



# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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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](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com).

### Chamber to host annual gala

The Chamber-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual gala is set to take place from 6 to 11 p.m. Friday, March 7, at the San Jacinto College Center for Petroleum, Engineering and Technology, located at 7901 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena. Titled *Bollywood Nights*, this year's banquet will feature a blend of traditional Indian cuisine and American food, spectacular entertainment and dancing. Indian attire is encouraged.

The gala will feature a tribute to Leader co-founder and chamber co-founder Marie Flickinger, who died this past November. Both a Citizen of the Year and a Chamber Member of the Year will be announced at the event. The event will also feature the swearing in of new chamber officers. For additional information or to purchase tickets, call 281-481-5516 or email [info@southbeltchamber.com](mailto:info@southbeltchamber.com).

### Dobie cheer meet mandatory

Parents of potential Dobie cheerleaders must attend one of two mandatory meetings in order for their child to make cheer this coming year. The meetings are scheduled to take place Thursday, Feb. 27, and Monday, March 3. Both meetings will take place at 7 p.m. in the Dobie Main cafeteria. If a parent does not attend one of the meetings, the student will not be able to participate in the cheer tryouts. For additional information, contact Sarah Young at [SLYoung@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:SLYoung@pasadenaisd.org).

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 March 4

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 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.

### Hughes/Sabo closure set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice. The closure is associated with an ongoing Houston Public Works project to replace a force water main at the intersection.

### Telephone closure planned

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on SH 35/Telephone Road will be closed from Airport Boulevard to Bellfort Avenue daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (excluding Sundays) until further notice.

## Longtime area volunteer Julia Sweet dies at 86

### Sagemont resident mentored generations of local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts

The South Belt neighborhood mourns the loss of one of its most active community leaders with the passing of Julia Sweet who died at her Sagemont home Feb. 11 at the age of 86.

Originally from Kansas City, Mo., Sweet moved to the burgeoning Sagemont community in 1974 and would remain in the area for the next 51 years, volunteering in numerous capacities.

Sweet was married to Peter Sweet for 42 years until his death in 2004. The couple had four children: Erik, Karen, Karl and Jon. All four attended South Belt Elementary and Thompson Intermediate before graduating from Dobie High School.

Sweet was very active in the South Belt Scouting community, mentoring multiple generations

of local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Sweet was a lifelong member of the Girl Scouts and earned its highest award available, the Curved Bar. She was cadette leader of South Belt's Troop 1613 and co-leader at the time her daughter, Karen, achieved her Gold Award. She also supervised her granddaughter Krista's, Silver Award at the Seafarer Center. With Karen and Krista, Sweet volunteered for 19 years at the week-long summer day camps in Irving that served hundreds of girls, where she was affectionately known as "Mama Smurf." For her granddaughter, Sydney, Sweet became the first co-leader of South Belt's Girl Scout Troop 8015 in 2003. She remained active with the troop until their Gold Award Ceremony in 2017.

Sweet also served two generations of South Belt families involved in Boy Scouts. From the time her eldest son was old enough for Cub Scouts until her grandson earned the rank of Eagle, Sweet was an active leader in the Boy Scout movement. In Cub Scouts, she served Pack 692 and 3773 as a den leader, pack committee member, and Cub day camp coordinator. For Boy Scout Troop 773, she organized Merit Badge day camps, and she taught swimming, lifeguarding, canoeing, first aid, and citizenship merit badges. She trained other adults to become scout leaders, and Sweet, herself, completed both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Wood Badge advanced leadership training programs as well as earning the Silver Beaver Award. With Sweet's support,

all three of her sons, Erik, Karl, and Jon, and her grandson, Patrick, became Eagle Scouts, for which she was very proud.

Volunteering for the American Red Cross was also a lifelong passion for Sweet, who first joined the organization at age 15, training to teach swimming as a water safety instructor. She began teaching swimming in 1946. Later, she also taught first aid, CPR, canoeing and lifeguard certifications. She was awarded the Red Cross Volunteer of the Year for several years and was recognized for 60 years of instructing in 2010.

Sweet taught first aid and CPR as a part-time faculty member of Texas Chiropractic College and she conducted training sessions for South Belt. **Continued on Page 2**

## Sweet's efforts remembered



Longtime South Belt resident and community volunteer Julia Sweet died at her Sagemont home Feb. 11 at the age of 86. Her volunteer work with the American Red Cross and the Scouting community dated back approximately seven decades. The mother of four children raised in the area, Sweet is shown above receiving the American Red Cross's Volunteer of the Year Award — just once of the many times she earned the prestigious honor.

## HPD captain, JFD grad faces abuse charges

### Former Dobie AP, trainer also faces child porn charges

Former longtime South Belt resident and 32-year veteran of the Houston Police Department Daryn Edwards faces multiple felony charges involving indecency with a child after being arrested by League City police this past week.



Daryn Edwards

A 1984 Dobie graduate, Edwards, 59, was first arrested Wednesday, Feb. 19, on possession of child pornography charges following an investigation by the League City Police Department.

After being released on \$250,000 bond, Edwards was arrested again the following day Thursday, Feb. 20, on felony charges of aggravated sexual assault and sexual performance of a child. Both counts carry no bond.

League City PD released no further details about the investigation.

Court records indicate the alleged abuse took place over a prolonged period of time. Any other possible victims are urged to come forward by police.

Edwards most recently served as captain of HPD's Auto Theft Division. He has also overseen the Southwest Patrol and Hobby Airport units, as well as Burglary and Theft, North Belt, Cyber Crime and Financial Crime divisions.

In 2020, Edwards was promoted to HPD assistant chief and oversaw the Homeland Security command. Edwards was, however, demoted in the wake of the Astroworld tragedy, according to Houston Police Officers Union President Doug Griffith.

Edwards was relieved of duty by HPD following the allegations.

### Former Dobie AP Chad Barrett

The above charges come fresh on the heels of similar allegations made against former Dobie Assistant Principal and Athletic Trainer Chad Barrett, who was arrested this past November in Liberty County while serving as principal of Hardin Junior High School.

According to the Liberty County Sheriff's Office, the investigation began when the mother of a male student reported that Barrett had sent an inappropriate video to her son online via social media. A subsequent search of Barrett's phone revealed multiple photos and videos containing child pornography.

Barrett was subsequently charged with felony counts of possession and promotion of child pornography.

Barrett served as Dobie's athletic trainer from 2002-2007, serving grades 9-12, working with both male and female athletes in all sports.

In 2007, Barrett was promoted to assistant principal at Dobie, where he would remain through 2013, when he took a brief hiatus from Pasadena ISD, working as principal of Liberty High School. **Continued on Page 2**

## PISD narrows search for new superintendent

### 1 of 6 candidates approved for 2nd interview; Decision expected by mid-March

By Brooke Kushwaha

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Pasadena ISD's school board plans to appoint a new superintendent by mid-March, filtering from a pool of candidates from across the country, trustees said at a recent meeting.

Trustees discussed details of the search in a two-hour closed session at a special board meeting, ultimately voting to interview six applicants in two rounds of interviews each.

The search comes after outgoing Superintendent DeeAnn Powell announced her retirement plans last fall after over a decade at the helm of the district. Powell said at the time that she expects to remain in her position through the end of the school year.

Powell served as the district's first female superintendent and the first superintendent to have graduated from Pasadena. Student test scores rose and state data show more graduates were ready for life after college under Powell's watch, even as the district weathered three hurricanes, several tropical storms and a global pandemic. Powell's decade-plus leading the district is more than double the average tenure of superintendents across the nation.

In an interview after the meeting adjourned without public discussion of the search, board President Casey Phelan said he hoped to find a successor that would emulate Powell's work and leadership style. Although Powell had been born and raised in Pasadena, Phelan said the board "cast a wide net" in the search for her replacement.

"We're very happy with what we have and we're very sad to lose her, so we're really just looking to continue and build on that," Phelan said.

District officials surveyed parents, business leaders and other community members in preparation for the search. In those conversations, community members most wanted a leader who would be heavily involved and present in day-to-day life in Pasadena, Trustee Kenny Fernandez said.

"I'd like the superintendent to be somebody who's an all-in superintendent," Fernandez said in an interview after the meeting. "Just being en-

compassed by the Chamber (of Commerce), to the community, to the businesses, to the religious leaders, but most importantly to the students and to the staff, to what makes up Pasadena ISD."

The spring timeline is in part to shore up a successor ahead of the district's May board elections, when four of the seven seats will be on the ballot. The board also plans at an unspecified date later this year to fill the vacant seat left behind after longtime trustee Vickie Morgan's death in December, Phelan said.

Whoever they pick, Trustee Crystal Dávila said she hoped the new superintendent stays "a long time." Kirk Lewis, the superintendent before Powell, also led the district for over a decade.

"It's longevity," Fernandez said. "That's what we've had. We've had success through stability. We're a stable board, we're a stable administration and we have stable students. While others are fighting the fight out there, we, by the grace of God, have been able to keep moving forward."

**UPDATE:** At a subsequently called special board meeting, Pasadena ISD officials voted to have one of the six candidates return for a second interview. Trustees chose their words carefully, as to not name the potential candidate for the position — or to even say if the field had been narrowed down to just one applicant.

See future editions of the Leader for more information.

## Leader concludes 2024 Year in Review

The Leader concludes its 2024 Year in Review, remembering some of the more significant stories of this past year. To see highlights up to July 11, see the Feb. 20 edition of the Leader.

July 18

The South Belt community continued to recover from Hurricane Beryl, with several residents still facing power outages. Workers began what would be a months-long debris collection.

July 25

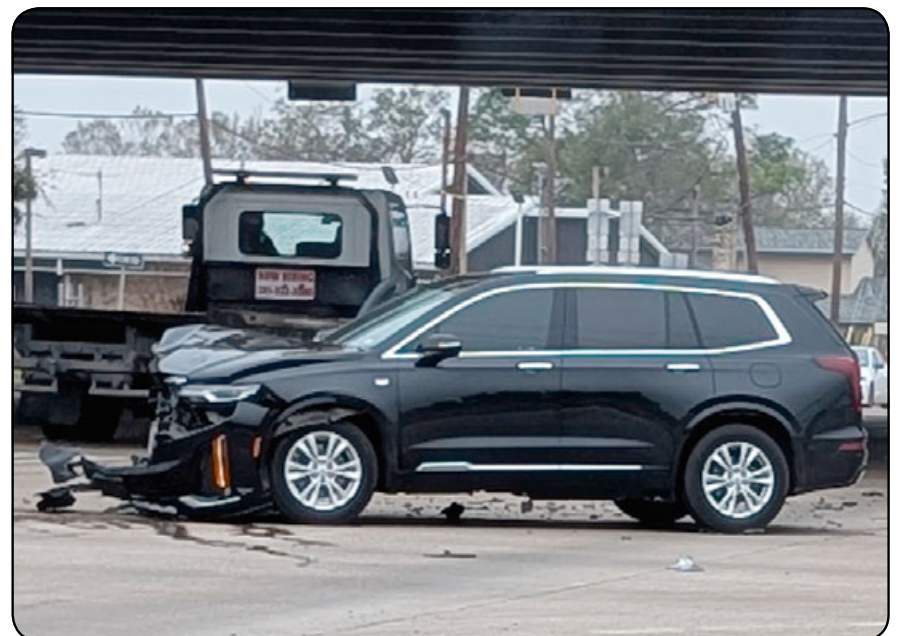
Charges were filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man that took place around 12:25 a.m. Sunday, July 28, outside the Fiesta grocery store in the 1100 block of Edgebrook near the Gulf Freeway. The suspect, Julian Giovanni Vazquez, 24, was charged with murder in the 209th State District Court. The identity of the victim, 38, was not immediately made available. According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a request for assistance from Houston Fire Department emergency personnel at a parking lot at the above address. Paramedics found an unresponsive man in the front passenger seat of a vehicle. He had suffered a gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the scene. A male, identified as Vazquez, was detained at the scene. Vazquez told investi-

gators he was with the victim and admitted to his role in the shooting. The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted, and Vasquez was subsequently charged.

Aug. 1

Houston Mayor John Whitmire appointed both a new fire chief and police chief to head the city's respective departments. Whitmire appointed Thomas Muñoz as the chief of the Houston Fire Department. Muñoz, who retired from HFD as an assistant chief, most recently served as the city's emergency management coordinator and the acting director for the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security. Muñoz is a member of FEMA's National Advisory Council and has more than 29 years of experience as a first responder and emergency manager. During his 24 years with the Houston Fire Department, Muñoz oversaw Homeland Security, Public Affairs and HAZMAT. Muñoz completed the Executive Leadership and Management Certification from the University of Notre Dame Mendoza School of Business and is a Homeland Security Executive Leadership Program graduate from the Naval Postgraduate School. He also completed the Component National Security Course at **Continued on Page 2**

## Cars collide at Beamer, beltway



Multiple cars collided around 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at the intersection of Beamer and Beltway 8. While the driver of the above SUV was visibly shaken up, all drivers involved in the crash appeared to be free of major injuries. Firefighters from Houston Fire Department Station 70 on Beamer were quick to respond, as the crash could be heard from the nearby firehouse. The intersection is a common site for crashes, with a 2016 study claiming it was the most dangerous in the South Belt area and the 66th most dangerous in the entire state. *Photo by Natalie Abarca*

# In My Opinion

## Coughlin urges immigrant safety

In one of Donald Trump's first acts in office, he stripped away protections for schools, hospitals, and places of worship from immigration enforcement. These were once safe spaces where people could learn, receive health care, and pray without fear. Now they have been turned into targets for ICE raids.

This is unconscionable. As the world's largest historical climate polluter, the United States has a responsibility to immigrants. Our pollution is causing the climate chaos — droughts, floods, hurricanes, rising waters — that is forcing people in Latin America, Asia, Africa and elsewhere to leave their homes. Others are fleeing violence, poverty, and hunger — all of which are caused or made worse by the climate crisis.

People have the right to be able to leave their homes and migrate with dignity to find safe haven. But right now, immigrant families are facing the unimaginable: the fear that seeking education or health care could mean deportation, or that a peaceful moment of prayer might be shattered by ICE agents barging in.

As municipal leaders, mayors have the power to fight this. They can protect immigrant families by ordering police not to participate in ICE raids and even to block ICE agents' entry into schools, hospitals, and places of worship.

The future of so many families in our communities is on the line. We must call on local leaders to do the right thing, even as the federal government does not. I'm writing to urge mayors to hear this call and take action to protect immigrants.

Sincerely,  
**Brian Coughlin**

# Elected officials share their words

## Middleton files SB 19, targeting lobbies

Sen. Mayes Middleton filed Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's priority bill banning taxpayer-funded lobbying. The bill, Senate Bill 19, prohibits public funds from being used to hire registered lobbyists.

"For too long, taxpayers' and parents' own tax dollars have been used to lobby against them in Austin. These taxpayer-funded lobbyists have squandered millions of dollars of your hard-earned dollars to lobby against border security, election integrity, parental choice in education, teacher pay raises, and even fought against property tax relief and reform," said Middleton.

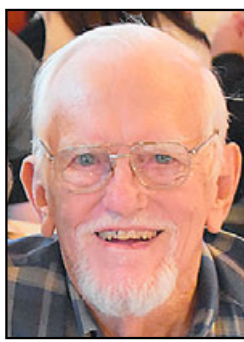
"Taxpayer-funded lobbying groups, like Texas Association of School Boards, use your school tax dollars to lobby against the bill to stop men from going into girls' restrooms and locker rooms, and invited transgender advocates to train school

board members on how to use pronouns. Time and time again, we have seen taxpayer-funded lobbyists advocate against Texans and against common sense.

"Nearly \$70 million per year is spent on taxpayer-funded lobbying. We don't need an Austin lobbyist middleman between state and local elected officials. We are elected to represent our constituents directly. Thank you to Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick for making S.B. 19 a priority this session. There is a mandate for D.O.G.E. in Texas, and taxpayers are sick and tired of government waste, fraud, and abuse. Now is the time to end this unethical practice of taxpayer dollars being used to lobby against taxpayers," said Middleton.

Senate Bill 19 will be considered in the 89th Legislative Session, which is currently underway.

## Albert Charles "Charlie" Timme Jr.



With heavy hearts, family members announce the passing of Albert Charles "Charlie" Timme Jr., who departed this world on Aug. 18, 2024, at the age of 93. Born on Jan. 24, 1931, in Houston, Charlie led a life filled with love, devotion, and unwavering commitment to his family and his beloved wife of 71 years, Bernice Timme.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Albert C. Timme and Ruth Ellen Ewald. He grew up in Houston's Park Place neighborhood and attended Charles H. Milby High School, graduating in 1949. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of Houston in 1960. Charlie also served honorably as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss.

His professional career began at Hughes Tool Company, where he worked from 1956 to 1990, rising to supervisor of quality control. His innovative thinking even led to the creation of processes that resulted in a patent. Beyond his career, Charlie was a dedicated community leader, serving as president of the San Jacinto Country Club, president of the First Evangelical Church Council, and an active member of several camping clubs. He was also involved with the Clear Lake Gem and Mineral Society, where he nurtured his passion for stonework.

Charlie was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. On June 26, 1953, he married Bernice Rogers, and together they built a home filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. He is survived by his son Albert C. Timme III; his daughter Deborah Joiner, and husband, Steve; his son Stephen Timme, and wife, Margaret; and his son Jeffrey Timme, and wife, Marcie. He was also a proud grandfather to seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Charlie had a deep love for woodworking and lapidary, crafting intricate pieces of stone and glass into beautiful jewelry. He was an avid collector of lanterns, flashlights, stamps and coins and found great joy in gardening.

He was a man of many talents and boundless generosity. There was never a need to call a repairman — Charlie could fix anything. He instilled this same sense of capability and confidence in his children, teaching them that with determination, they could accomplish anything. He was not just a father but a role model and an exceptional dad.

Charlie had a warm and giving spirit. His friends fondly remember his thoughtful visits, always accompanied by a warm greeting and

# Deaths

a piece of candy pulled from his pocket.

Charlie's passing leaves a void that cannot be filled, but his kindness, wisdom, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A memorial service to celebrate Charlie's life will be held on Saturday, March 8, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the service at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity of one's choice in Charlie's honor.

## Bernice Timme



With heavy hearts, family members announce the passing of Bernice Timme, who left this world on Dec. 7, 2024, at the age of 92. Born on Sept. 30, 1932, Bernice devoted her life to caring for her family and sharing 71 wonderful years of marriage with her beloved husband, Albert Charles "Charlie" Timme.

Before dedicating herself to raising their four children, Bernice worked at Prudential Life Insurance. Later, she spent more than a decade in data and accounting at Mobile Equipment and MegaHaus.

Bernice was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She and Charlie built a loving home filled with warmth, laughter and countless cherished memories. She is survived by her son Albert C. Timme III; her daughter Deborah Joiner, and husband, Steve; her son Stephen Timme, and wife, Margaret; and her son Jeffrey Timme, and wife, Marcie. She was also a proud grandmother to seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clyde Rogers and Mattie Dunsmore, as well as her brother, William "Billy" Rogers.

Bernice had a passion for gardening and embroidery, and she delighted in browsing through her extensive cookbook collection in search of special recipes to share with loved ones. She and Charlie formed lasting friendships during their years of full-time camping, enjoying their time together collecting stones, making jewelry and traveling. Whether embarking on an adventure or taking a simple trip to the beach to enjoy pizza and watch the ships pass by, they cherished every

moment spent together.

Bernice's kindness, love, and joyful spirit will be deeply missed, but her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, March 8, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by the service at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a charity of one's choice in Bernice's honor.

## Julia Kate Weltman Sweet



Julia Kate Weltman Sweet, passed into the arms of Jesus on Feb. 11, 2025, at the age of 86 at her home in Sagamore.

Julia was born on March 14, 1938, in Kansas City, to Francis and Hildegard Weltman. She attended the University of Chicago where she received a bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1961. She was the first woman in her family to earn a college degree. Julia married Peter Sweet on Jan. 20, 1962, in Kansas City. In 1974, Julia and Pete moved the family to Texas and raised their four children in Houston's South Belt neighborhood. She worked as a chemist at Aer-Auqua Labs in Pasadena.

For more than 50 years, Julia's passion for community service was displayed through her Red Cross education classes, her leadership involvement in both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, her church activities, her school supply collections for Lutheran World Relief, her support of the Houston International Seafarers Center and her participation as a Master Gardener with Harris County Precinct 2.

Julia was preceded in death by her husband; son, Karl Sweet; brother, Martin Weltman; and sister, Marie Weltman. She leaves to cherish her memory son Erik Sweet and wife Stacia, daughter Karen Sweet Cheney, son Jon Sweet and wife Victoria; grandchildren Krista Cheney, Patrick Sweet, Sydney Sweet, Samuel Werner; and great-grandson Silas Sweet.

Friends are invited to join the family for a Celebration of Life for Julia on Saturday, March 15, at 1 p.m. at New Life Lutheran Church located at 3521 E. Orange St., Pearland.

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the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. After retiring from HFD, he served as the emergency manager and Homeland Security Director for Texas City before rejoining the city of Houston as emergency management coordinator with the Office of Emergency Management. Muñoz also retired as commander from the U.S. Coast Guard (Reserve) after 21 years of service. While in the U.S. Coast Guard, he served as the deputy incident commander for the New Orleans Vessel Removal Projects, the Texas City Y Spill liaison and the emergency preparedness liaison officer during Hurricane Maria in San Juan, P.R. In 2007, Muñoz received the Capt. Edward R. Williams U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Award for Excellence. He is also the recipient of five USCG Commendation Medals. Muñoz holds a master's degree in emergency management and a master's degree in Homeland Security from American Military University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in crisis com-

munications from Texas Tech University. He received his B.A. in political science from the University of Houston. Muñoz succeeds Chief Samuel Peña and will be the department's 37th chief since 1895, when the department became nonvolunteer.

Whitmore named former Texas Ranger J. Noe Diaz the next chief of Police for the Houston Police Department. Since March 2019, Diaz served as the chief of police for the Katy Police Department and has worked his entire professional career in various law enforcement positions while assuming greater responsibility and gaining the respect of colleagues and the community. Diaz's career in law enforcement began in 1987 as a Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officer, a role he held until 1994. The same year, he completed the University of Houston-Downtown Police Academy and joined the Harris County Constable Precinct 5 office. In 1996, the Texas Department of Public Safety selected Diaz to attend DPS

Academy A-96. Upon completing the academy, Diaz was assigned to the Katy Highway Patrol Office as a DPS Trooper. In 2001, he was promoted to the Narcotics Division of the State Police stationed in Houston. During his seven years as a narcotics sergeant, Diaz was assigned to the Harris County Organized Crime Task Force, HPD, ATF, DEA and the FBI. In 2008, Diaz was appointed a Texas Ranger and served briefly in Rio Grande City until returning to the Houston office. He was assigned as the Public Corruption Ranger for Company A (Greater Houston area) for more than 10 years, working on various high-profile public corruption investigations. Diaz was assigned to the FBI Public Corruption Border Task Force as a Task Force officer and maintains top-secret clearance. Diaz earned a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice from the University of Houston-Downtown (100 Club Scholarship Recipient) and a Master of Science in criminology from Lamar University. He is a 263rd FBI National Academy and FBI Texas

Command College graduate. Diaz also graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff and Command in 2024 and enrolled in the University of Houston Certified Public Manager Program starting in 2025. He is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and Texas Police Chief's Association and has more than 7,000 Law Enforcement (TCOLE) training hours. Diaz replaces Larry J. Satterwhite, who has served as acting police chief since May 2024. Satterwhite has accepted a new assignment as director of the Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security.

9:10 a.m. in front of the Dollar Tree store located adjacent to the Target. While a crime scene was established around the area where the body was found, police believe the individual died from natural causes. The official cause of death was to be determined by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

**Aug. 29**  
Two homes in the Woodmeadows subdivision caught fire within minutes of each other the morning of Monday, Aug. 26, after being struck by lightning. According to Southeast Volunteer Fire Department officials, a house on Poplarwood Court suffered extensive attic damage, while a second residence located on Pigeonwood suffered minor roof and wall damage. Firefighters responded to a third lightning call at the same time at a business on Scarsdale but no physical damage was observed. SVFD was assisted by the Pearland Fire Department.

hicle did not stop to provide assistance and fled in an unknown direction. Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced the male dead at the scene. A witness stated the suspect vehicle may be a Jeep Wrangler. No immediate arrests were made.

**Sept. 12**  
The Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo launched its 75th anniversary season, with events taking place from Friday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Pasadena Convention Center and Municipal Fairgrounds.

**Sept. 19**  
Eliza Paul retired from the Texas Department of Transportation after serving more than 35 years as an engineer. At her post of district engineer of the Houston District, Paul oversaw projects in six counties, including Harris, Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Waller and Montgomery. Paul is the wife of state Rep. Dennis Paul.

**Sept. 26**  
South Houston High School named its 2024 Hall of Honor inductees, with three alumni and two former faculty members being selected. Alumni included Air Force Col. Michael Seale (Class of 1963), NASA architect Brand Norman Griffin (Class of 1965) and NASA photographer Carla Thomas (Class of 1980). Amon Alford and Patrick Fox — both former science teachers at the high school — were the two faculty members selected. The five in-



## JFD 2024 homecoming king, queen got the vote

This week concludes the Leader's 2024 Year in Review. It was a year of many highs and lows for area students. In one of the year's more memorable moments for Dobie students, the school named its homecoming king and queen at the school's Sept. 27 varsity football game against Pasadena Memorial. Joel Reyes was crowned homecoming king, and Keltia Sanchez was crowned queen. The Longhorns defeated the Mavericks 44-35.

**Aug. 15**  
Summer came to a close and South Belt students returned to class to begin the 2024-2025 school year. Dobie started the year with bang, being nominated a top school by U.S. News and World Report magazine.

**Aug. 22**  
A body was found the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 21, outside a strip center located at Beltway 8 and Pearlland Parkway/Monroe. The body was reportedly found around

back-to-school sales and donate cases of school supplies to Lutheran World Relief which supports underprivileged students worldwide. In addition, Sweet took a personal interest in supporting the Houston International Seafarers Center. With the help of church members and family, Sweet created hundreds of comfort boxes filled with toiletries items, snacks, and magazines for international sailors who came into the Port of Houston.

Sweet also loved gardening. In addition to surround-

ing her home with plants and flowers and designing garden-spaces for her church, Sweet was a Master Gardener with Harris County Precinct 2 and spent many years helping with Pasadena area garden clubs and the Genoa Friendship Garden.

Friends are invited to join the family for a Celebration of Life for Sweet at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at New Life Lutheran Church, located at 3521 E. Orange St. in Pearland. See related obituary on this page.

# Julia Sweet remembered

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Belt and Pasadena neighborhood organizations, scout groups, and churches for several decades.

Sweet was an active member of the Lutheran Church, including South Belt's King of Glory Lutheran Church which merged into New Life Lutheran Church. Sweet sang in the choir, led Women of the ELCA, taught Sunday School, worked with the Care Team and enjoyed the quilters' group. At the end of every summer, Sweet would hit the

then he returned to Liberty County, working as principal of Hardin Junior High School from 2021 until present. Following the allegations, Barrett was removed from school grounds by police and placed

on administrative leave.

Any other additional students who may have received inappropriate messages from Barrett are urged to contact the Liberty County Sheriff's Office at 936-336-4500.

# Multiple child sex crimes alleged

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in Liberty County from 2013-2018.

In 2018, Barrett returned to Pasadena ISD, taking a job as the school district's athletic trainer from 2018 to 2021,

then he returned to Liberty County, working as principal of Hardin Junior High School from 2021 until present. Following the allegations, Barrett was removed from school grounds by police and placed

on administrative leave.

Any other additional students who may have received inappropriate messages from Barrett are urged to contact the Liberty County Sheriff's Office at 936-336-4500.

# NASA Aglow Lighthouse meets March 22

NASA Aglow Lighthouse invites all to its meeting on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 10 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 18516 SH 3, Webster.

Yolanda Cruz is a well-known minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She had a Damascus encounter, where she encountered the love of Christ, healing power and deliverance and surrendered her life to Jesus.

Cruz traveled serving at United with Christ Ministries full time for 22 years. Her passion is foremost Jesus and to make him known. Her greatest desire is bringing souls into the Kingdom of God. She served in a jail and prison ministry, the Community Pregnancy Center, led women's bible studies, served in prayer ministry, outreaches in Houston and will be involved in ministering on a Cuban crusade in the earlier weeks of March.

Bring a friend to the meeting as NASA Aglow celebrates the presence of the Lord.

# CCRW meets March 7

The Clear Creek Republican Women's group (CCRW) is holding their monthly meeting on Friday, March 7, at La Brisa Mexican Bar and Grill at 501 N. Wesley Drive in League City. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

Retired Army Lt. Col. Jeffrey Addicott will be the guest speaker. He will discuss The Trump Doctrine and Emerging National Security Threats. Register today at <https://Clear-Creekrw.org>.

# Moore Elementary hosts blood drive

Moore Elementary will hold a Christian Garcia blood drive on Monday, March 4, from 2-6 p.m. This event is in connection with the health fair. Registration is now open to the community.

# Shaar Hashalom hosts Purim carnival

Congregation Shaar Hashalom will host a Purim carnival full of family fun and attractions for kids of all ages. Everyone is welcome. Carnival attractions include games with prizes, professional face painting, jumping castle, live petting zoo, auction and carnival food. Food choices include a kosher hot dog, veggie burger, cotton candy, popcorn and chips.

Presale tickets which are available for \$10, include unlimited rides, popcorn and cotton candy. Advance tickets can be purchased at [www.shaarhashalom.org/event/purim-carnival2025.htm](http://www.shaarhashalom.org/event/purim-carnival2025.htm). Day of carnival ticket purchase is \$13 and meal ticket is \$10.

The event will take place Sunday, March 9, from noon to 3 p.m., at 16020 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77062 located between Bay Area and El Dorado. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is the only Conservative synagogue serving the Clear Lake Bay Area Community since 1967. For information call 281-488-5861.

# Local library events set

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

**Bracewell Branch Library**  
Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. 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. Closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

**Parker Williams Library**  
Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> or call 832-927-7870.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

**Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"**

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sundays. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

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# Pasadena Memorial High School announces third six-weeks honor roll

Officials of Memorial have announced the third six-weeks honor roll for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Ninth grade**  
Anjelika Lynn Acosta, Kristian Alexander Acosta, Jeffrey Denilson Esau Acuna Garcia, Edosa Christian Aghimien, Fernanda Aguirre, Jesus Aguirre, Romeo Adriel Alcocer, Santiago Aleman, Jaidia Marie Allen, Brianna Nelly Alonzo, Ximena Altamirano, Cristina Marisol Alvarez Reyes, Emiliano Alvarez, Arianna Amor, Kevin Arana, Vanessa Gisselle Arana, Zoie Harper Arcentales, Lilianna Armenta, Aliah Aidee Avitia, Anessah Hussein Alzam and Dasha Nicole Balderas.

Jandra Del Angel, Vianca Delao, Edgar Emiliano Donjuan, Dylan Dario Duran Villarreal and Zaria Gillian Edgar.  
Helio Elizondo, Camille Isabella Escobar, Jocelyne Esparza Bejarano, Aviah Grace Esparza, Ismahia Espinal Lara, Ayleen Nayeli Estrada Sabat, Adalli Zulema Estrella, Antonio Elias Fajardo, Sarai Fernandez, Arianna Margarita Flores, Ivette Flores, Yannh Doris Flores, Yelitza Junnueth Flores, Hajile Ehcapa Naidini Foster, Ryan Mark De La Pena Galang, Cesia Jurid Galeano, Genesis Michel Galeano, Francisco Uzziel Gallegos and Jonathan Alexander Gallegos.  
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Michael Logan Contreras, Evan Christopher Cooper, Rosa Esther Cordova Villanueva, Isaac Cortez, Heylin Yamileth Cruz, Kimberly Diana Cruz, Karla Cuevas, Elaina Tincy Daniel, Brian Nguyen Dao, Paulina Davila, Everardo De La Cerda, Fernanda Lizeth De Los Santos Lopez, Insaal Kashif Dean, Carmen Ale-

jandro Del Angel, Vianca Delao, Edgar Emiliano Donjuan, Dylan Dario Duran Villarreal and Zaria Gillian Edgar.  
Leonardo Ibarra, Brandon Lee Ingersoll, Ricardo Daniel Islas Coronado, Aalyiah Elizabeth Itzep, Armani Da'ne Jones, Camila Sofia Juarez, Daniel Alexander Kauffman, Andrew Josue Landaverde, Jonathan James Larue, Ludovic William Lay, Linh Thuy Le, Madalynn Nicole Leal, Madison Elizabeth Lee, Wendy Li, Eva Yuriz Licona, Erick Andrey Lopez, Izabel Jenavieve Lopez, Leyla Nicole Lopez, Nicholas Anthony Lopez and Freddy Alexander Lopez-Delcid.  
Carlos Anthony Lozano, Elias Alexander Lozano, Lily Marlen Luna Rodriguez, Damian Xavier Luna, Kim Thien Luu, Aiden Tri Duc Lu, Connor Daniel Maldonado, Axel Manuel Mantilla Pinette, Yael Marin, Elizabeth Martinez De Santelices Garcia, Caden Martinez, Giselle Martinez, Kayla Michelle Martinez, Lawrence Adrian Martinez, Samuel Martinez, Audrie Janelle Mason, Bri' niah Joe'lee Mathis, Levi Jerad Matlock and Shianne Isabella Matlock.  
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and Janielys Zoe Negron.  
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Oscar Santiago Romero Morales, Joshua Roberto Rosales Alfaro, Ashley Carolina

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Nadia Alyssa Abraham, Peyton Michelle Acevedo, Gissel Andrea Aguilar, Veronica Aldana Portillo, Zaria

Lynne Alexander, Charlotte Elyse Allen, Daymian Alvarado, Kaylin Allyson Alvarez, Rockell Rae Andrews, Carlos Leo Araoz, Jose Antonio Arredondo, Ileana Danielle Atrian, Javier Avilez, Shabd Bains, Tucker Owen Barker, Alyssa Marcelle Barnes, Asiel Basurto, Parker Jamison Bell, Florencio Alejandro Belmont and Noemy Bernardo De Los Santos.  
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Bryan Chapa, Amanda Cisneros, Jayden Zavier Cisneros, Alexa Valentina Corea, Ana Marie Cortez, Brayden Adam Cruz, Fernanda Valeria Cruz, Jason Antonio Cruz, Guadalupe Celia Cuenca, Camila Cuevaes Hervet, Damian Aaron Cuevaes, Micah James Derouese Daley, Alexis Lorraine Daly, Ines Azai Del Angel, Shamari' De'vine Depree-Jefferson, Sebastian Jose Diaz Diaz, Alan Eduardo Diaz, Betty Jeanine Diaz, Carla Belen Diosdado and Nicole Diosdado.  
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### The Art of Music Experience Opens March 1

Explore this stunning exhibit that reveals the stories behind iconic album cover art ranging from Pink Floyd and Madonna to the Foo Fighters and much more. See large-scale, original hand-painted artwork, neon displays, live painting and a variety of activities

### Lasting Impressions 3D Opens March 1

Over 100 famous Impressionist masterpieces come to life in immersive 3D! Sit with Renoir's guests, float over Monet's lilies, and soar through Van Gogh's Starry Night!



### Pyramid Kids Camps: March 10 - 24

Camp includes attraction experiences per day (weather dependent); with different program activities, ambassador animal presentations, games, crafts, and experiments making every camp day unique!

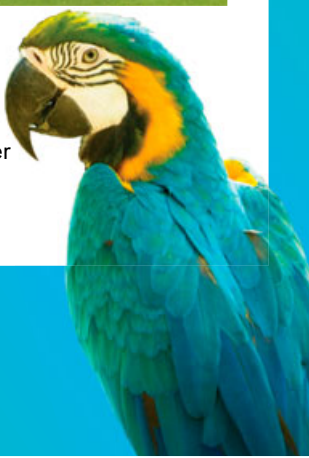
### Junior Golf Camps: March 11 - 13

Perfect for ages 8-13! Kids will delve into golf fundamentals, rules, and etiquette, while enjoying hands-on practice on the course and range.



### Hotel Packages & Guided Tours

Enjoy a Spring Break Getaway on Galveston Island. Explore the Moody Gardens attractions and fun new guided tours. Choose from spa, golf and encounters to meet a penguin, giant river otter and other special animal experiences and plan the perfect escape!



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# Leader concludes 2024 Year in Review

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 duces were honored during homecoming activities at the school Friday, Sept. 20, the day of the Trojans' homecoming game against Sam Rayburn. Diego Garcia was crowned homecoming king and Alondra Zavala was crowned queen.

**Oct. 3**  
 Dobie named its 2024 homecoming king and queen at the varsity football game Friday, Sept. 27, at Pasadena Memorial Stadium. Joel Reyes was crowned king, and Kellia Sanchez was crowned queen. The Longhorns defeated the Mavericks 44-35.

**Oct. 10**  
 Harris County Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez was injured after being dragged by a vehicle fleeing the scene of a traffic stop in the 11300 block of Hughes Road near Sageglen. It was later determined the vehicle had been

reported stolen. Sanchez was transported to a nearby hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

**Oct. 17**  
 Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell announced she would be retiring from her position at the end of this year after serving the district for more than three decades. Powell began her 33-year PISD career as a history teacher at Jackson Intermediate, later becoming the school's assistant principal and principal. In 2005, Powell was named a PISD associate superintendent, before making history in 2015 by becoming the district's first Pasadena ISD graduate and the first female to be named superintendent.

**Oct. 24**  
 Four people including a child were killed around 7:55 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, when a helicopter leaving Ellington

Airport crashed in the Second Ward area.

**Nov. 7**  
 The results from the Nov. 5 general election have been tabulated, with Republicans making big gains across the board at nearly every level.

**Nov. 14**  
 Leader co-founder and longtime South Belt community activist Marie Flickinger died unexpectedly at her home Monday, Nov. 11, at the age of 82.

**Nov. 21**  
 An unidentified driver was killed Thursday, Nov. 14, after striking a tree near the Fuqua exit of the METRO

HOV lane.

**Nov. 28**  
 Leader co-founder Bobby Griffin died Sunday, Nov. 24, at the age of 86. Her death just two weeks after the passing of other Leader co-founder Marie Flickinger and just weeks before the newspaper's 50th anniversary.

**Dec. 5**  
 A drive-by shooting that took place early Sunday, Dec. 1, in the 10600 block of Kirkwren near Kirkfair and Blackhawk. Allejeandria Holliday was later charged with deadly conduct in the shooting.

**Dec. 12**  
 On Thursday, Dec. 5, a man was fatally shot inside his vehicle while at a gas station in the 11200 block of Alameda Genoa near the Genoa

Post Office. No immediate arrests were made.

**Dec. 19**  
 Harris County officials held a ribbon-cutting Friday, Dec. 13, to celebrate the completion of the Beamer Ditch improvements project. A joint project between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Harris County, the \$10.7 million project widened the ditch and installed concrete lining from Sagerock to near Astoria.

Longtime Pasadena ISD board member Vickie Morgan died Wednesday, Dec. 18, after serving nearly 40 years.

**Dec. 26**  
 The Leader's 42nd annual Christmas program was a huge success, providing assistance to more than 30 area families.

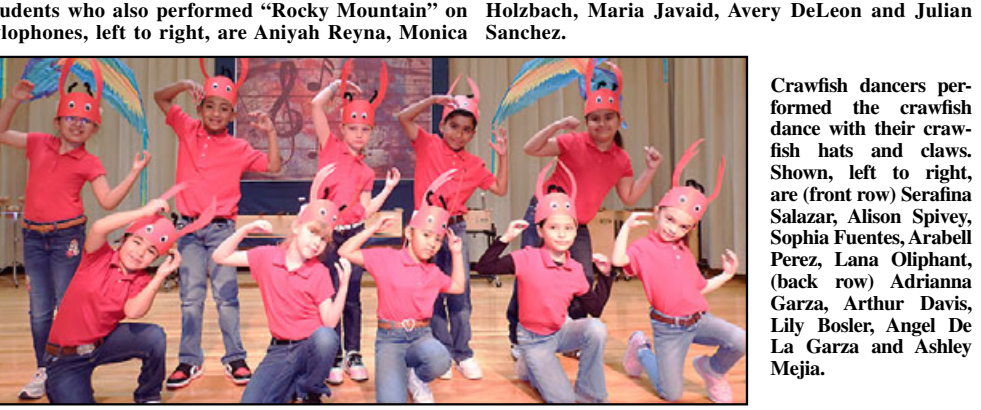
# Moore performs "Music Across the States"



On Feb. 11, Moore Elementary School's second-graders performed "Music Across the States" for students and parents. The program included special performances representing the culture and customs of several states. Sheryl Munn, music teacher, directed the performance.



Students who also performed "Rocky Mountain" on xylophones, left to right, are Aniyah Reyna, Monica Holzbach, Maria Javaid, Avery DeLeon and Julian Sanchez.



Students performed a ribbon routine to "Let's Go Fly a Kite" from the Broadway musical, "Mary Poppins." Left to right, are (front row) Sophia Stephen, Brooke McAfee, Amberlynn Reyna, (back row) Eldrid Fobb, Kirsidy Cannon, Miriam Portillo and Adalynn Anaya.



Students who used poi sticks from Hawaii to perform "Kapulu Kane," left to right, are (front row) Mariana Flores, Allison Lopez, Abigail Izaguirre, Valentina Licon (back row) Erick Faisal, Cristo Sarabia, Thiago Cruz, Heidy Sarabia, Christian Michel-Estevan and Gadiel Ventura.

# Memorial High School releases its third-six weeks honor roll

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# KBP presents "Holy Mother of Bingo"

Kids' Backporch Productions will present its 98th show and fourth annual murder mystery, "Holy Mother of Bingo" by Patrick Walsh.

Performances are on Friday, March 7, Saturday, March 8 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 9, at 2 p.m. at Shadycrest Baptist Church, 3017 Yost Blvd. in Pearland. The Kids' Backporch Productions' cast includes 23 students led by Amy Kennah-Ricketts (director) and Jennifer Townsend and Jaime Cole (stage manager). Tickets may be purchased at kids.backporch.ticketleap.com.



Shown are, left to right, Roman Salazar as Reed Yackley, Ivy Kessling as Sister Josephine and Nolan Eubanks as Brother Dearlove.

# Aegis Aerospace acknowledges its major milestone

On the heels of sending its first lunar test facility to the moon, Aegis Aerospace Inc. has completed a major milestone on its second lunar test facility.

Aegis Aerospace's first lunar test facility, Regolith Adherence Characterization (RAC), is currently en route to the moon. RAC will determine how lunar regolith, or lunar dust, adheres to a range of materials exposed to the lunar environment. The data captured will allow the industry to test, improve, and protect spacecraft, spacesuits, and habitats from abrasive regolith. RAC is integrated on Firefly Aerospace's Blue Ghost lunar lander as part of NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) initiative.

Aegis Aerospace's second lunar test facility, Space Science & Technology Evaluation Facility (SSTEF), has passed rigorous hardware qualification and acceptance testing taking the company one step closer to launching its second facility to the moon. SSTEF, which builds on the technology of RAC, is a multipurpose test facility with power, command, and data connections to host passive materials and active lunar experiments. SSTEF will be integrated on Intuitive Machines' IM-3 Nova-C lunar lander through a NASA Science & Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) Tipping Point award.

"This is an exhilarating time for Aegis Aerospace and the entire space industry as we push the boundaries of lunar exploration," shared Bill Hollister, president of Aegis Aerospace. "With our first lunar test facility on its way to the moon and a second soon to follow we are proud to advance scientific discovery for government, commercial, and academic partners, driving innovation for our nation and beyond."

Both RAC and SSTEF lunar test facilities will be in operation for one, or 14 earth days.

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1980)**  
 The Harris County Flood Control District questioned plans regarding a 133-acre development at Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway. The city had already given preliminary plans to that development.

County Commissioner Tom Bass and Houston City Councilman Frank Mancuso met with Sagemont residents to discuss area flooding concerns.

The Leader began a six-week series on teen pregnancies prompted by a previous article on alleged abortions.

Gulf Palms residents were working to permanently halt the construction of a nuclear facility.

One 17-year-old and two juveniles were picked up by Houston Police for allegedly discharging firearms on Sawegillow Street.

**40 years ago (1985)**  
 Eugene Tegeler was named interim superintendent by Pasadena school trustees following the surprise resignation of Dr. C. Lee Meyer, who was into his 10th year as district superintendent.

Dobie band parents scheduled a meeting March 4 to discuss the upcoming band banquet and band trip.

Weber Elementary School PTA sponsored a chili supper Feb. 28 that included chili, bread, a salad and ice tea. The adult cost was \$3 and a child's meal cost \$2.

**35 years ago (1990)**  
 Based on a report from then-Congressman Jack Brooks' office, it was discovered that there was a vinyl chloride contamination in the aquifer adjacent to Southbend, near the Brio superfund site.

**30 years ago (1995)**  
 Leader publisher Marie Flickinger was sworn in as the first female rector at the San Jacinto College System.

Parents and children praised the Clear Creek Independent School District's magnet science school.

J. Frank Dobie cheerleaders traveled from a competition at Grand Prairie High School to cheer the basketball team, which was playing a semifinal game at Hofheinz Pavilion.

**25 years ago (2000)**  
 Residents of Sagemont Park asked local, county and state officials to help them keep the sound barrier wall up along Beltway 8 to protect them from the traffic noise. The Texas Department

of Transportation originally built the wall.

Two of Dobie High School's three former principals were vying for the same Position 4 seat on the Pasadena Independent School District's board of trustees. Jerry Speer and Frank Braden both filed for the position to be vacated by Tom Sullivan.

Democratic candidates for retiring Judge Howard Wayland's seat were to speak at a South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

O'Reilly Auto Parts on Beamer was robbed by two males matching the description of area assault suspects.

**20 years ago (2005)**  
 The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was finalizing details for their first-ever Fun Fest fundraiser.

Construction was under way on a new 100,000-square-foot professional building adjacent to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

Arrests were expected in the murder-for-hire case of Luan Cong Pham, 18, who was killed in his home by two acquaintances as he slept on the couch.

CCISD officials were shocked to learn that the League City City Council had voted 4-3 against providing necessary infrastructure improvements which would lead the way to a fourth high school. The four city council members voting no said they felt no responsibility to provide services to a new school which would be built in a location not of their choosing. CCISD had already spent \$800,000 preparing the land on Palomino Lane for the school.

The mother of a 1-year-old toddler revived him with CPR after he fell into the family swimming pool in Sageglen.

**15 years ago (2010)**  
 Frazier Elementary School's Rhonda Parmer and Beverly Hills Intermediate School's Alyta Harrell were named the Pasadena Independent School District's Region 4 Principals of the Year. Region 4 began the Principal of the Year program in 2001, allowing each district in the area to select an elementary and secondary principal of the year.

Longtime Houston Police Department Sgt. Gregory Gillespie retired after serving more than 34 years on the force, 25 of which were spent in the South Belt area. Gillespie said he intended to spend the first year of his retirement traveling with his wife, who was also retiring.

**10 years ago (2015)**  
 Former Dobie student Alex Gallant went missing after his kayak overturned during a fishing trip near South Deer Island, roughly three miles offshore from Galveston Bay. Gallant, 23, was kayaking with his childhood friend Brandon Curacas, 21, when Gallant tipped over into the choppy, 53-degree water and began to panic. In an attempt to save himself, Gallant reportedly grabbed onto Curacas' kayak, also tipping it over. Curacas managed to grab on to a nearby buoy, while Gallant was last seen drifting away, holding onto his overturned kayak. Curacas was rescued by a good Samaritan and

taken to a pier, where he was treated for mild hypothermia and released. An extensive search by the U.S. Coast Guard was unsuccessful. Gallant's body was later discovered by a fisherman near Pirate's Cove.

**5 years ago (2020)**  
 Stacey Barber, Beverly Hills Intermediate principal, was named Pasadena ISD Secondary Principal of the Year. A graduate of Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University) and the University of Houston-Clear Lake, Barber began her career with Pasadena ISD in 1999 as a special education teacher at Beverly Hills. Over the next 21 years, she went on to hold the positions of peer facilitator and assistant principal. In 2013, Barber began in her current position as the principal of Beverly Hills Intermediate. Valerie Morris of Teague Elementary was chosen as Pasadena ISD's Primary Principal of the Year.

**1 year ago 2024**  
 A commercial space mission with deep roots to

Ellington Airport/Houston Spaceport made history Thursday, Feb. 22, when it safely landed a robotic probe on the moon – the first time for a U.S. expedition in 50+ years. Led by local company Intuitive Machines, the IM-1, Nova C mission successfully placed a lunar lander called Odysseus near the moon's south pole at 6:23 p.m. ET after a few technical delays.

Houston firefighters responded to a house fire around 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, on Sagehurst near Sageglen. According to Houston Fire Department officials, the blaze had been reported by the neighbors as the home's residents were out to dinner. No injuries were reported, as the house was vacant at the time of the incident. The cause of the fire was not immediately clear. This marked the sixth significant house fire in the South Belt area in just three weeks. Houston Fire Department officials, however, said there was no connection between the blazes and the incidents shared no common characteristics.

# Over The Back Fence by Nicole

**BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JANIS**  
 Happy birthday wishes are sent Feb. 27 to **Janis Wright** from the Catholic Daughters at St. Luke and the South Belt Leader staff.

**BRAYDEN CELEBRATES 23RD BIRTHDAY!**  
 Brayden Espinosa turns 23 March 1. Lots of hugs and best wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent from proud grandparents **Jannie and Robert Scarberry**, former longtime South Belt residents; mom **Jenny (Hayes)** and stepdad **Josh Laney**; sisters **Baylee Espinosa and Olivia Moreno**; uncle **Tyler Scarberry**; aunt **Stacey (Hayes)**, uncle **Stephen** and cousins **Kennedy, Owen and Evie Flowers**; uncle **Joseph Hayes**; and uncle **Austin**, aunt **Tiffany** and cousins **Jade and Lily Scarberry**.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR YOLANDA**  
 Best wishes for a happy birthday March 2 are sent to **Consuelo Yolanda Dominguez** from sons **Dr. Roland J. Dominguez**, and **Capt. Richard A. Dominguez (USMC)**; daughter **Laura Dominguez Chan**, associate dean and director of career communities at Stanford University; as well as 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Yolanda's teaching career includes Stuchbery, Frazier and Jessup elementaries in PISD. All three children are Dobie graduates.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Feb. 27 through March 5.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
**Diana Aguirre** celebrates a birthday

March 1.

**Burnett Elementary**  
 Send a birthday greeting March. 2 to **Tracy Stockton**.

**Bush Elementary**  
 Sing a happy birthday song to **Marlynn Beltran** March. 4.

**Frazier Elementary**  
 Birthday greetings go out to **Maria Munoz** Feb. 27. **Andrea Eguia** celebrates a birthday Feb. 28.

**Genoa Elementary**  
**Mirabel Garcia** celebrates March 3. Enjoying a birthday March 4 is **Saul Fernandez**.

**Moore Elementary**  
 Enjoying a birthday Feb. 29 is **Priscilla Nguyen-Vu**. **Nayeli Rodriguez** enjoys a birthday March 1. Break out the balloons and party favors for the March 5 birthday of **Paula Carter**.

**South Belt Elementary**  
 Light the candles Feb. 27 for **Jennifer Tremont**. Send a happy birthday wish March 3 to **Charita McKibbin**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
 Blow out the birthday candles Feb. 28 for **Alexandra Whited**.

**Meililo Middle School**  
 Sing a happy birthday song to **Ashley Lopez** Feb. 28. Best wishes for a happy birthday March 2 are sent to **Maria Gonzalez**. Birthday wishes are sent March 4 to **Raven Lowe**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
**Yvonne Rojas** celebrates a birthday Feb.

27. **Katrina Morris** enjoys a birthday March 1. Remember to wish **Jill Butler** and **Cynthia Lozano** a happy birthday March 2.

**Dobie High**  
 Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent Feb. 27 to **Rachel Rodriguez**. Feb. 28 is the day for a party for **Amanda Tetuyev** and **Linda Tije**. A double-fun day is planned March 1 for **Timir Patel** and **Savannah Sickler**. Blow out the candles March 2 for **Kara Reed**.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
 Thursday, Feb. 27: **Sarah Tremont, Cindy Banhart, Miguel Villarreal and Beth Northrup**; Friday, Feb. 28: **Jessica Shannon, Rudy Peralez and James Myers** Saturday, March 1: **Jacquie Farrey**; Sunday, March 2: **Sunshine Lane**; Monday, March 3: **Craig Joseph, Kelly Pennington, Mike Chuter, Francesca Cash and Jonathan Herdridge**; Tuesday, March 4: **Susan Rogers, Vanessa Murillo, Leslie Lytle, Gigi Childers, Chaunte Harvey, Linda Eckerman, Michael Krafka and Nan Laux**; and Wednesday, March 5: **Laura Arnett, Marty Pendleton, Karen Gonzalez, Amy Tisnado, Chris Lively, Mary Granger and Camille Maloney**.

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 Email announcements of anniversaries, vacations and graduations to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication. For birthdays, type "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line.

# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Wolverines set to host CCISD baseball play

The annual Clear Creek ISD varsity baseball classic will play out Feb. 27-March 1 as each of the district's five varsity programs will host games over the three days.

In addition to Clear Brook, Clear Creek, Clear Falls, Clear Lake and Clear Springs, the other tournament attendees include Katy, Cypress Ranch, Ridge Point, Second Baptist, Texas City, Fort Bend Travis, Seguin, Westside, Cinco Ranch, Tyler Legacy, Kincaid, Katy Jordan, Cinco Ranch, Friendswood, Katy Taylor and Bellaire.

On the opening day of play, Feb. 27, the Wolverines will take on the Katy Tigers at 10 a.m. Katy and Ridge Point will match

## CCISD Baseball at Brook

Feb. 27: Wolverines vs. Katy, 10 a.m.; Wolverines vs. Second Baptist, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 28: Wolverines vs. Texas City, 10 a.m.; Wolverines vs. Travis, 5:30 p.m.

March 1: Wolverines vs. Seguin, 10 a.m.

## PISD Baseball at Dobie

Feb. 27: Longhorns vs. Laredo Cigarroa, 12:30 p.m.; Longhorns vs. Mayde Creek, 3 p.m.

Feb. 28: Longhorns vs. North Shore, 3 p.m.

March 1: Longhorns vs. Iowa Colony, 12:30 p.m.

At right, Juelz Martinez (31) and his Dobie varsity baseball teammates have dominated the competition in recent years at the Pasadena ISD Invitational and will look to do so again as play begins Feb. 27 with games against Laredo Cigarroa and Mayde Creek.



## JFD varsity softball shifts focus to 22-6A

Armed with a huge 19-3 victory over Dawson to open District 22-6A play, the Dobie varsity softball team, standing at 5-5 overall through the first two weeks of the regular season, will now turn its full attention to league play against Pasadena Memorial Feb. 28 at Dobie main. First pitch is at 4 p.m.

In the 16-3 opening win over Dawson, the Longhorns scored 14 runs in the bottom of the third inning then went on to shorten the game to five innings via run rule.

Lily Sepulveda and Jackie Peralta both drove in four runs each for the winners, while Persephone Soria knocked in three.

The Longhorns hosted four games over two days as part of the Pearlard ISD Jennifer Hainey Memorial Classic February 20-21. On the first day of play, the locals lost an 11-3 game to a very tough Brazoswood squad but then came back to defeat HYCA 2-1.

Shifting to Feb. 21, Dobie lost a pair of games, including 4-2 to Richmond Foster and 7-5 to Texas City.

Over the first 10 games of the season, freshman Gabby Ramirez was hitting .500 to lead the way for Dobie, with Chloe Nunez at .429. Sepulveda had driven in a team-best 12 runs, with Soria knocking in nine runs. Soria had also scored a team-best 13 runs.

## Joiner III earns Touchdown Club honor



Dobie dual-sport standout and Class of 2025 senior Williard Joiner III (center) was one of a special group of 25 honorees at the Touchdown Club of Houston's annual awards luncheon Feb. 19 that recognizes the students' achievements both in the classroom and on the athletic fields. Those with Joiner included, from left, Dobie principal Dr. Jorly Thomas, Dobie varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris, Dobie varsity football assistant head coach and offensive coordinator Charles Washington and Joiner's father and Dobie assistant football coach Williard Joiner Jr.

## Dobie softball hosts Memorial Feb. 28, 4 p.m. Dobie main



Jackie Peralta drove in four runs to lead the way as the Dobie varsity softball team opened 22-6A play with an easy 16-3 victory over Dawson. The locals will next take on Pasadena Memorial at home Feb. 28.

## Flores recalls Dobie girls' hoops season

Rachel Flores' debut season as varsity girls basketball head coach at Dobie High School now in the books, she is proud of what a group of eight seniors and five other players were able to deliver during the 2024-2025 season and is looking forward to the offseason as the build up toward next season gets underway.

Dobie went 12-20 this season and placed sixth overall in a top-heavy league that was dominated by eventual Regional finalist Dawson as well as runner-up Pearlard.

Senior Ulani Davis, the team's captain, led the way for this team in her final season as she was a first team All-District honoree. Three other players, senior Dezire Lewis, junior Audrey Volper and sophomore Tiara Charles, were all-league honorable mention honorees as they contributed greatly during the course of the season and will now be counted on to guide the program into the future.

Flores, hired last summer, essentially met the majority of her players at the beginning of the school

year as the group worked toward being ready for the regular season.

With now the benefit of a full offseason in front of the program, Flores is excited about the possibilities. "I know we are excited to get working toward next season and build upon what we have started," Flores said.

"We are not satisfied with the overall results of last season in terms of our record, but we did have a couple of short stretches where we played pretty good basketball.

"I know at one point

we won four games in a row and placed third in a tournament, but then we didn't come out of the holiday as strong as we would have liked and struggled a little bit to get back into the flow. Those are things we have to work on as a program. We have Audrey, Tiara and two other sophomores coming back to lead the way. As we replace eight seniors, we probably will be fairly young and inexperienced at least to start the season, but we really are excited to see what we can put together."

**Dawson leads AD**  
Kendall Ford of Dawson was named the Most Valuable Player of District 22-6A after leading the Eagles to the league championship with a perfect 16-0 record. Dawson head coach Sharee (Shepherd) Griffin, a Dobie graduate, was named Coach of the Year in the district after guiding her program to



Dobie varsity girls' basketball senior and team captain Ulani Davis (5) was an All-District performer for the second straight season as a Longhorn. Dobie finished at 12-20 overall and 5-11 in league play.

## JFD to host PISD baseball invite

The Pasadena Independent School District Varsity Baseball Invitational will begin Feb. 27 and run three days through March 1 as tournament action will be played at Dobie main as well as Pasadena Memorial, South Houston and Maguire Field in Pasadena.

The PISD tournament field for 2025 includes each of the Pasadena ISD high schools as well as Dickinson, Galena Park, Baytown Lee, Laredo Cigarroa, North Shore, Mayde Creek, Goose Creek Memorial, Iowa Colony, Alief Hastings and MacArthur.

The Feb. 27 action at Dobie will begin with Laredo Cigarroa taking on North Shore at 10 a.m., while the Longhorns will face Laredo Cigarroa at 12:30 p.m. Dobie goes against Mayde Creek at 3 p.m. to conclude the first

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# Wolverines land 24-6A All-District boys' basketball honors



Clear Brook junior shooting guard Abdiel Jimenez (2) helped lead his team to 19 overall wins as he was selected as a 24-6A first team All-District honoree.



Wolverine sophomore point guard Christian Brown (3) combined an ability to attack the basket with strong shooting range from the outside as he was a 24-6A first team all-league honoree.



Junior Jace Walker (1) was one of the top shooters from 3-point range during the season. He was an All-Tournament Team choice at the McDonald's event and a 24-6A first team All-District performer.

## District 24-6A Varsity Boys' Basketball 2024-2025 All-District Selections

**Most Valuable Player**  
*David Chong, Dickinson*

**Co-Offensive Most Valuable Players**  
*Madden Hill, Clear Springs*  
*Julien Barclay, Clear Lake*

**Defensive Most Valuable Player**  
*Izu Emelife, Clear Springs*

**Newcomer of the Year**  
*Landan Horton, Clear Falls*

**Coach of the Year**  
*Chris Hairfield, Clear Springs*

**First Team All-District Picks**  
*Valin Idusuyi, Dickinson*  
*Keyne Ysquierdo, Clear Falls*  
*Diego Hernandez, Clear Creek*  
*Casey Syres, Clear Springs*  
*Logan Perkins, Clear Lake*  
*Marshall Mason, Clear Lake*  
*Christian Brown, Clear Brook*  
*Jace Walker, Clear Brook*  
*Abdiel Jimenez, Clear Brook*  
*Kaden Solis, Brazoswood*

**Second Team All-District Picks**  
*Nigel Chatman, Clear Falls*  
*Andy Warrick, Deer Park*  
*Rodney Smith, Clear Springs*  
*Caleb Lopez, Dickinson*  
*Josh Shankle, Clear Falls*  
*Allen Moody, Clear Creek*  
*Devin Nguyen, Clear Creek*  
*Isaiah Aguirre, Deer Park*  
*Logan Sariga, Clear Brook*  
*Matthew Lawrence, Clear Lake*  
*Tanner Pyle, Clear Lake*

**Honorable Mention - Clear Brook**  
*Darwin Bolden*  
*Jaylen Felton*

**Academic All-District Clear Brook**  
*Darwin Bolden*  
*Ayden Harvey*  
*Abdiel Jimenez*  
*Joshua Pichon*  
*Logan Sariga*  
*Bradley Scott*

# McDonald's Texas Invitational bracket winners make state runs

The McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament. The road to state begins here!

The prestigious Pasadena/Deer Park area decades-long running basketball tournament now annually features 80 varsity boys' (48) and varsity girls' (32) during the first two weeks of the high school basketball season.

With the girls' state qualifiers now set to play at the Alamodome beginning Feb. 27 and the boys' regional final fours set, the *Leader* reviews just where the McDonald's Texas Invitational's various bracket winners stand now as state title season has arrived.

Boys' Div. 1 Gold S.A. Brennan def. F.B. Marshall 66-57 — Featuring University of Houston men's basketball signee Kingston Flemings at point guard, the Bears were crowned champions of the Division 1 boys' Gold bracket at the McDonald's event that have not looked back since.

At 32-2 overall, Brennan has reached the 6A Division 1 Region 4 semifinals and is very much in the running to reach the Alamodome later this month.

As for Fort Bend Marshall, the Buffaloes are 34-2 overall, having gone undefeated to win the District 22-5A championship and have reached the 5A division 2 Region 3 final four with a matchup against Barbers Hill after press time. Much like Brennan, the Buffaloes are still playing, which means

a trip to San Antonio could be forthcoming.

Boys' Div. 1 Silver Barbers Hill def. Summer Creek 69-64 — Speaking of Barbers Hill, the Eagles entered play against Fort Bend Marshall at 24-11 after placing fourth in District 19-5A.

Summer Creek opened the 6A Division 1 playoffs with a victory over 24-6A champion Clear Springs and then took out Ridge Point to reach the final four against Bellaire.

Boys' Div. 1 Bronze Elkins def. Nimitz 66-64 — The Elkins Knights struggled to an 11-21 overall finish this season, while Nimitz finished at 19-17 overall, including a fourth place finish in District action.

The Cougars lost in the first round of the playoffs to Grand Oaks, another McDonald's Texas Invitational tournament participant.

Girls' Div. 1 Gold Judson def. Pearland 42-31 — Judson won 36 games overall to reach the 6A Division 2 final four before a loss to San Antonio Churchill.

Pearland finished second to Dawson in the 22-6A girls' race, then advanced to the Division I Region III second round before a loss to eventual Regional champion Summer Creek. The Oilers ended the regular season at 29-8.

Girls' Div. 1 Silver Dawson def. S.A. Clark 62-30 — Led by Dobie graduate Sharee Shepherd Griffin as their head coach, the Eagles turned in the fi-

nal season in program history in 2024-2025.

Putting together a 34-5 overall record, the Eagles won the 22-6A championship and advanced to the 6A Division 1 championship game in the Region III ranks before a loss to state qualifier Summer Creek.

Summer Creek was a participant at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, reaching the Division 1 gold bracket before a 47-45 quarterfinal loss to Converse Judson.

Girls' Div. 1 Bronze Houston Memorial def. Iowa Colony 49-30 — Houston Memorial wound up the regular season at 22-16 overall and reached the second round of the 6A Division 2 playoffs within Region III before a loss to Alief Taylor.

Iowa Colony produced a 21-14 record in the 5A ranks and reached the second round of the postseason. The Pioneers were part of the 5A Division 1 bracket.

Girls' Div. 1 Consolation Deer Park def. Shadow Creek 62-59 — Deer Park was the fourth-place finisher within 24-6A, while Shadow Creek was the champion of 22-6A. Both programs lost in the first round of the Division 2 playoffs in 6A Region III bracket.

Boys' Div. 2 Gold Hebron def. J.J. Pearce 70-44 — Lewisville Hebron wound up at 18-15 overall and took fifth place in its district. Pearce also missed the postseason following a fifth place finish in district play then ended

the regular season at 21-12.

Boys' Div. 2 Silver La Porte def. Manvel 56-54 — La Porte of the 5A ranks won 22 overall games and reached the postseason before a first-round loss to Beaumont United. Manvel went 14-14 overall and was fifth in the 22-6A race.

Boys' Div. 2 Bronze Deer Park def. Randle 65-57 — The Deer struggled for much of the way following their appearance at the McDonald's event, eventually finishing seventh in 22-6A. Randle, meanwhile, has been victorious in 22 overall games and has reached the 5A Division 2 final four.

Girls' Div. 2 Gold Cy-Lakes def. Friendswood 56-47 — Cypress Lakes went 21-13 during the regular season and wound up fourth in District 16-6A. The Spartans lost in the postseason to Klein Collins.

Friendswood went on to win 25 overall games after finishing third in District 20-5A. The Mustangs lost in the postseason to A&M Consolidated.

Girls' Div. 2 Silver Klein Oak def. Clear Lake 34-30 — The Panthers of Klein Oak delivered 21 overall victories and wound up third in the 15-6A before a Region II postseason loss to Cypress Ranch. Clear Lake did not make the postseason out of District 24-6A.

Girls' Div. 2 Bronze Westside def. South Houston 43-41 — Houston Westside won 17 overall games this season before

falling to Houston Memorial in the 6A Division

I playoffs. South Houston had a solid season but did not make the playoffs' out of 22-6A.



San Antonio Brennan star point guard Kingston Flemings, a University of Houston signee, has led his team to the regional semifinal round as the Bears have lived up to their preseason billing as the 6A top-ranked varsity boys' basketball team.

# Longhorn varsity girls' basketball players are honorable mention picks



Dobie junior guard Audrey Volper (1), a 22-6A Honorable Mention choice this season, will be a fourth-year varsity performer in 2025-2026 and will be counted on to score and distribute the ball.



Dezire Lewis (23) put together a great final season with the Dobie varsity girls' basketball program on her way to a 22-6A All-District Honorable Mention nomination.



Dobie sophomore Tiara Charles (24), a 22-6A All-District Honorable Mention choice in her first varsity season, represents a great building block for the varsity girls' basketball program.

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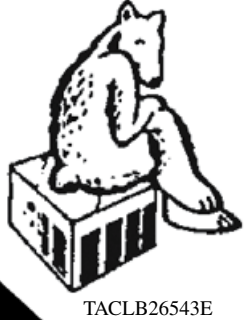
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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

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.

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, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.

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** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.

7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.

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

8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

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

7 p.m. **NA - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.

8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.

8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

**MONDAY, MARCH 3**

5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck 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, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.

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

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6**

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/.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

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** - See Friday's notice.

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 2**

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).

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

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. In-person address 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.

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill."

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill."

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# Clear Brook bowling teams to compete at regional championships



Wolverines' bowler Aidan Ojeda Obregon has qualified for the regional bowling championships as an individual and will also compete within the team competition with the rest of the Clear Brook squad.



The Clear Brook girls' bowling team has won the Houston SouthEast Division championship ahead of the March 2 Regional Championships and will now vie for a chance to reach the state competition. Members of the girls' team are, left



Clear Brook bowling standouts Emma Ramsey (left) and Makayla Parker have qualified for the regional championships as individuals, with Ramsey advancing as the Houston SouthEast District's individual champion.



Clear Brook's boys' and girls' bowling teams has qualified for regional competition, with the girls' group moving on as the Houston SouthEast District. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) MaKayla Parker, Kaylyn Kosh, Avelyn Mooe, Abigail Heddles, Emma Ramsey, Teresa Gallegos-Hernandez, (back row) Francesca Chaviers, co-sponsor Heather Ramsey, Isaiah Garcia, Bryce Lartigue, Cayden Carmona, coach Dario Vaccaro, coach Roxy Casas, Brayden Chatwin, Aidan Ojeda Obregon, coach D.J. Casas, coach Cecil Rutherford, Ronaldo Garivay and Eliana Lopez.

## Raven softball improves of late

With Region 14 South Division action beginning the first week of March, the San Jacinto College softball team is looking to kick things into gear as the games now take on more importance.

With several newcomers entering action for the team as collegians this season, head coach Kelly Saenz no doubt knew there would be some growing pains for the Ravens along the way.

Still, San Jacinto College has overcome sluggish starts in the past and has attended the NJCAA Division I World Series in three of the last four years. Despite its current 8-10 record, San Jacinto College will no doubt be looking to return to the big show come May.

The Ravens have recovered from a 3-8 start to the 2025 season and have now won five of their last seven games to get to 8-10 overall.

The locals were set the take on Bossier Parish on the road in a pair of games Feb. 26 after press time and then will host Grayson College in a doubleheader February 28th.

The real fun starts as San Jacinto College heads to Angelina College March 5 to begin Region 14 action.

A trio of returning sophomores from a season ago have stepped up to lead the Ravens offensively through 18 games. Madison Carr leads the way with a .415 batting average in the 16 games played, while Angelina Morales was hitting .388 with a team-high 18 runs driven in.

Iliana Melendez was at .333 with 11 runs driven in, and a fourth sophomore, Peyton Watson, was hitting .400 with nine runs driven in.

Three freshman pitch-

ers handled the majority of the action in the circle through 18 games for the Ravens. Kaelin Hicks was 2-3 with an earned run average of 3.66, while Vanessa Valdez had a 2-3 record with an ERA of 6.19.

Madison Opella, a third freshman, had pitched 12 2/3 innings and was 0-1.

In the North Division of Region 14, Trinity Valley has opened the season with 17 wins against just one loss while Paris is off to a 14-4 start. Tyler has won 12 of their first 16 games.

San Jacinto College and Galveston College both advanced to nationals a season ago. At press time, Galveston held an 8-4 mark, with the Ravens at 8 - 10.

Of the seven programs in the Region 14 South Division, only Galveston and Lamar State-Port Arthur held winning records at press time.

## Dobie girls' hoops finish season

Continued from Page 5 within one victory of the state tournament.

Offensive Player of the Year honors went to

Pearland's A'Zyua Blair, while the Defensive Player of the Year was Dawson's Jaycee Ingram. The league's top newcomer

was Manvel's Lynnnden Smith.

In addition to Dobie's Davis, the first team All-District honorees included Mia Barre, Ford, Ingram, Journey Lovett and Jaylynn Perez-Richard of Dawson. Manvel players Peyton Cooks, Akyla Fields and Smith were named to the first team along with Pearland's Blair, Shiloh Grays and Eliece Perry, Da'Niyah Lewis, Shona Gilbert and Aliyah Woodward of Shadow Creek also made the first team.

Dobie's All-Academic Team honorees included Blessing Akinloye, Taylor Armstrong-Forniss, Davis, Miah Hypolite, Lewis, Quintecia Nickles, Shaniya Rodgers and Aniya Rodgers.

## Shadow Creek boys still rolling

At 31-2 overall, the Shadow Creek varsity boys' basketball team was representing the District 22 - 6A ranks just fine with a Class 6A Region 3 Division 2 semifinal game coming up against George Ranch Feb. 25 after press time.

The Sharks produced a 16-0 record to win the 22-6A league championship and then easily defeated Fort Bend Clements as well as Kingwood to reach the regional Final Four. Katy Jordan and C.E. King were set to meet in the other Division I regional semifinal.

The other three postseason representatives from District 22-6A, including Pearland, Pasadena Memorial and South Houston, all suffered first-round playoff losses.

In the 6A Region 3 Division I boys' field, Atascocita was joined by Bellaire, Seven Lakes and Summer Creek in the final four.

## Summer Creek, Hightower girls to 6A state

The Summer Creek varsity girls' basketball team has emerged as the 6A Region 3 Division 1 champion and will join Cibolo Steele, Cedar Park and Plano East in San Antonio at the Alamodome for the state semifinals beginning Feb. 28.

Fort Bend Hightower is the 6A Region III champion of the Division 2 field and will also be in San Antonio for the state championships.

Clear Brook reached the Division 2 regional final four, a first in program history, but saw its 33-win season come to an end with a one-point loss to Alief Taylor.

## JFD boys' soccer holds third

A scoreless draw Feb. 22 against Pasadena Memorial had the Dobie varsity boys' soccer team standing at 6-2-2 for third place and 20 points heading into a key matchup Feb. 25 against Pearland after press time.

South Houston was at 6-0-3 for 21 points and first place within the District 22-6A ranks as the Trojans have all but secured the top seed in the Division 2 playoff bracket. Both Pearland and Dobie are in great positions to lock up Division 1 playoff berths with a handful of matches remaining in the regular season.

## Ferguson leads LSA swimming

Lutheran South Academy senior Lauren Ferguson was the star of the show at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A Division 2 State Swimming Championships for her team as she set school records of 2:00.31 in the 200 free for a silver medal and 1:01.54 in the 100 back, picking up a state bronze medal for third place along the way in the 100 back.

Sara McGrady capped her freshman season in style, coming to the wall in the 500 free at 6:10.79 for fifth place overall.

Ferguson and McGrady also teamed with Hope Gonzalez and Parker McNatt in the 200 medley relay for seventh place statewide in a time of 2:14.51.

## San Jacinto baseball now 8-6

Three straight losses had dropped the San Jacinto College baseball team to 8-6 overall through the first three weeks of the National Junior College Athletic Association baseball season, but with conference play beginning Feb. 27, the Ravens are ready to make a move.

San Jacinto College begins conference play Feb. 27 at Wharton College, and will then host Wharton as part of a doubleheader at the north campus March 1. The Ravens will then take on defending national champion Blinn in a three-game series that begins March 4.

Among the regulars through 11 games, Clear Brook graduate Landon Hunt was hitting .300 and had driven in seven runs, while McCabe Moyer was hitting .483 with five runs driven in and a team-high 14 hits. Roman Trinidad was hitting .393 with 11 hits.

## Dickson, A&M to host SECs



Texas A&M University junior Camryn Dickson is set to join her teammates for the start of the Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships at the track and field season continues Feb. 27-29 at the Fasken Indoor Track & Field facility on the campus of Texas A&M in College Station. Dickson, a junior from Clear Brook High School, is set to compete in the 200 and will join her teammates in the relay events. Dixon has already enjoyed a solid career with the Aggies and will be looking to finish strong during the indoor season before the outdoor campaign begins in just a few weeks.

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