

### Stations of the Cross

Residents may pray the stations at the outdoor Stations of the Cross at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, taking place at 3 p.m. Friday, March 11. A fish dinner will be provided by the Knights of Columbus following the event.

### Sagemeadow HOA to meet

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. Homeowners are encouraged to attend. For general inquiries, email info@sagemeadow.org or call/text 832-377-0847. For more information, visit sagemeadow.org.

### St. Luke's holds fish fries

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road (rear parking lot), will host a drive-thru fish fry each Friday through April 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. (or until sold out). Dinner consists of a breaded USA catfish fried fillet, hush puppies, corn on the cob, French fries, tartar sauce and a drink. Baked fish fillets are available in limited quantities. Cost is \$12. Cash and credit are accepted. All money raised will benefit community projects. All are invited.

### Pop-Up Shop scheduled

The Gardens Pop-Up Shop will be held Sunday, March 13, at the Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer at Hughes, 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.

### Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, March 10 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, March 11 (second Friday of the month). March is for tree waste only. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

### COVID cases decrease

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community continues to decrease, with numbers declining for the fifth consecutive week.

As of Tuesday, March 8, there had been 12,464 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866) – up 31 from the previous week. Of those, 397 remain active, down 245 from the previous week. To date, 116 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up three from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), there had been 9,071 confirmed cases, up 16 from the previous week. Of those, 241 remain active, down 640 from the previous week. To date, there have been 74 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there had been 8,545 confirmed cases, up 71 from the previous week. Of those, 240 remain active, down 487 from the previous week. To date, 85 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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

Countywide, there had been 874,453 total confirmed cases. Of those, 846,095 have recovered from the disease, while 21,035 cases remain active, down 13,737 from the previous week. A total of 7,283 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.lichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-el-Coronavirus.

### 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.

The northbound entrance ramp from Bay Area Boulevard to the Gulf Freeway will be closed until further notice.

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.

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.

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

### Sagmont feeds children

Sagmont Church, along Be A Champion, will provide free children's meals every Wednesday through June 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the church annex, 11600 Hughes at Beltway 8. Every child in the vehicle 18 or under will receive a week's worth of a food. If a child is not present, parents will need to bring proof, such as a birth certificate or report card. Residents will not have to get out of their vehicles. Food will be served until supplies run out.

## Local COVID-19 cases significantly decrease

### Pasadena ISD reporting only 4 active cases – none at South Belt campuses

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has decreased dramatically in recent weeks, with only four cases being reported this past week in all of Pasadena ISD, including none in the immediate area.

At press time, there was one active COVID-19 case at Garfield Elementary and another at South Houston Elementary. There was an additional active COVID-19 case at Schneider Middle School and one at Summit Guidance Center.

There were no active cases at any of the school district's intermediate or high schools.

By comparison, there were 218 active COVID-19 cases when the *Leader* reported on the subject approximately six months ago.

On Sept. 8, Pasadena ISD offered the following breakdown of the district's active cases:

- High schools: 40 active cases.
- Intermediate schools: 50 active cases.
- Middle schools: 37 active cases.

– Elementary schools: 84 active cases.

– Additional campuses: three active cases.

– Administration buildings: four active cases.

Of the district's high schools, Dobie led the pack at the time, with eight active cases being reported. Dobie9 reported six active cases.

For Pasadena ISD's latest COVID-19 statistics, visit [www1.pasadenaisd.org/parents\\_students/covid](http://www1.pasadenaisd.org/parents_students/covid).

### Clear Creek ISD

At press time, Clear Creek ISD was reporting 15 active cases, including 11 students and four employees.

Of those, six were at elementary schools, including three were at Armand Bayou, one at Falcon Pass, one at North Pointe and one at Clear Lake City.

There were four active COVID-19 cases at the intermediate level, including one at Clear Lake,

one at League City, one at Space Center and one at Westbrook.

Four active cases were reported at the high school level, including two at Clear Lake, one at Clear Brook, one at Space Center and one at Clear Creek.

One active case was reported at the school's Transportation Department.

By comparison, Clear Creek ISD reported 642 active cases last September, including 572 students and 70 employees.

At that time, there were 15 active cases at Clear Brook High School.

For the latest COVID-19 statistics from Clear Creek ISD, visit [www.ccsid.net/covid19](http://www.ccsid.net/covid19).

### South Belt cases

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the immediate South Belt community has also dropped.

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## Thomas takes over

There has officially been a changing of the guards at Dobie High School, with Jorly Thomas (left) taking over from former Dobie principal Franklin Moses (right). Thomas had been serving as interim principal of the area high school since the Christmas break when Moses announced he was leaving the campus to take a new position as assistant superintendent at Clear Creek ISD. Thomas previously served as principal of Roberts Middle School.

## Thomas now permanent JFD principal

By Reesha Brown, Pasadena ISD

Jorly Thomas has taken the helm as principal of J. Frank Dobie High School.

Thomas transitioned into his new role after serving as the school's interim principal from December to mid-February 2022.

Surrounded by his immediate family and work families from both Fred Roberts Middle School and Dobie High School, Thomas was approved for the position during a special called board meeting of the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees on Feb. 15.

"I have great confidence in Mr. Thomas' leadership. He leads with a positive mindset and is committed to continuing the excellence of Dobie Pride," said Alyta Harrell, associate superintendent for campus development.

An educator with more than 20 years of experience,

Thomas started his career as a teacher in Galena Park ISD in 1999. He went on to become a counselor the following school year at Spring ISD and then Fort Bend ISD in 2003.

Thomas first joined the Pasadena ISD family as an assistant principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate in 2006 and continued to serve as an assistant principal at Dobie High School from 2013 to 2015.

In 2015, Roberts Middle School named Thomas as its inaugural principal. Under his leadership from 2017-2019, the school earned the following academic accolades:

- Academic Achievement in Science.
- Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading.
- Post-Secondary Readiness.

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## Body found near Edgebrook apartments

Houston police are awaiting autopsy results in the death of a man found around 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, outside an apartment complex in the 10900 block of the 10910 Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook.

The identity of the victim, 36, and his cause of death are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic sciences.

According to Houston police, patrol officers responded to a call at the above address to find a

man lying unresponsive on the ground.

Houston Fire Department paramedics responded and pronounced the man dead at the scene.

There were no obvious signs of trauma to the man, and the investigation is pending the cause of death.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600.

## Pct. 2 deputy injured during chase

A Precinct 2 deputy was injured around 11 p.m. Saturday, March 5, during a chase at Blackhawk and Hughes Road.

The incident began when deputies responded to a call about a suspicious dark-colored vehicle on Blackhawk, but when the driver fled from deputies, a pursuit ensued.

The suspect reportedly drove the wrong way down the road and struck the deputy's patrol car, while he was inside of it. The deputy was taken

to the hospital with minor injuries and is expected to be OK.

The suspect briefly fled on foot before being apprehended by deputies.

The suspect, 28, was found to have open warrants and was taken into custody. He was additionally charged with felony evading in a vehicle.

Deputies found drugs and weapons in the suspect's vehicle. At press time, it remained unclear if he faced additional charges.

## Traffic stop leads to multiple arrests

A traffic stop in a high-crime area near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway led to multiple felony charges Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Deputies with Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office were conducting narcotic interdiction in the area near Clearwood Drive and Ledge Street when they spotted two men in a vehicle acting suspiciously.

Deputies activated their emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle, deputies detected a marijuana odor emitting from the car.

The driver was identified as John Boyd, and the passenger was identified as 22-year-old Kendrick Demond Crawford.

A probable cause based search of the vehicle yielded more than 30 grams of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and two handguns. Deputies further recovered large sums of U.S. currency found on both subjects.

A check of Boyd's information revealed he provided false identifying information. Deputies positively identified the driver as 23-year-old Reyshun Brandon Tyreek Boyd, who was also found to have an open warrant for aggravated robbery out of the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

The Asset Forfeiture Division was contacted and accepted the seizure of the U.S. currency.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted charges for felony possession of marijuana, unlawful carry of a weapon and fail to identify on Boyd. Crawford was charged with felony possession of marijuana.

Both subjects were transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. Boyd's bonds were set at a total of \$12,500, and Crawford's bond was set at \$7,500.

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## Hidalgo lowers COVID-19 threat level

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo recently announced she is lowering the county's COVID-19 Threat Level Indicator from Level 1: Red to Level 2: Orange.

The move comes as positive cases and COVID-19 ICU populations are decreasing.

"The Omicron wave hit Harris County very, very hard," said Hidalgo. "In fact, only now have our hospitalization rates dropped to levels that don't immediately threaten the capacity of our healthcare system. While we're moving in the right direction, there are no guarantees we won't see another wave in the future. My hope is that the on-demand availability of vaccines and treatments will help us to avoid another dangerous spike. I continue to urge folks to get vaccinated.

Doing so will allow us to deal with COVID-19 as a manageable risk rather than an emergency that unnecessarily threatens lives and the capacity of our entire healthcare system."

Level 2: signifies a significant and uncontrolled level of COVID-19 in Harris County, meaning that there is ongoing transmission of the virus. At this level, unvaccinated residents should continue to mask, physically distance, and avoid all medium and large gatherings. Vaccinated individuals should follow the latest local public health guidance on whether to also wear a mask while indoors in public places, in crowded outdoor settings, and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

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## BOPA collection event set for March 26

Houston District E City Council Member David Martin, along with the Solid Waste Management Department, will hold a batteries, oil, paint and antifreeze (BOPA) mobile collection event Saturday, March 26, at the Ellington Airport/Clear Lake Neighborhood Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is free, open to all City of Houston residents and will be held rain or shine. A valid Texas driver's license or other proof of residency will be required. Business waste will not be accepted.

Many common household materials are con-

sidered hazardous and need special disposal. When Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is disposed of in the trash, it can contaminate landfills and subsequently groundwater. This event provides a free and safe alternative for residents to rid their homes of potentially dangerous materials.

Accepted items include household and automobile batteries, motor oil and filters, latex paint, antifreeze, large appliances and scrap metal. Used motor oil will be limited to 15 gallons. All liquids are required to be in sealed, nonleak-

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## Risner, others file election lawsuit

A bipartisan group of three losing candidates from the March 1 primary elections have filed a lawsuit against Harris County, citing multiple voting irregularities in the contest.

Republicans Richard Vega and Bianca Gracia and Democrat George Risner are the petitioners in the case. Vega – a longtime South Belt resident -- and Risner were both candidates in the race for Precinct 2 commissioner, while Gracia was a candidate in the race for state Senate District 11.

At a press conference held Tuesday, March 8, the candidates, along with their attorney Oliver Brown, emphasized they are not attempting to reverse the elections but merely ensure that any issues are rectified before future ones.

"The March 1 primary election was tainted by multiple errors in the election process. This is not a political attack," said Brown. "This isn't about Republican versus Democrat. What this is about is that when November comes around, we have an accurate process, in which we can trust the vote. This suit was filed to ensure we have a safe, accurate and efficient count at the ballot. There were numerous errors this last cycle, and it's only going to get worse if the county doesn't do anything about it."

The lawsuit seeks a permanent injunction against Harris County Elections Administrator Isabel Longoria, preventing her from conducting future elections in the county.

The candidates themselves – from both par-

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## Candidates file county lawsuit



Three losing candidates from the March 1 primary elections have filed a lawsuit against Harris County, citing several voting process irregularities. The three candidates shown above at a press conference at CT Church Tuesday, March 8, are, left to right, Bianca Gracia, George Risner and Richard Vega. The group – made up of two republicans and one Democrat – symbolized their party affiliation by wearing red or blue clothing, as did many of their supporters in the audience.

# In My Opinion

## Cobarruvias' thoughts on politics

Recently the Texas Republican Party (TRP) endorsed another term for CCISD Trustee Scott Bowen. This endorsement may solidify an influx of money from a political Party into a non partisan race. It may also bring another term filled with partisan bickering, disruption, and extreme partisan politics in our schools and on our CCISD Board. Wearing your party affiliation on your forehead and bringing divisive extreme party positions into our Board isn't what's best for CCISD. Bowen has been acknowledged by his Party for spearheading the election of extreme candidates to Boards across Harris County, including Cy-Fair ISD Trustee Scott Henry, who

made racist comments at his first school board meeting and has since been fired from his job. Bowen supported candidate Christine Parizo who ran on extreme party talking points, lost by 25 points, filed multiple official complaints, and was eventually escorted out by Law Enforcement for disrupting a School Board meeting. CCISD deserve board members who will work together to do what is right for the kids, parents, and teachers based upon science, good accounting principles, common sense, and dignity. Bowen has shown over the last few years that he has none of these qualities. There are two other candidates in the race. Both are qualified. Both could bring back stability, common sense, and civility to our School Board. Pick one.

**John Cobarruvias**

# Republicans, Democrats file election lawsuit

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tion process since the 2020 elections, said the lawsuits cut to the core of democracy itself. "It's not about a win or a loss, it's about trust," Gracia said. "If you vote, your vote should be counted. If we don't have a democracy, we don't have a Republic." Risner feels the vote count was so unfair that he would have also lost the race for his previous position of Precinct 2 justice of the peace (one of two in the South Belt area) had he stayed in that contest, despite sitting on the bench for roughly three decades.

To emphasize the bipartisan nature of the lawsuit, the candidates each wore red or blue to the press conference to symbolize their party affiliation, as did many of their supporters in the audience. At the root of the lawsuit, petitioners contend that Longoria - who was appointed by Commissioners Court rather than elected by the public - was not only incompetent but that such incompetence was willful and intentional. "A wise man once said that 'incompetence is the perfect camouflage for malfeasance,'" the lawsuit states. "The volume of egregious constitutional and statutory violations indicates that Elections Administrator Isabel Longoria crossed the line of

incompetence and ventured into the forest of malfeasance." The suit lists approximately a dozen alleged procedural violations, most of which deal with equipment and training issues. A former election worker herself, Gracia said she noticed multiple violations at her own polling precinct. "I've been working on election integrity for a while now, this is not my first rodeo," Gracia said, noting that a poll worker at her precinct was telling voters to put their ballots in the machine upside down, a process that reportedly prevents the barcode from being scanned. In the week since the March 1 elections, the Harris County Republican Party has filed two separate lawsuits against

the county, lodging many of the same complaints as this one. According to Brown, however, their lawsuits are contractual, not constitutional like the bipartisan one. "This is not an election contest, this is a constitutional contest," Brown said. Brown was concerned that only the first GOP lawsuit sought to impound the ballots from the primary elections, while he felt it was essential for both suits to get an accurate assessment of the true vote count. To the surprise of most in the room, Brown announced during Tuesday's press conference that Longoria had announced her resignation from her post as elections administrator, set to take effect July 1. While he welcomed the news, Brown feels Longoria needs to step down now. "She needs to leave immediately," Brown said. Despite the revelation, Brown said the lawsuit will move forward.

**New Covenant food distribution**  
New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk Boulevard at Kirkfair will hold its first food distribution event on March 26, from noon to 2 p.m. The church will have a food distribution event on the fourth Saturday of each month from noon to 2 p.m. The purpose of the distribution is to provide food to people in need in the surrounding community. For more information, the church at 281-484-4230.

## Local Parker Williams, Bracewell 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://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 (weather permitting) storytime for all ages. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

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

**Additional resources**  
The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at [www.houstonlibrary.org](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, March 10, 10:30 a.m. Baby Time. Join Kathy Pham and Jasmine Washington in the Library Community Room for In-Person Baby Time. For babies 0 to 18 months who cannot walk confidently.

Thursday, March 10, 5 p.m. Teen Advisory Group. Looking for a way to volunteer? Join John Harbaugh at the Teen Advisory Board Meeting in the Library Community Room! All teens and young adults welcome! One must fill out a Volunteer Application ahead of the meeting if one has never volunteered at the Parker Williams Library.

Friday, March 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. AARP Tax Aid. AARP volunteers will be assisting with tax questions and filling out returns in the Library Community Room. Bring a driver's license, Social Security card and any relevant tax information for everyone included on the tax return.

Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. Vietnamese Classes for Beginners. Learn how to speak and read Vietnamese. For adults and kids ages 8 years and older. To register and receive more information about classes, call 832-927-7870 or visit the Parker Williams website.

Monday, March 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. AARP Tax Aid. AARP volunteers will be assisting with tax questions and filling out returns in the Library Community Room. Bring a driver's license, Social Security card and any relevant tax information for everyone included on the tax return.

Tuesday, March 15, 3 p.m. Community Craft. Leprechaun Paper Puppet, a fun and unique addition to St. Patrick's Day crafts for kids and families. Bring your own DIY little leprechaun to life. All craft kit pieces are prepackaged for individual use and pick up with included instructions.

# Deaths

## Curtis L. Pree Sr.



Curtis L. Pree Sr., 65, departed Earth Feb. 10, 2022. As the youngest of two, Curtis was born June 4, 1956 in St. Louis, Mo.

He was educated in the St. Louis school system. Curtis then completed his college education at the University of Missouri.

Upon graduation, Curtis embarked upon several endeavors before moving to Houston. Curtis was well-

known in the South Belt community.

With his entrepreneurial mindset, he started his own residential and commercial painting service at which he worked throughout his last years.

Curtis relished in many hobbies. Some of these hobbies included debating current events, eating good meals and getting together with his family and friends each week.

Curtis had an absolute joy for bowling. In competitive bowling, Curtis accomplished rolling multiple 300-point games and an 800-game series.

Curtis is preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Eddie Pree; and his son, Stephen Busby. Curtis is survived by his wife, Alison; their eight children; and 12 grandchildren.

## Karl David Sweet

Karl David Sweet was born on July 1, 1966, in Olathe, Kansas to Pete and Julia



Sweet. Karl left this life too early due to a tragic car accident on March 1, 2022. Karl was preceded in death by his father, and he is survived by his mother and siblings Erik Sweet (wife Stacia), Karen Sweet-Cheney, and Jon Sweet (wife Vicky). He was the prankster uncle to Krista Cheney, Patrick Sweet, Sydney Sweet and Sam Werner. Karl is also survived by many other beloved family members and loved ones.

In 1974, the Sweet family moved from Kansas City, Mo. to Sagemont where Karl attended Stuchbery and Fra-

zier elementary, Thompson Intermediate, and graduated from Dobie High School in 1985. He later attended ITT and received an associate degree in drafting. Karl spent his youth in the Boy Scouts of America and earned his Eagle rank in 1983 in Troop 773. As a talented drummer, Karl performed in a number of local bands for many years. Karl's greatest pleasure was in helping others, and thanks to Karl's jack-of-all-trades skills in building, repairing, gardening and renovation, friends and family benefited from his spirit of generosity. Karl will be remembered for his love of his cats, chocolate, his hilarious sense of humor and the ability to lighten even serious circumstances with a bit of wit and silliness. A Celebration of Life service for Karl will be held Sunday, March 20 at noon, at New Life Lutheran Church, 3521 East Orange St., Pearland. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to one's preferred charitable organization.

## Laura Bush invites families to book fair



On Thursday, March 3, families were invited to Laura Bush Elementary Family Night for a book fair. Parents were invited to shop with their children and interact with their children's teachers. There were several raffles in which the students could participate. The winners were announced at school the following day. Families were assisted by students from Dobie's Key Club. Shown above, left to right, are Cristian Cavazos (in "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" costume) and mother Adriana Cavazos.

Shown left, left to right, are Rubi Contreras (librarian) and Nely Maicher (assistant principal).

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## Morris earns national distinction award



Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Maria Nolasco, fifth-grade math teacher; Heather Smith, fifth-grade reading teacher; Lindsey Fagan, counselor; Tyler Carmona, campus math coach; (back row) Robin Cate, assistant principal; Allison Lewallen, principal; Shawn Wokaty, sixth-grade math teacher; Alicia Tillotson, sixth-grade reading teacher; and Kim Edwards, counselor.

The National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform and the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals as part of a national recognition program have designated Morris Middle as a "Texas" School to Watch. Morris Middle School joins approximately 50 other campuses across Texas with this distinction and honor. State leaders selected Morris Middle School for its Academic Excellence, Developmental Responsiveness, Social Equity and Organizational Structure and Processes. In addition, Morris MS has strong leadership, teachers who work together to improve curriculum and instruction, and a commitment to assessment and accountability to bring about continuous improvement. Leticia Menchaca, state director for schools to Watch in Texas and TASSP director for Middle-Level Services, stated, "We congratulate Principal Lewallen and her staff, students and parents for being a campus that does great things for all of their students. This school has demonstrated that a high-performing middle school is a place that focuses on academic growth and achievement. Morris Middle School is a place that recognizes the importance of meeting the needs of all students and ensures that every child has access to a challenging high-quality education." The Schools to Watch selection process is based on a written application that requires schools to show how they met criteria developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. Schools that appeared to meet the criteria were then visited by state teams, which observed classrooms, interviewed administrators, teachers, students, and parents, and looked at achievement data, suspension rates, quality of lessons, and student work. Schools are recognized for a three-year period, and at the end of three years, they must demonstrate progress on specific goals in order to be redesignated. Unlike the Blue-Ribbon recognition program, "Schools to Watch" requires schools to not just identify strengths, but to also focus on areas of continuous improvement; thus, the three-year redesignation. Launched in 1999, Schools to Watch began as a national program to identify middle-grades schools across the country that were meeting or exceeding 37 researched based criteria developed by the National Forum. The Forum developed the website <https://www.middlegradesforum.org/> that features online tours of schools, as well as detailed information about selection criteria used in the recognition program. There are now 17 states across the country, which have trained Schools to Watch State Teams, with more than 480 schools recognized across the country. "We are pleased that our Schools to Watch program has shown that schools can meet high academic expectations while preserving a commitment of healthy development and equity for all students," said Scott Steele, National Forum board president. "These Schools to Watch are indeed special; they make education so exciting that students and teachers don't want to miss a day. These schools have proven that it is possible to overcome barriers in achieving excellence, and any middle-level school in any state can truly learn from their examples," Steele said.

## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca  
A member of the Neighbor's app posted a video of a person that was caught on surveillance video checking for unlocked vehicle doors. The incident happened Thursday, March 3 at 8 p.m. in the Gulf Palms subdivision. Other members commented and posted pictures of the man also having been seen in other neighborhoods. There were many reports posted on all social media pages of a car chase and multiple police vehicles in the area. See related story on Page 1.

## JFD Class of 1992 reunion

The Class of 1992 will celebrate its 30-year reunion July 30 at Chapman and Kirby, 2118 Lamar St. Suite 100, Houston. For more information and to join the class page, one may visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/305984622788781/>.

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### Green Thumb set March 15

The Green Thumb Gardening lecture "Composting" by Harris County Master Gardeners with Harris County Public Library is set for Tuesday, March 15.

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/).

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## Thompson announces honor rolls

Thompson Intermediate officials announced its fourth six-weeks honor roll.

**Seventh grade**  
Steven Aguilar, Deacon Akinloye, Reemas Alazzer, Tyler Albert, Alexander Alfaro Maldonado, Isabella Allen, Kaleigh Antoine, Adelle Bongfen and Jasmine Cabrera.

Jayvian Chavez, Leslie Costa, Aidan De La Rosa, Linkin Dinh, Anahi Echeverria, Adham Elghawi, Delilah Evans, Courtney Fletcher and James Flores.

Fabian Fraide, Ezequiel Gonzalez, Vivian Hang, Julian Hernandez, Julius Hernandez, Alexia Hoang, Marina Kostikoglou, Duy Lam and Anthony Le.

Sheyla Le, Genesis Leal, Hayden Limas, Allyson Mar-

quez, Miah Martinez, Kacey McDonald, Jaiden Medina, Adlin Mena and Elianne Mendoza.

Dylan Mohwinkel, Morgan Momie, Aden Moore, De Yanhi Moses, Alena Moya, Junied Munshi, Hayly Nguyen, Justin Nguyen and Nicholas Nguyen.

Ijeoma Nmezi, Louisa Obah, Lilly Oliva, Nathaniel Padilla, Jordan Parga, Jonny Pham, Andy Phan, Jeremy Rangel and Ana Reyes.

Aubree Rodriguez, Nelson Rodriguez, Christopher Rubio, Cathy Sanchez, Jonathon Sanchez, Manuel Sanchez, Sophia Saucedo, Zaire Scott and Christiane Simpson.

Persephone Soria, Jayda Stewart, Kendra Tamez, Aidan Teran, Anne Tran, Nina

Truong, Faith Vazquez, Rajana Woods and Karim Zamzam.

**Eighth grade**  
Anderson Aguilar, Blessing Akinloye, Sural Alcorita, Lilah Alexander, Joel Alvaranga, Jaiden Alvarez, Henry Armenta Alonso, Shawn Armstrong and Celeste Arriaga.

Sean Arroyo, Kendall Ashworth, Lahnay Avendano, Ivan Ayala, Makayla Ballard St. Romain, Alexander Baumgartner, Nathaniel Belleville, Haris Bhatti and Erika Calvillo.

Kylie Campos, Anthony Cancel, Ashley Cantarero, Kimberly Castillo, Mikayla Castillo, Ethan Cavazos, Kennedy Cavazos, Alonzo Chapman and Kevin Chau.

Ryan Chau, David Contrer-

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## Morris receives CREST award



Morris Middle School received the CREST Award for Counseling. The CREST award recognizes Texas schools that demonstrate a continuous commitment to designing a counseling program that aligns to the Texas Model for Comprehensive School Counseling Programs. It is also endorsed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Shown above, left to right, are Lindsey Fagan, counselor; Allison Lewallen, principal; and Kim Edwards, counselor.

## Melillo honors bus drivers

Melillo Middle School officials honored the school's Pasadena ISD transportation team of drivers with a little treat on their special day.



Above is Sanders Alix with his treat.



Shown above, left to right, are bus drivers Michael Anderson and Angie Trevino.



Maline Johnney shows off her certificate.



Jose Varela is all smiles.

## COVID-19 threat level lowered

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After two years, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo kicked off at the end of February. The Harris County Public Health team urges residents to wear face coverings,

given the continued presence of the Omicron wave in the community and asks that unvaccinated individuals, per the threat level system, avoid medium or large gatherings.

The COVID-19 vaccine

and vaccine booster are available at no charge for all Harris County residents ages 5 and above. To find out more information, locations and hours, visit [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Registration-2019-Novel-Corona-virus/Register-for-COVID-19-Vaccine](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Registration-2019-Novel-Corona-virus/Register-for-COVID-19-Vaccine).

For a complete list of indicators, guidance and related information visit [ReadyHarris.org](http://ReadyHarris.org).

## Presentation on 160 missing moon rocks

Fifty years ago, as the last two astronauts to walk on the moon prepared to return to Earth, they dedicated a lunar rock to the children of the world. Once back on Earth, that same sample was divided into 1-gram stones, which were then embedded in Lucite balls and mounted to wooden plaques for presentation to foreign nations and the United States.

Half a century later, the locations of more than 70 of the Apollo 17 moon rock gifts remain unknown. When added to a similar set of gifts from the Apollo 11 first moon landing, nearly 160 moon rocks are missing.

Congregation Shaar Ha-

shalom will host Robert Pearlman who will recount his search for the missing moon rocks and will share how one can join the hunt.

Pearlman is a space historian and founder of the website collectSPACE, which is devoted to the news and information on space exploration, space related artifacts and memorabilia.

Pearlman has led the search for these lunar treasures. Working with a former NASA special agent, museum curators, students and space history enthusiasts, the missing moon rocks have been traced down to a myriad unlikely places, from a dentist's office to the home of television reality star.

The presentation will take place Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. on Zoom. One may contact Sandy at [adulted@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:adulted@shaarhashalom.org) for additional information.

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77062, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

## Melillo selects students of the month

Melillo Middle School staff members announced its students of the month for February. They are honored to celebrate each of these students' hard work with their teachers and peers at school.



Shown above is Ernesto Davalos (fifth-grader) who is an exceptional student at Melillo Middle School. He always has a positive outlook and willingness to help others. Davalos exhibits outstanding character through his kindness and responsibility. His favorite subject is PE and he enjoys playing soccer with the Houston All Stars.



Shown above is Layla Davila (fifth-grader) who demonstrates great leadership qualities and serves as a role model for her peers. She is always willing to help when they ask for her assistance. Davila enjoys being active and loves sports especially soccer. Her favorite vacation spot is Florida.



Shown above is Hyrum Wheeler (sixth-grader) who is an exceptional student. Math and social studies are his favorite subjects because they are easy and fun. Wheeler has two siblings; he is the youngest of three. He looks up to his two older sisters for direction. His favorite memory at Melillo has been making new friends. He enjoys traveling; his favorite vacation spot is Hawaii.



Shown above is Alizae Munoz (sixth-grader) who is an exceptional student. Social studies is her favorite subject; she enjoys learning about history and the past. Munoz has one sibling, a younger brother whom she loves to teach how to do things. She exemplifies Melillo's guidelines for success by assisting others in need. Her favorite memory at Melillo has been achieving good grades despite having a busy softball schedule with practices and weekend tournaments. She plans to enjoy a great book during Spring Break. Alizae's favorite place to visit outside of Texas is St. Louis, Missouri.

## Thomas now permanent JFD principal

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Top-10 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps.

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2019 Model School Award, recognizing the staff's dedication to student academic success.

Since Dobie opened its doors in 1968, only a handful of individuals have served as principal of the Longhorn community: Allen Sory (deceased) 1968-1976; Frank Braden (deceased) 1976-1988; Jerry Speer, 1988-2000; Steve Jamail, 2000-2012; and Thomas' predecessor Franklin Mo-

ses, who served as principal from 2012-2021.

Thomas is the sixth principal to continue the 50+ year tradition of excellence at Dobie High.

"I am honored to be the next torchbearer of Dobie Pride," said Thomas.

Thomas reflected on his experience at Roberts Middle and what he learned along the way.

"Over the past seven years as the principal at Roberts Middle School, I learned that you could serve and lead simultaneously," Thomas said. "Leaders add value to organizations by

servicing others. Finally, I believe that an effective leader is one whose actions and motivation reflect a selfless commitment to the school's cause."

Thomas graduated with a bachelor's degree in his-

## Local COVID-19 cases decrease

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According to reporting in last week's *Leader*, the number of active cases reported in ZIP code 77089 the week of March 1 was down 349 from the previous week.

Similarly, the number of

active COVID-19 cases reported in ZIP code 77075 that same week was down 416 from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77034, the number of active cases for the week of March 1 was down 298 from the previous week.

This marked the fourth

consecutive week the numbers decreased, following a sharp up-tick at the onset of the Omicron variant.

To view an interactive map, visit [publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Registration-2019-Novel-Corona-virus](http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Registration-2019-Novel-Corona-virus).

Harris County

Harris County recently lowered its COVID-19 threat level from Red to Orange, indicating reduced risks on infection.

County officials, however, still encourage residents to get vaccinated and get their vaccine booster shots.

Unvaccinated people are urged to continue to wear masks and social distance from others.

For the week of March 1, Harris County reported 34,772 active cases, down 17,535 from the previous week.

For additional COVID-19 information from Harris County, visit [ReadyHarris.org](http://ReadyHarris.org).

See related story on Page 1.

## South Belt celebrates 100 days of school



South Belt Elementary students and staff celebrated the 100th day of school as everyone had fun dressing in attire and accessories as if they were 100 years of age. Others recognized the occasion by wearing 100 days of school

T-shirts. Above, the participating first-grade students included, left to right, Aulahna Moore, Ezekiel Reyes, River Hensley, Mason Campos, Connor Linder and King Cooper along with teacher Kelly Kimball.



South Belt Elementary first-grade students sharing smiles during the school's 100 Days of School celebration included, left to right, (front row) Jancarlos Villavicencio, Christopher Cavazos, Hailee Walker,

Melanie Charles, Clayton Davis, Madelyn Rangel, (back row) Ezekiel Infante, Nicholas Hinojosa, Alexander Nicholas and Manuel Graciano.

## Meador celebrates 100th day of school



Shown left are sisters (front row) Sadie Rios, pre-K; (back row) Azariah Rios, second grade; and Isabella Rios, fourth grade, who participated in the 100th day of school parade and in math activities Feb. 3 at Meador Elementary. Tracie Nair (above), music teacher, also joined in on the fun with the students.

# Thompson announces fourth six-weeks honor roll

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 as, Cecilia Cruz, Hailey Cubos, Arianna Davidson, Breunna Davis, Khayden Davis, Natalie De Hoyos and Dinah Dean.  
 Daphney Deleon, Hadi Elghawi, Cooper Estes, Chyenne Evans, Daisy Evans, Savannah Flores-Lewis, Calvin Flowers, Parrish Ford and Roxann Franco.  
 Helio Frausto, Lexi Galindo, Kayla Garcia Cortez, David Garza, Max Garza, Briana Godinez, Emily Golenko,

Adam Gonzales and Frank Gonzales-Adam.  
 Miranda Gonzalez, Abel Gutierrez, Abigail Gutierrez, Lance Heath, Maddox Hernandez, London Herrera, Morgan Hill, Nathan Jimenez and Davion Johnson.  
 Rayne Larson, Alex Le, Danton Le, Daveon Love, Donovan Luu, Ava Macias, Kristin Madise, Abraham Martinez and Jorge Martinez.  
 Sarah Massey, Mia Mata, Edgardo Mateo, Morgan Mc-

Gee, Isaiah Medina, Dulce Mejia Hernandez, Kiara Merkeron, Mehreen Mir and James Moe.  
 Jalyn Mondragon, Azriel Moreno, Angie Munoz, Ayden Munoz, Jawad Naser, Heidi Nganoun, Quoc-Bao Ngo, Daniel Nguyen and Gia Nguyen.  
 Haley Nguyen, Jennifer Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen, Victory Nwosu, Thalia Oddo, Jonathan Orellana Sarmiento, Valerie Ortiz and Awele Ozieh.

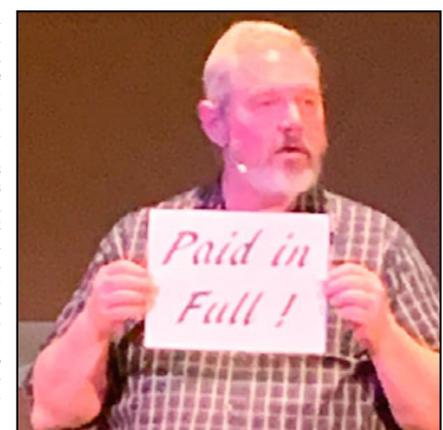
Amairani Pena, Alex Perez, Thi Pham, Emly Pineda, Jazmin Pineda, Wilson Ponce, Brianna Puga, Yvette Ramos and Natalie Rangel.  
 Aryes Rennett, Nathan Rodriguez, Joselyn Romero, Mariah Romero, Josiah Romero-Love, Carlos Salgado, Nicholas Sepulveda, Francisco Serrano and Aaron Sierra.  
 Raymond Solis, Isaiah Solorzano, Alison Soriano Gonzalez, Daniel Soto, Mia Sudario Garza, Kian Ton,

Parker Tran, Alexandra Trevino, Keyli Vanhoutsen-Guerrero and Fernando Vargas.  
 Marissa Vasquez, Juan Vega, Aidan Veitia, Thu Vo, Leon Vu, Zoey Vuong, Olivia Wheeler, Ta'mya Woods, Layla Zarazua and Nathan Zavala.

**Lenten Series set March 16**  
 Rev. Lawrence Jones of St. Thomas of Canterbury Anglican Church will speak at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 11456 Space Center Blvd., Lenten series and soup supper at 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 16.  
 The Lenten season, a time of fasting and repentance, reflects on the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert in prayer and fasting before beginning his public ministry. For more information, contact the church at 281-479-7285. There is no charge for the supper.

# SB Church celebrates a goal met

**South Belt Church members celebrated a milestone Jan. 30, when the church mortgage was paid off. The mortgage was paid off early thanks to generous and dedicated church members making offerings throughout the years to a special fund called "The Second Mile," that specifically went toward the reduction of the loan principal making it possible to have the debt paid off in 2022, instead of years later. The pastor, Kevin Rizer (right), and the congregation celebrated by having a Note Burning ceremony.**



# Meador Elementary enjoys a snow day



Meador Elementary scheduled a fun snow day for students. A total of 49,000 pounds of ice created eight hours of snow for Meador students and staff to enjoy. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Malia Ortega (Dobie student), Kori Pounds (Dobie student), (back row) Alyssa Chapman (Dobie student), Tara Merida (counselor), Cindy Medina (Dobie student), Ernestina Martinez (Dobie teacher), Beverly Bolton (principal) and Shandria Sanchez (Dobie student).



Shown right, left to right, are second-graders Nicole Santacruz, Nathaly Cortez, Issa Mesa Espinoza and Arianna Ramirez.



Shown left, left to right, are Beverly Bolton (Meador principal) with visitors from the PISD administration building Derek Duckett, director of safety; Alyta Harrell, associate superintendent campus development; Joa Saavedra, associate superintendent campus development; Dr. DeeAnn Powell, superintendent; and Rhonda Parmer, associate superintendent campus development.



Shown above is pre-K student Nicole Lagos enjoying the ice slide.

# BOPA event set for March 26

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 ing containers that are labeled as to contents.  
 Items not accepted include business, medical and agricultural waste; oil-based paints; solvents; flammables; pesticides; herbicides; and other similar hazardous materials.

To get to the Ellington site from the Gulf Freeway and Beltway 8, drivers should take I-45 south toward Galveston and turn left onto FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road; go to Highway 3/Old Galveston Road and turn right; drive two blocks and turn left onto

Brantly; go past a dock with signs to the right and turn left onto Loop Road/Broussard. The recycling center will then be on the left-hand side.  
 For additional information, contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or districtc@hous.tontx.gov.

# BHI names fourth honor rolls

Beverly Hills Intermediate officials announced their fourth six-weeks honor roll.

**Seventh grade**  
 Arlette Aguirre, Vianna Alanis, Victor Alanis, Carlos Albarra, Morgan Alejo, Kevin Alfaro, Brooke Anderson, Ester Avila and Roy Azinge.  
 Gissell Barba, Arianna Bermudez, Melanie Berrios, Vanessa Blanco, Brooke Bond, Charles Bruno, Hermallyn Campos, Nicholas Cantu and Gabrielle Castilleja.

Jasso, Monica Jasso, Ashia Jones, Anh Le and Huy Le. Jorge Martinez, Molly Mata, Pretty McCoy, Grace Menahem, Yasmin Mendez, Jillian Mikulski, McKenzie Milburn, Ethan Mora and Ashley Moreno.  
 Charleston Nash, Joshua Negron, Alissa Nguyen Hoang, Duy Nguyen, Hieu Nguyen, Huyen Nguyen, Jocelyn Nguyen, Kelvin Nguyen and Minh Nguyen.  
 Tuan Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Jeremiah O'Neal, Aidan Ojeda Obregon, Estefani Orellana Ramirez, Kaden Orozco, Joseph Ovie-do, Luciano Padilla and Nathan Paredes.  
 Kaitlyn Pecina, Nevaeh Perez, Truc Pham, Vincent Pham, Andrew Posey, Angela Quinonez, Mia Ramirez, Eric Reyes and Marco Rincon.  
 Ismael Rodriguez Marquez, Tatiana Rodriguez, Aiden Romero, Isaias Ruiz, Daniel Salamanca, Noah Serna, Farael Sims, Ethan Smith and Jacob Solis.  
 Jonathan Solis, Alina Sosa, Samyria Spriggs, Jennifer Tan, Aiden Tellez, Taylor Thomas, Marlee Tillman, Tiffani Tillman and Ja-Nasia Tompkins.  
 Ximena Torres-Zuniga, Miriam Torres De Leon, Daniel Tran, Kaylie Tran, Alex Truong, Tuyet Truong, Thomas Turruartes, Alan Vallejo and Aiden Vara.  
 Ruben Vasquez, Julian Villanor, Tina Vo, Minh Vu, Sidney Walker, Courtney Williams, Amaya Wilson and Lily Yam.

Essence Gabriel, Yazmyne Gaines, Karyme Galvan, Ethan Garay, Alonso Garcia Martinez, Edward Garcia, Johnny Garcia, Thomas Garcia and Alyria Garcia-Garza.  
 Christopher Gomez, Nathaniel Gonzales, Aranza Gonzalez, Massiah Gordon, Kaelyn Grice, Ella Guerra, Daniela Guerrero, Hao Ha and Ashley Hernandez.  
 Janice Hernandez, Landen Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Kenny Ho, Trinity Hoang, Eli Jackson, Rosa Jimenez Velasco and Ami Johnson.  
 Jordan Johnson, Lauren Jones, Cady Lagrone, Richard Le, Janiel Leon Delgado, Jandel Leon Ortiz, Francia Luengo Montano, Iliana Luna and Nathan Luna.  
 Linh Luu, Peyton Lynn, Nayelly Marquez, Alia Martinez, Evelyn Martinez, Kevin Martinez, Nicholas Martinez, Xavier Martinez and Mark Mata.  
 Katherine Matute, Adam Medrano, Jaylene Melo, Nelson Mendez, Vladimir Mondragon, Cristian Monge, Alfa Montalvo, Simon Montemayor and Nathan Montez.  
 Zariah Morales, Steven Morillo Rodriguez, Tommy Ngo, Andrew Nguyen, Anthony Nguyen, Chloe Nguyen, Cj Nguyen, Dan Nguyen and Diana Nguyen.  
 Hannah Nguyen, Hoang Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Matthew Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Nina Nguyen, Thu Ninh, Michela Offord and Kamillah Oliva.  
 Sweny Onyango, Edgar Orozco, Kaylin Orta, Benjamin Ortiz, Isabella Pena Angelica Perez, Matthew Perez, Stephany Perez and Don Pham.  
 Hannah Pham, Mylan Piedra, Chayla Pineda, Ezekiel Portales, Yaciry Portales, Berenice Rames, Jezreel Rames, Joaquin Ramirez and Destiny Reyes.  
 Kayla Reynaud, Jose Rivas, Stefany Rivera Valdez, Aileen Rivera, Isaias Rodriguez, Jesus Rodriguez, Alexander Salguero, Anthony Salguero and Dylan Salinas.  
 Aaron Sanchez, Christopher Sanchez, Jacob Sanchez, Alejandro Saucedo, Naven Scott, Dayana Serrano, Kaitlyn Sherwood, Cameron Smith Mickle and Zachary Staten.  
 Thao Ta, Savannah Talavera, Kaylanie Tran, Victoria Tran, Khang Truong, Eliud Urbina Paez, Andres Valdez, Arianna Vasquez and Brandon Ventura.  
 Theodore Villarreal, Bao Vu, Clayton Washington, Jai'Ana Washington, Xandria Williams, Emry Williford, Yuliana Zambrano and Christopher Zarate Moreno.

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1977)**  
 South Belt residents were concerned after Rep. Bob Gammage announced that if Air Force officials had their way, Ellington Air Force Base would be closed completely. He added that NASA would probably be the next to leave the Houston area.  
 Growth in the South Belt area included restaurants, recreational facilities, a church and numerous new houses.  
 Twenty-six Dobie students spent a week in Washington, D.C., as participants in the government studies Close Up program.

tion whether to pass a \$67.8 million bond package.  
 Three PISD administrators who had received unauthorized raises six months previously were to pay the additional salary back to the district.  
 Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office was investigating allegations that its deputies used excessive force in subduing a woman who was charged with public intoxication.  
**25 years ago (1997)**  
 Beltway 8 was set to open from Interstate 45 to Highway 288. However, since the Texas Department of Transportation did not build a bridge for frontage roads, motorists would have to enter the toll-way and pay 75 cents to continue westward.

Three South Belt elementary schools, Stuchbery, Thompson and Meador, would see campus upgrades as part of a 1995 bond referendum.  
**10 years ago (2012)**  
 Dobie became the center of state academic controversy when Lubbock High School was named the champion of the state academic decathlon even after it was confirmed that the score from the Super Quiz of one Dobie student was not included.  
 Kendrick Williams, 8, was killed in his home when a 36-inch television toppled on him.  
**15 years ago (2007)**  
 The Pasadena Independent School District held a grand opening ceremony for Laura Welch Bush Elementary School on Blackhawk.  
 Houston police announced

the identity of the victim in a fatal shooting at an apartment complex on Algonquin at Scarsdale. Enrique Colorado-Godine, 26, a resident of the apartments, suffered a gunshot wound to the head and died at Ben Taub General Hospital. According to officers, Colorado-Godine was sitting in his car listening to his radio when he was robbed and shot.  
 Chad Barrett, a Dobie athletic trainer, briefly saved a softball game spectator's life by using an Automatic External Defibrillator. With the assistance of another spectator, who happened to be a nurse, Barrett kept the 73-year-old man alive until paramedics arrived. Unfortunately, the man died the next morning at the hospital due to heart complications.

**5 years ago (2017)**  
 Lomax Middle School Principal Norma Penny and Lewis Career and Technical High School Principal Steve Fleming were selected as the 2017 Elementary/Middle Principal of the Year and Secondary Principal of the Year, respectively, by the Pasadena Independent School District. PISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. DeeAnn Powell and several district administrators delivered the news Monday, March 6, by surprising the honorees at their campuses. The winners were selected by district and campus administrators. Penny has been at Pasadena ISD for more than 20 years, serving first as a teacher and then a counselor at Miller Intermediate. In 2003, she took a position as an assistant principal of Thompson Intermediate before ultimately taking her current role as principal of Carter Lomax in 2007. Fleming has been making an impact on the students of Pasadena ISD since 1989. He

began his career as a science teacher at Pasadena High and took an administrative role as an instructional specialist in 2000. Fleming changed roles again when he served as an assistant principal at Pasadena Memorial from 2003-2011. In 2011, he took on his current position, becoming the first principal of Pasadena ISD's career and technical high school, Lewis CTHS. The pair was honored at a recognition ceremony on Wednesday, April 5.  
 A gunshot was fired during an armed robbery at the Liquor Depot store in the 11600 block of Beltway 8 at Sabo Road. According to police, the suspect entered the store around 8:20 p.m., produced a pistol and demanded cash from the register. As the crook was leaving the establishment with an undisclosed amount of money, the liquor store owner followed him outside and attempted to take his photo with a cell phone. At this point, the suspect turned around and fired his weapon at the store owner. The owner was not struck by the gunshot, but the shooter's bullet shattered the window of the adjacent business, Great Clips hair salon. No immediate arrests were made.

**1 year ago (2021)**  
 Former Morris Middle School nurse Sydney Golden was arrested Friday, March 5, on felony forgery charges. Golden was arrested by Pasadena ISD Police Department and charged with a third degree felony offense of forgery of a government instrument. According to Pasadena ISD officials, the arrest came after a thorough and extended investigation. Golden was hired to start the 2020-2021 school year and was only on campus for 10 school days, officials said.  
 A man was shot Tuesday, March 2, outside a bar in the 12000 block of the Gulf Freeway following an argument. The victim was transported to the hospital in critical condition. No immediate arrests were made.

**35 years ago (1987)**  
 A group of approximately 200 people, mostly agriculture science students, attended a meeting of PISD trustees to protest \$3 million in budget cuts. The ag students disagreed with a proposal which would cut district ag teachers from four to two. The two remaining teachers would take care of two schools each.  
 A county-wide effort to curtail the writing of bad checks began. The effort was intended to educate merchants on how to lower the number of bad checks they accepted, and what to do when a check was returned to them.  
 Beltway 8 was inching closer to the South Belt area with the acquisition of land and the placement of construction signs nearby.  
**30 years ago (1992)**  
 CCISD trustees unanimously agreed to let voters decide in the upcoming elec-

tion whether to pass a \$67.8 million bond package.  
 Three PISD administrators who had received unauthorized raises six months previously were to pay the additional salary back to the district.  
 Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office was investigating allegations that its deputies used excessive force in subduing a woman who was charged with public intoxication.  
**25 years ago (1997)**  
 Beltway 8 was set to open from Interstate 45 to Highway 288. However, since the Texas Department of Transportation did not build a bridge for frontage roads, motorists would have to enter the toll-way and pay 75 cents to continue westward.

Three South Belt elementary schools, Stuchbery, Thompson and Meador, would see campus upgrades as part of a 1995 bond referendum.  
**10 years ago (2012)**  
 Dobie became the center of state academic controversy when Lubbock High School was named the champion of the state academic decathlon even after it was confirmed that the score from the Super Quiz of one Dobie student was not included.  
 Kendrick Williams, 8, was killed in his home when a 36-inch television toppled on him.  
**15 years ago (2007)**  
 The Pasadena Independent School District held a grand opening ceremony for Laura Welch Bush Elementary School on Blackhawk.  
 Houston police announced

the identity of the victim in a fatal shooting at an apartment complex on Algonquin at Scarsdale. Enrique Colorado-Godine, 26, a resident of the apartments, suffered a gunshot wound to the head and died at Ben Taub General Hospital. According to officers, Colorado-Godine was sitting in his car listening to his radio when he was robbed and shot.  
 Chad Barrett, a Dobie athletic trainer, briefly saved a softball game spectator's life by using an Automatic External Defibrillator. With the assistance of another spectator, who happened to be a nurse, Barrett kept the 73-year-old man alive until paramedics arrived. Unfortunately, the man died the next morning at the hospital due to heart complications.

**5 years ago (2017)**  
 Lomax Middle School Principal Norma Penny and Lewis Career and Technical High School Principal Steve Fleming were selected as the 2017 Elementary/Middle Principal of the Year and Secondary Principal of the Year, respectively, by the Pasadena Independent School District. PISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. DeeAnn Powell and several district administrators delivered the news Monday, March 6, by surprising the honorees at their campuses. The winners were selected by district and campus administrators. Penny has been at Pasadena ISD for more than 20 years, serving first as a teacher and then a counselor at Miller Intermediate. In 2003, she took a position as an assistant principal of Thompson Intermediate before ultimately taking her current role as principal of Carter Lomax in 2007. Fleming has been making an impact on the students of Pasadena ISD since 1989. He

began his career as a science teacher at Pasadena High and took an administrative role as an instructional specialist in 2000. Fleming changed roles again when he served as an assistant principal at Pasadena Memorial from 2003-2011. In 2011, he took on his current position, becoming the first principal of Pasadena ISD's career and technical high school, Lewis CTHS. The pair was honored at a recognition ceremony on Wednesday, April 5.  
 A gunshot was fired during an armed robbery at the Liquor Depot store in the 11600 block of Beltway 8 at Sabo Road. According to police, the suspect entered the store around 8:20 p.m., produced a pistol and demanded cash from the register. As the crook was leaving the establishment with an undisclosed amount of money, the liquor store owner followed him outside and attempted to take his photo with a cell phone. At this point, the suspect turned around and fired his weapon at the store owner. The owner was not struck by the gunshot, but the shooter's bullet shattered the window of the adjacent business, Great Clips hair salon. No immediate arrests were made.

**1 year ago (2021)**  
 Former Morris Middle School nurse Sydney Golden was arrested Friday, March 5, on felony forgery charges. Golden was arrested by Pasadena ISD Police Department and charged with a third degree felony offense of forgery of a government instrument. According to Pasadena ISD officials, the arrest came after a thorough and extended investigation. Golden was hired to start the 2020-2021 school year and was only on campus for 10 school days, officials said.  
 A man was shot Tuesday, March 2, outside a bar in the 12000 block of the Gulf Freeway following an argument. The victim was transported to the hospital in critical condition. No immediate arrests were made.

# Over The Back Fence by Kenna



**EVIE TURNS EIGHT!**  
 Stacey (Hayes) and Stephen Flowers of League City celebrate the eighth birthday of their daughter, Evelyn "Evie" Faith Flowers, on Friday, March 11. Proud grandparents are Jannie and Robert Scarberry, former longtime South Belt residents, and Karen and Mike Flowers of Dickinson. Sharing in the celebration are big sister Kennedy; big brother Owen; aunt Jenny (Hayes) Laney Scarberry; uncles Joseph Hayes and Austin and Tyler Scarberry; and cousins Brayden and Baylee Espinosa, Olivia Moreno and Jade and Lily Scarberry. Stacey is a 2005 Dobie High School graduate.

**LARRY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
 Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Thursday, March 17, are sent to local businessman Larry Morgan from his wife Mary Ellen, family, friends and the Leader staff.  
**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 10 through March 16.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
 Sing a verse of a happy birthday song March 11 to Donna Koonce. Remember to wish Manuela Juarez and Maria Zavala a happy birthday March 15. Break out the balloons and party favors March 16 for Tiffany Aldridge.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
 Carla Bradford enjoys a birthday March 14.  
**Burnett Elementary**  
 Light the birthday candles on a cake for Hong Doan March 15.  
**Frazier Elementary**  
 Birthday greetings go out to Mary Noyola on March 13. Blow out the candles March 15 for Mirtha Hernandez.  
**Fred Roberts Middle School**  
 Enjoying a special birthday March 10 is Alexis Gonzalez Hernandez.  
**Meador Elementary**  
 Remember to wish Hannah Schaper a happy birthday March 11. Bring out the party favors and balloons for Marissa Nevarez March 13.  
**Melillo Middle School**  
 Diane Wheeler, Melillo principal, celebrates a birthday March 10. The day to celebrate with cake and ice cream for Troy Ralls is March 14.  
**Moore Elementary**  
 Join in the birthday fun March 15 for Esmeralda Chacon.  
**South Belt Elementary**  
 Meaghan Rivas celebrates a birthday March 14.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
 Give a birthday shoutout March 12 to Elida Torres. Tiffany Laday celebrates a birthday

March 14.  
**Dobie High**  
 Adrian Amador and Sandra Rodriguez share a birthday March 12. On March 14, birthday wishes are sent to Robert McGill. Blow out the birthday candles March 16 for Clara Ullman. Birthday greetings are sent to Karrie Valerio who celebrates a birthday March 17.  
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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Dobie softballers to go against DP

Dobie remained on a roll heading into a much-anticipated 22-6A matchup March 11 against Deer Park, getting a home run and three runs batted in from Karlie Barba to run-rule Channelview March 1 at the PISD Complex.

Barba, continuing a red-hot senior season at the plate, went deep for a fifth time overall and raised her team-leading RBI total to 24 as Dobie crushed Channelview 17-3, getting six runs in the bottom of the fourth en route to shortening the game.

Miriam Castillo and Shellie Ferguson, who doubled twice, also drove in three runs each for the Lady Longhorns, 14-5 overall this season.

Bella Perez and Leslie Sarduy scored three runs each for the winners, who advanced to the regional quarterfinals in 2021.

Hosting Deer Park March 11, Dobie will get its first crack at a longtime rival that won the Class 6A state title last season.

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## Horns capture an eighth straight crown

A Region III-best eighth consecutive district championship was secured by the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team's reach as the league leaders saw second-place Pasadena play Memorial to a 3-3 tie March 7 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Longhorns, winners of six straight matches that have earned a maximum 18 points in the standings, and their 25 overall points cannot be surpassed.

Eight consecutive league titles and a 92-6-14 record over that span with two matches to play in the regular season. As the top seed in 22-6A, Dobie will wait for the playoff field to finalize.

It hasn't been easy, but the Longhorns have made it look that way.

A first-round loss to Deer Park and a score-

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At right, Dobie has won an eighth consecutive District 22-6A championship after Ronaldo Guzman (9) netted five goals in a 6-1 win over Memorial March 4 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. On March 7, Pasadena's 3-3 tie against Memorial in Pasadena assured the Longhorns of another championship.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## Resumes viewed JFD coaching search set to pick up speed

The resume submission time frame now complete, a search committee headed by Dobie High School principal Jorly Thomas has begun the task of determining just who the 11th varsity head football coach in program history will be.

Thomas, who was named interim principal at the school just prior to the holiday break and was then awarded the full-time job last month, came away impressed with the early results.

"It's a great job. I mean, there are a lot of outstanding candidates out there who would like to be the choice," said Thomas, who estimated that he had received more than 50 resumes midway through the required 10-day-online job posting.

"It's exciting to be part of the hiring process of the next head football coach of Dobie High School.

"But I think that, as with many hires of this type, you feel pressure to get it right."

Dobie's opening came about after Kevin Berneathy resigned his post

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## 22-6A's Elite To Meet Dobie hosts Deer Park March 11, 6 p.m. Pasadena ISD Complex

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## Dickson paces Brook girls' track at TAMU

Many of the state's top track and field athletes expected to compete for state meet berths in May gathered at Texas A&M University's E.B. Cushing Stadium March 4-5 for the Bluebonnet High School Invitational.

The Clear Brook varsity girls' team, headed by sprinter Camryn Dickson, a TAMU signee, was part of the dazzling field of teams and individuals at

A&M for the prestigious meet.

Dickson joined top fields in the girls' 100 and 200 dashes as she was second in a time of 23.61 seconds in the 200 for a silver medal.

In the 100, St. Dominic Savio Catholic (Austin) senior and University of Georgia signee Autumn Wilson won gold with a blazing time of 11.36, with Dickson taking fifth

in a time of 11.84. Wilson also won the 200 at 23.14, nipping Dickson at the tape.

The Lady Wolverines' Jailey Shelton, who earlier this month announced via Twitter that she will join the UT-Rio Grand Valley program this fall, was 17th at 1:00.71 in the 400 event. Teammate Azayla Smith was 19th overall with her clocking of 1:00.99.

Clear Brook went fast

in the 4x100 relay as Dickson anchored a group that included Smith, Jizzale Davis and Shelton.

At A&M, that group was sixth in the 4x100 final with a time of 47.41.

Brook also posted a time of 4:15.21 for 16th-best in the 4x400.

Kennedy Thompson threw the discus 108 feet, 5 1/4 inches for 17th place in the discus event.

The Lady Wolverines

return to action March 10 at the Clear Creek High School-hosted Ruben Jordan Invitational as the regular season begins to wind down.

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## Wolverine boys' track sweeps relays

The Clear Brook varsity boys' track team once again performed well, this time at the Reggie Crosby Relays in Texas City, as the Wolverines continued to sharpen their crafts for a postseason run.

The Wolverines got great performances in the relays as well as the distance events to highlight the boys' team efforts.

Clear Brook dominated the relays with wins in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 for 60 team points.

In the 4x100, the Wol-

verines were first to the line at 43.85 seconds as Aidan Tran, Raymond Felton, Colby McCalister and Jaylon Owens teamed, while a time of a minute, 31.06 captured gold in the 4x200 as Brook's quartet included Jaiden Jones, Colby McCalister, Owens and Felton.

The Wolverines won the 4x400 in a time of 3:32.71 as that group included Tran, Jesse Shelton, Christian Wright and

Cameron McCalister. Junior Eden Diaz led the way to the finish line at the 800 distance for the gold medal in a time of 2:04.74, and Matthew Trevino took second in the 3,200 run with a solid effort of 9:50.77.

In the same 3,200 run, the Wolverines' Joseph Trevino posted a time of 9:58.21 for fourth, and teammate Austin Hryhorchuk was eighth at 12:02.82.

Clear Brook's Cam McCalister, a winner a week ago in Texas City's 409 Relays at the 400 distance, settled for second this time around.

Clear Springs' Noah Thomas, a Texas A&M football signee, championed the 400 in a time of 48.21, with McCalister next at 49.43.

Clear Brook sophomore Jessie Shelton was third for a bronze medal at 52.52.

The Wolverines' Jaylon Owens, a sophomore, clocked in at 23.01 for third place and a bronze medal in the 200.

Senior Tre John went 20 feet, 00.50 for fourth in the long jump, and junior Adrian Castillo's best leap of 19-6 1/2 was sixth. At 38-8 1/2, the Wolverines' Nathan Barnett was sixth in the triple jump.

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## JFD's Lendsey is MVP



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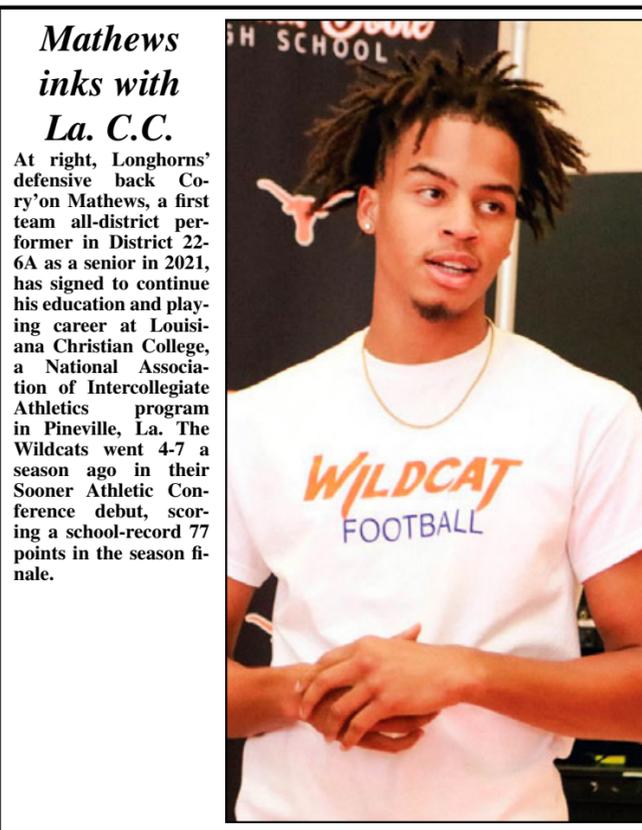
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**Mathews inks with La. C.C.**  
 At right, Longhorns' defensive back Cory Mathews, a first team all-district performer in District 22-6A as a senior in 2021, has signed to continue his education and playing career at Louisiana Christian College, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program in Pineville, La. The Wildcats went 4-7 a season ago in their Sooner Athletic Conference debut, scoring a school-record 77 points in the season finale.

**JFD track excels at Lake's Swindlers**  
 Doneya Porter, Natalie Onozie and Denim Boone scored gold medals to lead the Dobie girls to a second-place finish at the Bryan Swindler Clear Lake Invitational at Challenger Stadium March 4 in Webster.  
 On the boys' side of things, the Longhorns' Emmanuel Drain kept his outstanding season rolling with a win in the 300s and a runner-up effort in the 110s to pace his Dobie squad.  
**Lady Horns second**  
 A time of 13:60 gave Porter the gold medal in the 100, and Boone came up with a clocking of 26:38 to win at the 200 distance.  
 Dobie freshman Stacie Harris was second to Boone in the 200 at 27.13.  
 Onozie went 17 feet, 3 1/2 inches for the win in the long jump, and Sophia Perez's effort of 33-4 3/4 was fifth-best in the triple jump.  
 The Lady Longhorns also scored well at the 400 distance, with Mia Sanchez in at 1 minute, 04.13 for third place, Victoria Rivera fifth (1:07.37) and Dataysia Cisneros sixth (1:07.63).  
 Izzy Padilla won bronze for her third-place clocking of 5:36.87 in the 1,600, with Rivera at 5:44.43 for fifth and Isela Munoz sixth in a time of 5:51.27.  
 Karen Martinez added to the Lady Longhorns' score in the 3,200 as her time of 13:17.70 was good for third place and a bronze medal.  
 Dobie's time of 13:38.90 was second-best in the distance medley relay. Kyla Lobo took sixth in the 800 in a time of 2:42.90.  
**Drain leads JFD**  
 Drain has been terrific all season for the Dobie boys, and that didn't stop at Challenger as his clocking of 41.14 was tops in the 300 hurdles for gold as teammate Lukas Sliva was second in a time of 42.10.  
 The pair went 2-3 in the 110s for medals as Drain (16.70) edged Sliva (16.80), with both scoring key team points.  
 The Longhorns were second in both the 4x100 (43.70) and 4x200 (1:31.09) relays, and grabbed third with a time of 3:35.67 in the 4x400.  
 In the 100, Dobie's Cameron Mathews went third-best for bronze (11.49), and Brandon Miranda (11.50) placed fourth. Trajan Davis had a fourth-place time of 23.43 in the 200, with teammate Jeremiah Jackson fifth at 23.91.  
 Jackson's time of 54.17 was fourth in the 400.  
 Dobie's Charles Richard grabbed a bronze for third place in the long jump at 20-3/4, and Jackson was fourth at 19-6 3/4.  
 Jackson then outdueled Richard in the triple jump, with Jackson third at a distance of 40-9 and Richard fifth (40-5 1/4).  
 Dobie's Dakarey Ramsey threw third the shot 40-9 1/2 for fifth place.  
 The Longhorns' Travis Webb posted a time of 2:07.00 in the 800 run.

Dobie freshman second baseman Leslie Sarduy scored three runs in the Lady Longhorns' easy win over Channelview March 1 and has scored 14 runs in 19 overall games as she has fit well in the team's reworked infield after 2021 graduation losses.  
 Photo by Donna Alsdorf

**Longhorns go 4-0 at Pasadena ISD Classic baseball**

**Dobie softball keeps winning**

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 Dobie entered play March 8 after press time with a 13-7 overall record after losing three of five games at the March 3-5 Sienna Invitational.  
 The locals fell 7-4 to Alvin in a March 3 opener as a four-run first inning carried the Yellowjackets to the win.  
 Perez and Perla were both 2 for 4 at the plate and combined to score three runs, and Barba had a pair of hits and scored a run.  
 Later in the day, Aliyah Barajas' big day lifted Dobie to an easy 7-1 win over Heights as Perla went six frames for the win.  
 Barajas was 3 for 3 with two runs scored and Barba doubled twice in the game, driving in two.  
 Perla was 2 for 3 with two runs driven in and a run scored, and Sarduy scored twice.  
 On March 4, Dobie lost 3-2 to Flower Mound but blanked Travis 6-0.  
 Perla and Barba had runs batted in during the first game, but Flower Mound stole the win with three runs in the top of the sixth inning.  
 Barajas had a triple among her three hits and scored twice in a 6-0 five-inning win over Travis as Barba allowed just three hits for the shutout win in the circle.  
 Brazoswood came away with a 5-1 win in the tournament finale for both teams March 5. Perla had three hits for Dobie and Barba raised her team-leading RBI total to 31.



**SJC softball now eighth in nation**  
 San Jacinto College has vaulted to No. 8 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division I rankings on the strength of an 18-7 record, including 11 consecutive wins.  
 The Coyotes are now largely immersed in Region 14 play from here on out but will play a March 11 doubleheader at Division II power LSU-Eunice.  
 Freshman Taniece Tyson has a team-high .403 average and six homers and has driven in 20 runs.  
 Maggie Childs leads the Coyotes with 22 runs batted in and has hit .329 while Ronni Grofman is hitting .396.  
 Christin Haygood has gone 9-1 with an earned run average of 1.38.

On the opening day of the tournament March 3, the Longhorns' Christian Pierce fanned six over five shutout frames and Diego Torres earned the save as the locals defeated Mayde Creek 1-0. Also, Dobie downed Westbury 7-3 as Matt Torres improved to 2-1 this season with five strikeouts over five innings and Torres was 3 for 3 at the plate with a double, a stolen base and three runs scored. Omar Serna scored twice and knocked in a run, and Manny Contreras drove in two with a hit. Ian Johnson struck out eight over four innings for the win as Dobie pounded Alief Taylor 10-0 March 4. Christian Medina had a hit and drove in two runs, and Juan Estrada scored twice and knocked in a pair of runs. Brandon Liceaga also had a hit and scored a run. The Longhorns beat Heights 13-3 as Contreras struck out five over five innings to improve to 2-0 this season, and Medina tripled among his two hits and drove in a run. Juelz Martinez also doubled and drove in two runs, and Serna knocked in three runs. The Longhorns then kept the wins coming March 7 with a 10-4 win over Dawson as Christian Padua went five innings on the hill for the win. Estrada doubled, had another hit and knocked in three while Martinez doubled, scored twice and drove in two more runs. Torres also scored three runs.  
 Photos by Donna Alsdorf

**22-6A Boys' Basketball All-District Selections**

**Most Valuable Player**  
 Deven Lendsey, Dobie

**Offensive Player/Year**  
 Ke'Shawn Hasell, Pasadena

**Defensive Player/Year**  
 Robert Miller, Memorial

**Newcomer/Year**  
 Jordan Buckner, South Houston

**Coach of the Year**  
 Franklin Paul, Dobie

**First Team Selections**  
 Keith Mitchell, Channelview  
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 Kevin Jaurez, Pasadena  
 Camren Fowler, Dobie  
 Dylan Jackson, Dobie  
 Kameron Webb, South Houston  
 Colton Pettit, Deer Park  
 Yahir Amaro, Memorial  
 Isaiah Gonzalez, Rayburn  
 A.J. Gorra, Rayburn

**Second Team - Dobie**  
 Jaden Shaklin

**Honorable Mention - Dobie**  
 Julio Cisneros

**Champion Longhorn boys' basketball secure 22-6A All-District honors**



At left, Dobie junior forward Camren Fowler (14) was terrific in his second varsity season, landing first team All-District honors in District 22-6A after leading the Longhorns to a 22-9 overall record, including a 12-0 march through league play. Dobie's Franklin Paul (not pictured) was named Coach of the Year.

At right, the Longhorns' Dylan Jackson (with ball) was a 22-6A first team pick as the sophomore gave the locals a big lift on both ends of the floor in his breakout debut season with the Longhorns.  
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NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - Activities daily. Visit https://clearlakebridgeclub.org/ for face-to-face and virtual games. Email jpochsner@aol.com.  
Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach dance lessons Mondays, 1:30 - 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate the Humpday Dance on Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. for casual ballroom dancing. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180.  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.  
7:30 a.m.  
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.  
9:30 a.m.  
NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Meets at 18516 Hwy. 3. Call 281-910-1971.  
11:30 a.m.  
ABWA - Southeast Express Network - Meets at 2300 Smith Ranch Rd. \$20 cash or check for lunch. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
NA - Vigilance Group of NA, open, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200.  
8 p.m.  
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 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., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787.  
1 p.m.  
St. Paul's Anglican Church - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/. Visit the website or call 281-467-1880.  
7 p.m.  
AA - St. Luke's 12 Step Recovery in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd., Call 832-725-8479.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 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.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m.  
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series and

**SUNDAY, MARCH 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 Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.  
5:30 p.m.  
Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m.  
AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, MARCH 14**  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
6 p.m.

AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.  
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are (front row) Diana Alvarez, Khloe Huynh, Arleny Maldonado, Sophia Echevarria, (back row) Ana Elizalde, Adyleen Solache, Lillian Blanco, Emyriah Groves and Gabriella Rodriguez.

## Meador honors Shoot-Out champions



Meador Middle School congratulated their Big Shoot-Out finalists for representing the school at the district competition on Feb. 16. Shown above, left to right,

are Malorie Ehrlich, PE coach; Genesis Gonzales, third-grader; Tyler Butcher, third-grader; Yazlin Cazares, fourth-grader; and Carlos Garcia, fourth-grader.

## JFD boys' soccer wins another championship

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less tie against Pasadena have been the lone scars of an 8-1-1 run to the top of the standings. With the six straight league wins, Dobie is 15-2-3 overall.

Perhaps the team's most impressive win was its latest as Ronaldo Guzman exploded for five goals in a 6-1 victory over Memorial, with Isaac Cortez and Miguel Bazaldua dishing two assists each.

Guzman now has a

team-high 17 goals, with Jordi Garcia and Victor Hernandez next with seven each.

Garcia also has a team-high nine assists, while Hernandez has chipped in eight.

Isaac Cortez, who led Dobie with 20 goals in 2021 on his way to league Most Valuable Player accolades but has played in just a few games this season due to injury, has provided a recent lift with

four goals and four assists in total.

Dobie head coach Justo Manrique, who earlier this season won his 200th career match, had to put family ties aside briefly in his team's March 8 tussle with Sam Rayburn.

The Texans, still battling Channelview for what would be the No. 4 playoff seeding, are head coached by Carlos Manrique, brother of Justo Manrique.



J.P. Rodriguez (2) has helped a Dobie defensive side that has allowed just four goals during a six-match winning streak. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## Julks rises within Houston system



Corey Julks, a Clear Brook High School graduate and Houston Astros minor league baseball player, celebrated his 26th birthday Feb. 27 by being named the Astros' 20th ranked prospect within Houston's system per Keith Law, a professional baseball insider for *The Athletic*. A swing adjustment during the 2021 campaign resulted in a significant jump in Julks' power numbers and analytics at the plate. Now, the former eighth-round draft choice out of the University of Houston is likely to begin the season at AAA Sugarland and is a viable candidate to play this season in the big leagues should a need arise during 2022.

## Event starts April 29 Lajaunie tennis open to players

Registration continues for the 11th annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament, returning April 29 through May 1 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena.

Event organizers are also continuing event sponsorship and fundraising efforts as the 2022 tournament nears.

The tournament honors Lajaunie, a Dobie High School graduate and adult tennis enthusiast who died following a bout with cancer in 2011.

The tournament scholarship fund provides college scholarship monies for Dobie graduates/varsity

tennis players as well as youth camp scholarships for HTTC candidates.

To register for the 11th annual event, visit the tournament website at [DLTennisScholarships.com](http://DLTennisScholarships.com) or go to [universaltennis.com/events/82455](http://universaltennis.com/events/82455).

Singles fees are \$35 per player and \$45 for doubles teams. There is an additional \$10 fee for non-UTR members.

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## Dobie seeks 11th-ever head football coach

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late last month after being named the varsity head football coach at La Porte High School.

Berneathy won 33 regular season games over four years, getting the varsity program to four straight playoff berths and leading the Longhorns to the 22-6A championship in 2021, the program's first since 2010.

While a great deal of college football talent exited the program following 2021 and will do so again in May, expectations within the program remain high.

Staff assistant coaches are heading the Longhorns' off-season program now until a successor at the top is found.

Acknowledging his newness to a job hire on

the athletics side of this nature, Thomas told the *Leader* he had enlisted the aid of both Dobie assistant principal Carey Sink and Pasadena ISD Athletic Director Rupert Jaso in the early stages.

Sink is a Dobie lifer, once a standout player with the Longhorns and then an assistant coach within the program for many years before settling into an administration role.

While careful consideration will trump rush in the process, Thomas said a successor will come sooner than later in the interest of continuity. "We have a responsibility to our student-athletes in that field house to deliver their next leader, whomever that might be," Thomas said.

"You don't want to rush

it, but ideally you want to complete the process in a timely fashion so as not to disrupt the flow of the program.

"The remainder of the spring heading into the

summer is a key time to build familiarity, expectation and those types of things. We certainly have those things in my mind as we navigate through the process."

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