

Cleanup seeks volunteers

Volunteers are being sought for the fourth annual South Belt Cleanup, set to take place Saturday, May 2, beginning at 8 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, located at 11111 Beamer. A joint project between the Knights of Columbus Council 9201 and the Sagemont Civic Club, the cleanup aims to clear debris from local thoroughfares encompassing a 6.25-square-mile area.

All supplies will be provided and lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs) will be served by the Knights of Columbus following the event. No open-toe shoes will be allowed. While volunteers are encouraged to register in advance, walk-ups will be welcomed. Volunteers who have not preregistered are asked to arrive early. For additional information or to register as a volunteer, contact event organizer Mike Work at mrwork2@att.net or 832-338-5156. See related letter on Page 2.

Beverly Hills meets April 24

Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a meeting Friday, April 24, at the Beverly Hills Park community center, located at 10201 Kingspoint, from 10 to 11 a.m. All Beverly Hills residents are welcome to attend.

New Covenant feeds needy

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

Kirkwood to meet April 27

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held for the last Monday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow Drive continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH-225 to Red Bluff Road continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

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

Wood Meadow II to meet

The Wood Meadow II Community Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. A new board member will be elected at the meeting to serve a three-year term.

All Wood Meadow II residents are encouraged to attend. The meeting will feature gift card raffles and refreshments will be provided. To win a prize, one must be in attendance. For additional information, contact HOA Manager Aerielle Jones at 713-568-5666 or HWMCManager@goodwintx.com.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

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

Sagemont to meet May 5

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

SoHo announces 2026 Hall of Honor inductees

Inductees include 2 former staff members, 2 alumni – both local politicians

Two local politicians are to be inducted into South Houston High School's Hall of Honor, along with two faculty members – including the first agricultural science inductee and the first foreign language inductee.

Pat Hallisey, Class of 1968, served two non-consecutive terms as mayor of League City, the last from 2016 to 2022.

Dennis Paul, Class of 1979, maintains a high profile in state and local politics. A representative in the Texas House since 2014, he is currently vying to win the Texas Senate seat for District 11 in the November elections.

Ralph Sheram, whose 18-year career as head of the school's Agricultural Science Department represented a golden era for the program and for the Trojans' famed Future Farmers of America organization, will be inducted along with former teacher Rosita Boening, a multicultural whiz who taught three languages at South Houston in addition to English.

Sheram, who passed away in 2006, taught from 1961 to 1978. Strangely enough, Boening arrived the following year and taught until 2001. Their tenures, end-to-end, represent 41 years of teaching excellence.

The Alumni Hall of Honor was established in 2011 and the Teacher and Support Staff Hall of Honor two years after that. The addition of Hallisey and Paul will bring the number of alumni inductees to an even 100. The addition of Sheram and Boening will raise the total of teachers and staff inductees to 47.

The formal induction of the four will be at homecoming, Sept. 25, at the school.

Selections to the Hall of Honor are made in January by a committee of 16, split roughly down the middle between Alumni Association members and current faculty members.

2026 Hall of Honor inductees

– **Pat Hallisey, Class of 1968, mayor of League City (1994-1996, 2016-2022):** A standout swimmer at South Houston, Hallisey didn't take much urging to take the plunge into municipal administration. Soon after high school, Hallisey took a job maintaining municipal pools for League City. That led to a job as the city's parks director. And that got him interested in local government.

In 1993, Hallisey decided to run for Galveston County judge. He lost that race, but a few months later, the League City municipal council appointed him mayor. That appointment lasted three years. Then, in 2016, he won a special election for mayor and was twice re-elected.

He battled serious health issues along the way – two heart attacks, a leg amputation and COVID – and decided to retire in 2022. Considered an active and productive mayor, he held office for a total of nine years over two terms.

Hallisey was a member of the South Houston High "Tankers" swim team, which won the district title his senior year. In the process, Hallisey qualified for state in the 200-yard individual medley and the 400-yard freestyle relay.

After high school, Hallisey studied at Texas Tech and then immersed himself in public and private positions in Harris County, Galveston County and specifically, League City. As a League City resident, Hallisey continuously volunteered throughout the community.

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Region 4 honors Saucedo, Griffin



Melillo Middle School Principal Jennifer Saucedo (left) and Thompson Intermediate Principal Tanis Griffin were honored as Pasadena ISD principals of the year at the Region 4 Principal of the Year celebration last week. The celebration recognized area principals who go above and beyond the call of duty in educating local students.

Voting underway in May 2 elections

Area voters to decide Clear Brook City MUD, CCISD races

Early voting is currently underway for several local races that will be decided Saturday, May 2, giving South Belt residents a chance to weigh in on utility district and school board leadership.

Voting continues through April 28, with polling sites closed Sunday, April 26.

While a number of nearby districts are not holding elections this spring, two entities serving the South Belt community – Clear Brook City MUD and Clear Creek ISD – do have contested seats on the ballot.

Voters who live within Clear Creek ISD will also decide two trustee races, each representing a single-member district with a three-year term.

In District 2, incumbent Jamieson Mackay is being opposed by Ernest A. Hallman II.

In District 3, incumbent Arturo Sanchez faces Gabriel F. Gonzales II.

Only residents who live inside each respective single-member district may participate in

In My Opinion

Graham notes Rabe campaign ignores boundaries

During elections we always receive campaign solicitations through mail. To keep posting and delivering campaign solicitations from cluttering our property, we have a no soliciting sign next to our front door which is enclosed with an iron gate for security and privacy. We got home one evening last week to find a Rabe campaign card attached to our door with cheap tape. Rabe, or a Rabe campaign worker, actually went through the gate to tape the Rabe card right next to the no soliciting sign. The tape left markings on the door when I removed it. Such action is indicative of one's character. I will not vote for someone who is professing to help our community, yet, has no respect for community members' private property, security or safety.

Don Graham
Sageglen resident

Towey supports McDonald

I resoundingly stand behind Dawn McDonald's opinion on the requirements for fiscal, responsibility, experience, and leadership in the upcoming Clear Brook City MUD (CBC MUD) election to fill Positions 4 and 5.

CBD MUD is managed with a straight-forward transparency. Its focus has been and will forever be the residents of the District. The administration conducts the management of the day-to-day operations to meet the needs of the public that depends on a well-maintained and updated infrastructure. The Licensed Operators oversee the essential, aspects of water and sewage with exceptional care and knowledge. This coupled with licensed engineers and attorneys ensures that all necessary needs are fulfilled in a professional and timely manner.

Residents have access to advanced tools that assist in making informed decisions regarding payments, emergencies or HOA issues. The CBC MUD administration has created a secure environment whereby at residents, no matter what their backgrounds, can access this essential information through the website, via telephone or by texting. The office employees work tirelessly to provide these residential necessities.

Contracts with Harris County Pct.2 Constables ensures residents' safety and security. The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department ensures at families have emergency ambulance service and fire protection. Having the local fire department in the area also contributes to lower insurance rates for area residents.

The Directors of CBC MUD review all operations. Open meetings are held once a month with the public always invited. They are posted on the website and at the Administration Building. Directors' oversight and meetings are critical to conservative management of a community that works for its' citizens.

The District depends on our citizens to vote for the most trusted individuals who possess experience, leadership, and integrity to make valuable decisions

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon - 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Thursday, April 23, 4 - 5 p.m. Living English lessons. Registration required.
Saturday, April 25, 2 - 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.
Monday, April 27, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.
Tuesday, April 28, 4 - 5 p.m. Join family craft adventure. Registration required.
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

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

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Thursday, April 23, 10 - 11 a.m. Earth day tots and teacups. Registration required.
Thursday, April 23, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
Friday, April 24, 1 - 3 p.m. Diamond painting club (18+). Registration required for new members.

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. - noon. Tai Chi.
Saturday, April 25, 12 - 1:30 p.m. Butterfly embroidery craft.
Monday, April 27, Noon - 1:30 p.m. Basic computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Monday, April 27, 1 - 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.
Monday, April 27, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.
Tuesday, April 28, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.
Wednesday, April 29, 5 - 6 p.m. Kids paper umbrella craft.
Wednesday, April 29, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"
- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.
Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

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David Flickinger, owner

Elected officials share their words

Letter from Council Member Fred Flickinger

Council Member Flickinger would like to inform that the City of Houston's annual budget process is kicking off soon. Budget workshops will begin with a special-called Budget and Fiscal Affairs (BFA) Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 6. At this meeting, the Finance department will present its five-year forecast and budget overview. Individual city department workshops (23 of them!) will be held Tuesday, May 12 through Tuesday, May 19. All workshops will be held in the Anna Russell Council Chamber at City Hall and are open to the public. The schedule for these workshops is below. These meetings are also shown live on HTV and may be found after the fact linked on the HTV website.

At-Large 5 Council Member Sallie Alcorn has launched her annual "Give Us Your 2¢" budget survey to hear from residents like you. This year, with continued support from Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research, the YOUR TWO CENTS survey has been further refined to better capture one's input. It only takes 3-5 minutes to complete and one's input matters! Don't forget to add one's comments and suggestions at the end.

Further, to increase public engagement, BFA Chair Sallie Alcorn and BFA Vice Chair Mario Castillo will host two budget town halls:

- Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. - budget town hall at the Fonde Community Center, 110 Sabine Street, 77007

- Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. - virtual budget town hall via Microsoft teams

To RSVP for either the May 16 or May 20 town hall, visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/a539feef531fe8a0a17bda3928f833d?r=use1>

There will also be a public hearing on the FY 2027 budget May 20, at 9 a.m. in the Anna Russell City Council Chamber at City Hall.

For more information, contact the District E office at (832) 393-3008 or via email at districte@houstontx.gov.

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Pct. 2 arrests hit-and-run driver

A hit-and-run driver was arrested after causing multiple collisions.

According to Precinct 2 officials, the suspect vehicle initially struck another vehicle at the intersection of Beamer and Scarsdale, then fled the scene.

The suspect continued east and struck a second vehicle near Brook Meadow and Scarsdale, causing a three-vehicle accident, before fleeing again.

A witness followed the suspect vehicle and provided responding deputies with

updated location information, leading them to the suspect about 1.5 miles away, where he was detained without incident.

Christopher Caudill was subsequently charged with failure to stop and give information.

Vernagallo acquitted of 2023 murder

Former Pct. 2 accused of killing neighbor following years-long dispute

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At the time of the incident, both HPD and Precinct 2 officials suggested to the Leader that Vernagallo suffered from mental health issues. Both departments had reportedly reached out to the former deputy about about mental health support but he had refused to accept.

Current Precinct 2 officials said Vernagallo left the department in 1998 amid an investigation into him. Records of the investigation, however, have been destroyed, as they are more than 20 years old, officials said.

Vernagallo, 81, had been out on a \$200,000 bond following the incident.

Just hours after the acquittal, Vernagallo penned another letter to the Leader

(again in ALL CAPS), celebrating the decision and airing his grievances. The email was also sent to Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, U.S. Rep. Brian Babin, state Sen. Mayes Middleton, *The Guardian*, *New York Times*, *Texas Observer*, CBS News, KHOU, *Houston Chronicle* and the Texas Rangers office.

"CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND NEWS MEDIA, FAILED AND REFUSED TO DO THEIR JOBS, AND ENFORCE THE LAW, AND EXPOSE CORRUPTION AND CRIME IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS, ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF OLD SENIOR CITI-

ZENS LIKE ME, AND THE KIDS, WHO I WATCHED BUY DOPE, (CRACK AND METH) AND THEN SMOKE IT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE!!!" Vernagallo wrote in the letter. "NOBODY CARED, AND PEOPLE DIED!!! GOD, ONLY KNOWS HOW MANY???" Vernagallo maintains his innocence, saying he did nothing wrong.

"THE STATE OFFERED ME SO MANY 'PLEA DEALS', ALL OF WHICH I REFUSED, SAYING 'HELL NO!!!'

"I DID NOTHING WRONG!!! I ONLY DID WHAT THE STATE OF TEXAS, TAUGHT AND TRAINED ME TO DO, 28 YEARS AS A COP, AND 35 YEARS AS A 'LICENSED TO CARRY' GUN OWNER!!! WHY

Myrna Ann Maeker Peters



Myrna Ann Maeker Peters, 87, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 29, at UTMB Health's Clear Lake Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. A graveside service will be held at South Park Funeral Home and Cemetery on Saturday, April 25, at 11 a.m.

Born in Flatonia, on April 9, 1938, Myrna was the beloved daughter of Leslie Maeker and Vincenia "Winnie" Grady. She was raised in Flatonia with her three brothers, Walter Francis, Errol Edward and David Leroy. She told many stories of growing up on her grandmother Frances Merecka's farm, picking cotton, smelling bluebonnets and chasing her brothers

Death

down dusty country roads. Myrna graduated from Flatonia High School in 1956. She married Norman Eugene Peters of Elm Grove, Fayette County, Texas, in 1957 and moved to Houston where they made their home. She would remain in the Houston area for the remainder of her life. A dedicated mother and homemaker, Myrna poured her heart into raising her two daughters, Teri Lynn and Sandy Kay.

In 1975, she began working at the UTHealth School of Dentistry at the Houston Medical Center as a cashier and eventually became the personal administrative assistant to the Dean. She retired in 1996 after 20 years of the dedicated service. After her retirement, she worked a few days a week at Sagemont Baptist Church play school, where she cared for preschool-aged children. She loved those little "Ducks!"

Myrna was a faithful member of Sagemont Church for 30 years. After Hurricane Harvey flooded her home, she transferred her membership to Bayshore Baptist Church in La Porte. She volunteered in the nursery, taught children's Sunday School and participated in Women's Ministry events. She deeply loved all the women in her Sunday School classes; they gave her love, laughter, encouragement and friendship, especially during the last year of her life.

Myrna loved keeping a tip home, working in her yard, taking long walks, attending family gatherings and reunions and baking cakes and meals for ailing friends and neighbors. She also loved

caring for her great-grandchildren when they were babies.

Myrna is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Errol Maeker and David Leroy Maeker; her half-sister, Janet Filla; and her grandson, Christopher Kinderman.

Myrna is survived by her daughters Teri Neely and husband Greg, Sandy Nyland and husband David; her grandchildren Jennifer Alvarez and husband Anthony, Kayla Nyland, Lauren Beyer and husband Ryon; her seven great-grandchildren Paige Kinderman, Jillian Kinderman, Ryan Kinderman, Colby Alvarez, Cori Alvarez Knox Beyer and Neely Beyer; and great-great-grandchild Christopher Kinderman. She is also survived by her brother Walter Maeker and wife Shirley; half-sister Debra Filla; half-brothers Leslie Maeker and Randy Maeker; and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

Myrna leaves behind loved ones who will be forever changed by her presence in their lives. Family is forever grateful for her joy, faith and unconditional love and long for the day when they will see her again.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the compassionate caregivers of Visiting Angels and gives thanks for the care and companionship given to their loved one during the last months of her life.

A graveside service will take place Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 11 a.m. at South Park Funeral Home and Cemetery, 1310 N. Main St. Pearland.



Melillo's Orsua excels at spelling bee

Melillo Middle School student Haven Orsua excelled this past weekend at the 2026 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Houston Community College, earning a third-place place finish. Orsua will now be the first PISD student to advance to the national stage in 25 years.

SoHo announces 2026 Hall of Honor class

September induction ceremony to include 2 alumni, 2 faculty members

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ably, he championed the Galveston Bay Storm Surge Protection Barrier aimed at protecting coastal communities from catastrophic storms.

Paul has also been a vocal advocate for the development of Ellington Spaceport. He founded and chairs the Texas Legislative Aerospace Caucus, actively promoting policies and initiatives designed to expand the aerospace sector, spur innovation and foster economic growth across the state.

Currently, Paul is running as the Republican nominee for the Texas Senate, District 11.

After high school, Paul attended San Jacinto College and later transferred to the University of Houston, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in 1986 and a Master of Science in civil engineering in 1987.

While attending graduate school, Dennis met his wife, the former Eliza Ching, and they married in 1987. They have one daughter.

Ralph Sheram (honored posthumously), agricultural science (1961-1978): An Alabama native, Sheram came to Texas as a

teenager, graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown in 1952. Following high school, he attended Sam Houston State Teachers College in Huntsville receiving a Bachelor of



Ralph Sheram

Science degree in 1958. He earned a Master of Education degree in 1963.

Sheram began his teaching career at Smiley High School. Later, he taught at South Houston Junior High and then transferred to South Houston High in 1961 where he became a teacher for the Agriculture Department.

While teaching Ag, he also served as director of the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Association from 1961 until 1978.

Sheram was well-liked and respected by both faculty

members and students. He completed his teaching career with the Canton ISD in Canton, Texas. After 30 years as an educator, Sheram retired in 1987.

Sheram's wife, Wanda, taught at L.F. Smith Elementary School in Pasadena. His oldest child is a South Houston alumna: Cynthia Sheram Allen, from the Class of 1973.

His son Tom Sheram graduated from Canton High School in 1980. Tom has served as a welding instructor at Trinity Valley Community College for more than 30 and as a board member for the Trinity Valley Community College Foundation.

Rosita Boening, foreign language (1979-2001): Boening, as head of South Houston's Foreign Language Department, taught German, Spanish, Latin, English and Teen Leadership. She doubled up at San Jacinto College, where she taught conversational Spanish.

After years of studying ballet at the Houston Ballet Academy - and performing with both The Houston Ballet Company and the Houston Grand Opera - Boening was able to teach classical ballet after school hours - thanks to a grant awarded

WOULD I PLEA GUILTY TO BREAKING ANY LAWS??? THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND ALL HIS PROSECUTORS CARRY BIG FANCY BADGES!!! THEY'RE THE TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY!!! THEY FAILED AND REFUSED TO PROTECT ME, (OLD RETIRED SENIOR CITIZEN) AND INSTEAD TRIED TO PUT ME IN JAIL, FOR THE REST OF MY SHORT LIFE??? HELL, ONE YEAR IS PROBABLY A "LIFE SENTENCE" FOR ME, AT 81??? MAKES ME WONDER, HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE SITTING IN THE PENITENTIARY DOING "LIFE" BECAUSE OF COP'S FAILURE AND REFUSAL, TO DO THEIR DAM (sic.) JOB???"

to the school. In addition, she helped both the choir and drama departments with their productions. She also served as director of the UIL "One Act Play" competitions for several years.



Rosita Boening

While at South Houston Boening was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Rotary Club. She also appeared in the "Who's Who of American Teachers Publication."

Her daughter-in-law, Juanita Boening, has taught Spanish at South Houston for several years.

Rosita Boening retired in 2001 when her husband accepted a job in Michigan. She remarked that "leaving her South Houston family" was one of the hardest things she had ever done.

State tax holiday set for emergency items

Preparedness items to be available tax free during holiday set for April 25-26

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- Batteries, single or multipack (AAA cell, AA cell, C cell, D cell, 6 volt or 9 volt)
- Can openers - nonelectric
- Carbon monoxide detectors
- Coolers and ice chests for food storage (nonelectric)

- Fire extinguishers
- First aid kits
- Fuel containers
- Ground anchor systems and tie-down kits
- Hatchets
- Ice products - reusable and artificial
- Light sources - portable self-powered (including battery operated). Examples of items include: candles, flashlights and lanterns
- Mobile telephone bat-

teries and mobile telephone chargers

- Radios - portable self-powered (including battery operated) - includes two-way and weather band radios
- Smoke detectors
- Tarps and other plastic sheeting

Note: Several over-the-counter self-care items, such as antibacterial hand sanitizer, soap, spray and wipes are always exempt from sales tax if they are labeled with a "Drug Facts" panel in accordance with federal Food and Drug Administration FDA regulations.

For purchases made online, residents should note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being

purchased is taxable, the delivery charge is also taxable. One should consider these charges when determining whether an item can be purchased tax free during the holiday.

For example, if one purchases a portable generator online for \$2,999 with a \$50 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$3,049. Because the total sales price of the portable generator is more than \$3,000, tax is due on the \$3,049 sales price.

Purchases that do not qualify as tax-free during the holiday include the following:

- Medical masks and face masks
- Cleaning supplies, such as disinfectants and bleach wipes
- Gloves, including leather, fabric, latex and

types used in healthcare

- Toilet paper
- Batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles
- Camping stoves
- Camping supplies
- Chainsaws
- Plywood
- Extension ladders
- Stairpladders
- Tents
- Repair or replacement parts for emergency preparation supplies
- Services performed on, or related to, emergency preparation supplies

For additional information about the annual Emergency Preparation Supplies Sales Tax Holiday or to see a complete list of tax-free items, visit www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/98-1017.php.

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Thompson cheer competes in San Jacinto Cheerleading Invitational



Thompson Intermediate School cheer team recently attended the 2026 San Jacinto Cheerleading Invitational and placed high in three categories. The cheer team placed first in the Game Day Division, third in the Performance Division and one of their 5-girl stunt groups placed first in the Stunt Showdown category. Left to right, are (sitting) Nathalie Blanc

Candelaria, Aliyah Alvarez, Daniella Gonzales, Xara Rose Oddo, (standing) Demi Rose Gaitan, Soraya Shah, Bella Hernandez, Isabella Squier, Dora Campos, Thompson teacher and cheer coach Meagan Wisniewski, Brooklyn Reyes, Julissa Bonilla, Aubrey Barajas, Alicia Sypien, Jaselym Enriquez and Khloe Woodard. London Rodriguez is not pictured.

Fred Roberts honors Aviators of the month



Fred Roberts Middle School recently announced Aviators for the month of March. These students were chosen for global citizenship, meaning they respect diversity and work well with others, as well as being adaptable,

flexible and creative. Left to right, are fifth-graders Julianna Tran-Torres, Byron Walton, principal Lali Guerrero, sixth-graders Matthew Vargas and Ximena Navarette.

Chamber of Commerce hosts Top-10 Luncheon, honoring local grads

Event recognized top-10 graduates at Dobie, Clear Horizons, Lutheran South Academy



Representatives from Clear Horizons Early College High School shown above are, left to right, (front row) Anita Eakman, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce; Sarah Ferguson, Home Bank; Kennedy Brown, (CHECHS); Alvira Vohra (CHECHS); Bonnie Wentworth, Bling & Buckles Events; Uyaiabasi Itina (CHECHS); Becky Ferguson, AMOCO Federal Credit Union; Amal Harris (CHECHS); Hamna

Awan (CHECHS); Stephanie Clawson, Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital; April Tidwell, CHECHS principal; Judith Sutphin, CHECHS counselor; Javier Frutos, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's community liaison, (back Row) Kai Busby (CHECHS). Not pictured are CHECHS students Chloe Aguas, Destiny Maldonado, Aaron Mathews and Pranau Narasimhan.



Lutheran South Academy scholarship winner Evelyn Watkins (center) is shown above with Anita Eakman, South

Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, and Javier Frutos, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's community liaison.



Representatives from Lutheran South Academy shown above are, left to right, (front row) Anita Eakman, Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Barry Burleigh, Burleigh Chiropractic; Anabelle Thom, LSA; Evelyn Watkins, LSA; Anna Schepmann, LSA; Rebecca Byrom, LSA; Elisabeth Hergrader, LSA; Javier Frutos, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia's

office; Lindsey Warneke, LSA counselor; Nicholas Hughes, American Legion Post 490; (back row) Daniel Cattau, LSA principal; Holt Teichman, LSA; Henry Hughes, LSA; Case Noack, LSA; Elijah Brown, LSA; Greg Garza, H-E-B Blackhawk; Juan Lopez, Frost Bank; Michael Escamilla, Shell Federal Credit Union; and Gabriel Cordova, Frost Bank.



Dobie High School scholarship winner Jonathan Maximos (second from right) is shown above with, left to right, Anita Eakman, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce;

Jo Ann Delgado, justice of the peace Precinct 2 Place 1; and Javier Frutos, community liaison for Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia.



Representing Dobie High School at the event are, left to right, (front row) Alyta Harrell, Pasadena ISD chief of schools; Savannah Flores-Lewis, Dobie; Danton Le, Dobie; Toni Lopez, Pasadena ISD superintendent of schools; Anthony Cancel, Dobie; Audra Lozano, Dobie counselor; Carey Sink Dobie principal; Jo Ann Delgado, justice of the peace Precinct 2

Place 1; Javier Frutos, Precinct 2 community liaison; (back row) Anita Eakman, Chamber of Commerce; Diana Nguyen, Dobie; Mehreen Mir, Dobie; Hannah Nguyen, Dobie; Wilson Ponce, Dobie; Hussai Arias, Dobie; Jonathan Maximos, Dobie; and David Flickinger, the Leader. Not shown is Dobie student Kaylanie Tran.



Clear Horizons Early College High School scholarship winner Kennedy Brown (center) is shown above at the annual Top-10 Luncheon with, left to right, Anita Eakman, South

Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, and Javier Frutos, community liaison for Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

Dobie FFA booster club awarded donation from Synagro

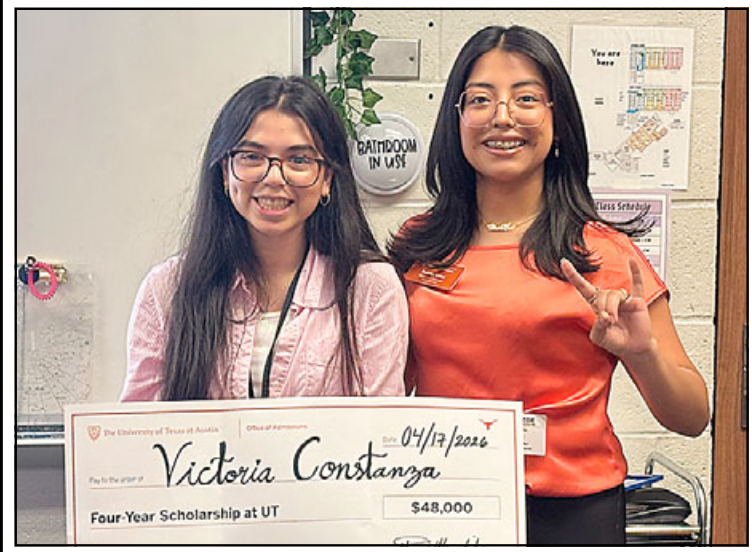


The Dobie FFA booster club recently received a \$2,500 donation from Synagro, an environmental service company. The donation was divided among all Dobie FFA students who showed at this year's Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. The checks were awarded to assist in the costs associated with showing, such as rodeo entry fees and parking fees. Left to right, are (front row) Vianka Alanis, Abrianna Car-

bajal, Sadie Jones, Harvest Davis, Micah Davis, Kacey Martinez, Marissa Martinez, (middle row) Mariah Santana, Isis Mata, Paige Duong, Layla Davila, Thalia Oddo, Annalise Chavez, Kaylee Robles, Jennifer Tran, Brianna Aleman, (back row) Max Perez, Luke Stacey, Kevin Rubio, Mathew Trevino, Xavier Martinez, Kaleb Jones, Jeremiah Griffin and Issac Martinez.

Constanza receives 4-year scholarship to UT Austin

Clear Brook High School student Victoria Constanza was recently awarded a four-year scholarship to the University of Texas at Austin. The Impact Scholarship recognizes incoming high-potential students who are making an impact in their local communities with a \$48,000 scholarship (\$12,000 per year over four years at UT) to cover the cost of tuition. There is no application required to be selected for an Impact Scholarship. Students are chosen to receive the award based on demonstrated leadership, proven academic success, perseverance, commitment to their schools and communities. Constanza is one of this year's Impact Scholars. What makes this award especially memorable is that students and their families are not aware they have been selected. 100 scholarships were awarded out of 98,000 eligible students.



Pictured, are scholarship winner Victoria Constanza (left) and admissions counselor at the University of Texas at Austin Ashley Luna.

South Belt Elementary names March super steers



South Belt Elementary School recently announced the March super steers of the month. These students were selected by their teachers for showcasing the character trait cooperation. Left to right, are (front row) Elan Basil, Wilson Tran, Dominic Quintanilla, Jayden Nguyen, Tristan Mau, Mila Estrada, Carter Dinh, Marlowe Dorsey, Stella Rosas, Noah Herrera, (middle row) Leo Gonzales, Ruby Manriquez, Leah Hernan-

dez, Caleb Montoya, Al'ena Foxx, Khang Nguyen, Aria Hernandez, Juliette Ramirez, Sophia Huynh, Ava Yanez, Rachel Zachariah, (back row) Kelly Tran, Jasmine Guevara, Nina Vo, Ethan White, Jonathan Delgado, King Scott, Niko Martinez, Odalys Bedolla, Matilda Sok, Suzy Gardiner and Sebastian Rodriguez. Christian Nguyen is not pictured. Photo by counselor Lakitha Thomas

Thompson celebrates students of the month



Thompson Intermediate School recently recognized the March students of the month. These students were nominated by their teachers as students who show their

Lion Pride every day. Left to right, are Jayleen Lam, Zoya Sikandar, Jacob Arreola and Angel Paul. Photo submitted

Remember When

50 years ago (1976)

Fred Lozano of Scarsdale, Anthony "Tony" Schillaci of Sagemeadow and the new "Modulance," an emergency treatment ambulance designed to give on-the-spot treatment to the patient, purchased by the City of Houston, were stationed at Fire Station #70.

The boundary line for the John H. Burnett Elementary School was up for approval by the Pasadena Independent School District.

45 years ago (1981)

The county's general superintendent for Precinct 1 said construction of another bridge at Scarsdale Boulevard and Beamer was a high priority, but she did not know when funds for construction would be available.

A Security Transport Corp. armored van was robbed of an estimated \$500,000 at the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale Boulevard.

40 years ago (1986)

Al Carter, noted Houston Chronicle sports columnist, was one of six former San Jacinto College students to be named as Distinguished Alumni.

Renewed interest in a school's crossing at Scarsdale and Sageglen spurred by a child being hit by an automobile, resulted in several changes and additions near the scene of the accident. But the most desired addition of a school crossing guard had resulted in four positive actions.

35 years ago (1991)

With the possibility of litigation imminent, the federal government reached an accord with one Southbound homeowner giving the family a \$65,000 home outright. District 70 Fire Chief Travis Ezeil retired after 31 years of service.

30 years ago (1996)

Atkinson, Frazier, Genoa and Stuchbery elementaries and Pasadena and South Houston high schools approved standardized dress. Chris Williams, 29-year-old West Point graduate, was killed in a Fort Sill training

accident. John Williams, his father, thoroughly studied the Joint Collateral Accident Investigation and using that investigation, made recommendations to prevent future accidents. The Army listened and informed him of the changes made as a result of his recommendations.

25 years ago (2001)

Thompson Intermediate's Academic Team defeated the previous year's champion, Masterman Academy from Philadelphia, with a score of 45-36, winning a place in the finals of the National Academic League Tournament for the fifth time in nine years.

Memorial Hospital announced a \$70-million expansion including expanding the emergency center, intensive care unit and cardiac cath lab; increasing inpatient bed capacity; replacing and expanding outpatient surgery sites; expanding women's services; and adding parking capacity.

20 years ago (2006)

The 10th annual South Belt Cook-off, which raises money for the South Belt July Fourth fireworks, was held. A record 60 teams participated.

Shirley Neeley, commissioner of education for Texas, said she would approve the PISD Board of Trustee request for a waiver which would allow Kirk Lewis to be named superintendent of PISD.

Class A assault charges were filed on a Clear Creek Independent School District teacher after she reportedly sprayed a female with pepper spray after a road rage incident on Scarsdale Boulevard.

Houston Police Department investigated a burglary that occurred at the Time Out sports bar on Fuqua.

10 years ago (2016)

Longtime Sageglen resident Mary Maddox hosted the inaugural Strut Your Mutt Doggy Parade Saturday, April 16, at Clear Brook City Park. The event included multiple contests, including prettiest dog, ugliest dog, largest dog, smallest dog, best trick, best dog and

owner costume, female diva dog and male macho dog.

5 years ago (2011)

Former Houston City Councilman Joe Roach died in a local hospital following a month-long bout with an undisclosed illness. Roach, 49, was on Council from 1994 to 1999, serving one term as South Belt's District E councilman before winning two terms in an at-large seat. A graduate of Southern Methodist University's law school, Roach also worked as a criminal attorney and spent seven years as a prosecutor with the Harris County District Attorney's office.

5 years ago (2021)

Pearland City Council on Monday, April 19, approved a Conditional Use Permit that allows a 21-acre plot of land on Hughes Road to be used for a public school, paving the way for construction to begin on the new Thompson Intermediate campus. Council voted 6-1 in favor of the measure, with the lone dissenting vote coming from a member who abstained due to a conflict of interest. Originally to be constructed on Highland Meadows Drive in the

Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek subdivision, the project was met with opposition from residents of both the Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek and Green Tee Terrace subdivisions, the two neighborhoods which would have bordered the campus. To rectify the problem, Pasadena ISD officials proposed a land swap with Meritage Homes, the developer in the area surrounding the school. New plans call for relocating the Thompson campus to a piece of property in the 8700 block of Hughes Road in the Pearland city limit. The current Thompson campus suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey. Following the historic storm, Thompson students were temporarily housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate for five months, while school officials and an independent committee studied the issue. Construction of the new \$45 million school will permanently replace the Thompson

campus on Sagedowne. The school is scheduled to open in August 2023.

Dobie High School cheerleaders finished the season with a banquet celebration. Awards were presented to sophomore Sarah Salazar - Most Congenial; junior captain Damaris O'der - Longhorn Leader; sophomore Isabella Lara - Most Dedicated; and senior captain Maddy Spray - Most Versatile.

1 year ago (2025)

A house caught fire around 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the 9900 block of Southport Drive near Fuqua between Beamer and Kingspoint.

According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters responded to the incident to find heavy smoke coming from a one-story house and made a defensive attack.

The home's garage and storage building were heavily engulfed in flames, according to officials. Firefighters took measures to protect a nearby structure. HFD crews controlled the fire and ensured all hot spots were fully extinguished.

According to investigators, the owner stated he had been using a riding mower and took a break and returned to find it on fire. The blaze caused approximately \$250,000 in damage, HFD officials said. No injuries were reported. In all, 44 personnel responded to this incident, including firefighters from HFD stations 23, 26, 70, 29, 36, 61, 93, 94, 24 and Rescue 42.

Over The Back Fence by Nicole

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAY!
Best wishes are sent April 27 for a wonderful birthday to former *Leader* staffer, Dobie and UT graduate **Jay Do** from friends and the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 23 through April 29.

Bush Elementary
Light the birthday candles April 23 for **Jasmine Zamorano**.

Genoa Elementary
Remember to wish **Debbie Blair** a happy birthday April 23. Send a happy birthday wish April 25 to **Stephanie Toepoel** and **Alma Howard**.

Hancock Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for **Alejandra Estrada** April 23.

Meador Elementary
Light the birthday candles April 25 for **Anna Medellin**.

Moore Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting April 25 to

Demetria Pitts, **South Belt Elementary**
Blow out the candles April 23 for **Lesley Dixon**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Roseann Herte** April 26.

Stuchbery Elementary
Best wishes for a great birthday April 23 are sent to **Charyl Lyons**. Happy birthday wishes are sent April 27 to **Iris Montemayor**.

Melillo Middle School
On April 24, light the birthday candles for **Nicole Ram**. The day for a birthday celebration for **Jacqueline Carmona** is April 27.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Criselda Bocanegra celebrates a birthday April 24. Break out the cake and ice cream April 27 for **Ursula Chambers**. Send a humorous birthday card April 29 to **Raymond Ulloa**.

Thompson Intermediate
Light the candles April 29 for a special celebration for **Nicole Horne-Sherman**.

Dobie High
Lynn Capell and **Edith Martinez** celebrate a birthday April 24. Send a happy

birthday wish April 26 to **Bridget Warren**. Send a birthday greeting April 27 to **Amber Allan**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, April 23: **Mandy Lewis** and **Ashley Coppens**; Friday, April 24: **Theresa Flower**, **Lisa Castellano** and **Claudia Espinoza**; Saturday, April 25: **Steve Jones**, **Misty Kuehn** and **Liana Pena**; Sunday, April 26: **Traci Thompson**, **Stephen Brady** and **Dan Fortson**; Monday, April 27: **Emily Walker**, **Amber Allan** and **Penelope Villeda**; Tuesday, April 28: **Ralph Jackson**, **Kelly Schwell**, **Jason Stonestreet**, **Monica Rasmussen** and **Carrie Ramirez**; and Wednesday, April 29: **Kevin James**, **Jonathan Ellis**, **Ben Bryant** and **Melissa Rahman**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie track sends 6 standouts to regionals



Longhorn junior D.K. Parker will compete in the Region 3 triple jump competition after he was second in the area 21-22 round at a distance of 48 feet, 10 inches.



Senior Johan Villavicencio has had a tremendous distance running career at Dobie as he has reached the regional track and field meet after finishing second in the 800.

Blessing Akinloye, Marcus Jones, Kylar Joseph, D.K. Parker, Jordan Roman, Johan Villavicencio.

Those Dobie athletes have earned their right to compete in the Class 6A Region 3 Track and Field Championships, to be held May 1-2 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster.

Parker and Villavicencio were Dobie's top overall finishers at the 21-6A/22-6A area meet April 15-16 in Pearland. Fort Bend Clements junior David Ojelabi won the triple jump event as he cleared 50 feet, 2 inches.

Parker, meanwhile, was second at 48-10. Dobie's Da'Marcus Hodges completed a strong season in the jumps as he was fifth in the long jump with a best of 22-3 1/4, then going seventh in the triple jump at 44-5.

Sprinters from Fort Bend Hightower swept the medals in the boys' 100, with Marcus Jones fourth in a time of 11.24 to continue his season at regionals.

Cantrell Mosley of Hightower was the gold

medalist at 11.07, with teammate Trayvon Marion second at 11.08. At 11.15, Hightower's Payton Kirkpatrick was third.

the area championships, Joseph came up with a leap of 18-9 for fourth place in the event to advance. Akinloye will also

Region 3 Track and Field
May 1-2, Webster
Challenger Columbia Stadium

Villavicencio went stride for stride with Shadow Creek senior Jarvis Kaiser in the 400, with Kaiser winning the gold medal at 1:58.49, followed by Villavicencio in at 1:58.74, matching the Longhorns' top overall finish at the area meet.

Roman has continued his strong season in both of the long distance runs, after taking third and the 3,200 for the time of 10:21.73.

A day later, the talented sophomore was fourth overall in the 1,600 with a time of 4:38.84.

Joseph and Akinloye are part of the solid contingent of Dobie competitors headed to regionals. Joseph will be part of the mix in the long jump. At

compete at regionals after her best toss of 35-8 in the shot put placed her fourth in the event.

The Dobie boys finished their season in the relay events with a pair of sixth place finishes at the area championships.

It was Jones, Adrian Taylor, Titus Randle and Hodges in the 4x100 for a time of 42.39. Meanwhile, the group of in the 4x200 relay, clocking in at 1:28.61.

Junior Xavier Muhammad will also represent Pasadena ISD at regionals after he finished second in the boys' shot put for a silver medal following a best of 53-10.

Daisha Jackson, a junior for the Longhorns, Continued on Page 6

Dobie softball squad heads to DI postseason

The Dobie softball program will be the home team in a one-game play-off against Ridge Point to open the Division I post season. The game will be held April 23, at 6:30 p.m., at Almeta Crawford High School.

Dobie was in a similar position last season in the opening round of the playoffs. In 2025, the Longhorns defeated Ridge Point 10-5 and 10-7 to advance to the second round.

The Longhorns should have plenty of momentum heading into the postseason after finishing with a 12-4 record in district play for the second straight season.

At 22-10 overall, the locals run-ruled Manvel 12-1 in the regular season finale April 17 at Dobie.

In that one, the Longhorns scored five runs in the bottom of the fifth in-

ning to walk off with the win and delivered plenty of optimism entering the playoffs.

In that final game against Manvel, Natalie De Hoyos was 3 for 3 with three runs scored, Destiny Sidirpoulos had two hits, drove in two runs and scored four runs.

Junior Persephone Sorria drove in three runs, and freshman Maddi Campos drove in three runs.

Alayna Rodriguez also knocked in a pair of runs. Senior pitcher Vanessa De La Fuente went the distance in the circle, allowing three hits and a run while striking out five.

The Dobie/Ridge Point winner will take on either District 23-6A champion Summer Creek or Clear Springs in the area around April 30-May 2.

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Dobie vs. Ridge Point
April 23, 6:30 p.m.
Almeta Crawford High School

LSA's Brenner, Noack pace track teams at district

District champions Reed Brenner and Case Noack are among the large group of Lutheran South Academy track and field standouts who have advanced to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools regional competition later this month in San Antonio.

The TAPPS Class 5A District 4 championships April 16 at Glassell Stadium, with Brenner the gold medalist in the pole vault to lead the girls' squad.

Noack was the gold medalist in the boys' 800 as part of a special evening for the locals.

from each of the individual and relay events advanced to the regional championships, and from there the plan is that several of the Pioneers will punch their tickets to the state championships next month.

On the boys' side of things, Noack was the gold medalist in the 800 as he was the first to the fin-

ish line at 2 minutes, 01.50 seconds. Teammate Jeremy Gaitan also advanced as he was fourth in a time of 2:03.09.

Elijah Brown clocked in at 11.32 for third place and a bronze medal in the 100, and Rhet Lavergne was fourth in the 200 at 22.91 to advance.

Noack was a regional

qualifier in the 400 with a time of 50.93, and Lavergne's time of 51.48 placed him fifth.

The Pioneers' Sam Hergenrader made a push in the 1,600 as he wound up second for a silver medal in a time of 40.99, with Gaitan third with a clocking of 41.15.

Corbin Waddell of Lu-

theran South was a regional qualifier in the 110 hurdles as he finished fourth at 17.66, and the Pioneers were also fourth in the 4x200 relay in a time of 1:34.82 as that foursome included Carter Lee, Reese Catron, Colin Rinando and Brown.

In the 4x400 relay the Pioneers picked up silver medals for a time of 3:29.43 as that group included Lavergne, Lee, Carson Rocha and Noack.

Rinando cleared 5 feet, 6 inches in the high

jump for third place and a bronze medal, and Cody Noack cleared 10-6 in the pole vault for third place and a bronze medal as well.

Brenner shone brightest for the Lutheran South Academy girls as she was the gold medalist in the pole vault after clearing 10-6, with teammate Lanine Ward second for a silver medal at 10-0.

Ward was also a regional qualifier in the 100 hurdles and she clocked in at 17:11 for third place.

District 22-6A Varsity Boys' Soccer Superlatives

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Matthew Trevino, Memorial

Cameron Alatrash, Dawson

Alexis Barroche, Pearland

Senior of the Year

Moises Gonzalez, Rayburn

Coach of the Year

Josh Kluka, Dobie



Dobie senior Allen Campos (10) highlighted his final season in a Longhorn jersey with three goals in the playoffs against Bellaire in an overtime thriller. Campos finished his career with 22 goals, which ranks ninth all time in program history. Campos was named the district 22-6A Most Valuable Player following the season.



Dobie head coach Josh Kluka pushed all the right buttons this season as the leader of the Longhorn varsity boys' soccer team as he led the squad to an undefeated regular season on his way to being named Coach of the Year the District 22-6A ranks.

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Al Carter, second from left, was joined by fellow Class of 1970 South Houston High School graduates, from left, Jim Perritt, Avis Speights and Al Fuller as they were there to support Carter's induction into the 2026 class of Pasadena ISD greats.



Keith Kveton, a 2026 inductee, starred for the Longhorns during the 1975 and 1976 seasons and then graduated from Dobie High School in 1977. He went on to enjoy a successful football career at Rice University.



John Bryan, a Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame member both individually and as part of two separate Dobie cross-country and track and field Hall of Fame teams, made an appearance at this year's induction ceremony.



Al Carter, second from left, a 1970 South Houston graduate, was joined by his son, Jonathan Carter, left, as well as Pasadena ISD chief of staff Jeremy Richardson and Donna Branch, a PISD Hall of Fame member and former longtime Dobie High School coach and administrator.



Jim "Mattress Mac" McIngvale was the guest emcee for the evening April 9 at Phillips Field House as the legendary Houston area businessman told playful stories throughout the evening to entertain the capacity crowd.



Andrew Gonzalez, a 2026 Athletics Hall of Fame inductee and former Sam Rayburn star basketball player, was the guest speaker representing this year's inductees. Gonzalez later starred on the hardwood at Houston Baptist University.

SJC softball needs Region 14 standings

With wins in three of their four previous regional contests, including a key split against nationally ranked Galveston, the San Jacinto College softball team has vaulted to the top of the Region 14 South division standings at 9-3.

An up and down first half of the season seems to be well behind the Ravens, who have put together some impressive performances against several of the region's top programs coming into the conference schedule. Now at 25-23 overall, the Ravens are riding a lengthy string of success of late.

Winning four straight games against non-conference opponent Baton Rouge and then against conference foe Coastal Bend might not have moved the needle much, but the Ravens then swept a pair from Angeline and then split an April 11 pair of games against Galveston.

Hosting Angelina April 8, San Jacinto College came away with 7-1 and 5-3 victories. In the 7-1 opener, Kaelin Hicks earned the victory in the circle as she allowed just two hits and one earned run over six innings, with Vanessa Valdez closing out the win.

Offensively, Kenadie Guthrie drove in a pair of runs and scored a run, while Maddie Perez had

two hits, scored two runs and drove in another.

Bree Norman drove in two runs and scored another, and Alyssa Terry of Clear Brook High School continued her strong season and she had two hits and scored a run.

In the 5-3 victory in the second game, Perez led the way with three hits and scored two runs, while Mia Ortega drove in two runs. Terry also drove in another run.

Valdez entered the game in the first inning in relief and earned the victory as she allowed two earned runs over 6 1/3 innings.

Against Galveston April 11, the Ravens dropped the first game 9-6

as the Whitecaps scored three runs in the top of the first inning and added five more in the top of the fourth inning.

Ari Garcia homered for the Ravens, and Norman knocked in a pair of runs to pace the offense. Needing a victory to maintain its recent run of momentum, the Ravens led 10-0 after three innings and went on to run-rule Galveston 10-2.

Perez smacked a home run in the game and drove in three runs, while Bree Winkelman, Norman and Terry also had outstanding offensive performances. Hicks earned the victory allowing only three hits and two earned runs.

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Longhorn track and field athletes reach regionals

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CCISD programs will see tough Barbers Hill in new 18-6A

It wasn't all that long ago that the five Clear Creek ISD high schools had things much simpler. Yes, Clear Creek ISD has had to deal with Dickinson and Brazoswood for 2022 through 2024, with Deer Park added to the mix two school years ago.

Now, the University Interscholastic League has upped the ante heading into the 2026-2027 school year as Clear Creek ISD will now join Dickinson and Deer Park as well as newcomer Barbers Hill as part of the newly formed District 18-6A.

A quick look at some of the success that the Barbers Hill Eagles have delivered to this point in the season prove that there will be plenty of competition for postseason berth in just about each team sport.

In the latest UIL Lone Star Cup standings for Class 5A programs across the state, Barbers Hill was the top program in the Region 3 ranks and sat tied for fifth across the state before track and field, softball and baseball results were added to the standings.

Suffice to say, the 18-6A field of programs will face plenty of competition across the board with the Eagles joining the mix.

Football is king in Texas, and the Eagles were very close to becoming the kings of kings during the 2025 season, finishing at 10-4 overall. The Eagles lost to Port Arthur Memorial during the regular season and then lost once more to PAM in the Class 5A Division 1 state quarterfinals by a 48-35 count.

The Eagles next month

will watch starting quarterback Brady Barrier graduate after the senior threw for better than 3,000 yards in his final season.

Additionally, Trip Davis will graduate after catching 77 passes for 1,446 yards and 16 touchdowns.

There is no doubt that Barbers Hill faced a reload this offseason certainly on the offensive side of things, but the program has produced at least eight victories per season over the past four campaigns and figure to provide plenty of competition at the 6A level against the other teams in the new 18-6A alignment.

For as solid as the Eagles were on the football field, the Barbers Hill varsity girls' volleyball group ran the table to the tune of a perfect 14-0 record in league play and won 40 overall matches during the 2025 season.

While Barbers Hill was defeated in the area playoff round by College Station, the Eagles defeated numerous top class 6A programs during the season and should have no difficulty whatsoever adjusting to what is usually a very tough Clear Creek ISD group as well as Deer Park.

Kenley Irwin will return as a senior to lead the Eagles during the upcoming 2026 season after registering more than 600 kills as a junior, and Barbers Hill also returns several other top performing players.

Simply put, the Eagles very well could be considered the frontrunner for the 18-6A championship next fall.

Clear Springs went 35-

11 overall a season ago, including 13-1 to win the 24-6A crown. Caylee Young, who had more than 500 kills to lead the Chargers, will return.

The Eagles will also feature a top contending cross-country runner on the boys' side of things after Ethan Martinez wound up 49th overall a season ago at the 5A state championships.

Barbers Hill may find its match on the varsity boys' basketball court in the newly formed 18-6A as Dickinson, Clear Springs and Clear Lake all possess strong programs, with the Clear Brook Wolverines also set to make another solid push with several key players returning.

Barbers Hill, meanwhile, is coming off a 20-16 overall season that resulted in a fourth-place finish in its district at the 5A level. From a roster standpoint following last season, the Eagles will have lost roughly half of their varsity squad to graduation.

The Barbers Hill varsity girls' program is annually one of the top-performing programs in the state. Last season, the Eagles were 37-4 overall, including a 14-0 march through district play.

With all due respect to any of the Clear Creek ISD programs, the Dickinson Gators or Deer Park, Barbers Hill will no doubt enter the season as the frontrunner in the new 18-6A following a push to the Class 5A state semifinals before a loss to eventual state champion Argyle.

The Eagles also promise to bring forth plenty of

competition on the soccer field. In the current 2026 season, the Eagle boys advanced to the regional semifinals before they lost in the third round of the postseason.

Overall, Barbers Hill delivered a 15-5-5 record before preparing to compete at the 6A level.

The Hill also delivered a district championship on the varsity girls' soccer field in its final season of 5A action. Overall, the Eagles were 16-5-2 and claimed the league title at 12-1.

In the postseason, Barbers Hill advanced to the area playoff round before a loss to A&M Consolidated. Suffice to say, the Eagles will be plenty prepared for competition in both the boys' and girls' soccer lineups within 18-6A.

As stated up top, the Eagles have built one of the state's premiere softball programs, having competed in last year's class 5A state championship game before a loss to Alice.

This season, the Eagles are 30-3 and primed for another deep postseason run as the top-rated program in the nation according to MaxPreps.

The Eagles have similarly performed well on the varsity baseball field, having won 16 of 21 overall games heading into play April 21 before press time.

In summary, Barbers Hill should face little adjustment as it relates to making the jump to the Class 6A ranks.

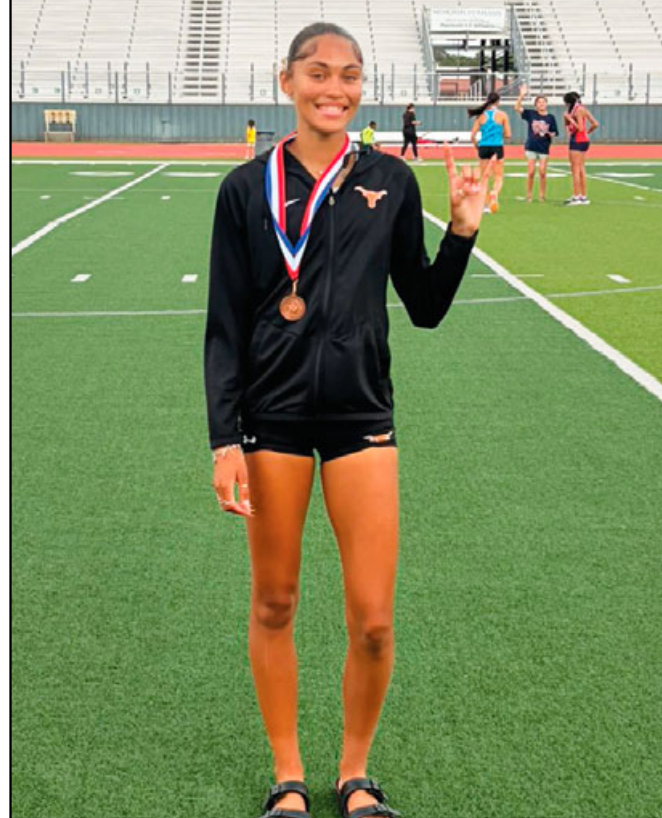
In fact, the Eagles are about to make a big splash in the 18-6A alignment, particularly on the girls' sports side of things.



Marcus Jones has been one of the top-performing sprinters in the Houston area this season and will be part of the field in the 100 at the regional competition.



Sophomore Jordan Roman will be busy at the upcoming Region III track and field championships as he has qualified to compete in both the 1,600 and 3,200 events.



Kylar Joseph will be part of the talented group in the long jump at the Region III championships as she was fourth at the area meet with a leap of 18 feet, 9 inches.



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 7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
 7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
 9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.
SUNDAY, APRIL 26
 8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
 5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, at the Life Recovery Church, 5215 Preston Ave., Pasadena TX, 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.

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 11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
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 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
 Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
 Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.
 7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/impefect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
 7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the rabbi, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
 8 p.m. **Serenity Now AI-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 - 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, APRIL 27
 Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**. See Friday's notice.
 6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.
 7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery**, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
 7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - Chapter #0683 Friendswood meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

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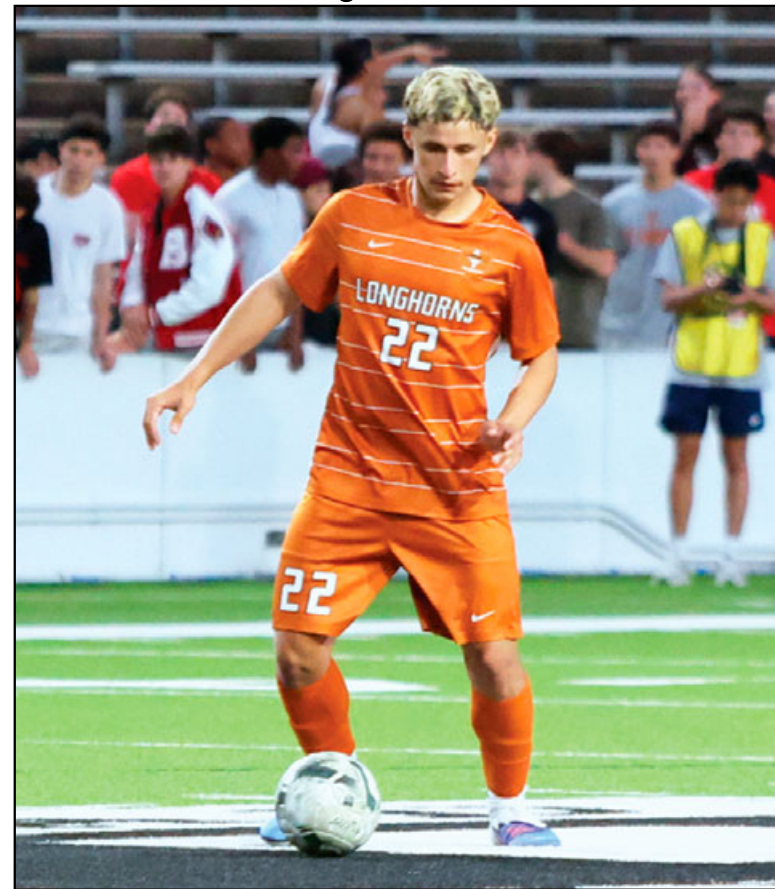
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THURSDAY, APRIL 30
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.
 7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dobie boys' soccer champs rule District 22-6A all-league honors



Sophomore defender Klevin Bonilla (22) played a key role as the Longhorns surrendered just nine goals during an undefeated regular season run as he was named a first team All-District performer.



Julian Calderon (8) was solid in the midfield for the Longhorns throughout the regular season on his way to first team All-District honors. Calderon came up with a game-winning goal in the final two minutes against Pearland, a victory that spurred Dobie to the league championship and a lengthy playoff run.



Sophomore midfielder Cruz Jasso (7) was an easy choice as a first team All-District midfielder during the 2026 season and will return as one of the key performers for the next two seasons.



Senior defender Sergio De La Torre was another important piece on the defensive end for the Longhorns as they allowed just nine goals during the regular season. De La Torre earned first team All-District honors following the season.



Yuriel Sierra (6) was at his best season as a senior in 2026 as a midfielder for the Longhorns as he captured first team All-District honors within 22-6A. Sierra was also an All-Region honorable mention choice.



The Dobie boys' soccer program will be excited to welcome back junior defender Rodrigo Martinez (25) after he was exceptional this season, picking up 22-6A All-District second-team accolades.



Axel Gonzalez (21) excelled in the midfield during the 2026 season for the Longhorns on his way to being honored as a 22-6A All-District second-team performer.



Second team All-District honors went to Devin Umanzor (18) of Dobie after he had a terrific first varsity season with the Longhorns at forward.

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Angel Hernandez (9) saved his best season for last as a senior with the Longhorns as the forward earned All-District second-team honors within the District 22-6A ranks.



Dobie sophomore Yurem Perez has a great future in front of him after he starred in the nets for the Longhorns during the season on his way to a second team All-District award

All-Academic - Dobie

- Allen Campos*
- Jezreel Rames*
- Pavel Gonzalez*
- Mikeal Pantaleon*
- Devin Umanzor*
- Cruz Jasso*

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- Pavel Gonzalez,**
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- Emmanuel Vasquez,**
defender, Jr.

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