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Leader seeks submissions

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

Knights sell fish during Lent

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will hold a weekly fish fry at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, each Friday during Lent from 4 to 7 p.m.

Dinners will include fried fish, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, corn on the cob and iced tea for \$15. Dine-in or take-out dinners will be available.

Desserts will also be available for purchase at the events, courtesy of Catholic Daughters Court 2292.

Kirkwood to meet March 31

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 31, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held for the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Sagemont election planned

Sagemont Maintenance Fund will hold its annual election at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. One director's seat is up for election. The weekly Sagemont Civic Club meeting will be held immediately after the election. The civic club meeting will discuss the upcoming cleanup project.

Clear Brook Landing to meet

The Clear Brook Landing Homeowners Association will host its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 24, at the Harris County Parker Williams Branch Library, located at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, Suite 510.

New Covenant feeds needy

Each month, New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have food distribution events the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the events is to provide food to people in need. For additional information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

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.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series.

For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Beltway closures planned

Two northbound and two southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice. Significant delays are expected.

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

Sagemont to meet April 1

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Freeway Manor to meet

The Freeway Manor Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Bible Way Church, 10120 Hartsook. Residents of Freeway Manor, Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace are encouraged to attend.

South Belt awash in construction projects

Projects underway on Fuqua, Scarsdale, Hughes/Sabo, Sageglen, Beamer, Dixie Farm

The South Belt community is awash with construction, as multiple projects are simultaneously underway on many of the area's more major thoroughfares.

At press time, construction was underway on Fuqua, Scarsdale, Hughes/Sabo at Beltway 8, Sageglen, Beamer and Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959 at SH 3/Old Galveston Road.

The vast amount of work being done is related to the decommissioning of the Sagemont Wastewater Treatment Plant and the diversion of flow from the Sagemont Lift Station near Sageglen

and Sagedowne to the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant on Genoa Red Bluff.

A large component of the city of Houston's growth has come from the annexation of smaller communities, which has included the accumulation of small, decentralized wastewater collection and treatment systems. Houston Public Works currently owns and operates around 40 wastewater treatment plants. As many of these facilities have aged and require significant upgrades to maintain reliable service, the city has sought to find opportunities to consolidate flow

into fewer facilities and decommission smaller, aging plants.

The city's Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant (SEWWTP) has plenty of space for expansion, and two nearby facilities – Sagemont and Easthaven wastewater treatment plants – are aging and in need of expensive upgrades to remain in service.

The city is in the process of a \$25 million two-stage expansion of the SEWWTP to accept flow

from these two facilities.

Begun in October 2024, this extensive work is expected to continue through April 2026.

According to Houston Public Works officials, additional work is being done on SH 3/Old Galveston Road at Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959, which requires shutting down the city's 42-inch water line at the intersection to make necessary leak repairs. Work is expected to be complete by Friday, March 21.

Fuqua under construction



The South Belt community is currently inundated with construction projects, with multiple endeavors simultaneously taking place on some of the area's most busy roads. The majority of the projects involve an extensive Houston Public Works undertaking to consolidate three local wastewater treatment plants, decommissioning two in the process. Crews are shown above working on Fuqua near Kingspoint, where the Easthaven Wastewater Treatment Plant is being diverted to the city's Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant on Genoa Red Bluff.

CCISD to launch STREAM program

Space-based initiative to expand to all campuses by 2030

Clear Creek ISD is setting the stage for the next generation of critical thinkers and collaborators with the fall 2025 launch of its new STREAM of Innovation initiative. STREAM stands for Space, Technology, Robotics, Engineering, Arts and Medicine.

The first campus for this unique opportunity for students comes as no surprise due to its strategic location. Space Center Intermediate is located on NASA Johnson Space Center property, within walking distance of the anticipated Texas A&M Space Institute and Exploration Park, and a short bus ride to Space Center Houston.

"Clear Creek ISD has flourished under the key principle of ensuring the spirit of exploration drives innovation. This unique instructional concept will truly reimagine the intermediate school experience," said Clear Creek ISD Superintendent Karen Engle. "Two years ago, we brought together a diverse group of creative minds – teachers, parents, students and business leaders. We met behind the gates at NASA with the goal of developing a bold vision for the graduates of 2030, who at the time were in 5th grade. The STREAM of Innovation is part of that important work." (To see a detailed description of Clear Creek ISD's vision for 2030, visit www.ccisd.net/vision2030.)

The STREAM program is an integrated approach to learning that sparks curiosity and encourages students to explore subjects driving today's global economy. From space exploration to biotechnology, students are exposed to a range of disciplines that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

"We know these are the areas that will shape the future, and if our students understand them, they'll succeed in whatever career path they choose," said Space Center Intermediate Principal Ann Thornton. "We're giving them the tools to excel, even as early as sixth grade."

This fall, eighth graders will begin creating STREAM-related projects each semester in their science classes, starting with a focus on biotechnology. These hands-on projects help students apply their learning and build critical skills. The school will offer a robotics and coding elective for seventh-grade students. A Project Lead the Way Engineering Essentials course will allow eighth grade students to earn high school credit.

As part of this initiative, Space Center Intermediate is also the first public school in Texas to offer the prestigious Cambridge University Math

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Sky's the limit for SJC space students

Local students taking part in spaceflight program

Three ... two ... one ... liftoff! On Nov. 4, 2024, the ground shuddered as the SpaceX rocket roared off the launchpad at Kennedy Space Center. What made the sight even more spectacular to Marcus Pitre, Maheen Bukhari and Amna Qureshi – sitting on bleachers at the nearest viewing site – was knowing their science experiment was aboard.

In fall 2023, a year earlier, 52 San Jacinto College students competed in the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP), hoping to send their research projects on a supply mission to the International Space Station. Pitre, Bukhari and Qureshi met through the South Campus STEM Club and formed a team with chemistry professor Dr. Carrie Owens as their adviser. They proposed using the mustard plant species "Arabidopsis thaliana" to measure cell wall growth in microgravity versus on Earth.

"All the right elements have to come together for plants to grow," Pitre said. "If we can grow plants (for food) in space, we can have longer space flights."

Their proposal won. But the hard part was still ahead: optimizing the experiment to fit inside a 7-inch minilab operated by clamps an astronaut would open or close in space. Challenges ranged

from sourcing NASA-approved supplies to finding lab space on campus to work together every week.

"This team is testing out something that's never been done before," Owens said. "Our department made sure we had all the supplies needed."

All deadlines and safety checks met, their experiment finally launched in early November. Since their experiment returned to earth approximately six weeks later, they have been comparing the results of the microgravity and ground control experiments.

What's next for the teammates? Bukhari and Qureshi are both completing associate degrees at the College through Clear Horizons Early College High School, with Bukhari eyeing a science career and Qureshi biomedical engineering or cybersecurity. Pitre, a computer engineer, is taking prerequisites to reskill for a critical care medicine career.

"It's definitely been a unique experience – learning to work together as a team and use the college lab equipment," Qureshi said.

Although Pitre has managed teams before, he gained an appreciation for the planning, checks, and balances behind every launch.

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TxDOT targets spring break DWIs

State launches Drive Sober. No Regrets campaign

What begins as a fun time with friends over spring break can turn tragic in an instant, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reminding everyone to always get a sober ride.

Shocking cellphone video shows the moments before 17-year-old Andrea Elizalde of Amarillo was killed in a crash in the spring of 2019.

Elizalde was just weeks away from graduating from high school with dreams of becoming a brain surgeon, when she was thrown from a Corvette after her inebriated friend hit a light pole at 110 mph on an Amarillo highway.

Six years later, tragedy continues to strike young Texans who don't take the dangers of drinking and driving seriously.

Andrea's father, David Elizalde, started the nonprofit Andrea's Project to share his daughter's tragic story with other students.

"If I can save people from getting DWIs and save people's lives, I'll have really accomplished something in my daughter's honor," Elizalde said.

This spring, TxDOT is taking this same mes-

sage to college students around the state as part of its Drive Sober. No Regrets campaign.

"There is never a good reason to drive after drinking," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said in a news release. "Everyone has the opportunity to choose a sober ride and prevent horrific crashes."

During the 2023 spring break period, there were 375 alcohol-related crashes in Texas involving drivers between the ages of 17 and 30, including nine deaths. That's more than half of all drunk-driving crashes in the same 10-day period, the release said.

Students can save lives by designating a sober driver, using rideshares, taxis and mass transit, or simply staying put after drinking. To spread this message, TxDOT is partnering with the campus-based group U in the Driver Seat and other student leaders across Texas throughout March.

TxDOT will travel the state with its mobile "DWI Not So Fun House" exhibit to give the community an up-close look at the risks of drunk driving.

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Deputy dies from apparent suicide

A day after being reported missing, a Harris County Precinct 4 deputy was found dead Friday, March 14, from an apparent suicide in the 8600 block Alameda Genoa near Monroe.

Christina Kohler, 37, died the previous day Thursday, March 13, investigators said.

That same day, a Houston Regional CLEAR Alert had been issued for Kohler, who was last seen the day before in the 7000 block of Sante Fe Drive near Airport. At the time, law enforcement believed her disappearance posed "a



Christina Kohler

credible threat to her own health and safety."

The post was later updated to reflect that Kohler had been located and the CLEAR Alert was canceled.

While the Houston Police Department is investigating the incident as a suicide, an autopsy will determine the deputy's exact cause of death.

Kohler joined the sheriff's office in 2018 and most recently served as a bailiff for the 182nd District Court.

The Sheriff's Office Behavioral Health Division was available to Kohler's fellow deputies for grief counseling.

Anyone suffering a mental health crisis is urged to seek help via the Suicide Hotline at 988 or the Harris County Center for Mental Health at 713-970-7000.

The investigation was ongoing at press time.

County promotes healthy living

March is National Nutrition Month; county offers tips

March is National Nutrition Month, and Harris County Public Health (HCPH) is highlighting the importance of making healthy food choices and developing physical activity habits to support overall wellbeing and prevent chronic diseases.

National Nutrition Month was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. The Academy is committed to improving the nation's health through research, education, and advocacy. This year's theme, "Food Connects Us," emphasizes the role of food in

building healthier communities and promoting well-being for all.

Poor nutrition is linked to serious health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and certain cancers. The 2024 Chronic Diseases in Harris County Report highlights a 29.8 percent increase in deaths from diabetes and a 3.1 percent increase in heart disease fatalities, underscoring the need for better nutrition and prevention efforts. Additionally, disparities in access to nutritious food continue to impact many Harris County community members.

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Amaya's art fetches \$60K at auction



Dobie students earned big at the recent Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Auction, fetching thousands of dollars in scholarship money. Madeline Amaya (left) sold her artwork for \$60,000. Her piece won Best of Show at Pasadena ISD's rodeo art contest this past January. Amaya is shown above with Dobie art teacher Almarosa Umanzor. See related photo on Page 2.

In My Opinion

Mitchell supports Harrison in SJC race

I am supporting Judy Harrison for position 3 on the Board of Trustees for San Jacinto College, the position Marie Flickinger held for the last 30 years. Judy She is a long time South Belt resident, and I have had the pleasure of observing her skill set for various community issues. In addition to those skills, she exemplifies honesty, fairness and thoughtfulness. Judy Harrison was an educator for 38 years at San Jacinto College. She was an active participant on various college committees i.e. President of Faculty organization, Chair of the Curriculum Committee and Interim Dual Credit/Early college H.S. Director. Her success as a track and field coach is above and beyond. She coached 136 All Americans, 6 Olympians, and was 5 times NJCAA Coach of the Year. One of her greatest achievements was being Olympic coach in the year 2000. Those stats alone show how deep her dedication goes.

She has continued her love for track and field through coaching or helping in the Paralympics. She has served on the Foundation Board for Pasadena ISD for Ten Years. Five of those years she was a board executive. She served as chairman of the Education Committee for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. In the community if she sees a need she is there to help and makes things happen. Judy Harrison's experience is multi-faceted. That experience gives her insight to the problems and needs of the college. From knowledge of financial appropriations, to needs of the classroom. Judy Harrison is forward thinking and devoted to the continuous expansion of San Jacinto College. Her dedication to the betterment of education is unsurpassed. Please join me in support of Judy Harrison for Position 3 on the San Jacinto College Trustee Board. **Sally Mitchell**
Former South Belt-Ellington Chamber Executive Director

Harris County offers health tips

March celebrates National Health Month

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HCPH's Chronic Disease Prevention Program, under the Health Prevention and Coordinated Care Division, is dedicated to improving community health by promoting nutrition, physical activity, and chronic disease prevention. In 2014, HCPH launched the Nutrition and Physical Activity (NPA) program to reduce the epidemic of childhood and adult obesity within Harris County. The NPA program utilizes the following evidence-based curricula to ensure optimal education for every age group:

- **Eat Play Grow:** A creative educational approach to teaching children ages 2-5 and their parents how to make healthy nutrition and physical activity choices.
- **Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH):** A program designed to create behavior change by enabling children to identify healthy foods and increase the amount of physical activity that they engage in each day. Ideal for elementary and middle school ages.
- **Cooking Matters:** Participants will engage in hands-on activities that will improve their skills in planning and preparing tasty, healthy, low-cost meals. Ideal for everyone ages 7 and up.

staying within budget.

- **Eat fruits and vegetables.** Make two cups of fruit and two and a half cups of vegetables your daily goal. Experiment with different types, including fresh, frozen and canned.
- **Create balanced meals.** Choose from three or more food groups. Use half plate for fruits and vegetables and the other half for grains and lean protein foods.
- **Be active.** Regular physical activity has many health benefits. Children and teens should get 60 or more minutes of physical activity per day, and adults at least two hours and 30 minutes per week.
- **Know food labels.** Read the Nutrition Facts label to help you choose foods and drinks to meet your nutrient needs.
- **Fix healthy snacks.** Healthy snacks can sustain your energy levels between meals. Choose from two or more of the following groups: grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy and protein.
- **Drink water.** Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water instead of drinks with added sugars.
- **Reduce added sugars.** Try beverages like flavored water and unsweet tea to pair with meals. Eat more naturally sweet foods like fruit salad, baked fruit with cinnamon, or a piece of fruit.
- **Slow down at mealtime.** Instead of eating on the run or in front of the TV, practice eating mindfully.

To learn more, visit HCPH's Nutrition and Physical Activity website or call 713-274-5711.



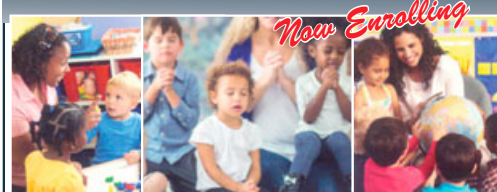
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Elected officials share their words

Hegar distributes \$1.1 billion in monthly sales tax revenue to local governments

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for March, 10.2 percent more than in March 2024.

These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

Glenn Hegar
Texas Comptroller

Recipient	March 2025 Allocation	Change from March 2024	Year-to-Date Change
Cities	\$685.2M	↑10.1%	↑6.2%
Transit Systems	\$223.5M	↑10.6%	↑5.5%
Counties	\$65.5M	↑2.8%	↑6.3%
Special Purpose Districts	\$106.8M	↑15.0%	↑13.2%
Total	\$1.1B	↑10.2%	↑6.7%

Texas VFDs receive \$2.1M in grants

On March 5, 2025, Texas A&M Forest Service held the second of three funding meetings of fiscal year 2025 for the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program, awarding 94 grants totaling \$2.1 million.

Grants proposed at this meeting will assist VFDs across Texas in purchasing equipment such as dry hydrants, fire and rescue equipment, personal protective equipment and training aids.

"Texas' local fire departments are the first to respond to wildfires and diverse emergencies and natural disasters," said Jason Keiningham, Texas A&M Forest Service Capacity Building Department Head.

"Through the Rural VFD Assistance Program, we do everything we can to ensure that their firefighting capacity is strong by helping them purchase necessary equipment. This increases the ability of fire departments across the state to fight wildland fires, cooperate on

different types of incidents and aid other states in times of need."

These grants are applied for and processed through Texas A&M Forest Service's web application, FireConnect, providing the agency and fire departments with a streamlined grant portal and process. This site also provides a comprehensive directory of Texas fire departments viewable for the public and all Texas fire agencies, as well as a portal for fire departments to submit incident reports to increase statewide situational awareness and track suppression costs.

The Rural VFD Assistance Program, launched in 2001, provides grants to rural VFDs for firefighting vehicles, fire/rescue equipment, protective clothing, dry hydrants and firefighter training. Since its inception, the program has awarded more than \$380 million to volunteer fire departments in Texas, including more than \$22.4 million in fiscal

year 2024. The Texas Legislature has allocated approximately \$22 million to Texas A&M Forest Service for the program in fiscal year 2025 to award rural VFDs.

Grants awarded at the first funding meeting of fiscal year 2025 for the Rural VFD Assistance Program included funding for firefighting vehicles. These awards are traditionally made at the first meeting of the fiscal year to ensure adequate building times before the grants expire.

The next funding meeting for the Rural VFD As-

istance Program is tentatively scheduled to be held Aug. 6, 2025.



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JFD art earns big at HLSR auction



Dobie students were among the top earners at the recent Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Auction, bringing in thousands of dollars. The artwork of Lahnay Avendaño sold for \$35,000. Two Dobie students were in the top 0.3 percent of 32,000 entries, earning their spot in the 90 lots that were auctioned off at the event. Avendaño is shown above with Dobie art teacher Almarosa Umanzor. See related photo on Page 1.

Seniors Helping Seniors seeks seniors in need

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

Now in its 17th year, the charitable program pairs area high school seniors with local senior citizens in need of minor home repairs, primarily exterior painting.

The endeavor is a joint project between Dobie High and local sponsors, including Sagemont Church. Students provide the manpower, while sponsors provide the necessary materials. Each year, approximately 100 student volunteers step up to help restore the homes of three to five local senior citizens. The event will take place Friday, May 2. Military veterans are also eligible to participate in the program.

Anyone who knows of a potential recipient may contact Sawyer at 281-382-1217.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://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.

Thursday, March 20, 3 – 4 p.m. Open lab computer help. Registration required.
Thursday, March 20, 4 – 5 p.m. Family Storytime. Registration required.
Thursday, March 20, 5 – 6 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required.
Monday, March 24, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.
Tuesday, March 25, 4 – 5 p.m. Living English lessons. Registration required.
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/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.

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.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Thursday, March 20, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
Friday, March 21, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. AARP free tax services.
Friday, March 21, 1 – 3 p.m. Genealogy.
Friday, March 21, 1 – 3 p.m. Android phone basics for adults. Registration required
Saturday, March 22, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.
Monday, March 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. AARP free tax services.
Monday, March 24, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required
Monday, March 24, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Laser cutter craft: custom puzzle. Registration required.
Monday, March 24, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Book buddies. Registration required.
Tuesday, March 25, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.
Wednesday, March 26, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
Wednesday, March 26, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Citizenship classes. Registration required.

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.
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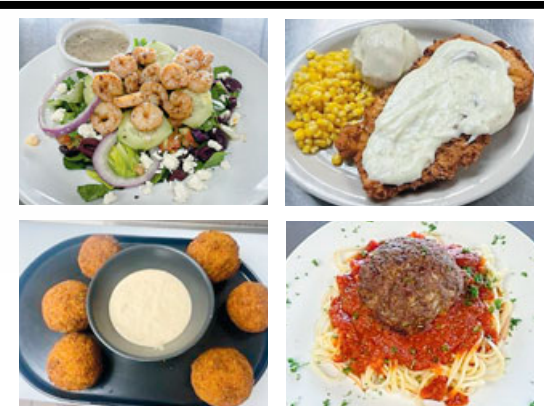
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South Belt takes on UIL competition

South Belt students participated in the UIL Advance Academics competition on March 8. Students showcased their talents in numerous events, including oral reading, music memory, chess puzzle, number sense and spelling. At left, are fourth-graders Ivan Duncan (left) who placed third and Jonathan Thomas who placed sixth in oral reading.



Fourth-graders An Truong (left) placed fourth and Royanne Montoya placed first in spelling.



Fourth-graders Ryder Orlea (left) placed fourth and Royanne Montoya placed first in music memory.



Pictured, left to right, are fourth-grade chess puzzle winners Rhett Sullivan (tied for second place), Jonathan Thomas (sixth place) and Kenneth Hernandez (tied for second place).



PISD Frazier named overall UIL champion

Frazier Elementary School was named the overall champion for the elementary division at the UIL competition held March 8.

At left, left to right, are principal Kris Ponce, coach Chris Baldauf, coach Cathy Silas and coach Patricia Perez.



Pictured, left to right, are (first row) Gabriel Luna, Aiden Munoz, Orzarah Herrera, Felix Starghill, Delilah Dammel, (second row) Xavier Mesta, Noah Martinez, Noah Pharms, Levi Stephens, A'meliya Ailsworth, Esly Gonzalez, (third row) Silas, Perez, Zlatan Puente, Julian Gurrusquieta, Janya McGilbray, Isaac Torres, Bailey Pharms and assistant principal Isaac Romero. Not pictured is Jayda Vargas.

CCISD to launch space-based initiative

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curriculum to sixth-grade students. "We are excited to offer a world-class math education that prepares our students for success in a variety of fields," said Stanley Zavala, director of Advanced Academic and Gifted and Talented Services. "This curriculum, alongside our STREAM program, gives our students a unique advantage as they embark on their academic journeys."

In addition to academic achievements, Space Center Intermediate is dedicated to developing leadership skills in its students through the Leader in Me program. "This program helps our students

become strong leaders not just on campus, but in their communities and beyond," said Thornton. "We're shaping tomorrow's leaders today." The Leader in Me program is the youth adaptation of Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Space Center Intermediate has been recognized as a national model to follow by Stephen Covey.

Students at Space Center Intermediate also benefit from the school's experiential learning opportunities, including Cardinal Clubs — semester-long minicourses chosen by students based on their interests. These clubs, which include options like 3D printing, coding and

math games, provide students with additional opportunities for hands-on, passion-driven learning outside of the traditional classroom.

"We have a variety of clubs that allow us to explore what we're passionate about," said Brooke Stevenson, a student at the school. "It's a great way to start the day and get excited about learning."

With innovative programs like STREAM, Cambridge University Math and experiential learning, the district plans to expand this initiative to all intermediate schools by 2030 as well as explore a college preparatory program for high school juniors and seniors.

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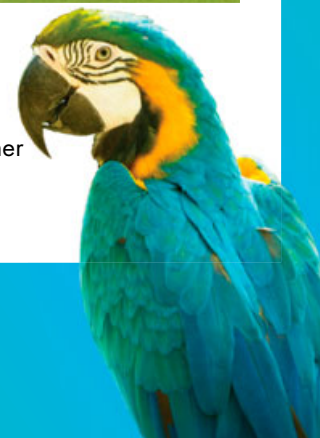
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City of Houston plays key role in negotiations leading to energy rate decrease for customers

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) issued its final order approving a much-anticipated electricity rate reduction for customers. This comes after extensive negotiations with CenterPoint Energy and the Houston Coalition of Cities, led by the City of Houston, other city coalitions and consumer advocacy groups.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, CenterPoint Energy will reduce its annual revenue by about \$50 million (resulting in a \$20 million decrease to residential customers). This settlement will lower electricity rates for all ratepayers, including residential, commercial, and industrial customers across the Houston area. Residential customers can expect an average monthly savings of about \$0.82, while small businesses will save around \$1.28 each month. Larger commercial and industrial customers will also experience proportional savings.

"The City of Houston led the charge with Houston Coalition of Cities and worked diligently with CenterPoint and other parties to reach a fair and balanced settlement," said City of Houston Administration & Regulatory Affairs Director Tina Paez. "Our goal was to protect Houston residents from unfair rate increases following what transpired in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl. We believe this agreement achieves that balance by lowering rates while still allowing CenterPoint to maintain and improve our area's energy infrastructure responsibly."

CenterPoint's original request, filed in March 2024, asked for a \$60 million annual increase in revenue, which would have increased rates for residential customers by approximately \$73 million. After Hurricane Beryl severely affected the region, causing widespread power outages, CenterPoint attempted to withdraw its request but ultimately moved forward with its original application.

The new rates approved by the PUC will become effective within the next few months. The City of Houston will continue actively scrutinizing other CenterPoint rate filings that are currently pending, including the recently filed request for recovery of storm-related costs from recent weather events and CenterPoint's System Resiliency Plan application, to ensure ongoing fairness and transparency in utility rates.

South Belt names Super Steers of the Month



South Belt Elementary announced their Super Steers for the month of February. The pictured students were chosen by their teachers, based on their ability to display the character trait of the month: growth mindset. Left to right, are (first row) Axel Gonzales, Nihansi Sirasapalli, Lucas Castellanos, Aleyza Valdez, (second row) Kamila Mathers, Alina Fleming, Olivia Reyna, Genesis Hernandez, Ella Byrd, Mason Martinez, Ana Balderas, Jair Fuentes, (third row) Francisco Perez, Khoi Le, Leyla Pawlikowski-Giacardi, Eli Sutton, Rachel Zachariah, Felix Medrano, Oscar Morales, Elain Basil, Monserrat Gongora, D'esi'a Palmer, Alexander Torres, (fourth row) Amado Gamino, Alaina Perez, Miguel Bedolla, Alexander Mathers, Penelope Sepulveda, Isabelle Davila, Emma Vong, Jolene Pineda, Madiynn Davis, Allison Thao, Montserrat Sanchez, Sherry Franco and Paxton Nhem. Not pictured are Ezekiel Garcia and Kaleb Sherman. Photo by Lakitha Thomas

Burnett council donates to The Bridge



Burnett Elementary Student Council organized a community service project to donate to The Bridge over Troubled Waters in Pasadena. The school and community collected pillows and delivered them to The Bridge Wednesday, Feb. 18, alongside Constable Jerry Garcia and Judge Jo Ann Delgado of Precinct 2. The Bridge's mission is to offer support, provide safety and prevent domestic and sexual violence. Pictured are, left to right, Garcia, communications director Tammie Nielsen, council sponsor Jessica Arnold, treasurer Amy Pham, secretary Rachel Climaco, vice president Emma Castro, council sponsor Magen Taylor, council sponsor Karina Diaz, development manager Cindy Arredondo and hotline specialist Cristina Ibarra. Not pictured is Delgado.

NASA launches missions to study sun

NASA's newest astrophysics observatory, SPHEREx, is on its way to study the origins of our universe and the history of galaxies, and to search for the ingredients of life in our galaxy. Short for Spectro-Photometer for the History of the Universe, Epoch of Reionization and Ices Explorer, SPHEREx lifted off at 8:10 p.m. PDT on March 11 aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from Space Launch Complex 4 East at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

Riding with SPHEREx aboard the Falcon 9 were four small satellites that make up the agency's PUNCH (Polarimeter to Unify the Corona and Heliosphere) mission, which will study how the Sun's outer atmosphere becomes the solar wind.

"Everything in NASA science is interconnected, and sending both SPHEREx and PUNCH up on a single rocket doubles the opportunities to do incredible science in space," said Nicky Fox, associate administrator, Science Mission Directorate at NASA Headquarters in Washington. "Congratulations to both mission teams as they explore the cosmos from far-out galaxies to our neighborhood star. I am excited to see the data returned in the years to come."

Ground controllers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, which manages SPHEREx, established communications with the space observatory at 9:31 p.m. PDT. The observatory will begin its two-year prime mission after a roughly one-month checkout period, during which engineers and scientists will make sure the spacecraft is working properly.

"The fact our amazing SPHEREx team kept this mission on track even as the Southern California wildfires swept through our community is a testament to their remarkable commitment to deepening humanity's understanding of our universe," said Laurie Leshin, director, NASA JPL. "We now eagerly await the scientific breakthroughs from SPHEREx's all-sky survey — including insights into how the universe began and where the ingredients of life reside."

The PUNCH satellites successfully separated about 53 minutes after launch, and ground controllers have established communication with all four PUNCH spacecraft. Now, PUNCH begins a 90-day commissioning period where the four satellites will enter the correct orbital formation, and the instruments will be calibrated as a single "virtual instrument" before the scientists start to analyze images of the solar wind.

The two missions are designed to operate in a low Earth, Sun-synchronous orbit over the day-night line (also known as the terminator) so the Sun always remains in the same position relative to the spacecraft. This is essential for SPHEREx to keep its telescope shielded from the Sun's light and heat (both would inhibit its observations) and for PUNCH to have a clear view in all directions around the Sun.

To achieve its wide-ranging science goals, SPHEREx will create a 3D map of the entire celestial sky every six months, providing a wide perspective to complement the work of space telescopes that observe smaller sections of the sky in more detail, such as NASA's James Webb

South Belt-Ellington names board of directors



South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce named members of their board of directors at the group's annual gala Friday, March 7. The new board members were sworn in by Judge Jo Ann Delgado. Shown at left are, left to right, (front row) Rebecca Lilley (secretary), Alyta Harrell, Kristi Koncaba (chair elect), Rosanne Kerr, Darlin Rodriguez, (back row) David Flickinger, Kenny Fernandez (past chair), Noble Alix, (J. chair), John Herman and J. Aaron Knight. Not pictured are Tristan Williams (treasurer), Robert Whitely, Emory Gadd, Reyna Lara and Chris Clark.

Sky's the limit for SJC space students

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"One thing I always leave with (my teams) is we don't manage time — we manage our use of time," he said. "That's what we need to succeed with these ventures. This team did a good job of that."

Bukhari remembers her parents' surprise as she broke the news about their team winning the space competition.

"It was very unexpected," Bukhari said. "I didn't think we'd be the team."

Lesson learned: Prepare for the unexpected.

*The Student Spaceflight Experiments Program is a program of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education in the U.S. and the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Education Internationally. It is enabled through a strategic partnership with Nanoracks, which is working with NASA under a Space Act Agreement as part of the utilization of the International Space Station as a National Laboratory.

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)
State Rep. Bill Caraway, District 100, sued Randy Pennington citing violations of the Texas Election Code. Houston City Council adopted an ordinance restricting development that would contribute to area flooding. Although a total of \$2,750 was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a fire that caused \$500,000 in damage to Frazier Elementary, Houston Arson investigators had not worked on the case for several months. Houston and Southeast Volunteer Firefighters worked two separate motor vehicle accidents. The first was an overturned pickup truck on Beamer, the other an auto-pedestrian accident on Scarsdale.

30 years ago (1995)
J. Frank Dobie sophomore Cheryl Ezzell won two gold and two bronze medals in the Pan American games in Argentina. Several South Belt residents won medals in the Clear Creek Independent School District science fair. The Thompson Intermediate academic team won their third straight championship.

25 years ago (2000)
The Scarsdale bridge reopened at Beamer Road. A house fire across from the home of Jaime Barrica was ruled intentional.

living expenses.
A special blood drive was underway for Dobie graduate Mike Morris who experienced complications after surgery.

The Clear Brook High School Latin Club won first place in the Gulf Coast area competition for the fourth time in five years.

20 years ago (2005)
The Harris County District Attorney's office sought a fifth suspect in the murder-for-hire of Luan Cong Pham. This suspect was believed to have supplied the weapon used in the murder. Harris County leaders Commissioner El Franco Lee, Constable Gary Freeman and Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado hosted an Easter egg hunt at El Franco Lee Park.

15 years ago (2010)
Pasadena Independent School District officials proposed to open a new facility in the South Belt to cater to would-be incoming Dobie freshmen deemed not yet prepared for high school. To be located on Blackhawk between Dobie High School and Moore

Elementary, the center would primarily house students from Thompson and Beverly Hills intermediates who had not passed their Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests.

10 years ago (2015)
Chuck Tylka was re-elected by his colleagues to serve another term as chief of the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. This marked the seventh consecutive time Tylka, who has 40 years of service, had filled the position. Founding member Jerry Terrell, who has 44 years of service, was re-elected assistant chief/fire marshal.

5 years ago (2020)
Fears over the COVID-19 pandemic continued to worsen, forcing the closures of local schools, businesses and social gatherings. Three days after declaring COVID-19 a national emergency, President Donald Trump offered the following guidelines to slow the spread of the potentially fatal virus: avoid gathering in groups of 10 or more people; start homeschooling if possible; avoid discretionary travel; and refrain from visiting bars, restaurants and food courts. Trump also recommended that citizens practice social distancing for at least 15 days, allowing 6 to 10 feet of space between individuals. These protocol were reinforced by Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, who on March 16 made a similar announcement, ordering that all city restaurants, bars and nightclubs be closed for at least 15 days. Restaurants were to offer only take-out, pick-up and delivery options until further notice. Both Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD announced they would close all operations through April 10.

1 year ago (2024)
A painting called "A Rider's Prayer" by Dobie High School art student Allisyn Sockwell sold at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's art auction for an impressive \$45,000. Sockwell was the student of Dobie art teacher Almarosa Umanzor. A monochromatic drawing called "On the Fence" by Dobie art student Lydia Golenko sold at the auction for \$12,000. Golenko was the student of Dobie art teacher Sherrie Kent.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOE!
Wishes for a very happy birthday are sent March 25 to longtime Sagomont resident Joe Dominguez from his wife Yolanda, family, friends and the staff at the *South Belt Leader*.

JUDGE DELGADO MARKS A BIRTHDAY
Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Place 1, celebrates a birthday March 26. Happy birthday wishes are sent to her from the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 20 through March 26.

Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Izamar Zarco March 22. Remember to wish Maria Moncada a happy birthday March 25.

Burnett Elementary
Jae Lee celebrates a birthday March 20. Light the birthday candles on a cake for Yanet Ramirez March 21. Join in the birthday fun March 25 for Efrén Cardozo.

Moore Elementary
Birthday wishes go out to Alicia Carrizal March 22. Join in the birthday fun March 23 for Katlyn Box and Esmeralda Treadway.

South Belt Elementary
Birthday greetings go out to Praisly Thomas March 23.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a humorous birthday card March 21 to Alexys Vela. March 26 is the day for a fun celebration for Brandi Ballard.

Melillo Middle School
A double-fun day is planned March 23 for Allison Hutchings and Jenna Medina.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Berenice Mejia enjoys a birthday March 21. March 23 is the day for a party for Ashley Dolen and Daniel Mullen.

Thompson Intermediate
Vero Rodriguez and Patricia Castillo celebrate a birthday March 21.

Dobie High
Robert Francis marks a birthday March 23. Break out the balloons and party favors March 24 for Angela Gaston and Emily Lyons. On March 24, birthday wishes are sent to Angela Gaston. Cheers are sent for a March 26 birthday for Tiffany McDowell.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, March 20: Roxanne Wheeler, Ken Dittrich, Martinez Joaquin, Carol Dawkins, Al Vanek, James Leslie, Martha Heinrich and Sheri Rose; Friday, March 21: Suni Ballard, Jamacia Zabala-Gonzalez and Joseph Block; Saturday, March 22: Kristy Poole, Maria Ybarra, Michael Hansen, Edwin Watson and Gary Hooks; Sunday, March 23: Cindy Kiessling, Monica Garza, Michael McKissick and James Lucadou; Monday, March 24: Jessica Faulkner, Jaime Napoli, Rainbow Montenegro, Larry Bischof and Michelle Noble. Tuesday, March 25: Joe Dominguez, Iris Scentsy, Chris Williams and Jeff Wright; and Wednesday, March 26: Andrew Crow, Lori Johnson, Kevin Watersnson, Joan Zuñiga, Sharon Finney and Jimmy Massicott.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Pioneer tracksters run at HJ relays

The Lutheran South Academy track and field program continued its progression toward the post-season with an appearance and the Hardin-Jefferson Hawks Relays March 13.

The Pioneer varsity boys' program came away with a gold medal victory in the 4x100 relay, Alma Martin won the gold medal in the varsity girls' pole vault over a couple of her teammates and Chinere Anagbogu was crowned champion of the discus to highlight Lutheran South's appearance at the event.

In that varsity boys' 4x100 relay, the Pioneers delivered a time of 42.89 seconds for the gold medal, edging second-place Newton.

Three Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' pole vaulters went head-to-head in the event at Hardin Jefferson, with Alma Martin, Reed Brenner and Lanie Ward all clearing 9 feet, 6 inches.

Martin was the winner on fewest tries for the gold medal, while Brenner secured silver and Ward walked away with a bronze medal in the event.

In that girls' discus event, Anagbogu and Newton's Journee Hanks both threw the weight 99-8, with Anagbogu the first to do so in fewest at-

tempts for the gold medal. Lutheran South's Sammie Browning was fourth in the event and she came up with a top throw of 82-2.

Case Noack of the Pioneers was second for a silver medal in the 400 as he posted a time of 51.64, and teammate Rhett Laverne captured a bronze medal for third place with a time of 51.78.

Elisabeth Hergenrader was a silver medalist in the 1,600 as she finished at 6:34.80.

Cassidy Pfeiffer of Lutheran South was a bronze medalist in the varsity girls' 100 hurdles with a time of 17.55, with teammate Ward fifth at 18.07.

The Pioneers' Brock Boessling chased a medal in the 3,200 before eventually placing fourth in a time of 11 minutes, 8.99 seconds, while Sam Hergenrader placed fifth as he posted a time of 11:36.11.

In the 110 hurdles, the Pioneers' Shamon Madison placed fourth with his time of 16.47. Asa Bradford represented the Pioneers in the long jump, eventually placing fifth with a top distance of 20-2.

In other events in the varsity boys' division, Alex Anderson of Lutheran South was sixth in the

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PISD greats earn hall induction; Joiner III honored



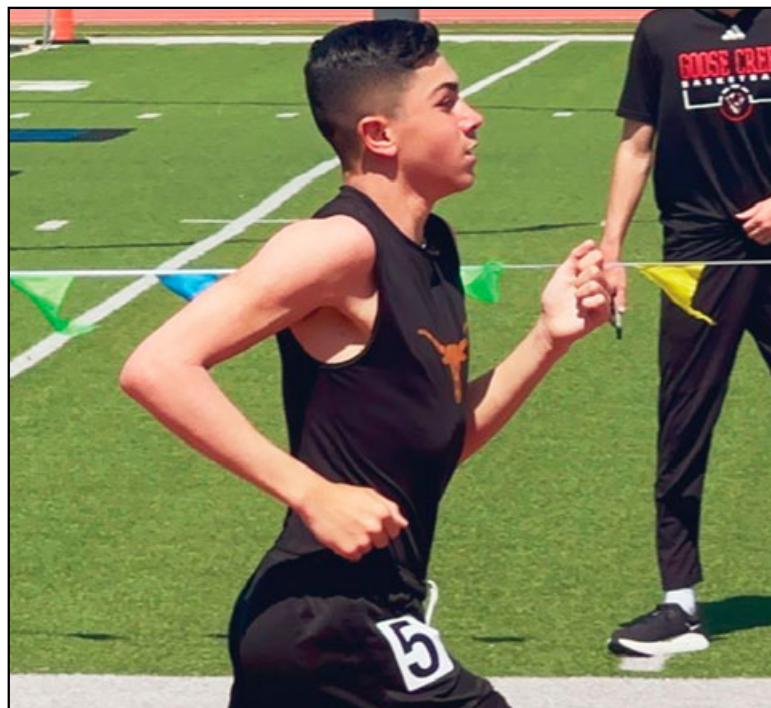
Former Dobie softball star Sharonda McDonald Kelley had the honor of delivering the induction speech on behalf of the 2025 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame class as she, former Dobie tennis coach Bobby Kramer and the 1980 JFD state championship cross-country team represented the Longhorns. See additional photos on Page 6.



Dobie Class of 2025 senior Willard Joiner III was awarded the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Bert Coan Scholarship for this school year during the hall's annual induction ceremony March 12 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Joiner is a football/baseball standout for the Longhorns and also excels in a variety of extracurricular activities. Coan, a member of the hall, is a 1958 Pasadena High School graduate who starred on the gridiron for the Eagles and later played in the American Football League. For more information, visit the PISD Athletics Hall of Fame page on Facebook.



Dobie senior Amaya Corona (6) had a hit and scored two runs, and six different players drove in runs as the Longhorns scored a 10-4 victory over Dawson March 17 at Dobie main. Dobie scored runs in five different innings while defeating the Eagles to begin the second half of District 22-6A play. At 7-2, the Longhorns are firmly in control of a Division I playoff seeding with seven league games to play. The locals return to action March 28 at Pasadena Memorial.



JFD track excels at C.E. King

Looking to ramp up the competition in anticipation of the upcoming District 22-6A track and field championships beginning April 1 at The Rig in Pearland, the Dobie varsity boys' and girls' teams went up against many of the top athletes in the region at the C.E. King Panther Relays March 13.

There were 24 talented programs in competition at the Panther Relays, and the Longhorns will certainly expect much of the same at the Baytown Rockhold Relays March 20 to close out the regular season.

As for the action at C.E. King, Dobie senior Stacie Harris made it known that she will be a big factor in the long jump moving forward as her top effort of 18 feet won the gold medal in the event. Harris was Dobie's lone regional qualifier in 2024.

At 44-1 1/2, Dobie junior Demarcus Hodges posted a personal record and came away with a silver medal for second place in the triple jump as he thrust himself firmly in the competition for a top finish when the post-season begins.

Dobie freshman Jordan Roman led the way for the Dobie boys in the distance events as he captured a bronze medal for third place in the 3,200 with a time of 10 minutes, 10-10 seconds in the event.

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Senior Chris Lopez followed with a time of 10:13.06 for fourth place.

Dobie varsity boys' 400 record holder Tariq Riley wound up seventh in the event at the Panther Relays as he clocked in at 50.06, and senior Jaylon Broussard came up with a time of 22.16 to place 13th overall in the 200.

Lopez placed fifth in the 1,600 with a clocking of 5:38.90, and a time of 1:59.90 placed Longhorn junior Johan Villavicencio seventh at the 800 distance.

In the relays, the Longhorns' 4x100 relay posted a time of 43.35 for 13th place overall in the event, and a time of 3:34.56 placed Dobie 12th in the 4x400 relay.

Harris was the lone gold medalist for the JFD girls, but other athletes came up with terrific performances.

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At left, Dobie freshman Jordan Roman led the way for the Dobie boys in the distance events as he captured a bronze medal for third place in the 3,200 with a time of 10 minutes, 10-10 seconds in the event.

Thompson, BHI figure prominently in PISD track and field



Thompson eighth-grade distance runner Robert Phiester won gold medals in the 1,600 and 2,400 events as he helped the Lions to a runner-up team finish at the Pasadena ISD Track and Field Championships at Auxiliary Stadium.



Beverly Hills' eighth-grade standout Vizion Jones proved to be the most dominant performer at the Pasadena ISD Track and Field Championships as she won four gold medals (100, 200, high jump, long jump) and also helped the Bears to a silver medal in the 4x400 relay event. For more on Jones and the rest of the results, see Page 6.

in the eighth-grade boys' division, scoring 168 points to trail only Bondy, which scored 173.5 for the team title. Beverly Hills was third with 98 points.

The Bears were third with 83 points in the seventh-grade girls' division, and placed second to Thompson in the eighth-grade title chase after scoring 122 points.

Vizion Jones of Beverly Hills was dominant as she won four gold medals (100, 200, high jump, long jump) and also helped the Bears to a silver medal in the 4x400 relay event.

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Thompson, Beverly Hills stand tall at PISD track finals



Beverly Hills' Mia Chavez (right) was the gold medalist in the eighth-grade girls' 2,400 distance run in a time of 10 minutes, 13.51 seconds, with teammate Allison Baca third for a bronze medal at 10:28.32.



Thompson eighth-grader David Harris was terrific across the board for the Lions as he chipped in to the team's 4x100 and 4x200 relay gold medals and also claimed individual gold in the 200 as well as the long jump. Overall, the Lions were second in the team standings.

earned the seventh-grade student yet another gold medal. Salazar was also fourth in the event with her time of 10:26.00. Thompson's Emilee Lugo earned a clocking of 6:48.90 for sixth place.

The Lions' Marley Manriquez covered the 800 in a time of 3:00.00 for a bronze medal. In the 400, Penalza was in at 1:13.87 for fourth place.

The 100 hurdles final featured the Lions' Angelin Garcia third for a bronze medal in a time of 20.41. Thompson's Nevaeh Torres claimed a silver medal in the 300 hurdles with a time of 57.83, and Torres won another bronze medal with her time of 58.89.

In the high jump, Salinas put a bronze medal around her neck as she was third in the high jump at 4-0. In the long jump, the Lions' D'Nae Woods placed sixth with an effort of 12-3.

GAT 8 boys second

Distance runner Robert Phiester starred for the Thompson eighth-grade boys as he won gold in the 1,600 and 2,400 events to pace the Lions' to a runner-up finish.

Phiester was the gold medalist at the 1,600 distance as he clocked in at 5:30.48. Pfizer doubled up for a gold medal in the 2,400 as he produced a time of 8:18.79 to contribute 20 points overall in the two events.

The Lions went to the wire in the 4x100 relay in the eighth-grade division and came away with a gold medal at 48.16 as the group included David Harris, Zion Taylor, Jae'Bion Daniels and Garren Gardiner.

Thompson also delivered a gold-medal performance in the 4x200 relay as that team included Harris, Gardiner, Taylor and Aaron Nunez for a time of 1:41.00.

As the school's seventh-graders did in the relays, the Lions made it a sweep for 60 total team points as they won the 4x400 relay finale in a time of 4:00.33. That gold medal foursome included Ashton Wilson, Koryn Perry, Gardiner and Landen Royal.

In the individual events, the Lions' Harris was the gold medalist in the 200 as he clocked in at 24.29, with teammate Daniels fifth in a time of 25.40.

Taylor picked up a bronze medal for third place in the 100, clocking in at 12.05.

Harris was also the gold medalist in the long jump as he made his way to the 19-2 mark, and Taylor's best leap of 17-8 was fifth.

Daniels cleared 5-6 for the gold medal in the high jump, and teammate Hubbard made his way over the 5-0 mark for fifth place.

In the 400, the Lions' Wilson was the silver medalist in a time of 57.09, and teammate Perry had a time of 1:02.30 for fifth place. Perry also cleared 8-0 for a silver medal in the pole vault.

Wilson was the gold medalist in the 800 as he clocked in at a district best of 2:17.85.

The Lions kept the gold medals coming in the 100 hurdles, with Daniels delivering a time of 16.94 for first place and teammate Prince Hubbard fifth at 18.08. Hubbard was also sixth in the 300 hurdles with his time of 47.40.

In the discus, Thompson went 1-2-3 as James came up with an effort of 96-5 for the silver medal, with Adkins at 83-0 for the bronze. Fourth place went to the Lions' Sanchez at 78-7.

The Lions' Fernando Balanta threw the shot 36-6 for fifth place.

BHI 8 girls second

The Thompson girls coasted to the victory in the eighth-grade girls' division with 153 points, but Beverly Hills was easily second best with 122 points as Jones delivered



Thompson eighth-grade 800 runner Mykayla Franklin (center) delivered a gold-medal performance at 2 minutes, 30.96 seconds, with Madisyn

McGrew (left) the silver medalist at 2:42.39. At right, Beverly Hills' Esmeralda Martinez was the bronze medalist at 2:52.20.

the top overall individual performance of the meet.

With her four individual gold medals in addition to a contribution to the 4x400 relay silver medal for the Bears, Jones was responsible for 44 points in all.

On the track, Jones raced to the finish line in a time of 13.26 for the gold medal in the 100, with teammate Miley Williams fifth in a time of 13.95.

Jones came up with another gold medal at the 200 distance as her time of 27.69 was the district's best.

The Bears scored that silver medal in the 4x400 relay in a time of 4:38.38 as Jones combined with Esmeralda Martinez, Jade Arceneaux and Mia Chavez in the event.

Jones cleared 4-6 for the gold medal in the high jump, while Chavez made her way over the 4-4 mark for the silver medal. Jones' fourth gold medal came in the long jump as she was the district's best at 15-4, with Williams sixth at 13-5 1/2.

In the 2,400, Chavez earned a gold medal for the Bears with her clocking of 10:13.51 and Baca was not far behind as she was a silver medalist at 10:28.32.

Chavez was the bronze medalist in the 400 with a time of 1:08.84, and Arceneaux was in at 1:14.81 for sixth place.

At the 800 distance, Martinez was the bronze medalist in a time of 2:52.20. Baca of Beverly Hills put together a time of 6:32.48 for the silver medal at the 1,600 distance.

Mar'Cella McNeil was sixth in the 100 hurdles at 20.40, and the Bears' Mykaylah Shyne was fourth in the 300 hurdles as she clocked in at 58.57.

Beverly Hills was fourth with a time of 58.13 in the 4x100 relay as Kennedy Grice, Williams, Lilita Bermudez and Shavon Lamb combined in the event. In the 4x200, the Bear's place fifth in a time of 2:09.38 is that foursome included Grice, Williams, Bermudez and Shyne.

BHI 7 girls third
Camille Lilly was a gold medalist for the Beverly Hills seventh-grade girls' team as the locals finished the season third with 83 points at the district championships.

Lilly came away with her gold medal in the 400 as she finished at 1:05.91. The Bears' Lyric Turner clocked in at 14.25 for a silver medal in the 100, and Isabella Rios of Beverly Hills was the silver medalist in the 1,600

with a time of 6:34.34. A time of 10:17.00 earned Rios the silver medal at the 2,400 distance, and teammate Tatiana Gamboa was sixth in a time of 10:28.00.

Beverly Hills came home with a bronze medal in the 4x100 relay in a time of 56.19 as that group included Turner, Kaelyn Sanchez, Abigail Rodriguez and Lilly.

In the 4x400 relay, Beverly Hills also scored a bronze medal for a time of 5:02.60 as that group included Sanchez, Sophia Salas, Abigail Orozco and Lilly. The Bears were fourth with the time of 2:10.16 in the 4x200 relay as that foursome included Orozco, Sanchez, Rodriguez and Melani Morales.

Meriah LeBlanc won a silver medal in the discus with a throw of 57-8, and Rodriguez won a bronze medal in the triple jump with a terrific top leap of 26-0. LeBlanc was fifth in the same event as she made her way to the 25-2 mark.

BHI 8 boys third
The Beverly Hills eighth-grade boys' squad amassed 98 points to finish comfortably in third place in the final PISD standings to complete the season.

Deshaun Lee excelled in the hurdles for the Bears as he won the 300s at 44.75, and collected a

silver medal for second place and a time of 17.19 in the 100 hurdles.

Rallin De La Cruz Laureano was another gold medalist for the Bears as his time of 56.16 was the top overall at the 400 distance. Brandon Scott was also sixth in the 200 with a time of 25.72.

Michael Brown stood out for the Bears as he was the gold medalist in the triple jump with a final mark of 36-5 1/2. Brown was second for a silver medal in the long jump as he cleared 18-2, and teammate Noah Newsome was third for the bronze medal at 17-10.

Scott picked up a bronze medal for a high jump of 5-4, and new-some was sixth and the triple jump.

The Bears were third for bronze medals in both of the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, and placed fifth in the 4x200 relay event.

In the 4x100, Beverly Hills posted a time of 49.27 as Arrington Hill and Scott teamed with Brown and De La Cruz Laureano in the event.

For the bronze medal in the 4x400, Hill, Scott, Isaac Figueroa Padilla and De La Cruz Laureano combined for a time of 4:02.75.

The fifth place Beverly Hills squad in the 4x200 included Hill, Ja'Daryus Manuel Figueroa Padilla and Alejandro Uruttia in a

time of 1:48.80.

Giovanni Gonzalez of Beverly Hills was a bronze medalist in the shot as he came up with a toss of 41-2.

Bear 7 boys score 55

The Beverly Hills seventh-grade boys scored 55 points to finish this in the final standings at the PISD championships and will no doubt look forward to a strong season once again in 2026.

The Bears wound up fourth in both the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, and took sixth place in the 4x200 relay.

That 4x100 foursome posted a time of 51.75 and included Gabriel Wodkyns, Ryland Barker, Jae'lyn Archer and Joseph Martinez.

A time of 4:29.45 netted the Bears fourth place in the 4x400 relay as that team included Martinez, Barker, Juan Villalta and Archer.

It was Martinez, Kenneth Perry, Arias Garcia and Fabian Figueroa in the 4x200 relay for sixth place in a time of 1:56.30.

Barker was also sixth with a leap of 4-6 in the high jump. Martinez won a bronze medal for a leap of 31-2 1/2 in the triple jump and placed fifth in the long jump with a final mark of 13-11 1/2.

The Bears' Carlos Garcia came up with a throw of 32-7 1/2 for the bronze medal in the shot.



Thompson's Sofia Charles (center) won gold in the seventh-grade girls' 1,600 and 2,400 events. In the 1,600, Charles won in a time of 6:15.45, with Isabella Rios (left) of Beverly Hills second for a silver medal at 6:34.34. South Houston's Edina De la Vega was the bronze medalist.



Beverly Hills' Railin De La Cruz Laureano (center) won a gold medal in the eighth-grade boys' 400 in a time of 56.16 seconds, with Ashton Wilson of Thompson (left) taking the silver medal at 57.09. At right, Bondy's Joaquin Muniz finished at 58.12 for the bronze.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.

7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.

Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascon.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.

Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.

5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, at the Life Recovery Church, 5215 Preston Ave., Pasadena TX, 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a pot-luck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.

6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.

7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - St. Luke's Group**, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Chapter #0683 Friendswood meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.

7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Join Wise Owls on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For companionship and games at, United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings Dr in Houston. Call Shirley at 713-449-9959.

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org and in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB

Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for information.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.

Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - casual ballroom dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office (281-554-1180) for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.

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Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes 2025 induction class



Dobie Class of 2003 graduate Sharonda McDonald-Kelley (center) enjoyed pre-event time with family members including, from left, Sheryl Allen (godmother), Robert Walker Jr. (uncle), Tyler Kelley (daughter), Michael Kelley (husband) and Rhonda McDonald (mother) in the Hall of Fame section at Phillips Field House. McDonald-Kelley starred with the Longhorns before having an illustrious career at Texas A&M University. She is currently the head coach of the softball program at Michigan State University.



Nancy Cole-Bowman, a Pasadena Memorial Class of 2009 graduate, walks the red carpet during her induction into the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame March 12 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Cole-Bowman was a star volleyball player with the Mavericks and went on to enjoy a storied career at Rice University on the women's volleyball court.



Event emcees Shane Brown of Dobie High School (left) and Matt Musil, former longtime KHOU Channel 11 sports director, chatted prior to the start of the festivities during the 2025 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony March 12 at the Pasadena Convention Center.



Class of 2025 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Bobby Kramer (left) had a chance to catch up with former longtime Dobie coaching legend Rhonda Foster, who also joined the list of Hall of Famers a year ago. Kramer was at Dobie from 1977 through 1995 and led some of the school's top tennis programs from 1983 through 1987, while Foster guided state championship softball teams in 1995 and 1997 and also produced four different state qualifying boys' and girls' cross-country teams.

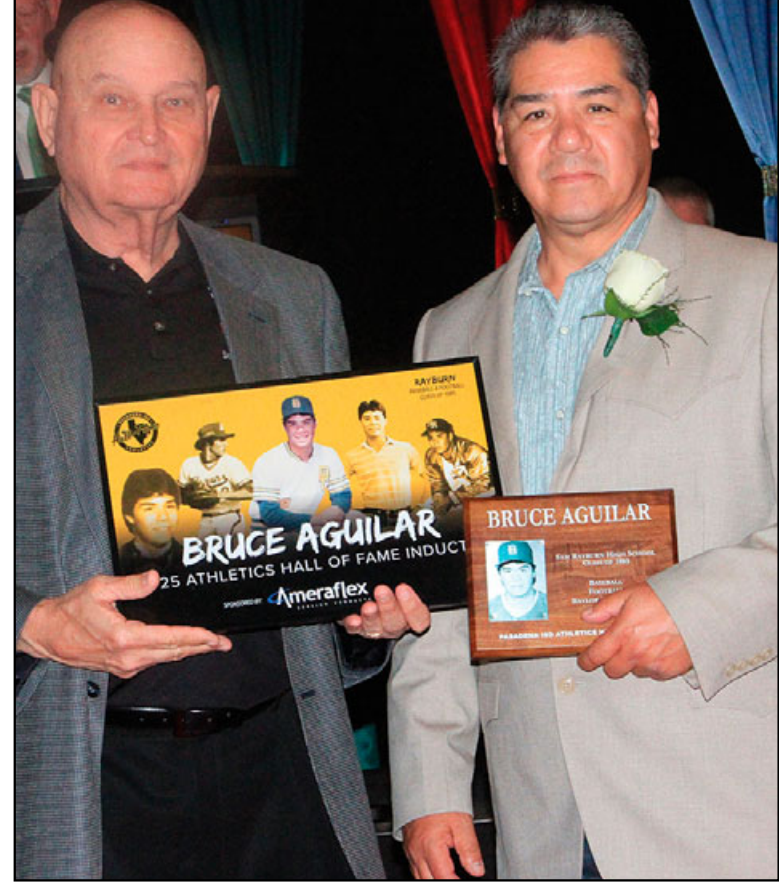
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A group of several giants of journalism gathered during the March 12 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony to thank former longtime KHOU sports director Matt Musil (third from left) for his commitment to emcee the events of the evening. Journalists there included Dan Lovett, Hal Lundgren and Al Carter, a hall of fame committee member.



Bobby Kramer (left), a Class of 2025 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, visited with former Dobie High School cross-country and track and field coach John Bryan, who was part of the group of 1980 Dobie boys' cross-country team members also inducted March 12 at the Pasadena Convention Center.



Bruce Aguilar, a star football and baseball player at Sam Rayburn High School (right) received his official induction plaque from Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame committee member Wayne Adams. Aguilar was part of the 2025 class of inductees honored March 12 at the Pasadena Convention Center.



The Pasadena Eagles were well-represented during the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025 induction spectacle as star swimmer Kristine Kelly (right) accepted her official induction plaque from committee member Wayne Adams, who was formerly a principal and athletics coach at Pasadena High School.



South Houston High School Class of 2003 graduate Josh Rodriguez (right) went on to play college baseball at Rice University and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He accepted his Class of 2025 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame plaque from committee member Wayne Adams.

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JFD tracksters score medals

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Dobie junior Aniya Menefee cleared the 4-10 mark to tie for fourth in the high jump, and junior teammate Kylar Joseph was ninth and she made her way over the 4-8 mark.
At 16-5 3/4, Menefee wound up 10th in the long jump. Joseph was also fifth in the triple jump as she came up with a top distance of 34-10.
A time of 12:39.97 placed Aracely Alvarado fifth in the 3,200 as the sophomore came up with one of the top individual placings for the locals on the girls' side of things.
Harris posted a time of 1:01.99 in the 400 for 17th place, with sophomore Christina Rodriguez placing 19th with her time of 1:03.39.
A time of 5:41.59 landed Alvarado ninth in the 1,600, and teammate Isaura Correa was in at 6:08.38 for 15th place.
At 6:14.11, Dobie senior Lauren Garza was 16th in the event.

JFD sweeps past Mavericks

Miguel Mercedes drove in five runs and Juels Martinez and Willard JoIner III knocked in a pair each as the Dobie varsity baseball team went on to defeat Pasadena Memorial 16-3 in varsity baseball action March 18.
With a sweep over the Mavericks, the Longhorns were able to even their record in District 22-6A play at 2-2.
The game was close throughout before the Longhorns scored 13 runs over their final two innings at the plate to earn the series sweep over Memorial.
The Longhorns defeated the Mavericks 5-4 in the first game of the pair. With the series sweep, the Longhorns have successfully rebounded from two losses to Dawson to open league play.
Clear Brook opened district play with a pair of losses to Clear Springs, 2-1 and 9-2 to start the league with a 0-2 record. At press time, the Wolverines were in action against the Dickinson Gators.

LSA track stands out

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200 with a time of 22.83.
Elsewhere in the varsity girls' division, the Pioneers' Ashley Rein came up with a time of 1:08.65 for sixth place in the 400. Olivia Varanauski of Lutheran South was fifth in the triple jump at 32-0, and the Pioneers' Anna Schepmann wound up seventh with a leap of 15-1 1/2 in the long jump.
A time of 2:49.47 was good for Elisabeth Hergrader to place eight in the 800.
At the 1,600 distance, Boesling placed seventh as he was in at 5:13.25, and teammate Joshua Gaitan was eighth as he earned a time of 5:14.44.
Noack took part in the pole vault for the Pioneers as he was fifth at 9-6.
In the discus, Lutheran South's David Streeter was sixth with a throw of 118-9 as he chipped in to the cause.