from Page 1  
to the incident and pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

A male passenger in the pickup truck, 24, was transported to an area hospital in

stable condition with lacerations to his head. The female driver of the Equinox suffered minor injuries and was not transported.

The investigation was continuing at press time.

# City of Houston offers winter safety tips

Continued from Page 1  
- Ensure windshield wipers are in good working condition before heading out on the road.

- When conditions are wet or dark, be sure to use headlights. Never use high beams in urban areas.  
- Highway overpasses

and bridges pose the highest risk of icing. Take extra precautions when driving over them.  
- Slow down. Rain, sleet, and snow can limit visibility, giving drivers less time to recognize danger. Slowing down gives provides extra time to adjust to changing conditions.

**Space heaters**  
Heating devices cause more than 100 fires in the City of Houston each year, resulting in numerous injuries and possible death. Citizens should always keep in mind that: Space heaters need space!  
The Houston Fire Department recommends the following safety tips when using supplemental heating sources:

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm.
- Never leave children unattended in a room with a space heater. Children knock over space heaters, especially if they are placed on top of wobbly tables or stools and near where the children play. Children may also stick paper or toys in the grates of the space heaters especially gas space heaters. The city had two reported fires in 2004 caused by children playing with space heaters.
- Keep all combustible materials, including oneself, at least three feet from the heater.
- Open face heaters should have a screen.
- Provide ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

**Electric heater tips**  
- Never overload outlets or breakers.  
- Don't use extension cords for the heater. If the cord is hot to the touch, turn off the heater and unplug it!  
- Electric heaters permanently installed in the wall or ceiling should have lint and dust removed regularly. Lint and dust will burn!

- For additional information on safely using space heaters, visit [houstonfire.org](http://houstonfire.org).  
**Rental property tips**  
Landlords are obligated to maintain their rental properties to the minimum standards set by the Houston Housing Code of Ordinances (Sec. 10-363).

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For information on roadway conditions, visit [houstontranstar.org](http://houstontranstar.org) or follow the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on Twitter @TxDOTHouston.

# Green Thumb lecture set Feb. 15

The Green Thumb Gardening lecture "Spring Vegetable Gardening" by Harris County Master Gardeners with Harris County Public Library is set for Tuesday, Feb. 15. Learn how to garden in containers and small urban spaces and address common problems.

This free virtual lecture will be presented from 11 a.m. to noon. No registration is required. One can watch live at [facebook.com/harriscountyp/events/](http://facebook.com/harriscountyp/events/).

# Laura Bush celebrates Lunar New Year

Laura Bush Elementary celebrated Lunar New Year on Friday, Jan. 28 with a parade on campus. All students attended the Year of the



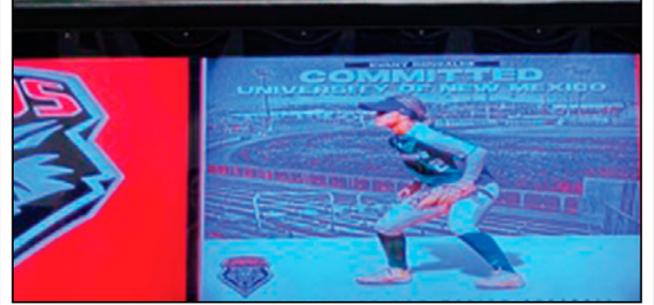
Shown above is Jocelyn Tran dressed in the dragon costume.

Shown above are Annie Ninh (front) and Eshaal Khan.



Shown above, left to right, are Cindy Nguyen, Jenny Nguyen and Nancy Phan walking in the parade with a Lunar New Year banner.

# Gonzalez to University of NM



Lutheran South Academy Lady Pioneer softball player Evany Gonzalez (seated) is set to join the University of New Mexico program in Albuquerque beginning with the 2022-2023 school year after signing with the Lobos. Those with her at the signing included, standing from left, Brendon Perez (brother), Myrna Gonzalez (mother) and Jose Gonzalez (father).

# Dobie choir students advance

J. Frank Dobie High School congratulates a team of exemplary vocalists who were able to experience and excel at district, region and area auditions. Joy Menahem (alto), Matthew Collins (bass), Carlos A (bass) and Gustavo S. (tenor) took part in the All-State audition process and had outstanding results. Menahem attained the highest honor a Texas music student can achieve, receiving All-State Choir Member status.

Each fall, over 70,000 Texas high school students begin the All-State audition process. After a rigorous process of performance preparation and a sight-reading examination, 1,810 are ultimately selected to rehearse and perform during the annual Texas Music Education Association Clinic/Convention. Menahem is eligible to perform at the TMEA Convention in San Antonio on Saturday, Feb. 12.



Shown above, left to right, are the region treble choir students (first row) Vainey Alanis, Haley Salinas, Frida Monreal, (second row) Aracely Garcia, Neyla Cabrera, (third row) Mia Horton, Gabriela Lozano,

Jacquelyn Ochoa, (fourth row) Zoe Zaragoza, Cindy Ni, (fifth row) Alexis Bocard, Cyrae Washington, Rhellin Lewis, (sixth row) Kelly Nguyen and Ngan Vu.



Shown above, left to right, are region mixed choir students (first row) Sydnee Pector, An Le, Joy Menahem, (second row) Yahir Garcia, Terry Nguyen, (third row)

Carlos Alvarenga, Keven Alvarenga, Dylan Leonard, Gustavo Salinas, (fourth row) Isaac Gonzalez, Matthew Collins and Nevan Hulse.



Shown above, left to right, are region tenor/bass choir students (front row) Johnathan Ngo, Francisco Torres, Carlos Reyes, Ulises Sanchez, (middle row) Riley

Mercer, Ryan Anderson, Derrian Bennett, (back row) Nicholas Ochoa, Cristian Casas and Alexander Couchman.

# Dobie DECA students advance to state competition

J. Frank Dobie High School has 15 DECA students (pictured below) their accomplishments and congratulate them as they advance to state who have worked hard enough to advance to the DECA state competition. Not pictured are Michael De La Garza, Christopher Souza. Their instructor, as well as all staff and students, are very proud of and Kailey Tsikis.

Andrea Gonzalez	Brandon Cates	Brandon Torres	Daniela Garza	Kemi Alade
Jerrell Ewing	Carolina Gutierrez	Jahir Reyes	Lizbeth Rodriguez	Xavier Musquiz
Shown left is Fredis Alvarez.	Shown right is Nathaniel Paz.			

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# Remember When

## 45 years ago (1977)

County Commissioner Tom Bass was the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Kirkwood South and Sagemont civic clubs.

Board members of the Kirkwood Civic Club investigated the possibility of using a citizen's alert program throughout the area as a deterrent to local vandalism and crime.

## 40 years ago (1982)

Construction on a \$2.5 million, 2,500-seat auditorium at Sagemont Baptist Church began.

More than 30 homes in Kirkmont Section 3 off Sage-mill had flooded three times in less than a year.

Dobie freshman David Dinsmore, 16, died as the result of an accidental shooting in Manvel.

The San Jacinto College board of regents approved preliminary plans for two 50,000-square-foot wings to be added onto the main building at the South campus.

## 35 years ago (1987)

PISD lost the case which had been filed due to alleged discriminatory hiring practices. A jury found the district engaged in disparate treatment against black teacher applicants on the basis of race.

Earl Neal Carter, who had shot his wife, Barbara, more than a year prior, pleaded guilty to attempted murder and aggravated assault of a police officer.

Houston arson officials were investigating a fire at the Sabo Townhomes which left two units severely damaged.

Christopher Ward, a 15-year-old Dobie band student, fell unconscious during class. Teachers began CPR; however, he did not regain consciousness and died later at Memorial Southeast Hospital. His mother, Sheila Halatis, said he died due to an enlarged heart.

## 30 years ago (1992)

Frank Anderade, 46, was stabbed to death by his wife as he beat her with a metal mop handle. The couple had reportedly stopped at a pub where he consumed a few drinks. As they arrived home on Sagebluff, they began arguing.

Grand jury indictments were expected against a contract employee of PISD for selling district-owned copper and depositing the monies into his personal account.

## 25 years ago (1997)

Dobie all-state band members Daniel Stover, clarinet; Sarah Hughes, bass clarinet; and Carl Walther, trombone, were scheduled to perform at the Texas Music Educator's Association's state convention in San Antonio.

Dobie choir students Matthew Parker and Jennifer Bowman were selected to perform with the all-state choir in San Antonio.

Lockers and vehicles were searched by PISD and Pasadena police officers at South Belt secondary schools. The sweeps were randomly and periodically done as a deterrent.

## 20 years ago (2002)

Although South Belt community members were concerned about the traffic impact on Blackhawk Boulevard with the opening of the new J. Frank Dobie High School, school officials believed it would be manageable.

The city of Houston police and officials of the Pasadena Independent School District

asked for help in identifying a woman who had been getting into schools and stealing credit cards.

## 15 years ago (2007)

2003 Dobie graduate William Anthony Gutierrez was reported missing. Last seen on Feb. 2 at his residence near Edgebrook and I-45, Gutierrez's disappearance was called mysterious by Texas EquuSearch representatives, who aided in his search.

The McDonald's Texas Invitational high school basketball tournament, founded and chaired by Ben Meador, donated \$165,000 to the Pasadena Independent School District Education Foundation.

House Bill 539 that would allow city and county officials to ban the shooting of fireworks 5,000 feet outside of the city limits was introduced in the 80th Legislature. This would mean that shooting fireworks would be illegal not only in the city of Houston, but throughout most of South Belt's county area as well.

## 10 years ago (2012)

The body of missing 82-year-old Lillian High was found in a retention pond at Freehill and Kurland near the intersection of Highway 3 and Beltway 8. The body was discovered inside the rental car, a black, four-door Dodge Avenger. High was last known to be driving when she disappeared last October. The car was spotted around 9:30 a.m. by a Houston Police Department dive team, which was training in the pond, as they refocused their search efforts in areas near High's home. High was last seen Oct. 2 around 7:30 p.m. at her home in the 200 block of Outlook in the Arlington Heights subdivision near Edgebrook and Shaver. She was reported missing the morning of Monday, Oct. 3, after she failed to show up for work at the Chase Bank at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway, where she had worked as a part-time teller for 20 years. The vehicle was found approximate-

ly a mile from the bank and on the route from her home. Following High's disappearance, an exhaustive search, including the Laura Recovery Center and Texas EquuSearch, combed the Greater Houston area looking for the missing woman. No foul play was suspected by police.

## 5 years ago (2017)

Dobie sophomore Ally Bellini got the thrill of a lifetime Sunday, Feb. 5, when she received a hug from Lady Gaga during the performer's Super Bowl halftime show. Bellini was among several Dobie Laraiettes who were invited to perform with the pop star. The drill team members were notified of the performance roughly a month before the event but were told to keep it a secret. Members of Clear Brook's Celebrities drill team also took part in the performance.

## 1 year ago (2021)

Two local Pasadena ISD staff members died in a two-day period. Dobie teacher

Melissa "Missy" Gutierrez, 45, died Tuesday, Feb. 2, from issues associated with the COVID-19 virus. Gutierrez taught family consumer science at Dobie High school for 11 years. She previously taught fourth grade at Atkinson Elementary. Gutierrez also attended Dobie, graduating from the area high school in 1993. The previous day on Monday, Feb. 1, Lomax Middle School principal Norma Jean Penny unexpectedly died at the age of 52. Penny began her career at Miller Intermediate, where she served three years as a reading teacher and three years as a student counselor. She was then promoted to assistant principal at Thompson Intermediate, where she served three years, before being promoted to principal at Carter Lomax Middle School, where she served 15 years. While at Lomax, Penny was named Pasadena ISD's Middle School Principal of the Year.

# San Jac Promise deadline Feb. 10

High school seniors who live in the San Jacinto College district, including those that attend a participating high school in the district or complete their GED by May 2022, have one less thing to worry about regarding their future as the college expands the Promise at San Jac program.

This program ensures all high school graduates who live in the college district - including those in portions of Clear Creek, Pearland and Humble ISDs, as well as all of Channelview, Deer Park, Galena Park, La Porte, Pasadena and Sheldon ISDs -- can earn a workforce credential or an associate degree at San Jac with 100 percent of their tuition and books covered.

The deadline to pledge to become a Promise Scholar is Feb. 10.

"The Promise at San Jac scholarship is a commit-

ment to high school seniors that live in our district to help them complete their workforce certificate or associate degree with no debt," said Dr. Allatia Harris, vice chancellor of strategic initiatives, workforce development, community relations and diversity.

Thanks to a \$30 million donation from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett last year, the college is able to support all in-district high school seniors who enroll and attend San Jac full time starting the fall after their high school graduation.

The Promise scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship that covers students' remaining financial need after federal and state aid, grants and other scholarships are applied. So students must apply each year for the FAFSA or TASFA. 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, J. Frank Dobie and Sam Rayburn high schools.

"Expanding Promise to cover all in-district high school graduates creates a stronger community and workforce, and removes the financial barriers that we know many of our students face," added Harris. "We are incredibly thankful to MacKenzie Scott and all of our Promise donors for their generosity in helping to make a college education more affordable and attainable."

To learn more about the Promise scholarship and eligibility requirements, visit [www.sanjac.edu/promise](http://www.sanjac.edu/promise).

## Bay Area Quilt set for March 1

The Bay Area Quilt Guild will have their meeting March 1 at 7 p.m. at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Mark Puffer of Fabrics Etcetera will speak about sewing machine maintenance. This is an important topic to anyone who sews or quilts.

Visitors may attend meetings for free. The annual dues are \$25.



## CHRIS ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Chris Clark marks a birthday Thursday, Feb. 10. Birthday greetings are sent to Chris from wife Mary and "babies" Zeldia and Maude. Special birthday wishes are sent from the Leader staff as well as a big thank-you for all he does for the community.

## LILY TURNS FOUR!

Happy birthday wishes are sent to Lilian (Lily) Margaret Scarberry who celebrates her fourth birthday Saturday, Feb. 12, from dad Austin, mom Tiffany and big sister Jade Scarberry; grandparents Jannie and Robert Scarberry, former longtime South Belt residents; aunts Jenny (Hayes) Laney and Stacey (Hayes) Flowers; uncles Stephen Flowers, Joey Hayes and Tyler Scarberry; and cousins Brayden and Baylee Espinosa, Olivia Moreno, and Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers.

## DEAN CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Dean Baier, longtime South Belt resident and director of operations at Clear Brook City MUD, is wished a happy birthday Feb. 16 from his wife Barb, his son Ryan Baier, granddaughter Payten Worden, friends and the Leader staff. He is active in the community, serving as a paramedic and volunteer firefighter for Harris County Southeast Fire Department and chairing the South Belt Spectacular Cook-off.

## DEAN CELEBRATES AN ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations are in order for Dean Baier and his wife Barb as they celebrate the one-year mark of their marriage. Dean and Barb married Feb. 13, 2021. Here's to many more wonderful

## SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 10 through Feb. 16.

## Atkinson Elementary

Give a birthday shoutout Feb. 12 to Eileen Guinon. The day for a party for Diana Trevino is Feb. 14.

## Beverly Hills Intermediate

Tina Garza celebrates a birthday Feb. 10. Feb. 11 is the day to wish Ronnie Thomas a happy birthday. Sing a happy birthday song with Yesenia Ramirez Feb. 12. Birthday wishes are in order Feb. 15 for Barbara Henderson and Janet Jaso.

## Frazier Elementary

Maritza De La Garza enjoys a birthday Feb. 15.

## Fred Roberts Middle School

Blow out the birthday candles Feb. 11 for Elsa Chiachio. Send a special birthday greeting Feb. 13 to Esmeralda Rodriguez.

## Meador Elementary

Remember to wish Erika Rodarte a happy birthday Feb. 12. Blow out the birthday candles for Natalie Aviles Feb. 15. The day for a birthday celebration with cake and ice cream for Tania Castillo is Feb. 16.

## Melillo Middle School

Enjoying a birthday Feb. 12 is Michelle Rush. The day for a birthday cake for Gabrielle Creagh is Feb. 14.

## Moore Elementary

Join in the birthday fun Feb. 12 with Kristy Chapa.

## South Belt Elementary

Melissa Cerda enjoys a birthday Feb. 12.

## Thompson Intermediate

Bill Kirchman celebrates a birthday Feb. 10.

Ana Chicas enjoys a birthday Feb. 13.

## Dobie High

Holly Peel enjoys a wonderful birthday Feb. 13. Remember to wish Andrew Kirkpatrick a happy birthday Feb. 15. The day for birthday balloons and party favors for Willard Joiner is Feb. 16.

## FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday Feb. 10: Kathy Ramirez, Morgan Wingo, Angie Baucum, Jesse Chavez, Christina Parasco and Mike Huffman; Friday, Feb. 11: Cesar Ramirez and Jennifer Zanders; Saturday, Feb. 12: Greg Banhart, C.J. Jareo III, Chris Smith, Cynthia Tavera, Clyde Jones, Lisa Jones, Jacqueline Preston, Alex Lerma and Robert Barbosa; Sunday, Feb. 13: Celeste Beaty, Trisha Waguespack, Cristi Skerrett and Randy Harms; Monday, Feb. 14: Cathi Brockman and Jon Baker; Tuesday, Feb. 15: Mark Wilson, Laura Allison, Gene Cearnal and Kelley Huebner; and Wednesday, Feb. 16: Yvonne Rojas, Linda Soria, Danielle Cunningham, Mary Nell Dees, Rhonda Stallbaumer, Sharla Fults and Lisa Fernandez.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Regional quarterfinalists expect big season

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**  
 Consecutive regional quarterfinal playoff appearances and three straight seasons of at least 23 wins sandwiched around the 2021 pandemic-shortened campaign. 104 total wins over the past five seasons, and individual players named 22-6A Most Valuable Player following the 2019 and 2021 seasons.  
 It's called success, and it's what defines the Dobie softball program.  
 Lady Longhorns' head coach Robin Rackley, herself a player at Dobie when the program won the first of its three state championships in 1993,

has built a regional power that has excelled year after year.  
 The 2021 season ended in disappointment with 1-0 and 3-2 losses to Clear Springs in the Region III quarterfinal round, but the Lady Longhorns nonetheless produced 24 overall wins before delivering a handful of graduating seniors to the collegiate ranks.  
 Heading into the 2022 regular season opener Feb. 14 at Clear Brook, Dobie again has extremely high hopes.  
 The Lady Longhorns must contend with defending Class 6A state champion Deer Park in its own 22-6A league, but they ap-

pear more than ready to do so.  
 Rackley and her staff spent the offseason replacing as many as five key starters from 2021, including three infielders and one of the area's prominent leadoff hitters.  
 That's the way school sports go at any level.  
 Players graduate, leaving openings, but Dobie has successfully reloaded time and time again and will no doubt do so again for 2022.  
 Carrying the load early

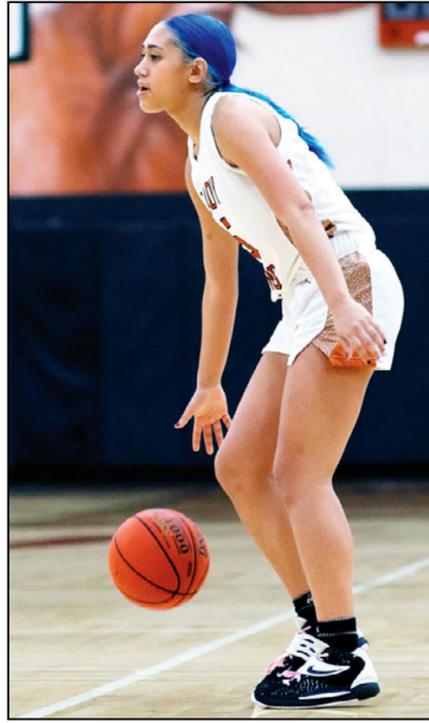
on both at the plate and in the circle will be junior Marisa Perla, whose two-way talents led to her being named Most Valuable Player as a sophomore in 2021.  
 Perla, who days ago announced via Twitter that she has verbally committed to the University of Texas at Tyler, will bolster Dobie's lineup along with Karlie Barba, the 22-6A Designated Player of the Year and a stellar two-way performer in her own right.  
 Another 2021 first team all-district performer, catcher Bella Perez, who in the offseason verbally committed to McNeese State, also returns



At left, Bella Perez is a key returnee for a Dobie team that reached the regional quarterfinals a season ago in the Region III softball bracket. The Lady Longhorns open their season Feb. 14 at Clear Brook and then travel to the Bryan Invitational Feb. 17-19.  
 Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## Lady Horns repeat champs

Finishing clutch with eight straight wins, the Dobie varsity girls' basketball team has repeated as champion and top playoff seed out of District 22-6A following a 35-29 win at Deer Park Feb. 4.  
 Senior standout Victoria Rivera scored 12 points and had nine rebounds and Jacque Giron had 10 points as the Lady Longhorns earned their second straight league title at 10-1 with a home game against third-place Memorial Feb. 8 after press time.  
 At press time, Dobie was in line to face either Atascocita or West Brook of District 21-6A in the bidistrict playoff round Feb. 14-15.  
 Deer Park held down second place in the District 22-6A standings, with Memorial third. The fourth seed belongs to Channelview.  
 In 2021, West Brook stunned Dobie with a big fourth-quarter comeback and upset win in the same bidistrict round.  
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Dobie's Jacque Giron has helped her team to eight straight wins and another District 22-6A crown.  
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## Dobie boys' hoops secure top 22-6A slot; Brook may play second fiddle in 24-6A

The Dobie varsity boys' basketball team will win the District 22-6A championship and enter the bidistrict playoffs Feb. 21-22 as the league's top seed. It's only a matter of time.

At 9-0 entering action against Pasadena Memorial Feb. 8 after press time, the Longhorns had secured no worse than a first-place tie, with only the Mavericks (6-3) capable of forcing a tie.  
 The Longhorns kept the good times rolling with a 61-58 victory over Deer Park Feb. 4. The win gave the Longhorns a season sweep of the Deer.  
 Dating back to the 1981-1982 season when the Longhorns were 16-0 in league play and 30-6 overall, the varsity boys' basketball program has lost two or more district games each season since. That is about to change.  
 While the Longhorns

are set to lock up the District 22-6A crown, the defending District 24-6A champion Clear Brook Wolverines seem destined to surrender their throne to Dickinson.  
 A 70-64 win in the second half of league play has vaulted the Gators into the top spot with three games remaining for the leaders.  
 The Wolverines, 27-5 overall and 7-2 in 24-6A

play as of press time Feb. 7, caught a break as Clear Creek scored an upset win over Clear Falls, leaving the Knights in the third spot at 6-3. Brook has remaining games against

Clear Springs, Clear Lake and Clear Falls to close out league play.  
 When the playoffs start Feb. 21-22, the Wolverines will aim to improve upon consecutive appearances in the area round, both ending with losses to Summer Creek in 2020 and 2021.  
 Dobie, which dropped a

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At right, Christian Bradshaw (right) and the Clear Brook Wolverines have slipped into second place over Clear Falls as the 24-6A boys' basketball race nears a conclusion.  
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## Southbelt LL opens 2022 Feb. 26

The Southbelt Little League will celebrate Opening Day 2022 complete with the return of the league's annual parade Saturday, Feb. 26.

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of baseball. For more information on the buddies program, visit [www.jfdo.biediamondclub.com](http://www.jfdo.biediamondclub.com).

**SLL Sets First Pitch Opening Day/Parade Saturday, Feb. 26 El Franco Lee Park**

SLL president Johnny Ramirez confirmed the parade procession will start at Weber Elementary, traveling along Blackhawk Boulevard before winding its way to a conclusion at the league's facility at El Franco Lee Park.  
 According to Ramirez, preseason registration saw 541 players sign up for play this spring, with 47 teams across all divisions set to compete.  
 League officials are also eager to swing the doors open to a shiny facility at El Franco Lee Park, with numerous improvements made since 2021.

(major, minor and pee-wee) and installation of new artificial mounds that are safer and uniform for play; and freshly painted and repaired scoreboards on all fields to ensure fully functional.  
 There are additional plans and budgets in the works as the Southbelt Little League prepares to open for 2022.  
 SLL is continuing its 2022 partnership with the Dobie Diamond Club and its Baseball Buddies program, pairing JFD varsity players with youths within the SLL to promote growth in the game

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## UIL Realignment 2022-2023 through 2023-2024

### District 22-6A

Channelview  
Deer Park  
Dobie  
Memorial  
Pasadena  
Sam Rayburn  
South Houston

### District 24-6A

Brazoswood  
Clear Brook  
Clear Creek  
Clear Falls  
Clear Lake  
Clear Springs  
Dickinson

## UIL new realignment much ado about little

On the day of the big announcement, it was much ado about nothing. The University Interscholastic League's biannual athletic district realignment covering the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years brought no change where Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD officials are concerned. The District 22-6A ranks will still include the five Pasadena ISD schools as well as Channelview and Deer Park, while 24-6A will still consist of the five Clear Creek ISD schools in addition to Brazoswood and Dickinson. For school district athletic officials, it's as simple as reshuffling the order of league games and going to lunch. It's not quite as

simple of course, but one can catch the drift.

For Dobie and Deer Park, it's a chance to continue a district rivalry that has existed since the 70s.

The two schools have already tussled back and forth for 22-6A championships in almost every team sport last school year and this, so the tradition continues.

The same can be said for the 24-6A ranks, where Clear Brook and the other CCISD schools will in large part go against Dickinson for playoff positioning, with Brazoswood a threat in a handful of sports as well.

As for first round bidistrict playoff matchups, the 22-6A qualifiers will

go against a 21-6A lineup that will include United and West Brook of Beaumont ISD, North Shore of Galena Park ISD, Humble ISD programs Atascocita, Humble, Kingwood and Shadow Creek, as well as Sheldon ISD's C.E. King.

All of that said, it must be stated that Dobie and Deer Park remain in line to face Atascocita or North Shore in the 6A varsity football Division I first round.

The 23-6A/24-6A first round playoffs show the aforementioned 24-6A programs like Clear Brook going against 23-6A's Alvin ISD's Alvin or Shadow Creek, Alief ISD's Elsie, Hastings or Taylor, Strake Jesuit or Pearland ISD's Dawson or Pearland.

The Longhorns and Wolverines are set to meet in the regular season opener, although specific dates and locations will not be announced until the UIL establishes its 2022-2023 calendar.

Dobie has reached the playoffs in each of Ber-

neathy's four seasons as head coach, while Brook continues to build under Towels and last had a winning season in 2017.

But Clear Brook owns supremacy in the neighborhood series, winning the 2007 matchup 41-7 in a blowout.

## Robbins has LSA best



Lutheran South sophomore Makynna Robbins had a program-record 19 rebounds and also scored 17 points as she led the Pioneers to a 38-34 victory over Fort Bend Christian Jan. 31. For the season as of Feb. 1, Robbins was averaging 17.5 points and 11 rebounds per game for the Pioneers. She added three steals and four assists.

## Dobie Football 2022-2023 Opponents

Scrimmage: Clear Springs

Week 1: Clear Brook

Week 2: Grand Oaks

Week 3: Dickinson

Week 4: Houston Lamar

Week 5: \*Deer Park

Week 6: \*Pasadena

Week 7: \*Memorial

Week 8: \*Channelview

Week 9: \*Sam Rayburn

Week 10: \*S. Houston

Week 11: Bye week



Dobie's Victoria Rivera (22), the Most Valuable Player of District 22-6A as a junior in 2021, has led the Lady Longhorns to a second straight league championship as the locals could face either Atascocita or West Brook Feb. 14-15 in the bidistrict playoffs.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## JFD girls win 22-6A

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Dobie has dealt with several issues beyond its control this season but has put it all together to close out another crown.

What lies ahead in the postseason is yet to be determined, but the Lady Longhorns know they can compete with anybody remaining in the playoff mix.



Franklin Paul has guided his Dobie varsity boys' basketball program to the top of the District 22-6A standings as head coach and, with a youthful roster in tow, appears to have the Longhorns built for success as they enter the revamped District 22-6A alignment.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## Dobie boys top 22-6A; Brook sits second in 24

Continued from Page 5 bidistrict playoff game to West Brook by a 58-56 count last season, is one win away from 20 for the season and could get to 22 overall with a 22-6A sweep.

Any combination of one more Dobie win or one more Memorial loss will give the Longhorns the outright championship in District 22-6A.

As coaching hires go, Paul has clearly shown that he was the right choice at Dobie.

## San Jac softball team claims three of four

Rebounding from three losses to open the season, the San Jacinto College softball team won three of four games during the weather-abbreviated Island Invitational at the Pasadena Girls Softball Association complex.

In a 9-4 win over Jones College Feb. 5, San Jac's Taniece Tyson homered as part of a two-hit game, drove in three runs and scored twice.

Emily Garcia, meanwhile, drove in another three runs to support winning pitcher Daryn Grams, who threw three no-hit innings and was aided by a four-run fifth inning.

In a 5-2 win over Odesa later in the day, Maggie Childs homered and drove in three, while Tyson had

her second homer of the day and knocked in a pair of runs.

Coyote pitcher Christin Haygood struck out eight over a seven-inning complete game for the win.

On Feb. 6, the locals split a pair of games with Mississippi Gulf Coast, winning 12-4 before suffering a 4-3 loss.

In the 12-4 win, Maddy Bailey smacked a solo homer and scored twice. Childs drove in three runs and Tabby Burnett sent two more runs home as Haygood pitched five frames for the win.

Despite the 4-3 loss in the finale, Bailey had three hits and Childs had two hits and knocked in two runs as the locals slipped to 3-4 overall.

## JFD boys tie, stand at 2-1-1 in 22-6A play

At right, Ronaldo Guzman and his Dobie varsity boys' soccer teammates played Memorial to a scoreless tie Feb. 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena as the two programs looked to keep pace with the early leaders in District 22-6A action. On Feb. 4, Xavier Hurtado and Fabio Salas punched home first-half goals as Deer Park struck a key blow in 22-6A boys' soccer action, blanking defending league champion Dobie 2-0 at Veterans. The Longhorns were shut out for the first time this season and had opened 22-6A play with wins over Channelview and Pasadena. Through Feb. 7 play, Deer Park was at 2-0-2 for eight points with Dobie second, 2-1-1 for seven points.

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Dobie's Kori Pounds (17) scored three times for a hat trick as she led the Lady Longhorns to their third win in four district games for a stronghold on second place behind unbeaten Deer Park. The

Lady Longhorns lost a 3-0 game to Deer Park Feb. 4 at Abshier Stadium in Deer Park. At 3-1-0, the Lady Longhorns have started well with three wins.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## CB girls close out 24-6A basketball

A potential 30-win regular season and a first-ever undefeated run in District 24-6A play were the only issues to be resolved as the league champion Clear Brook Lady Wolverines prepared for their Feb. 8 battle at Clear Springs.

Clear Brook, in the

midst of one of the finest regular seasons in program history, will represent 24-6A as the top seed and will play Alief Hastings, the fourth seed out of District 23-6A, in the Feb. 14-15 bidistrict playoff round. The area round follows Feb. 17-19.

Of note, Brook's Feb. 8 game against Clear Falls marked the final District 24-6A game for Springs' head coach Pam Crawford, who is retiring.

Before taking over at Springs, Crawford had for many years coached at Clear Brook.

## Track teams aim at restart

The District 22-6A champion Dobie varsity boys' and girls' track and field teams will open the 2022 season Feb. 11 as Pasadena ISD hosts the prestigious Brown Relays at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

Meanwhile, the Clear Brook programs are set to compete at the Pearland Relays Feb. 11 at The Rig.

Much of the opening weekend of the season was canceled across the area as school closures Feb. 4 due to freezing conditions

halted outdoor activities.

Dobie had been set to open its season in Deer Park at the Kethan Relays, while Clear Brook did not host its annual Wolverine Winter Relays. Feb. 18 has Clear Brook at Dawson and Dobie idle.

## Lady Lions' 7A basketball third at PISD tournament



Thompson Intermediate's seventh-grade A girls' basketball team captured third place at the Pasadena Independent School District's postseason tournament to complete a great season for the program. Members of the Lady Lions' team

are, left to right, (front row) Brianna Chapa, Allison Walker, Khloe Coronado, Melissa Tzintun, (back row) Izelliah Williams, Alexis Martinez, Genesis Leal, Persephone Soria and Alena Moya.

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Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12**  
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., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787.  
1 p.m.  
St. Paul's Anglican Church - Knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
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 at 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m.  
Celebrate Recovery - meets at the Life Kids Chapel, 9900 Almeda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m.  
AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
6 p.m.  
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at 11222 Fuqua. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923.  
7 p.m.  
AA - St. Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. Call 281-309-2801.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." 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.  
The National Active and Retired Federal Employees - meets at 9500 Hall Rd. Call 713-734-1461.  
7 p.m.  
Houston Skyscraper Shadows Civic Club - meets at 7900 Fuqua. Call 713-332-6294.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m.  
Carmelites - meets at 15500 El Camino Real. Open to those ages 55+. Call 713-444-6744.  
10 a.m.  
The Community Club - meets at 5824 Spencer Hwy. Email Jmopry@yahoo.com.  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m.  
St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
8 p.m.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

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### Giron again leading Lyon



Dobie graduate Jade Giron scored 19 points to lead the Lyon College Scots past host Williams Baptist 77-65 Jan. 29 in American Midwest Conference action. The win improved the Scots, ranked in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national poll, to 18-4 overall and 10-1 in the AMC standings. A season ago, Giron led Lyons to the NAIA nationals as she was both the AMC Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year.

Lyon Athletics photo

### Millenders make Guy V. Lewis list



The Millenders of the Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball team, Kemo and Marcus, were both named to the Guy V. Lewis Award top 30 watch list. The Greater Houston Basketball Committee late last month announced the 30 players in line for the prestigious Lewis honor, which annually recognizes the top varsity boys' basketball player in the Houston area. Past Lewis award winners include Tramon Mark of Dickinson (2019-2020) and Shadow Creek's Ramon Walker (2020-2021), who both play at the University of Houston. As for the 2022 award, the 10 finalists will be announced March 1, with the winner bestowed March 29 as part of an either in-person or virtual event.

### Former Dobie teammates vie

Former Dobie High School varsity softball teammate Yvonne Whaley and Camryn Wincher will reunite on the field Feb. 11 in Florida as Whaley's University of Pittsburgh and Michigan State will meet as part of the season-opening Northern Lights Southern Nights tournament in the Sunshine State.



Yvonne Whaley



Camryn Wincher

The Dobie High School football program hosted its annual banquet honoring standouts from the 2021 season Jan. 25 at the school. The following is a rundown of the varsity team award honorees.

- Newcomer of the Year**  
*Evan Jordan*
- Football Leadership**  
*Mohamed Elghawi*
- Horns Pride (Biggest Heart)**  
*Richard Gary*
- Mr. Longhorn (Team MVP)**  
*Cameron Gray*
- Academic Standout**  
*Keegan Ashworth*
- Offensive Most Valuable Player**  
*Trajan Davis*
- Offensive Hustle**  
*Joshua Rodriguez*
- Offensive Most Improved**  
*Terrand Booker*
- Defensive Most Valuable Player**  
*Gabriel Chambliss*
- Defensive Hustle**  
*Emmanuel Drain*
- Defensive Most Improved**  
*Trevon Johnson*
- Special Teams Most Valuable Player**  
*Daniel Campero*

### Horns recognize best

The Dobie High School football program celebrated a successful 2021 season by hosting an awards banquet in the cafeteria. At the varsity level, the Longhorns went 8-2 overall and reached the postseason for the fourth consecutive season under head coach Kevin Berneathy. Dobie has now won 33 regular season games in four years with Berneathy and his staff running the show. Cameron Gray was named overall team Most Valuable Player with Trajan Davis the top offensive player and Gabriel Chambliss tops defensively.

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### SBYSC is registering

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now extending early registration for the spring 2022 season as practices begin later this month. League games will begin in March.

Those registering in the 8-under (uniform included) and 9-under (uniform additional cost) divisions will pay \$85 per player, while those in the 11-older (ages 10-18) divisions will pay \$95 each, with an additional cost for uniform.

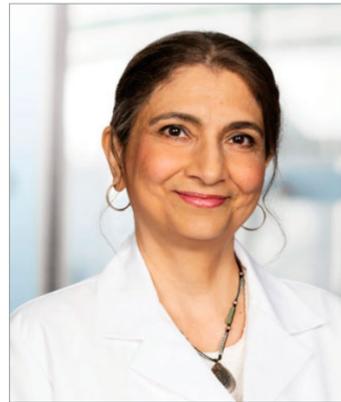
Families may register by credit card or debit card only at [www.southbeltsoc.org](http://www.southbeltsoc.org).

Regular registration will be held from Feb. 15 to March 15, and a late registration fee of \$10 will be assessed after March 15.

The league will host two weekday practices for the most part, and families will be responsible for providing shin guards, cleats and a ball.

Games for most age groups will take place on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The league is always seeking volunteer coaches, assistant coaches and team parents.

# Expanding our team of experts in PRIMARY CARE



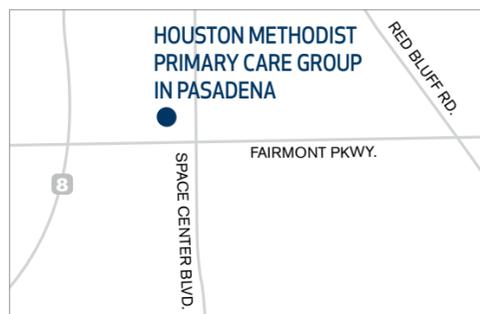
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