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COVID numbers continue

As of Tuesday, April 13, there were 138 confirmed South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up eight from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials. Of the 5,429 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 114 remain active. To date, 55 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up two from the previous week. In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 89 of the 3,912 confirmed cases remain active. A total of 43 from the ZIP code have died, up five from the previous week. Of the 4,005 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 88 remain active. To date, 40 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one from the previous week. According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from preexisting health issues. Countywide, there have been 383,489 total confirmed cases. Of those, 369,770 have recovered from the disease, while 9,832 cases remain active. A total of 3,868 deaths have been reported in Harris County. Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31. The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31. Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Boulevard exit ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31. Both the northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps between IH 610 South Loop and Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31. 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.

Dobie JV sets Lasso Clinic

The J. Frank Dobie JV dance team announced a mandatory Lasso Clinic (practice) open to incoming freshmen is set for Monday, April 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m., on the Dobie High School main campus in the Larriette room. Mandatory Lasso tryouts are Tuesday, April 27, starting at 4:30 p.m. in the same room. A Lasso Tryout Application Packet must be picked up from Katina Morris, Thompson dance teacher, or Krystal Smith, Beverly Hills dance teacher, beforehand. For questions, email Chelsea Henning, Lasso director at Chenning@Pasadenaisd.org.

PPD offers Explorer program

The Houston Police Department Southeast Division Post 8300 is offering its Explorers program every Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the HPD Southeast Patrol Station, located at 8300 Mykawa, to area youth considering a career in law enforcement. The Explorers program provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens. For additional information, call HPD Officer L.E. Anderson at 346-397-1363 or email lloyd.anderson@houstonpolice.org.

Beltway closures planned

At least one eastbound and one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Furman to Scott Street/Fellows Road daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, April 16. At least one westbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from South Post Oak to Bellfort daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sunday, April 18.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Tuesday, May 4. At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Malone to Red Bluff continuously through 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 5.

Highway 3 closures coming

At least one northbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from El Dorado Boulevard to FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard in Webster daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Monday, April 26.

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on SH 3/Old Galveston Road will be closed from FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard to NASA Road 1 daily (excluding Sundays) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Monday, May 31.

Gateway Academy official gets 5 years for embezzlement

Former Riverstone Ranch resident Richard Garza, 61, was ordered to serve a five-year sentence in prison for the embezzlement of more than a quarter million dollars from the controversial Gateway Academy school which has been in some stage of development in Riverstone since 2011.

Garza was sentenced two weeks to the day after a community meeting was held in Riverstone Ranch by state Rep. Dennis Paul.

The initial plan for the meeting was to communicate with administrators, or the attorney for the school. Although they had two months to agree to attend, no one from the school opted to attend, or even give a reason for not attending. At that community meeting attending residents asked that the facility be torn down.

Some of the problems for lack of construction appear to have begun in connection with the embezzlement for which Garza was convicted in federal court Friday, April 9.

A federal judge Friday ordered Garza, the former superintendent of Houston Gateway Academy, to serve five years in prison for siphoning off more than a quarter million dollars from the charter school network in 2014 with the aid of co-conspirator, Ahmad Bokaiyan.

Garza had previously worked as superintendent of the building which has been under planned construction in excess of 10 years.

He and Bokaiyan were charged with the crime to which Garza initially pleaded guilty in the fall of 2019.

The case was heard in a federal court since the money taken was part of a federally funded program.

While Garza initially pleaded guilty to the charges, he later reversed his decision. Judge Ewing Werlein Jr. presided over the case. According to his lawyer, Garza changed his mind due to information he said was new and which Garza believed would aid him in an innocent plea. The information came to light after Garza had pled guilty.

Werlein rejected Garza's attempt to withdraw his plea.

According to reports, Garza cried when he addressed the court. Garza, who has four children, at one time showed interest in joining the Riverstone Ranch HOA.

In addition to his prison term, Garza must spend three years on supervised release and pay a \$20,000 fine, as well as \$191,292 in restitution to the Texas Education Agency.

TEA, a state agency, has dropped the Gateway Riverstone location's right to be a charter school citing lack of completion of the facility.

Garza's co-defendant, Bokaiyan, an IT specialist hired on a project, also pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit theft of federal programs. He was sen-

tenced in 2019 to five years probation and ordered to pay more than \$150,000 in restitution.

Garza reportedly purchased a new Nissan Armada SUV, made payments on a home loan and a condominium with approximately \$160,000 of the embezzled funds.

JFD Hall of Honor April 24

Dobie High School will host its annual Hall of Honor induction ceremony Saturday, April 24, at the school auditorium.

Now in its ninth year, the Hall of Honor recognizes graduates and staff members who have made significant contributions in the community and serve as role models to future students.

Four graduates and one faculty member are to be recognized at this year's event. Student honorees include YouTube star T Nguyen, Class of 2007; education activist Erica Davis Rouse, Class of 1991; track star Gawan Guy, Class of 1981; and U.S. Marine Corps Col. William Smith, Class of 1970. Barry Harris, deceased, is the faculty member to be honored.

With millions of followers, YouTube sensations Nguyen as Princess Pham of "Princess ToysReview" built an empire, combining social media and children's entertainment.

Guy was a record-breaking track and cross-country standout. As a junior at Dobie, he won the 800 meters at the state track meet. As a senior, he doubled the distance and established himself as one of the top runners in the nation - leading Dobie to the 1981 state track title.

Longtime Dobie English teacher Harris is the lone faculty member being honored. Harris made an impact on every student as an English teacher

at Dobie for 20 years. He gave his time and talents to volunteering with the McDonald's Invitational Basketball tournament each year and he was named Volunteer of the Year in 2015 for his many contributions to the tournament.

A graduate of Texas A&M, Rouse has more than 15 years sales experience serving the majority of that time in management for AllHere Education, School Innovations and Achievement and John Wiley & Sons. Rouse has volunteered for several educational and nonprofit organizations, including serving as a member of the board of trustees for the San Jacinto College District and as an advisory board member for the Smahrt Girl Foundation.

Upon his graduation in 1974, Smith was commissioned as a Marine second lieutenant. In 1975, he participated in the raid on Koh Tang Island Cambodia to recover the SS Mayaguez and crew, the last combat operation of the war in Southeast Asia. He served for the next 29 years on assignments including director, drill instructor of School Parris Island; United Nations peacekeeper, U.S. military observer Group Palestine; commanding officer, Officer Candidates School; and director, Coalition and Special Warfare Center, along with various senior staff assignments at the Pentagon.

The event starts at 7 p.m., with a meet-and-greet preceding in the school auditorium.

SoHo mayor not endorsing Yen slate

A recent Facebook posting of Pasadena Independent School District candidate, Yen Huynh Rabe claimed that South Houston mayor, Joe Soto and others endorsed her.

She reportedly asked Soto if she could get a picture with her, members of her slate and the mayor and council members.

Soto told the Leader that he cautioned Yen, when she asked to take the picture, not to use it for political gain.

Contrary to the Mayor's request, on April 4 she posted the picture with the caption, "Endorsements

from South Houston! Together we can fix South Houston schools. We are grateful for endorsements from present Mayor Joe Soto . . . (etc.)."

After it was posted, the Leader got multiple phone calls from community members saying Soto had not endorsed Yen, or the slate.

As a result of those phone calls, the publisher called Soto to determine the facts.

Soto was emphatic that he did not endorse Yen and, contrary to Yen's claims that the PISD administration was doing a bad job, he supported the administration.

Trash collecting hits snag in county, city

The Leader has been receiving a number of phone calls regarding late pickup of trash throughout the unincorporated areas of the community. Residents are asked to show patience and comply with the guidelines for collection.

In the communities of Clear Brook City MUD, Kirkmont MUD and subdivisions of Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South, the contractor, Texas Pride has experienced heavier trash loads during COVID and more recently the tree and brush trash has greatly increased due to the winter freeze.

The CBCMUD subdivisions' contract allows for tree trash of three cubic yards of bundled tree trash per pickup. Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South residents don't have to bundle tree trash, and may have multiple stacks of 3x3x3 yards per pickup. In those

two subdivisions, branches are to be less than 6 inches thick. Trash is not to exceed a 96-gallon can or bag and weigh no more than 40 pounds.

In Kirkmont, the amount of tree trash is not limited, but the tree trash must be tied and no longer than 4-foot bundles. Unlimited bundles can be picked up, but Kirkmont residents are strongly urged to put tree trash out on the Saturday pickup due to heavier collections on Wednesday. The trash can be put out for each of the twice-a-week collection.

Residents can pay extra to have additional trash picked up. For this service, contact the utility district for which the pickup is needed.

See next week's issue for city of Houston collection restrictions.

Bluebonnets beautify community



A beautiful field of bluebonnets has turned into an area attraction and photo opportunities. The field is located on the extension of Scarsdale, on Yost Road between Clear Creek and FM 518. Owners of the property have a short list of rules to follow when visiting the property. Photo by Marie Flickinger

COVID Remembrance ceremony held



A remembrance ceremony was held at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital Friday, April 9 for the more than 250 COVID deaths at the hospital. The purpose of the event was not only the remembrance of those who passed, but served as a step to closure for members of the hospital staff. ICU nurses shared their stories which included their giving comfort to patients who would have otherwise been alone at the time of their death. A lighted candle and card with first names only (for privacy) represented the COVID victims. Some staff members attended, others watched the ceremony on Zoom. The event was initiated by Noel Cardenas, the senior vice president and CEO of the South Belt and Pearland hospitals.

Early ISD voting begins April 19

Pasadena ISD's board of trustee positions for Position 1, Position 2, Position 3 and Position 4 are up for voter consideration. Early voting will take place April 19-24 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., April 25 from noon - 7 p.m., April 26 from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. and April 27 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at any Harris County polling location. CCISD and PISD's election day is May 1 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

School board candidates for trustee for Position 1 are Noble J. Alix Jr. and Paola Gonzalez Fusilier. School board trustee candidates for Position 2 are Mariselle Quijano and Crystal Davila.

School board trustee candidates for Position 3 are Yen Huynh Rabe and Nelda R. Sullivan. School board trustee candidates for Position 4 are Al Bledsoe and Casey Pheasant.

Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustee positions for District 4, District 5 and At-Large Position A are up for voter consideration during a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 1.

Early voting will take place April 19-23 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and April 24, 26 and 27 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the following four locations:

- CCISD Education Support Center - 2425 E. Main Street, League City, TX 77573.

- CCISD Learner Support Center - 2903 Falcon Pass, Houston, TX 77062.

- Clear Brook High School - 4607 FM 2351, Friendswood, TX 77546.

- Creekside Intermediate School - 4320 W. Main Street, League City, TX 77573.

District 4 includes the CCISD South Belt area. District 5 is closer to the Clear Brook High School area.

School board candidates for trustee for District 4 are Jeff Larson and Page Rander, the incumbent. School board trustee candidates for District 5 are Christine Parizo, Jay Cunningham, incumbent and Keith Esthary.

School board trustee candidates for the At-Large Position A candidates are Jonathan Cottrell, Michael Creedon, Marlene Montesinos and Kevin Oditt.

To learn more about the CCISD board of trustees election; candidates for the District 4; District 5 and At-Large A positions; and polling times and locations, visit www.ccisd.net/elections.

Sanchez, backup apprehend felon

Harris County Precinct 2 Sgt. Robert Sanchez answered a call concerning a man in the middle of the roadway impeding traffic at Beamer Road and Hughes Road on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at approximately 12:24 p.m.

The man was later identified as Brandon Robert Skiles. Upon checking Skiles' criminal history record, Sanchez discovered a felony warrant for felony theft out of Harris County and at-

tempted to detain Skiles who took off running north of Beamer behind The Gardens business strip. Sanchez asked for backup and assistance in apprehending Skiles.

After approximately 45 minutes of searching the 11000 block of Sagehill and Beamer Road, Skiles was apprehended without further incident and charged additionally for misdemeanor evading on foot along with the felony warrant.

JaeRene killed in wrong-way accident

Dobie graduate and aspiring R&B singer Jaelyn "JaeRene" Chapman was killed in an alleged drunk-driving crash early Wednesday, April 7, on the Westpark Tollway near Fondren.



JaeRene Chapman

Chapman had been a long-time resident of the community, going to local elementary and middle schools before attending Dobie.

According to Harris County Precinct 5 deputies, Chapman, 19, was a passenger in a vehicle traveling on the tollway around 2 a.m. when she was struck by a wrong-way driver. Four other people

were reportedly inside the car at the time of the accident, three of whom were transported to the hospital in critical condition.

The driver of the other vehicle was also injured but expected to survive.

Investigators said the wrong-way driver, Bobby James Brown, was "highly intoxicated" at the time of the crash. Brown, 32, was charged with one count of intoxication manslaughter and three counts of intoxication assault.

Precinct 5 deputies said they believe Brown entered the tollway through an exit ramp near Richmond and Post Oak.

Pasadena ISD officials said Chapman attended Dobie between 2016 and 2020, when she graduated from the area high school.

Chapman released an album in 2019 and a sub-

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Longer operations for vaccinations set

Gov. Greg Abbott on Thursday, April 8, announced the Federal Emergency Management Agency has partially approved a request to extend operations for the Federally Supported Community Vaccination Centers in Houston, Arlington and Dallas through Tuesday, May 18.

FEMA's extension includes federal personnel who will continue to assist in operating the sites - an extension of federal supplies and doses of vaccine has not been granted and will be provided by the state of Texas. "Thank you to FEMA for extending the use of federal personnel at these mass vaccination sites through the middle of May," said Abbott. "Where the federal government falls short,

Texas will step in by providing the supplies and vaccine doses needed to keep these successful sites operational. We will continue to work with our federal and local partners to ensure our communities have access to COVID-19 vaccines."

Launched in February, these federal pilot sites are based at E Sports Stadium, Fair Park and NRG Stadium, and are part of a joint effort to support COVID-19 vaccination efforts in underserved areas. The sites are operated by federal personnel in partnership with the state of Texas through TDEM and local officials. TDEM requested an extension of these vaccination sites - including supplies, personnel and vaccine - on Monday, March 22.

In My Opinion

28-year trustee gives advice on election

Publisher's note: The following letter was written by Fred Roberts who is giving up his seat on the PISD board. Fred has served on the board 28 years and has been a longtime South Belt resident.

Dear friends, neighbors, fellow Sagemont Church members, PISD taxpayers and concerned citizens in both Pasadena and South Belt,

I have been asked repeatedly who I am voting for in the Pasadena ISD 2021 School Board Election and it is time to say who I feel will be the best choice to continue the stable, fiscal responsibility that currently exists in the district. To understand my choices, first I must give you my definitions of an excellent School Board Trustee.

1. An excellent School Board Trustee must focus on what is best for all students, Pre-K thru 12th grade – not only their success while PISD students but their success as citizens after graduation. This includes equipping and supporting teachers and all PISD employees.

2. An excellent School Board Trustee must realize they are elected to be part of a Team of Seven, which receives advice from the Superintendent and, of course, direction from the State and Federal government.

3. An excellent School Board Trustee must be able to help develop a fiscally sound budget for not only the current year but future years to come.

4. An excellent School Board Trustee must be discreet. It is vital that they refrain from talking about private matters pertaining to students, employees, land purchases and finances that are handled in executive session.

5. An excellent School Board Trustee must be able to help develop a fiscally sound budget for not only the current year but future years to come. In my opinion, experience in financial matters is one of the most important attributes of an excellent School Board Trustee.

6. An excellent School Board Trustee must be discreet. It is vital that they refrain from talking about private matters pertaining to students, employees, land purchases and finances that are handled in executive session. Remaining quiet when the public is trashing School Board decisions is no easy task!

7. An excellent School Board Trustee must be able to help develop a fiscally sound budget for not only the current year but future years to come. In my opinion, experience in financial matters is one of the most important attributes of an excellent School Board Trustee.

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students and faculty. She asked to see the building principal, who was not available and was told she needed to make an appointment. She was not allowed access to the inner campus and so proceeded to contact one of her ex-students to let her in the building.

Mrs. Rabe is now claiming retaliation and has made derogatory remarks about the Superintendent. I must ask you, isn't the safety of students and staff our number one priority? The rules were set in place for that reason.

Many educators and community members support the current board and the superintendent they appointed and are concerned about the potential outcome of a change of philosophy, with these renegade candidates. We need candidates that support the students, the administration, the faculty and the community.

The primary functions of the board is to hire and evaluate the Superintendent, to set the budget and approve the tax rate, as well as to adopt the policies of the district. Mrs. Rabe, herself, has proven she could not even understand the current financial statement of the board released. She has stated over and over again that the district does not have any money for the schools because their budget states so.

Many administrators have tried to explain this information to her, but since it does not fit with the propaganda she spouts, she twists all of her information, to suit her agenda! This is common and happens often.

The main thing is that the district DOES have more than enough money in their general fund to handle the needs of the campuses in their district.

I encourage each and every one of you who plan to vote in the upcoming school board election to please take a few minutes and simply look at each of these candidates to see what they bring to the table, before making a decision on who is best for our district. Just because what they say may sound good, they have twisted information and lied to suit their platform.

A good candidate should be supportive of the district and be willing to come into their position, willing to work WITH the current board and Superintendent and not try to come in and make wholesale changes and do things "their" way without any previous experience of how the board even functions.

I have done just that and I fully support to "Continue the Success" with Noble Alix, Jr., Mariselle Quijano, Casey Phelan and Nelda Sullivan! I urge you to please do the same!

Jeff Turnipseed

Sincerely,
Fred Roberts

Turnipseed on PISD trustee election

Recently, we have learned more than ever before that elections have consequences.

The upcoming PISD school board election is no different. There is much at stake!

We have two candidates, Mr. Alix and Mr. Phelan who have served this district and community well, over the years and have been actively involved in many areas. Both Ms. Quijano and Mrs. Sullivan and the entire PISD Board have served our district well, over many years, doing what is right for all stakeholders.

These people have been committed to this district and have been re-elected for many terms because they know and understand their roles and want what is best for all students, staff and the PISD community. The candidates running for positions in the current election including Nelda Sullivan, Mariselle Quijano, Noble Alix Jr. and Casey Phelan all understand why the district has been successful and know how they can help "Continue the Success", if they are elected.

On the other side we have Crystal Davila, Yen Huh Rabe and Al Bledsoe who are newcomers, challenging the other candidates. I have serious concerns with these individuals, as they have already made comments and actions that have proven NOT be in the best interest of the school district and the community. They have no idea what the role of board members are and want to disregard the authority given to them by law, only to suit their own purposes. They want to dismantle the institution, rather than receiving and disseminating data, meant to provide information for decisions which are made. Many of the ideas these candidates are proposing and the changes they are suggesting don't even have anything to do with the functions of the school board. I beg you to read their rhetoric and realize that they are pushing a VERY socialistic agenda!

They do NOT understand that the Board is NOT involved in the day-to-day operations of the district. Those decisions are ultimately made by the Superintendent of Schools, which they hire and evaluate. If these people were elected, the Texas Education Agency would most likely put this district in the similar situation that Houston ISD currently finds itself in.

Recently, one of these candidates, Yen Rabe, was served with a "no trespassing" order because she showed up at a local high school campus, under the guise of delivering bottled water, without regard to campus rules and regulations, set for the safety of the

Candidates answer fellow candidates' questions

The Pasadena ISD candidates were asked to compose and submit one question that all candidates would answer. Neither the questions nor the answers have been edited.

Position 1 Noble J. Alix Jr.



The last year has been extremely challenging for administrators, teachers and all employees of our district. We have experienced the heartbreak of the COVID virus. Then came the unexpected severe freeze which required the closure of our schools, due to lack of electricity and multiple water leaks due to broken pipes. Who has the authority to decide when the schools can safely reopen? (75 words or less)

The Superintendent has the authority to decide when schools reopen. This should be done with consultation and with advisement from the School Board based on relevant data collected throughout the administration.

If you had to choose one word to describe yourself, what would it be? (75 words or less)

Faithful. Faithful to God. Faithful to Family. Faithful to my friends. Faithful to my community. Faithful to my employer.

Would you be in favor of modifying the school calendar or extending the school day in the Fall to help students make up for "lost ground" related to the COVID pandemic? (75 words or less)

I would be open to extending the semester school calendar should this be recommended by the administration and supported by the teaching professionals. However, I feel that the talented staff of teachers can do marvelous things with our kiddos provided they can get them into the classroom. The most important thing to "makeup" for "lost ground" is a return to face to face learning. I am not in favor of any altering or extending of the school day.

A Board of Trustees often faces complex decisions, could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not? (75 words or less)

Yes, I could support a decision that I did not vote in favor of when the issue was presented. Constructively, I would voice my opinion on the matter during open discussion. Once a decision has been made to implement an agenda item I would support the best outcome with the expectation that it will work for the betterment of the district.

To do otherwise, could lead to unnecessary turmoil and strife that could ultimately create more harm than good for the administration, teachers, staff and students.

Do you think it is appropriate to name a school after a sitting Board member? (75 words or less)

It appears that Pasadena ISD has a long track-record of naming schools after educators, administrators and board members who were considered to have played an impactful role in the rich history of Pasadena ISD.

Why do you think the characteristics of Integrity, Attitude and Gratitude should be important to the school board members and candidates? (75 words or less)

The characteristics of Integrity, Attitude and Gratitude should be very important to every member of a school board. I submit that you should not be considered an appropriate leader if you do not embody these characteristics at your core. Furthermore, I believe it equally important to reveal these characteristics while seeking office. If these are not the basic characteristics that you illustrate in the content and tone of your campaign how can you serve the children, stakeholders and the board appropriately.

What are you most proud of about Pasadena ISD? (75 words or less)

There are a number of accomplishments within the district and many that the district has received recognition from the outside. Jointly, I am most proud that the most recent graduation statistics report a 90% graduation rate and that the district has the

largest Continued Education program in the State of Texas. Together these underscore the primary mission of equipping our students to be competitive assets in their chosen community when they graduate in Pasadena ISD.

What is your system of collecting data that allows you to see the perspective of teachers, students and parents? (75 words or less)

My system of collecting data is to thoroughly research issues. This includes direct conversations with those pertinent to an issue coupled with doing homework to understand both sides as well. Upon evaluating the information one can discern the facts, communicate from an informed position and make decisions appropriately.

Paola Gonzalez Fusilier



The last year has been extremely challenging for administrators, teachers and all employees of our district. We have experienced the heartbreak of the COVID virus. Then came the unexpected severe freeze which required the closure of our schools, due to lack of electricity and multiple water leaks due to broken pipes. Who has the authority to decide when the schools can safely reopen? (75 words or less)

School administrators and the Board make decisions on safety of reopening schools. During this COVID pandemic, decisions are based on CDC guidelines, federal, state, county, and local government recommendations. During natural disaster events, decisions are also made by following the advice of the state and local government regarding safety of the community and schools are assessed for safety prior to having students return.

If you had to choose one word to describe yourself, what would it be? (75 words or less)

Unifier. I motivate and support those around me to achieve common goals, taking in the perspectives of others while focusing on the changes necessary to foster harmonious collaboration. I seek to form partnerships and working relationships with everyone that I serve, personally and professionally. I want to be known as a unifier, working successfully with my community, fellow board members, the administration, and our local businesses.

Would you be in favor of modifying the school calendar or extending the school day in the Fall to help students make up for "lost ground" related to the COVID pandemic? (75 words or less)

There are many children that are struggling academically and have educational gaps due to the COVID pandemic. Modifying or extending the school calendar would be helpful to improve outcomes for students that need additional support. The parents and campus administrators should be taken into account when making these decisions.

A Board of Trustees often faces complex decisions, could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not? (75 words or less)

As a trustee, I would work to ensure that our Superintendent is successful in implementing policies that are set in place by the board, whether or not I agree with the final decision on various matters. Remaining unified and striving to achieve the best for the district should remain the top priority.

Do you think it is appropriate to name a school after a sitting Board member? (75 words or less)

The published Pasadena ISD Board Policy Manual states: The Board shall appoint a committee from among its members to recommend names for a District facility. Recommendations are subject to approval of the Board. The Board shall name no facility after a person currently employed by the District or after a Board member who is currently in office. As a trustee, I would follow the board policy to make these decisions.

Why do you think the characteristics of Integrity, Attitude and Gratitude should be important to the school board members and candidates? (75 words or less)

Characteristics of integrity, attitude and gratitude should be important to all human beings and taught in our schools. As board members and candidates, we are the example for

children and our community to follow and it is our duty to strive to live with integrity. Our attitudes and ability to show gratitude in situations reflect our hearts and emotional condition. We should strive to exemplify these characteristics in daily life.

What are you most proud of about Pasadena ISD? (75 words or less)

I am most proud of the Dual Language program in Pasadena ISD. My children are enrolled in Dual Language and are increasing their Spanish language fluency daily. My family cares deeply about cultural competency and fluency. My children and countless other students in the Dual language program have bilingual skills that will enrich their careers and help build and sustain strong cross-cultural bonds that are so important in our diverse community.

What is your system of collecting data that allows you to see the perspective of teachers, students and parents? (75 words or less)

My system of collecting data is to thoroughly research issues. This includes direct conversations with those pertinent to an issue coupled with doing homework to understand both sides as well. Upon evaluating the information one can discern the facts, communicate from an informed position and make decisions appropriately.

Matthew Eben Chism



Matthew Eben Chism, 48, died March 24 at his Houston home. He was originally from Mapleton, Ore., but made Texas his adopted state. He was a lover of Tex-Mex food and ate at his favorite restaurant La Mexicana weekly. He held masters' degrees in finance and accounting. He was married to Cynthia Maria Thacker Chism, who is a 1989 graduate of Dobie High School.

Matt is survived by his wife; dog Colby; parents Theodore and Victoria Chism of Coos Bay, Ore.; sister and brother-in-law Jessica and Niles McArthur of Portland; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Deborah and Ronald Becker of Webster (also Dobie grad); and nephews Finn and Jude McArthur and Joseph Becker.

Close family members celebrated his life at his favorite restaurant La Mexicana and attended a private viewing at McCoy and Harrison Funeral Home. Family members, friends, neighbors, and former NASA co-workers attended a gathering of friends ceremony April 3 at Challenger 7 Park.

Betty Ann Schaefer



Longtime South Belt resident Betty Ann Schaefer, 83, of Houston, passed away April 2, 2021. She was born in Sweet Home, Texas, July 19, 1937, to Frank and Mary Pekar. She was the youngest of 11 siblings and loved growing up in the country. Having such a large family, she always had interesting stories to tell. She married Norbert Schaefer in 1957 and they were able to celebrate 62 wonderful years together.

Betty was a dedicated mother. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. She especially loved her role as grandma. She had a vivacious personality and always made people around her laugh. She made friends everywhere she went and

I am a listener and I am in tune with people from all walks of life within our district. I have met countless parents, employees, teachers, administrators, and stakeholders in our community through community engagement and as a mental health therapist. These conversations and connections have provided me a unique perspective as to the needs of the community.

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Most of all she loved her family and instilled in her sons strong values that have served them well. She will be dearly missed and forever in the hearts of loved ones. She is a testament to a life well lived.

Leaving behind to cherish her memory are her sons Gary Schaefer and wife Gina; Daren Schaefer and wife Jodie; her loving grandchildren Joshua Schaefer and wife Veronica, Brendan Schaefer, Joseph Schaefer, Jared Threlkeld and wife Tonya, Lauren Canales and husband Andy, Devin Schaefer, and Will Schaefer; and great-grandchildren Kylie Threlkeld, Mason Garabedian, Holly Wall and Arwen Schaefer. She also had many nieces, nephews and extended family.

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JaeRene killed in accident

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sequent single titled "Fall-back" in 2020.

Lemon-Lime Light Media released the following statement in response to Chapman's death:

"It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the tragic passing of our vibrant Jaelyn "JaeRene" Chapman. We will always remember Jae's smile, love for her music, tal-

ents, community involvement, bubbly personality, and a huge heart.

"During this time, we ask that you keep her family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers. She will truly be missed by all of us. In the coming days, we will release additional information on how you can pay your respects to our beloved JaeRene."

Services for Chapman

The last year has been extremely challenging for administrators, teachers and all employees of our district. We have experienced the heartbreak of the Covid virus.

Then came the unexpected severe freeze which required the closure of our schools, due to lack of electricity and multiple water leaks due to broken pipes. Who has the authority to decide when the schools can safely reopen? (75 words or less)

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Gary Douglas Carr



Gary Douglas Carr, 85, died April 9, 2021, at his home in Houston. He was born Feb. 20, 1936, in Palestine, Texas. He was the only son of Douglas Carr and Virginia Barnes.

Gary graduated from San Jacinto High School and attended the University of Houston. At that time, he met Jo Ann Mason, his loving wife of more than 50 years. He was

drafted into the Army in 1959 and honorably discharged in 1961. He worked at Petro-Tex Chemical as a process operator, for more than 40 years.

Gary is survived by three children and their families: Teresa Cory and husband Mark of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; Sharon Hogg and husband Cliff of Houston; Joseph Carr of Marengo, Ohio; grandchildren David and Stephen Cory, Kelly and Daniel Hogg, and Dillon, Demi and Tristan Carr; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Sam and Shirley Mason, Steve and Kathy Mason; and nephews Scott, Coy and Blake Mason and their families.

Preceding him in death were his beloved wife and his grandson Dakota Carr.

Gary loved fishing, hunting, coaching and supporting his children and grandchildren in all of their extracurricular activities.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 2021, at Holly Springs Methodist Church and Cemetery with the Rev. Frank McFerrin officiating, under the direction of Texarkana Funeral Home in Arkansas.

For online registration and information, visit www.texarkanafuneralhome.com.

Local library events set

Bracewell Branch Library
Visit <https://houstonslibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for library events.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is in operation
Contactless Curbside services, known as HPL To Go, is available by appointment Monday, noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers walking or riding a bike may also pick up reserved materials. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Jan. 1, 2021. To use HPL To Go:

- 1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
- 2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
- 3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
- 4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

Parker Williams Library
Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at <https://www.hepl.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 at the library, follow the instructions given.
-Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hepl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.
Thursday, April 15, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Join John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz virtually for family fun. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hepl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation. #toddlertime #storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp1 #HCPL.
Tuesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time with John Harbaugh and Celeste Plew Join story time virtually at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary for a lively reading. #storytime #story #childrensbooks #reading #books #harriscountyp1 #HCPL.
Tuesday, April 20, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.
Wednesday, April 21, 5 p.m. Virtual Teen Advisory board. Looking for a way to volunteer? Need to get some hours in for National Honor Society? For an invitation, email john.harbaugh@hepl.net. #volunteer #volunteering #community #harriscountyp1 #HCPL.
Wednesday, April 21, 3:30 p.m., ages 16 and older. Dungeons & Dragons Online. Join Tanner Adams online. No prior experience is required. Email tanner.adams@hepl.net for details.

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(Modified during COVID-19)

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*

*Also Available on Facebook Live

Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

Parish Office: 281-481-6816
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Notice of Board of Trustees Election In Pasadena Independent School District

ELECTION DAY POLLS — This list is not final and may change. All Election Day polling locations are open to all eligible voters in Harris County: *(Esta lista no a sido finalizada. Todos los lugares de votación el Día de las Elecciones están abiertos a todos los votantes elegibles en el Condado de Harris.)* (Danh sách này có thể thay đổi và chưa phải là cuối cùng. Tất cả các địa điểm Ngày Bầu Cử sẽ được mở cửa cho tất cả các cử tri hội đủ điều kiện trong Quận Hạt Harris.) (此一覽表可能會有更改。選舉日當天的投票所開放給所有Harris縣的合格選民。)

Atascocita Middle School, Cafeteria, 18810 West Lake Houston Parkway, Humble
Bailey Elementary School, Cafeteria, 2707 Lafferty Road, Pasadena
BakerRipley Cleveland Campus, Gym, 720 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena
Baytown Junior High School, Cafeteria, 7707 Bayway Drive, Baytown
Beverly Hills Community Center, Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint Rd, Houston
Beverly Hills Intermediate School, Cafeteria, 11111 Beamer Road, Houston
Big Stone Lodge, Grand Meeting Hall, 709 Riley Fuzzel Road, Spring
Bobby Shaw Middle School, Gym, 1201 Houston Avenue, Pasadena
Calvary Hills Funeral Home, Fellowship Hall, 21723 Aldine Westfield Road, Humble
Carroll Teague Elementary School, Cafeteria, 4200 Crenshaw Road, Pasadena
Cedar Bayou Junior School, Hallway, 2610 Elvinta Street, Baytown
City of Nassau Bay Council Chamber, Mtg Rm, 1800 Space Pk. Dr. #200, Nassau Bay
City of South Houston Municipal Court, 1019 Dallas Street, South Houston
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City of South Houston Municipal Court, 1019 Dallas Street, South Houston
County Attorney Conference Center, Conf. Room, 1019 Congress Ave., Houston

Crosby Community Center, Large Assembly Room, 409 Hare Road, Crosby
De Zavala Elementary School, Kinder Pod, 305 Tri City Beach Road, Baytown
Deepwater Junior High School, Gym, 501 Glenmore Drive, Pasadena
Deerwood Elementary School, 2920 Forest Garden Drive, Kingwood
Deussen Park Senior Center, Meeting Room, 212303 Sonnier Street, Houston
Eagle Springs Elementary School, Music Rm 704, 12500 Will Clayton Pky, Humble
East Harris County Activity Center, Big Room, 7340 Spencer Highway, Pasadena
El Franco Lee Community Center, Auditorium, 9500 Hall Road, Houston
Emmott Elementary School, PE Room, 11750 Steeple Way Boulevard, Houston
Fairmont Elementary School, GYM, 4315 Heathfield Drive, Pasadena
Fall Creek Elementary School, 14435 Mesa Drive, Humble
Fallbrook Church, Brooks Sports Gym, 12512 Walters Road, Houston
Foster Elementary School, 1800 Trailwood Village Drive, Kingwood
Frazier Elementary School PISD, Gym, 10503 Hughes Road, Houston
G W Robinson Elementary School, 300 Gym, 451 Kirby Road, Seabrook
Garfield Elementary School, Gym, 10301 Hartsook Street, Houston
Genoa Staff Development Center, Gym, 12900 Alameda Genoa Road, Houston
George H Gentry Junior High School, Cafeteria, 1919 East Archer Road, Baytown
Golden Acres Elementary School, Gym, 5232 Sycamore Avenue, Pasadena
Goose Creek CISD Administration Building, 4544 Interstate 10, Baytown
Goose Creek Memorial High School, Cafeteria, 6001 East Wallisville Road, Baytown
Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church Southwest Campus, Fellowship Hall, 14919 South Main, Houston
Hampton Inn & Suites Houston-Katy, Empire/ Victory Rm., 22055 Katy Fwy., Katy
Harris County WCID 70, Main Room, 2935 Foley Road, Crosby
HC Public Library Kingwood Branch, Main Rm 105, 4400 Bens View Ln., Kingwood
Hidden Hollow Elementary School, Cafeteria, 4104 Appalachian Trail, Kingwood
Humble Civic Center, Special Events Room, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble
Humble ISD Collaboration Center, Rooms 101 & 102, 10203 Birchridge Dr., Humble
Humble Middle School, Auditorium, 11207 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble
JD Walker Community Center, Large Multi Purpose Rm, 7613 Wade Rd., Baytown
John Phelps Courthouse, Training Room, 101 South Richey Street, Pasadena
Katherine Tyra Branch Library, Meeting Room, 16719 Clay Road, Houston
Keller Middle School, Gym 2, 1711 Magnolia Street, Pasadena
Kingwood Community Center, Auditorium, 4102 Rustic Woods Drive, Kingwood
Kingwood High School, Cafeteria, 2701 Kingwood Drive, Humble
Kingwood Middle School, Cafeteria, 2407 Pine Terrace Drive, Kingwood
Kingwood Park High School Performing Arts Center, Cafeteria, 4015 Woodland Hills Drive, Kingwood
Lake Houston Church of Christ, Fellowship Hall, 8003 Farmingham Road, Humble
Lake Houston Church of the Nazarene, Gym, 5616 FM 1960 Road East, Humble
Lakeshore Elementary School, Cafeteria/Gym, 13333 Breakwater Path Drive, Houston
Laura Welch Bush Elementary School, Gym, 9100 Blackhawk Boulevard, Houston
Lee College, Arena Floor, 550 Lee Drive, Baytown
Lone Star Flight Museum, Event Center Room 156, 11551 Aerospace Avenue, Houston
McMasters Elementary School, Cafeteria, 1011 Bennett Drive, Pasadena

Memorial Parkway Junior High School, Collaboration Space 2, 21203 Highland Knolls Drive, Katy
Mildred Jenkins Elementary School, Gym, 4615 Reynaldo Drive, Spring
MultiCultural Center, Lobby, 951 Tristar Drive, Webster
Nelda Sullivan Middle School, Gym 2, 1112 Queens Road, Pasadena
Oak Forest Elementary School, Cafeteria, 6400 Kingwood Glen Drive, Humble
Oaks Elementary School, Cafeteria, 5858 Upper Lake Drive, Humble
Parkgate Community Church, Small Building, 3715 Preston Avenue, Pasadena
Pearl Hall Elementary School, Kix Gym, 1504 9th Street, South Houston
Pine Forest Elementary School, Cafeteria, 19702 West Lake Houston Parkway, Humble
Pomeroy Elementary School, Gymnasium, 920 Burke Road, Pasadena
Prairie View A&M University Northwest, Room 107/108, 9449 Grant Road, Houston
Red Bluff Elementary School, Cafeteria, 416 Bearle Street, Pasadena
Reformation Temple Church, Sanctuary, 2033 Pickerton Drive, Deer Park
Rick Schneider Middle School, Gym, 8420 Easthaven Boulevard, Houston
River Pines Elementary School, Cafeteria, 2400 Cold River Drive, Humble
Royce Black Elementary School, Physical Education Rm 711, 14155 Grant Rd, Cypress
Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Warren Family Ctr, 5308 Buffalo Speedway, Houston
Saint John Lutheran Church and School, Chapel, 15235 Spring Cypress Road, Cypress
Saint Timothy Lutheran Church, Room 103, 14225 Hargrave Road, Houston
Sam Rayburn High School, Gym 1, 2121 Cherrybrook Lane, Pasadena
San Jacinto College South Campus Fine Arts Center Building 15, 13735 Beamer Road, Houston
San Jacinto Community Center, Meeting Room, 604 Highland Woods Drive, Highlands
Shadow Forest Elementary School, Cafeteria, 2300 Mills Branch Drive, Kingwood
Sierra Meadows Apartments, Coffee Rm, 9835 North Sam Houston Pky East, Humble
South Belt Elementary School, Gym, 1801 Riverstone Ranch Road, Houston
Southside Place Park Clubhouse, Clubhouse, 3743 Garnet Street, Houston
Stuart Career Tech High School, Cafeteria, 300 YMCA Drive, Baytown
The Church Without Walls, Multi Purpose Gym, 5725 Queenston Boulevard, Houston
The Light of the World Christian Fellowship, Auditorium (Sanctuary), 16161 Old Humble Road, Humble
Timber Lane Community Center, Meeting Rm A/B, 1904 Naplechase Crest Dr, Spring
Timbers Elementary School, Cafeteria, 6910 Lonesome Woods Trail, Humble
Twin Creeks Middle School, Gym, 27100 Cypresswood Drive, Spring
University of Houston Clear Lake, Garden Room, 2700 Bay Area Boulevard, Houston
Webster Civic Center, Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Avenue, Webster
West Campus Gym, West Gym, 24403 East Lake Houston Parkway, Huffman
West University Place City Hall, 3800 University Boulevard, West University Place
Whispering Pines Elementary School, 17321 Woodland Hills Drive, Humble
Wildwood Elementary School, Cafeteria, 13802 Northpointe Boulevard, Tomball
Williams Elementary School, Gym, 1522 Scarborough Lane, Pasadena
Willie B Ermel Elementary School, Library, 7103 Woodsman Trail, Houston
Willow Creek Elementary School Humble ISD, Cafeteria, 2002 Willow Terrace Dr, Humble
Windsor Village Community Center, Multi-Purpose Rm, 14441 Croquet Lane, Houston
Woodcreek Middle School, University Hall, 14600 Woodson Park Drive, Houston
Wyndham Park Apartments, 1st floor Clubhouse, 2700 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown

NOTICE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION IN PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given that the PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will conduct a Trustee Election in and throughout the Pasadena Independent School District on Saturday, May 1, 2021, in accordance with the Election Order and Notice passed and approved on February 11, 2021. The election shall be conducted by the Harris County Elections Administrator (the "Administrator") pursuant to the terms of a contract for election services and in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Election Code") and the Texas Education Code. Unless otherwise designated by the Administrator, the boundaries and territory of the respective Harris County election precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of the District are hereby designated as the voting precincts of the District for the Election. The precinct numbers for the District's election precincts shall be the corresponding Harris County precinct number of each precinct. The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in polling locations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election. The Election Day polling places shall be as shown in Exhibit A; provided, however, such precincts and locations may be changed if so directed by the Administrator without further action of the District. Each polling place shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Election Day. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Code. Early voting shall begin on April 19, 2021, and continue through April 27, 2021. The main early voting location is Harris County Law Library Conference Center, 1019 Congress Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002. Early voting hours are as follows: April 19 - April 24, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April 25, 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; April 26, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.; April 27 - 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to make such changes in early voting polling locations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the Election. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the locations designated in Exhibit B; provided, however, such precincts and locations may be changed if so directed by the Administrator without further action of the District. A comprehensive list of all countywide early voting and polling locations can be found at www.harrisvotes.com. Please verify on election day. Applications for ballots for voting by mail should be addressed to the early voting clerk. The ballot by mail e-mail address is vbm@HarrisVotes.com

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS EN EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE PASADENA

POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE INFORMA que se llevará a cabo una Elección de Síndicos dentro del DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE PASADENA y en todo el distrito, el sábado 1 de mayo de 2021, en conformidad con la Orden de Elección y el Aviso de Elección aceptados y aprobados el 11 de febrero de 2021. La celebración de la elección estará a cargo del Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Harris (el "Administrador") en virtud de los términos de un contrato de servicios electorales y en conformidad con el Código Electoral de Texas (el "Código Electoral") y el Código de Educación de Texas. A menos que el Administrador designe otra cosa, los límites y el territorio de los respectivos precintos electorales del Condado de Harris que se encuentran parcial o totalmente dentro de los límites territoriales del Distrito son por la presente designados como los precintos de votación del Distrito para la Elección. Los números de precinto de los precintos electorales del Distrito serán los números de precinto del Condado de Harris correspondientes para cada precinto. Por la presente se autoriza e instruye al Administrador para que haga ciertos cambios de lugares de votación según sea necesario para la celebración adecuada de la Elección. Los lugares de votación del Día de Elección serán como se muestran en el Anexo A. Sin embargo, dichos precintos y lugares pueden sufrir cambios si así lo dispone el Administrador sin que sea necesaria una medida adicional del Distrito. El Día de Elección cada lugar de votación estará abierto de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. La votación anticipada, tanto en persona como por correo, se llevará a cabo en conformidad con el Código Electoral. La votación anticipada empezará el 19 de abril de 2021 y terminará el 27 de abril de 2021. El principal lugar de votación anticipada es Harris County Law Library Conference Center, ubicado en 1019 Congress Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002. El horario de votación anticipada es el siguiente: del 19 de abril al 24 de abril, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.; el 25 de abril, de 12:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.; el 26 de abril, de 7:00 a.m. a 10:00 p.m.; el 27 de abril, de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. Por la presente se autoriza e instruye al Administrador para que haga ciertos cambios de lugares de votación anticipada según sea necesario para la celebración adecuada de la Elección. La Votación Anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en los lugares designados en el Anexo B; sin embargo, dichos precintos y lugares pueden sufrir cambios si así lo dispone el Administrador sin que sea necesaria una medida adicional del Distrito. Puede encontrar una lista completa de todos los lugares de votación anticipada y localidades de votación en todo el condado en www.harrisvotes.com. Favor de verificarlo el día de elección. Las solicitudes de boletas de votación para votar por correo deberían ser dirigidas al oficial de votación anticipada. La dirección de correo electrónico para la boleta de votación por correo es vbm@harrisvotes.com.

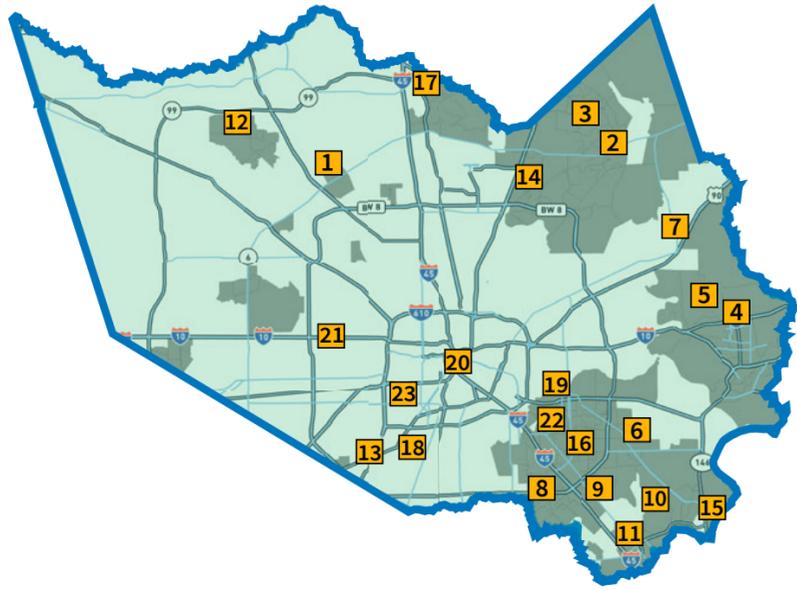
THÔNG BÁO VỀ CUỘC BẦU CỬ ỦY VIÊN QUẢN TRỊ TẠI KHU HỌC CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP PASADENA

Theo đây xin THÔNG BÁO rằng KHU HỌC CHÁNH ĐỘC LẬP PASADENA sẽ tiến hành một Cuộc Bầu Cử Ủy Viên Quản Trị trong và trên toàn Khu Học Chánh Độc Lập Pasadena vào thứ Bảy, ngày 1 tháng Năm, 2021, theo Thông Báo và Lệnh Bầu Cử được thông qua và phê chuẩn vào ngày 11 tháng Hai, 2021. Cuộc Bầu cử sẽ do Quản Trị Viên phụ trách Bầu Cử Quận Harris ("Quản Trị Viên") tiến hành chiếu theo các điều khoản của một hợp đồng các dịch vụ bầu cử và theo Bộ Luật Bầu Cử Texas ("Bộ Luật Bầu Cử") và Bộ Luật Giáo Dục Texas. Trừ các trường hợp khác do Quản Trị Viên chỉ định, các ranh giới và địa giới của các phân khu bầu cử Quận Harris trong ứng năm toàn bộ hoặc một phần trong ranh giới của Khu Học Chánh theo đây được quy định là các phân khu bỏ phiếu của Khu Học Chánh cho Cuộc Bầu Cử. Số phân khu của các phân khu bầu cử của Khu Học Chánh sẽ tương ứng với số phân khu của Quận Harris cho mỗi phân khu. Quản Trị Viên theo đây được phép và được chỉ thị thực hiện các thay đổi về địa điểm phòng phiếu khi cần để tiến hành Cuộc Bầu Cử đúng quy định. Các địa điểm bầu cử trong Ngày Bầu Cử sẽ được nêu rõ trong Phụ Lục A; tuy nhiên, với điều kiện là các phân khu và địa điểm đó có thể được thay đổi nếu Quản Trị Viên quyết định như vậy mà Khu Học Chánh không cần phải làm gì thêm. Mỗi địa điểm phòng phiếu sẽ mở cửa từ 7 giờ sáng đến 7 giờ tối vào Ngày Bầu Cử. Thủ tục bỏ phiếu sớm, kể cả cách thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm và bỏ phiếu sớm qua thư, sẽ được tiến hành theo quy định của Bộ Luật Bầu Cử. Thời gian bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ bắt đầu vào ngày 19 tháng Tư, 2021 và tiếp tục đến hết ngày 27 tháng Tư, 2021. Địa điểm chính tổ chức bỏ phiếu sớm là: Harris County Law Library Conference Center, 1019 Congress Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002. Thời gian bỏ phiếu sớm như sau: 19 tháng Tư - 24 tháng Tư, 7 giờ sáng - 7 giờ tối; 25 tháng Tư, 12 giờ trưa - 7 giờ tối; 26 tháng Tư, 7 giờ sáng - 7 giờ chiều; 27 tháng Tư, 7 giờ sáng - 7 giờ tối. Quản Trị Viên theo đây được phép và được chỉ thị thực hiện các thay đổi về địa điểm phòng phiếu cho thủ tục bỏ phiếu sớm nếu cần để tiến hành Cuộc Bầu Cử đúng quy định. Thủ tục đích thân tới bỏ phiếu sớm sẽ được tiến hành tại các địa điểm được quy định trong Phụ Lục B; tuy nhiên, với điều kiện là các phân khu và địa điểm đó có thể được thay đổi nếu Quản Trị Viên quyết định như vậy mà Khu Học Chánh không cần phải làm gì thêm. Có thể tìm đọc danh sách đầy đủ tất cả các địa điểm phòng phiếu và bỏ phiếu sớm toàn quận hạt tại www.harrisvotes.com. Xin hãy xác thực vào ngày bầu cử. Đơn xin lá phiếu bầu bằng thư cần được gửi cho thư ký phụ trách bỏ phiếu sớm. Địa chỉ email xin lá phiếu bầu qua thư: vbm@harrisvotes.com.

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本選舉應由Harris縣選舉行政官(下稱「行政官」)依據選舉服務合約的條款以及德克薩斯州選舉法(下稱「選舉法」)及德克薩斯州教育法的規定執行。除非行政官另有指定,特此將全部或部分位於本區域邊界內的Harris縣各選區的邊界及區域指定為本區用於本次選舉的投票選區。本學區選區的選區編號應為各選區相應的Harris縣選區編號。特此授權並指示行政官為正確執行選舉而對投票地點作出必要更改。選舉日投票所如附性A中所示;但在行政官作出指示的情況下,上述選區及地點可作出更改。無需本區進一步行動。各投票所在選舉日的開放時間為上午7:00至晚上7:00。
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HARRIS COUNTY MAY 1, 2021 JOINT ELECTION EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Horario para Votar Temprano en la Elección
Conjunta del 1 de mayo de 2021
Lịch Trình Bầu Cử Sớm cho Cuộc Bầu
Cử Kết Hợp ngày 1 tháng 5, 2021
2021年5月1日聯合選舉 - 提前投票日程表



- 1** Prairie View A&M University
9449 Grant Road
Room 107 & 108
Houston 77070
- 2** Lake Houston Church of Christ
8003 Farmingham Road
Fellowship Hall
Humble 77346
- 3** Kingwood Community Center
4102 Rustic Woods Drive
Auditorium
Kingwood 77345
- 4** JD Walker Community Center
7613 Wade Road
Large MultiPurpose Room
Baytown 77521
- 5** San Jacinto Community Center
604 Highland Woods Drive
Meeting Room
Highlands, TX 77562
- 6** East Harris County Activity Center
7340 Spencer Highway
Big Room
Pasadena 77050
- 7** Crosby Community Center
Large Assembly Room
409 Hare Road
Crosby 77532
- 8** El Franco Lee Community Center
9500 Hall Road
Auditorium
Houston 77089
- 9** MultiCultural Center
951 Tristar Drive
Lobby
Webster 77598
- 10** University of Houston Clear Lake
2700 Bay Area Boulevard
Garden Room
Houston 77058
- 11** Webster Civic Center
311 Pennsylvania Avenue
Civic Center
Webster 77598
- 12** Saint John Lutheran Church and School
15235 Spring Cypress Road
Chapel
Cypress 77429
- 13** Katherine Tyra Branch Library
16719 Clay Road
Meeting Room
Houston 77084
- 14** Humble Civic Center
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy
Ballrooms 2 & 3
Humble 77338
- 15** Lee College
550 Lee Drive
Arena Floor
Baytown 77520
- 16** Cleveland Ripley
Neighborhood Center
720 Fairmont Parkway
Pasadena 77504
- 17** Big Stone Lodge
709 Riley Fuzzel Road
Gym
Spring 77373
- 18** Windsor Village Community Center
14441 Croquet Lane
Multi Purpose Room
Houston 77085
- 19** John Phelps Courthouse
101 S Richey Street
Training Room
Pasadena 77506
- 20** County Attorney Conference Center
(main voting location, lugar principal de votación
địa điểm bầu cử chính, 主要投票地點)
1019 Congress Avenue
Conference Room
Houston 77002
- 21** Hampton Inn & Suites Houston-Katy
22055 Katy Freeway
Meeting Room
Katy 77450
- 22** City of South Houston Municipal Court
1019 Dallas Street
South Houston 77587
- 23** West University Place City Hall
3800 University Blvd
West University Place, 77005



ISABEL LONGORIA
HARRIS COUNTY
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Administradora de Elecciones
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Ty Bầu Cử Quận Hạt Harris
Harris縣選務官

Early Voting Hours of Operation
April 19 - April 24: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April 25: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April 26: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
April 27: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Votación Temprana
Horario de Funcionamiento
19 de abril - 24 de abril: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
25 de abril: 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
26 de abril: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
27 de abril: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Giờ Mở Cửa Bầu Cử Sớm
Ngày 19 Tháng 4 - Ngày 24 Tháng 4: 7:00 sáng - 7:00 tối
Ngày 25 Tháng 4: 12:00 trưa - 7:00 tối
Ngày 26 Tháng 4: 7:00 sáng - 10:00 tối
Ngày 27 Tháng 4: 7:00 sáng - 7:00 tối

提前投票日期及時間
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Pasadena board candidates answer fellow candidates' questions

Continued from Page 2 Pasadena ISD already has a plan in place to overcome the COVID pandemic? (75 words or less)

Pasadena ISD already has a plan in place to overcome performance gaps by intensifying summer programming and planning Tier 1 intervention for this fall. Students will be assessed, and interventions developed and implemented. Summer programs planned include: Preschool-LEP/K-12th summer school, Special Education Extended-Year, Advanced Mathematics/7-12 grade ESOL Academy/College Scholars/ECHS Bridge/Graduation Recovery. Summer Challenges engage students throughout the summer. Depending on the legislature and stimulus funds, plans are underway for intensive student intervention in the fall.

Foxes celebrate 60 years



Wishes for a happy anniversary are sent to Verlin and Carolyn Fox who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary April 20. They were married in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1961. Carolyn was from Agana, Guam, and Pasadena, Texas, and Verlin from Deadwood, S.D. They spent their honeymoon in Honolulu and the island of Kauai before making their home in Deadwood. The Foxes have lived in the Sagemont area since 1968. They raised their children Diane, Troy, and Quinn who are all graduates of Dobie High School. Carolyn worked for many years as an executive secretary to the publisher at the Pasadena Citizen newspaper. Verlin worked for 36 years at NASA and retired in 2002. After a year of retirement in Kansas they moved back to the South Belt area to be closer to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Verlin and Carolyn plan to spend their anniversary with family members and enjoy the excitement of their celebration.

Why do you think the characteristics of Integrity, Attitude and Gratitude should be important to the school board members and candidates? (75 words or less)

Absolutely! All are important, but without Integrity you lose respect and credibility. Integrity, being honest and showing a consistent and uncompromising adherence to strong moral and ethical principles and values. Attitudes can positively or negatively affect a person's behavior and are the response that is a result of your values. Gracious people acknowledge the goodness in their lives, help people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, deal better with adversity, and build stronger relationships.

What are you most proud of about Pasadena ISD? (75 words or less)

2021-PISD-Largest Graduating Class of Early-College-High-School in the State of Texas (w/Associates degrees, saving families 2-years of college-tuition), Career/Technical Certifications now available at ALL High Schools (11-14 Career/Technical Certifications: Agricultural; Business; Hospitality/Tourism; Law/Public Safety/Security; STEM; Architecture/Construction; Education/Training; Human Services; Manufacturing; Transportation/Distribution/Logistics; Arts/Audio/Video/Communication; Health Science; Information/Technology; Marketing), All-Day Pre-k for All, Graduation Rate +90%, Best Community in Music Education 14th-Consecutive Yrs., District of Distinction-Texas Art Education Association and Finance Department Superior Ratings-TEA's-FIRST Report-18 Consecutive Yrs., among many others

What is your system of collecting data that allows you to see the perspective of teachers, students and parents? (75 words or less)

Not a board member role, violates the Texas Education Code. Pasadena ISD responsibility. PISD regularly collects data from students/teachers/parents. Data is collected through Skyward regarding discipline, grades, and attendance. Surveys, and committees (The DEC/District Education Committee/SSAC/Superintendent Student Advisory Committee/The SHAC/School Health Advisory Committee) provide qualitative data around current topics and questions. The Superintendent shares relevant data with the board as we discuss different topics, or the information is needed to understand recommendations from the Superintendent.

If you had to choose one word to describe yourself, what would it be? (75 words or less)

I would describe myself as caring. The reason I'm running for School Board is because I have seen my students fall through the gaps, unprepared for life after high school. I have experienced unsafe working/learning conditions in Pasadena ISD and I want to help create safe working and learning conditions. I care enough about our neglected schools and students to run for School Board.

Crystal Davila

The last year has been extremely challenging for administrators, teachers and all employees of our district. We have experienced the heartbreak of the Covid virus. Then came the unexpected severe freeze which required the closure of our schools, due to lack of electricity and multiple water leaks due to broken pipes. Who has the authority to decide when the schools can safely reopen? (75 words or less)

In regards to the pandemic, we should listen to CDC officials and the local health department. They have the data and numbers regarding who has been affected negatively and how it transmits into our communities via school. In regards to environmental disasters we are experiencing more often than not, then I believe the School Board should decide in conjunction with local authorities about when to safely reopen schools.

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Would you be in favor of modifying the school calendar or extending the school day in the Fall to help students make up for "lost ground" related to the COVID pandemic? (75 words or less)

We have systems in place to help make up "lost ground" like Edgenuity and Connect. Teachers who help with those programs should be appropriately compensated. If we decided that extending either the calendar or the school day is necessary, we need to ensure that teachers are appropriately compensated for their time.

A Board of Trustees often faces complex decisions,

Position 3

Yen Huynh Rabe

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Schools can determine when they can safely reopen with collaboration from local and state health authorities.

If you had to choose one word to describe yourself, what would it be? (75 words or less)

Caring.

Would you be in favor of modifying the school calendar or extending the school day in the Fall to help students make up for "lost ground" related to the COVID pandemic? (75 words or less)

I would be in favor of modifying the school calendar and schedule to help students make up learning related to the COVID pandemic.

A Board of Trustees often faces complex decisions, could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not? (75 words or less)

Yes. The majority rules and one must respect that.

Do you think it is appropriate to name a school after a sitting Board member? (75 words or less)

Absolutely not. I pledge to you the voters that unlike my opponent, I will not seek to name a PISD school or building after myself or any sitting Board member while serving on the Board. I plan to follow the Pasadena ISD local board policy that states schools are not to be named after people currently serving on the board.

Why do you think the characteristics of Integrity, Attitude and Gratitude should be important to the school board members and candidates? (75 words or less)

We must be truthful of our actions in order to lead. Attitude leads our behavior and we should be thankful for what is given to us.

What are you most proud of about Pasadena ISD? (75 words or less)

I am most proud that PISD has the potential to change to

Morris names perfect attendance and honor roll for third 9-weeks

Morris Middle School officials announced the perfect attendance and honor rolls for the third nine-weeks.

Fifth grade Perfect attendance

Acac, Lilah Aguayo, Nicholas Aguilera, Rafael Alcalá, Brandon Angel, Jeremiah Arbaiza, Ian Avalos, Andrew Banks and Daniel Barboza.

Hailey Bonilla, Aniya Brooks, William Canales, Natalie Cazares, Dalila Chapa, Andrew Chavez, Damian Chavez, Heclimar Colon Melendez and Hecmarie Colon Melendez.

Steven Corporan, Alondra Cruz, Alyssa Davis, Giselle Davis, Bryden Dean, Ricky Doan, Krew Duong, Angel Escobar and Jessica Escobar.

Natalie Esquivel, Camila Lopez Khinydi Frizell, Joaquin Garcia, Amelia Gomez, Mia Gonzalez, Sabrina Gutierrez, Alexis Hernandez and Mia Hernandez.

Noah Hinojos, Carden Huynh, Isabella Japalucci, Andrew Jaramillo Zamora, Cruz Jasso, Nicholas Jenkins, Kailey Johnson, Olivia Joiner

and Christopher Jones Jr. Alexander Limachi, Monica Luna, Ashley Ly, Emery Lynn, Karely Maldonado, Jaylynn Mendoza, Ann Nguyen, Cathy Nguyen and Jocelyn Nguyen.

Khai Nguyen, Lucas Nguyen, Steven Nguyen, Kendrick Norman, Bryan Olvera Guerrero, Luis Perez, Hailey Ramsey, Harsh Rana and Bree Rennett.

Ruby Reyes, Gustavo Rios Jr, Miguel Rodriguez Jr, Karim Rubio, Davien Sanni-Thomas, Dylan Santiago, Destiny Sidiropoulos, Natalie Soto and Malayssia Sykes.

Shelby Talavera, Amalia Torres, Yahir Torres, Dawson Tran, Kahlán Tran, Kathleen Tran, Tammy Tran, Tien Tran, Tina Tran and Yen Tran.

Gabriel Trevino, Kiet Vu, Lilynhu Vu, Victoria Vu, Sophia Yanez, Gracie Zamora, Angelo Zuniga, Candi Zuniga and Cesar Zuniga.

Honor roll

Lilah Aguayo, Nicholas Aguilera, Daniel Alvarez, Giovannine Alvear, Mirian Andrade, Jeremiah Arbaiza, Javanni Capuchino, Jarvis

Carraway and Sasha Cepeda. Kyle Contreras, Alondra Cruz, Phi Dang, Alyssa Davis, Ricky Doan, Krew Duong, Giselle Esparza, Natalie Esquivel and Brianna Figueroa.

Fernando Flores, Melina Flores, Mia Gonzalez, Sabrina Gutierrez, Kendyl Harris, Mia Hernandez, Ineke Hicks, Isabella Japalucci and Cruz Jasso.

Kailey Johnson, Serenity Johnson, Olivia Joiner, Marcell King, Seth King, Kaitlyn Lanza, Monica Luna, Ashley Ly and Emery Lynn.

Anthony Maldonado, Katelyn Maldonado, Nathan Maldonado, Cayson Martinez, Kainoa Martinez, Neveah Martinez, Troy McBride, Michael McWashington and Matthew Mellott.

Julianna Mikulski, Janenish Muniz, Angel Myles, Cathy Nguyen, Jocelyn Nguyen, Johnny Nguyen, Justin Nguyen, Khai Nguyen and Lucas Nguyen.

Steven Nguyen, Ethan O'Bryant, Avery Payne, Martin Peng, Joseline Perales,

Andy Pham, Toryn Provost, Hailey Ramsey and Bree Rennett.

Reyna Rivera, Karim Rubio, Kailani Rudd, Cesar Salinas, Azari Schells, Destiny Sidiropoulos, Ariel Sierra, Kolby Stubblefield and Malayssia Sykes.

Shelby Talavera, Genesis Tamez, Enrique Torres, Yahir Torres, Dawson Tran, Kahlán Tran, Kathleen Tran, Tammy Tran and Tina Tran.

Yen Tran, Gabriel Trevino, Olivia Trevino, Steve Vasquez, Carlos Vega and Kiet Vu.

Lilynhu Vu, Victoria Vu, Andrew Zamora, Gracie Zamora, Angelo Zuniga and Candi Zuniga.

Sixth grade Perfect attendance

Kevin Alfaro, Mayte Almanza, Nathalie Almanza, Hermallony Campos, Jazmine Cardon, Eslie Carlos, Rebecca Castelan, Ashlyn Coleman and Oscar Collazo Jr.

Linkin Dinh, Carlos Faife Gutierrez, Ruben Flores, Nathanael Garcia Campos, Marcos Garcia Jr, Jonathan Gar-

cia, Maliah Jackson, Avianna Johnson and Huy Le.

Serina Martinez, Grace Menahem, Emma Mendiola, Liliana Mercado, Aden Moore, Dayanna Najarro-Reyes, Estefani Orellana Ramirez and Angel Orellana.

Cayden Patton, Kaitlyn Pecina, Janeiya Piper, Yamileth Ramales, Jaime Rodriguez Jr, Marcus Rodriguez, Tatiana Rodriguez, Arlette Salazar and Jacob Solis.

Marlee Tillman, Ximena Torres-Zuniga, Kaylie Tran, Thi Tran, Pham Truc, Felipe Villa Delgado, Minh Vu and Lily Yam.

Andres Garcia, Diego Garcia, Orlando Gomez, Marcos Gonzalez, Kaylee Guevara and Kevin Hoang.

Henry Hong, Hannah Hua, Maliah Jackson, Emma Jacob, Anthony Jacobo, Joshua Jamaica, Ashia Jones, Huy Le and Desirae Lozano.

Serina Martinez, Grace Menahem, Yasmin Mendez, Emma Mendiola, Liliana Mercado, Jillian Mikulski, McKenzie Milburn, Miguel Morales and Ashley Moreno.

Giselle Munguia Tonche, Charleston Nash, Chloe Ngo, Courtney Nguyen, Duy Nguyen, Hieu Nguyen, Jocelyn Nguyen, Kelvin Nguyen and Minh Nguyen.

Jeremiah O'Neal, Jose Orta Guzman, Nathan Paredes, Eric Reyes, Ismael Marquez, Tatiana Rodriguez, Ava Saucedo, Arlene Silva and Trjah Smith.

Jacob Solis, Jonathan Solis, Alina Sosa, Samyria Spriggs, Tiffani Tillman and Ximena Torres-Zuniga.

Kaylie Tran, Alex Truong, Tuyet Truong, Ruben Vasquez, Minh Vu, Christopher Wickliff and Lily Yam.

Honor roll

Victor Alanis, Carlos Albarra, Isiah Arbaiza, Arianna Bermudez, Charles Bruno, Hermallony Campos, Jazmine Cardon, Joshua Cardon and Jacob Chavez.

Ashlyn Coleman, Sebastian Cordova, Lenneth Cruz, John Dang, Alicia Diaz, Matthew Dunn, Kevin Duong, Joel Esparza and Ailey Espinoza.

Matthew Espinoza, Eileen Flores, Makayla Flowers,

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)

Kirkwood Civic Club held its first open meeting since reorganization of the group began.

Interested citizens from the South Belt area participated in a unique experience called *South Gulf Freeway Town Meeting '76* which was designed to improve the community life for area residents.

40 years ago (1981)

Pasadena ISD's board of trustees awarded a contract for construction of five portable buildings at Thompson Intermediate. The low bid of \$188,005 was awarded to Rogers Bros. Construction, Inc.

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents purchased equipment for the South campus drafting and rental technology programs and started proceedings to annex a section of land at the intersection of Beamer Road and Scarsdale Boulevard.

35 years ago (1986)

The Brio site, which was expected to undergo the second phase of a cleanup study, would be dismantled of abandoned equipment if legal matters weren't involved.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation once again delayed the writing of contracts for improvements to the Fuqua and Scarsdale interchanges at I-45 which had been pulled from an overall I-45 improvements plan for more expedient completion.

30 years ago (1991)

The first step in a projected \$2.8 million capital improvement began with Houston City Council's approval of a contract for the planning and design of the extension of Blackhawk from Fuqua to Alameda Genoa.

Under a new state public school finance bill, Pasadena ISD stood to gain state aid per student, while CCISD expected to lose \$20 million over four years.

25 years ago (1996)

North and District for their years of service at the college. Southeast Volunteer Fire Department attended training at the Harris County Fire Fighters Association field day held in College Station.

15 years ago (2006)

Cpl. Raymond Lomello of Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office was credited with a traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of approximately 683 pounds of marijuana. The approximate street value was more than \$819,000.

Alyta Harrell was named the new principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate School. Harrell officially began her new duties in July and replaced Stephanie Wright, who retired after 30 years with PISD.

The Pearland City Council approved an agreement with the developers of Riverstone Ranch which opened the door for future development of a new residential area between the subdivision of Riverstone Ranch and Pearland Parkway.

10 years ago (2011)

With massive state budget cuts looming, Pasadena Independent School District officials identified which employee contracts would not be renewed for the 2011-2012 school year. Of the 340 layoffs, 180 were teacher positions, while the remaining 160 were administrative jobs and support staff. For the South Belt area, this meant the loss of 24 area teachers.

The J. Frank Dobie Lariatets were named the National Grand Champions at the Showtime Dance National Competition in Galveston. The drill team won first place in all four of their team routines - Team Jazz, Team Pom, Team Modern and Team Novelty. The Lariatets also won the Applause Award for their Team Pom routine to *Born to be Wild*. The Lariatets military officers were named National Champion Officers and the Jazz Troupe was named runner-up National Champion Large Ensemble.

5 years ago (2016)

Two former Dobie baseball players were among the seven honorees inducted into the Pasadena Independent School District's Athletics Hall of Fame at a banquet held Saturday, April 9. Representing Dobie were John Scheschuk (Class of 1995) and Shane Nance (Class of 1996).

1 year ago (2020)

While the exact number of reported COVID-19 cases remained unclear, there were between 60 and 100 known cases in the South Belt area in ZIP codes 77089, 77075 and 77034. The Harris County Sheriff's Office announced that 91 employees tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, most of whom worked in the Harris County Jail.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO KRISTI!

Birthday wishes are sent from family, friends and the Leader staff to **Kristi Koncaba** who enjoyed an April 10 birthday. She is president and COO of Texan Bank and was nominated as a 2020 Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce Role Model for her dedication and service to the community.

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY, SALLY

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sally Mitchell**, former South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce executive director, who enjoys a birthday April 16, from her family, friends and the staff at the Leader.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KELVIN

Best wishes for a great 12th birthday are sent April 16 to **Kelvin Lopez** from parents **Natalie** and **Jose Abarca** and **Kevin Lopez**; brother **Noah** and sisters **Isabella** and **Elliana Abarca**; grandparents **David** and **Ellie Flickinger**; and great-grandparents **Marie** and **David Flickinger**.

SANDRA ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY

Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sandra Williams** for her birthday April 18 from her former co-workers at Central Ace Hardware, family, friends and the Leader staff.

CONGRATS TO ANGELA AND DAVID

Congratulations are sent April 19 to **Angela** and **David Griffin**, daughter-in-law and son of Leader staffer **Bobby Griffin** and husband **Kenneth**, from friends and family, as they celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. Angela and David, both Dobie graduates, have relocated to Texas with their son **Robert**.

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY, AARON!

Special birthday greetings are sent to **Aaron**

who enjoys a birthday April 20, from wife **Ashley** and sons **Jaxson** and **Jace**; grandparents **Ken** and **Bobby Griffin**; parents **Jim** and **Tracy Giles**, sister **Kristen** and brother **Cody**. Aaron is a 2012 Dobie graduate.

ANN MARKS A BIRTHDAY

Insurance business owner, former Dobie High journalism teacher and former longtime Sageglen resident, **Ann Brannen** celebrates her birthday April 20. Best wishes are sent from her many friends and the staff at the Leader.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 15 through April 21.

Burnett Elementary

Sing a happy birthday song to **Keri Grayson** April 20.

Frazier Elementary

Birthday wishes are sent to **Aimee Shelton** April 15. **Kevin McDonald** celebrates a birthday April 17.

Genoa Elementary

Light the birthday candles April 15 for **Jazmin Culpepper**. Join in the birthday celebration April 20 for **Coretta Conant**.

Moore Elementary

The day for a birthday party for **Denise Narvaez** is April 16. Break out the birthday cake and ice cream for **Ashley Meyer** April 17.

South Belt Elementary

Remember to wish **Allison Sutton** a happy birthday April 17.

Stuchbery Elementary

Best wishes for a great birthday April 17 are sent to **Silvia Ramirez**.

Melillo Middle School

The day for a cake for **Carol Tekell** is April 15. Send a birthday greeting April 17 to **Giovanna Andrade**. **Patty Gordon** marks a birthday April 19.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

April 21 marks a special birthday for **William Anders**.

Thompson Intermediate

Blow out the candles April 19 on a double-layer cake for **Christine Veltman** and **Kandace McMullin**.

Dobie High

Joseph Janis enjoys a birthday April 17. **FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**

Thursday, April 15: **Annette Black**, **Marsha Fischer**, **Lorita Lynn Destin** and **Veronica Lopez**; Friday, April 16: **Janice Elliott**, **Alex Torres**, **Marissa Jones** and **April Carter-Akin**; Saturday, April 17: **Heike Jurado-Gabino**, **Tatiana Gonzalez**, **Allison Sutton**, **Danielle Goudrum** and **Jason Sherrill**; Sunday, April 18: **Deadra Lozano**, **Carla Rackley**, **Lydia Sonier**, **Allison Rogers** and **Tchad Taormina**; Monday, April 19: **Greg Bartlett**, **Tiffany LeCompte**, **Tre McCrummen**, **Marisa Ramirez** and **Kristen Brockman**; Tuesday, April 20: **Sandra Teng**, **Andy Crawford** and **Shelly Nails**; and Wednesday, April 21: **Michael Barlow** and **Carol Talbot**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dickson aims to advance

Many eyes will be on Clear Brook sprinter Camryn Dickson as she takes on the field at the District 23-6A/District 24-6A Area Track and Field Championships April 15.

Pearland ISD's The Rig is the host site as competitors look to get a step closer to the state championships in Austin the first week of May.

At 11.78 seconds in the 100 and 23.74 in the 200, Dickson was the 24-6A champion in both events. In 2019 as a freshman, she reached state in the 100.

Dickson will also anchor the Lady Wolverines' 4x400 relay squad as she will be joined by teammates Azayla Smith, Ja'Delle Major and Amanda Benjamin in the event.

The top four finishers in each individual and relay event will advance to regionals April 23-24.

Lajaunie tennis play returning to Taylor

The 10th Annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament is set to be held April 30 through May 2 at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center as players are invited to take part in round robin singles and doubles play.

Proceeds from the tournament go toward the funding of academic collegiate scholarships as well as youth tennis camp scholarships.

The scholarships for 2020 were fully funded even as COVID-19 concerns prevented the tournament from happening.

For 2021, the Lajaunie event has partnered with the Universal Tennis Rating

program, and registration is encouraged through the system at www.myutr.com.

Registration for UTR members is \$35 for singles players and \$45 for doubles players and teams. For those who are not UTR members, the fees are \$45 and \$55, respectively. Entry deadline is April 16.

2021 competitors will receive a tournament commemorative T-shirt as well as a gift bag courtesy of the Lajaunie family.

For more information about the tournament call event director John Thomas at 713-941-8631 or direct email to Thomas at jtjohnjr@gmail.com.

Areas are April 15 at GPISD

JFD tracksters look to reach regionals

The District 22-6A champion Dobbie boys' and girls' track and field teams will be able to relish those crowns for years to come, yet those in the burnt orange and intent on keeping the train rolling as the 21/22-6A Area Championships play out April 15 at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

Dobbie will have a total of 39 student-athletes competing at areas, which will then send the top four finishers in each individual event as well as each of the three relays ahead to the Region III Championships April 23-24, at Turner Stadium in Humble.

The Dobbie boys' championship-winning effort at district was highlighted by Alberto Campa (1600, 3200 runs) and Jeremiah Ballard (110, 300 hurdles) winning double golds.

The Longhorns will also send a gifted trio of athletes to the area round in the 400, headed by gold

medalist Tyquaris Irchir. Jonathan Jean also advanced as the 200 champion.

As for the Lady Longhorns, the locals used a sweep of the relays to lead them to the 22-6A title, and those squads will again have high expectations at areas.

A time of 50.07 seconds gave the Dobbie foursome of Doneya Porter, Deaira Jackson, Briana Haywood and Ambreon Jones a gold medal.

In the 4x2, it was Porter and Jackson joining Denim Boone and Jor-

Longhorn baseball eyes reboot in 22-6A

Deer Park continued its dominance of the District 22-6A varsity baseball race, beating Dobbie 10-0 April 9 at Deer Park to finish off a series sweep of the Longhorns.

The Deer have now allowed just one run over six league games and appear very much on the way to the 22-6A championship and the top playoff seeding.

As for the Longhorns, now 5-2, the locals must regroup with second place in the league now the likeliest of goals.

Dobbie went into the first of two games against Memorial April 13 after press time and will go against the Mavericks once more April 16.

Dobbie will then go against Sam Rayburn April 20 and April 23.

Lady Horns' 4x200 relay onto areas

At right, the Dobbie varsity girls' 4x200-meter relay squad of, left to right, Doneya Porter, Denim Boone, Deaira Jackson and Camryn Ridge scored one of the school's three relay victories as the Lady Longhorns went on to win the District 22-6A team championship, sweeping the team crowns along with the Dobbie boys winning in the varsity boys' division. Dobbie then went into the District 21-6A/District 22-6A Area Championships focused on qualifying for the Region III Championships later this month. At areas, the top four finishers in each individual event as well as the three relays will qualify for regionals. The 21/22-6A area running event finals are April 15 at Galena Park ISD Stadium. See more details on Page 6.



Brook in playoffs as race nears end

Cody Myers blanked Clear Creek on five hits while striking out eight as Clear Brook became one of the area's first varsity baseball playoff qualifiers with a 5-0 win over the Clear Creek Wildcats April 9.

At 8-1 overall and with seven straight league wins in hand, the Wolverines sit atop the District 24-6A standings with three games remaining.

Clear Brook still has work to do with games remaining against Brazoswood (April 13 after press time), Dickinson and Clear Springs in its pursuit of the championship, but much of the heavy lifting is complete.

Head coach Gene Flores came into 2021 figuring he could count on senior and University of Oklahoma signee Aaron Calhoun

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Regionals await 22-6A's best netters

The road to the spring tennis season regional has begun as Dobbie began the District 22-6A Championships April 14 at Deer Park High School, with the finals and play-back matches coming April 16.

As always, there will be boys' and girls' singles, boys' and girls' doubles and mixed doubles divisions, with the first place and finalist finishers qualifying for the Region III Championships, also set for Deer Park High School April 27-28.

Dobbie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. was hopeful of his Longhorns getting as many qualifiers to regionals as possible.

For 2021, he acknowledged that stiff competition will come from play-

ers on the fall team tennis 22-6A champion Deer Park team. There was also a possibility that the Longhorns would have to navigate around an ineligibility case or two, but such is life.

Dobbie entered district play on a high note, having won top honors at the Peter Sunseri Invitational in Galveston.

Julia Bui and Brian Nguyen had key wins from their respective No.

1 girls' and boys' singles spots, and Tristan Pedraza also had a decisive victory as Dobbie was crowned.

Now in the win-or-go-home district competition, Moreno aligned things

Lady Longhorn softball still hunting league title

Heading into an April 13 matchup with Deer Park after press time, Dobbie was looking to get

even with the Deer as the District 22-6A race nears a conclusion.

With four games to go

in the race, Dobbie was all but assured of no worse than a No. 2 playoff seeding but want more.

Deer Park, 25-6 overall and 9-0 in District 22-6A play at press time, scored a 3-2 walk-off win over Dobbie last month in the first matchup between the two teams. That outcome remains the difference in the standings.

Eagles fall in four

The Lady Longhorns used 10 extra-base hits, including homers by Bella Perez and Yessenia Pena, to roll past Pasadena 16-0 in four innings April 9 at the Pasadena ISD Com-

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Dobbie softball vs. Pasadena Memorial Fri., April 16, 6 p.m. Pasadena ISD Complex

Hollan Player/Week

San Jacinto College pitcher Hunter Hollan was named the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I Pitcher of the Week after striking out seven batters over seven innings as part of a two-hitter against Coastal Bend in an 8-2 win. Hollan is 7-3 for the nation's third-ranked team.

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Dobie juniors head to areas

At right, the Dobie varsity boys' track and field team got a big lift from a trio of juniors in the weight events at the District 22-6A Championships, and now those three will be looking to advance to regionals as the District 21-6A/District 22-6A Area Championships take place at Galena Park ISD Stadium April 15. At the district level, Dobie's Richard Gary (left) was third in the discus event at 118 feet, 5 3/4 inches, while Dakarey Ramsey (center) threw the shot 41-4 3/4 for fourth place in that event. The Longhorns' Antonio Lopez was third in the shot with his top toss of 42-1.



Dobie netters hope to ace spring 22-6As

Continued from Page 5 with Nguyen (No. 3 overall district seed and Pedraza (No. 4 overall district seed) in boys' singles.

Hayden Lazo and Lael Martinez drew the No. 2 overall district seed in boys' doubles, and the Longhorns will also have either Albert Nguyen or

Lucas Nguyen playing doubles with Kyle Redmon.

Bui is the No. 2 overall seed in girls' singles, and Moreno has also chosen Tiffany Tran to play singles.

Dobie's mixed doubles entries will be No. 3 overall district seed Ashley

Huynh and William Ho as well as the pairing of Natalie Vo and Dylan Ta.

As for the girls' doubles, the Lady Longhorns will have Jennifer Ho and Megan Rodriguez as the No. 3 overall district seeds and Tracy Tran and Violet Tran as the league's No. 4 overall seeds.

"This is a great chance for these kids to represent their school, the community and their program, and in some cases for potentially the last few times in their high school careers," Moreno said.

"Deer Park is going to be tough all the way around. We know that. But

we have to go out there and take advantage of some of the key points and key games in matches, and give ourselves a chance to advance.

"These are the kinds of situations you play for in your career, and I expect our kids to give it everything they have."



Dobie came up with some big wins in pivotal moments to walk away with the team championship at the Pearland Invitational. Those with top efforts included, left to right, (front row) Brian Nguyen (first place, consolation boys' A singles), (back row) Megan Rodriguez (top) and Jennifer Ho (second place, girls' A doubles); Quan Dinh

(top) and Hayden Lazo (2nd place, boys' A doubles); Violet Tran (top) and Tracy Tran (second place, girls' B doubles); Lael Martinez (top) and Kyle Redmon (second place, boys' B doubles); Julia Bui (top) (1st girls "A" singles); Tiffany Tran (1st consolation girls' "B" singles). Not pictured is Tristan Pedraza (first place, boys' B singles).

Area track championships next

Continued from Page 5 dyn Ridge for a gold-medal time of 1 minute, 49.76 seconds, and a time of 4:17.82 gave Mia Sanchez, Sophia Perez, Jones and Amari Singleton the win at the 22-6As.

Dobie girls' head coach Charles Washington said that while his group was aware of Deer Park's overall depth in terms accumulating team points, the locals very much felt as though a championship was possible.

"But then we trailed by 40 points after the field events," Washington pointed out.

"All of the credit goes to the kids for coming through on such a big stage and getting the team win. As a coach, you can't be any more proud of their effort. It was a great effort."

Moving to areas where athletes from North Shore, Beaumont West Brook, C.E. King, Kingwood, Humble and Summer Creek await, the goals are simple.

"All we can control is what we do," Washington

said. and post personal-best "The focus is to go out times and let the chips fall

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5:40 p.m. - 100 Dash

5:55 p.m. - 4x200 Relay

6:10 p.m. - 400 Run

6:25 p.m. - 300 Hurdles

6:40 p.m. - 200 Dash

6:55 p.m. - 1,600 Run

7:10 p.m. - 4x400 Relay

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where they may. There's no doubt the level of competition will be elevated, and we have to rise to that level as a group.

"But the kids worked hard and prepared well for district, so we have no doubt they'll be at their best when the time comes.

"I expect us to be ready to go and to leave it all out there on the track. Getting to regionals is the goal."

Dobie grad Giron earns lauds



Lyon College women's basketball senior guard Jade Giron, a Dobie High School graduate, added another postseason award to her resume as she became the first player in program history to be named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America Team. Giron, who was named as the American Midwest Conference Player and Defensive Player of the Year, led the Scots with an 18.4 points per-game average this season. She also led the team with 104 assists and 39 steals. Giron averaged 8.7 rebounds per game, which was second on the team. The junior guard led the Scots to a 15-2 record overall and a 10-1 mark in the AMC. The Scots won both the AMC Regular-Season and Championship titles this season and won two games in the NAIA National Championship for the first time in program history. Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association is the professional association for coaches of women's and girls' basketball at all levels of competition. The WBCA offers educational resources that coaches need to help make themselves better leaders, teachers and mentors to their players; provides opportunities for coaches to connect with peers in the profession; serves as the unifying voice of a diverse community of coaches to the organizations that control the game; and celebrates those coaches, players and other individuals who excel each year and contribute to the advancement of the sport. Visit WBCA.org for more details about the association. Giron also earned her second All-American honor as she was selected as a third-team NAIA All-American. Lyon College women's basketball now has 17 players who have earned NAIA All-American accolades in program history, including at least one player for 12 straight seasons.

Photo courtesy Lyon College Athletics



Cavazos, SJC softball still rolling

San Jacinto College will need to rebound from its first true setback of the entire season, but the locals are still very much in control of their own destiny in the Region XIV softball race.

Host Blinn handed the Coyotes their first conference losses of the season April 10, winning the opener 3-2 and then outlasting San Jacinto 4-3 in 11 innings in the nightcap

At left, San Jacinto College sophomore pitcher Cat Cavazos (10) has been one of the top performers in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I ranks as she has helped her team to a No. 12 ranking and a 31-8 overall record.

in Brenham.

With the wins, Blinn moved to 6-4 in league play, still two games back of San Jacinto, which fell to 8-2 as part of a 31-8 overall record.

San Jacinto opened the second half of conference play April 14 against Alvin after press time, having defeated the Dolphins in both first-half games.

Ranked 12th in the country for now, San Jacinto has gotten this far primarily with a terrific offense coupled with stellar pitching from sophomore Cat Cavazos, who has been one of the nation's

top performers with 14 wins and an earned run average of 1.94 prior to the Blinn series.

Offensively, Jules Garcia has been one of the leaders for San Jacinto College, hitting .530 to go with 27 stolen bases.

Alexis Uresti has hit .485 with 31 runs batted in and 32 stolen bases as part of her stellar season. Lexi Saenz is tied with Uresti with a team-high 10 doubles and has five homers to go with a .315 average, and Tamera McKnight leads the team with six homers and 38 runs batted in.

San Jacinto College at Galveston College
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Genoa recognizes Big Shoot Out

Genoa Elementary third- and fourth-grade students participated in the district's Big Shoot Out competition. The students worked to improve their basketball skills including dribbling the

ball, increasing speed while dribbling and shooting baskets. In the end, Genoa congratulated their top third and fourth grade boys' and girls' winners in the annual event.



Denys Laura, first place third-grade student



Carlos Cano, first place third-grade student



Trinity Baldwin, first place fourth-grade student



Mason Bustos, first place fourth-grade student

JFD softball now 17-8

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Jasmin Benitez doubled and drove in four runs, and Marisa Perla tripled and drove in three runs in the game.

Perla also tossed three innings to get the pitching win as the Lady Longhorns took care of business in moving to 17-8 overall and 7-1 in league play.

Dobie, a first-round winner over Memorial,

will go against the Mavs April 16 back at the PISD complex before finishing the regular season April 20 versus Rayburn and April 23 against South Houston, both at the PISD Complex.

In terms of the bidistrict opponents for District 22-6A, Atascocita appears headed for the 21-6A crown, with Summer Creek and Kingwood in the mix. The other four programs have losing records in league play.

Wolverines atop 24-6A standings

Continued from Page 5 On April 6, the Wolverines avenged their lone district loss, edging Clear Falls 6-5 after building a 6-3 lead in the game. For the first time in league play, Calhoun did not reach the seventh inning on the mound.

But Calhoun did get the win after going the first four frames, getting seven strikeouts but allowing five walks. Cogdell went the final three innings for the save.

Landon Hunt had three hits and scored twice, and Lamm doubled twice and scored three runs in the game as the Wolverines won yet again to continue a remarkable run.

Against Creek in the playoff clincher, the Wolverines broke through in a scoreless game with four runs in the fifth inning.

Chase Stanley had a double and drove in a pair of runs, and Joseph Lamm, Ryan Dolezal and Christian Whitehead also knocked in runs while the rest belonged to Myers.

Allowing one extra-base hit and four singles, Myers was in control throughout to get the win.

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It is advisable to verify if face-to-face meetings are being held. For Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, visit <https://aaohouston.org/meetings/>; for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, visit www.hascona.com; for Al-Anon meetings, visit <https://www.houstonalananon.org/online-meetings.html>.

NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - The club is currently closed. Visit <https://aclunit174.org/clearlak/clean-blue-working/clearlake.html> for games or email at jpochnsr@aol.com.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aaohouston.org/meetings/>.

7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Details can be found on the Pearland Chamber of Commerce website.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or online at <https://aaohouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for details.

7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church. Call 713-661-4200 or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.

4-22
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All in-person events are canceled at this time. All services will be performed online. To join the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, email President@Shaarhashalom.org to get the link.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17
7:30 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

9:30 A.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.

11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, drop in or visit <https://www.houstonalananon.org/> for details.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
8 p.m.
AA - meeting at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, APRIL 19
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for information or visit <https://www.houstonalananon.org/>.

Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets on a virtual site at <https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com/>. To be a guest, select the "contact us" button on the toastmasters' home page to obtain access. For information, contact Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 or Carolyn Carmichael at 832-372-3565.

7 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Saint Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's noon notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
7 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's noon notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Intervention - Call 281-286-2525 (24-hour crisis hotline) for confidential domestic violence/sexual abuse support group for women. Visit bayareaturningpoint.org.

8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - CrossRoads UMC meeting. See Friday's notice.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7:30 a.m.
Rotary Club of Pearland - See Thursday's notice.

Noon
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group. See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

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Candidates answer fellow candidates' questions

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 meet the needs of the diverse student population. Thus, we need to provide them with a safe and comfortable environment to learn and grow.
What is your system of collecting data that allows you to see the perspective of teachers, students and parents? (75 words or less)
 Surveys asking questions of needs and concerns rather than what is convenient is important in obtaining data to make policy decisions.

Nelda R. Sullivan



The last year has been extremely challenging for administrators, teachers and all employees of our district. We have experienced the heartbreak of the

Covid virus. Then came the unexpected severe freeze which required the closure of our schools, due to lack of electricity and multiple water leaks due to broken pipes. Who has the authority to decide when the schools can safely reopen? (75 words or less)
 The authority to decide how schools will safely reopen, lies with the local school board.
If you had to choose one word to describe yourself, what would it be? (75 words or less)
 Dedicated.

Would you be in favor of modifying the school calendar or extending the school day in the Fall to help students make up for "lost ground" related to the COVID pandemic? (75 words or less)
 The Superintendent evaluates the reasons for "lost ground", and brings recommendations to the board concerning actions needed to address the issue.

A Board of Trustees often faces complex decisions, could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not? (75 words or less)
 Yes, I could support a

board decision I was not in favor of. Once a decision is passed by a majority of the board, it is important that the board unify and work together as a team.
Do you think it is appropriate to name a school after a sitting Board member? (75 words or less)
 Long standing Board members and educators who have demonstrated commitment and service to our school districts are essential to our schools' continual success. It was an honor to be recognized by my fellow Board members, who felt it was appropriate to honor other long-standing individual members of the Board for their long-term service. I don't, however, believe it's reasonable to name a school after a Board member if that individual hasn't had several years of service and a demonstrated commitment to our schools.

Why do you think the characteristics of Integrity, Attitude and Gratitude should be important to the school board members and candidates? (75 words or less)
 People who serve on the Board should be individuals of integrity. This character trait is a necessary requirement of serving in this very important position of Board of Trustee. Attitude, a positive attitude makes it possible for board members to listen to all sides of a situation and make the best possible decision. Gratitude is that feeling that we have, being thankful for the many benefits we have as a school district providing the best education possible to every student.

What are you most proud of about Pasadena ISD? (75 words or less)
 I'm most proud of the professional leadership provided by our Superintendent, Dr. DeeAnn Powell, and the team of dedicated professionals she has assembled to carryout the mission of our district. Providing educational opportunities for each of our students to reach their highest educational capabilities and to be life long learners. From pre-kindergarten to Early College High School, our district has been honored for providing outstanding learning programs

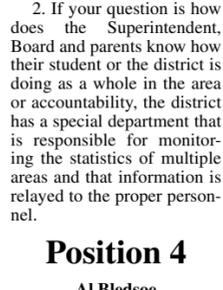
for our students, areas to numerous to name.
What is your system of collecting data that allows you to see the perspective of teachers, students and parents? (75 words or less)
 Compassionate
Would you be in favor of modifying the school calendar or extending the school day in the Fall to help students make up for "lost ground" related to the COVID pandemic? (75 words or less)
 Yes, I would be in favor to modify the school calendar to make up as needed to address lost academic grounds for students.

A Board of Trustees often faces complex decisions, could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not? (75 words or less)
 Only if additional information prove the necessity of the decision to be change.
Do you think it is appropriate to name a school after a sitting Board member? (75 words or less)
 No. The current rules dictate that school board members should not name schools after themselves while sitting on a current board.

Why do you think the characteristics of Integrity, Attitude and Gratitude should be important to the school board members and candidates? (75 words or less)
 Because every decision that the board makes has to be measured by these values for the benefit of the students, staff, employees, community and the Pasadena ISD. Integrity- honest; Attitude-how one perceives a situation based on facts; Gratitude-being thankful for the opportunity to be a positive influence in people's lives, community and school district.

What are you most proud of about Pasadena ISD? (75 words or less)
 That the district is willing to make necessary changes for the advancement of the students, faculty, employees and the community.
What is your system of collecting data that allows you to see the perspective of teachers, students and parents? (75 words or less)
 I would use anonymous opinion questionnaires that solicits one's expression regarding their concerns.

Position 4
 Al Bledsoe



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Casey Phelan



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content or fall behind academically.
A Board of Trustees often faces complex decisions, could you support a board decision you did not vote in favor of? Why or why not? (75 words or less)
 The board functions as a team. I'll always put students first and hope the team does the same. However, when conflict arises, I'll support the decision of the group. The board must support each other and work together for all stakeholders. I plan to research and question anything brought to the board. I will voice any concerns I have with complex decisions knowing that an educated board will make the best decisions for the district.

Do you think it is appropriate to name a school after a sitting Board member? (75 words or less)
 Historically, some PISD schools have been named after sitting board members. Typically, a committee is formed and takes recommendations from the public so that Trustees make an educated and well-informed decision in naming campuses. Heavy consideration is always given to those who have shown a strong commitment to our district and have served the students of PISD for many years successfully. For example, Pasadena Memorial High School was named in honor of all PISD educators.

Why do you think the characteristics of Integrity, Attitude and Gratitude should be important to the school board members and candidates? (75 words or less)
 Honesty and strong moral principles set the foundation for the critical decisions made for what's best for the district. A positive attitude should reflect our behavior because it shows our way of thinking or feeling about a particular matter. The trustee position is an elected position and, therefore, a position of public trust. It is a privilege to serve in this or any elected position and should be treated with respect, dignity and appreciation.

What are you most proud of about Pasadena ISD? (75 words or less)
 I'm proud of our district and achievements in the areas of academics, graduation rates, fine arts, college scholarships, and career and technical ed-

ucational opportunities. The District works hard to provide the best environment, education, and facilities for our children while working with families, businesses and local government. With careful planning, evaluation, and fiscal responsibility, PISD partnered with voters to successfully replace some facilities, made significant repairs and updated to others, all with no tax increase.
What is your system of collecting data that allows you to see the perspective of

teachers, students and parents? (75 words or less)

Every year a survey and needs assessment is sent to all parents from the district. Additionally, schools and departments often survey staff and students throughout the year. This year, the district sent many surveys specific to the needs for virtual and face-to-face learning. As a board member, I would certainly want to see this data when making decisions for the district. It is important to hear all voices in our district.

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