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Leader seeks submissions

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

Partnership to meet April 24

The next South Belt Community Partnership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at the Sageglen Community Center, 11610 Sageyork Drive. All member communities and any communities not already represented by the partnership are encouraged by organizers to attend the function. Current and prospective stakeholders are also welcome. The meeting is open to the public. For additional information, visit southbeltcp.org.

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-

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Almeda Genoa/South Shaver to Beltway 8 daily (excluding weekends) from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Wednesday, April 30.

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

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

Beltway closures planned

One outside lane of the eastbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Beamer to Hughes Road/Sabo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through Wednesday, Sept. 3.

One outside lane of the northbound Beltway frontage road will be closed from Fairmo Parkway to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

One inside lane of the southbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Greenshadow to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Kirkwood to meet April 28

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 28, 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 McCrutcheon at 281-

Hughes/Sabo closures set

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

Sagemont to meet May 6

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 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

Leader issues correction

The story about the Southport house fire that appeared in the April 17 edition of the Leader contained an inaccuracy. The article states the resident left the riding lawnmower running while he took a break. According to family members, while the lawnmower was left unattended, it was not running at the time the fire started. The Leader apologizes about any con-

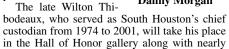
SoHo announces 2025 Hall of Honor inductees

"Mr. Mardi Gras," beloved campus custodian among 6 to be inducted

The South Houston High School community will celebrate the remarkable life of the late Danny Morgan, Class of 1961, as well as the careers of five others this fall as

the newest inductees in the school's Hall of Hon-

Morgan and two other alumni will be inducted along with two former faculty members. Rounding out the list will be the first person selected for induction for service to the school's support staff.



four dozen former teachers previously inducted. tising and marketing entrepreneur recognized as The two former teachers chosen for induction are Annette Schomber, founder and longtime

The Voice of Community-Minded People

director of the school's 'Jannettes dance team, and the late Madge Crumpler Wilson, who formerly directed both the school's journalism department and cheerleader activities more than 13 years.

In addition to Morgan, the new alumni induction class includes Amy Ashby-Pike, Class of 1972, who served

nearly 50 years as a full-time Pasadena ISD teacher and special needs facilitator, and Debbie Yerkes Drury-Tyrone, Class of 1974, an adver-

County,

MUD

celebrate

Easter

Harris County Precinct 2 re-

cently celebrated Easter by

holding its annual egg hunt.

This marked the first year

for the event to take place at

Clear Brook City MUD Park

on Blackhawk near Scars-

dale. South Belt resident Da-

vid Arcemant is shown to the

left at the event teaching his

son Aiden to throw a Frisbee

(produced by Leader founder

Marie Flickinger prior to her

death and distributed by the

Leader at the event). See addi-

Photo by David Flickinger

tional photos on Page 2.

while stocking up for emergency situations."

The comptroller's office estimates shoppers

There's no limit on the number of qualifying

Household batteries, fuel containers and

- Hurricane shutters and emergency ladders

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items one can purchase. These include the fol-

will save about \$2.3 million in state and local

sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was ap-

proved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

flashlights priced less than \$75.

one of Houston's foremost female business lead-The new induction class was announced at

Alumni Association held at the school on April 17. Morgan, part of South Houston's third graduating class, was a celebrated fashion designer and Broadway costumer for nearly two decades before moving to Galves-

the annual Spring Meet-

ing of the South Houston

ton and launching a new chapter of his life that earned him the sobriquet 'Mr. Mardi Gras."

Morgan arrived on the island in 1985 just as

vived. He played a key role in that revival, creating costumes, masks and decorations for fleets of Mardi Gras floats. When Morgan died of cancer in 2010, many

Galveston's Mardi Gras tradition was being re-

of those who attended his funeral wore costumes designed by him. His contributions to the entertainment industry in New York also left an illustrious legacy. The chief designer for Eaves Costumes, Morgan served a long list of stars, including Bob Hope, Paul Newman, Eydie Gorme and Carol

Madge Wilson



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Police chase ends with multiple charges

4 teens arrested, including 2 juveniles; stolen gun found Two teens were arrested on weapons and

evading charges Thursday, April 17, following a 10-minute police chase that began on Sageyork and ended near Dixie

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, the incident began when a concerned resident called the department's dispatch to report that two suspicious males had knocked on the door to his residence. The two males were



reportedly hiding their hands in their waistbands, investigators said. According to the resident, the two males

had already been to the house once earlier, before leaving in a vehicle and returning shortly

During their second visit to the area home, the

suspects encountered Precinct 2 deputies, and a chase ensued. The pursuit came to a close when the suspects' vehicle was disabled.

Following the chase, four suspects were taken into custody, including two adult males and two juvenile males. Two firearms were re-

covered from the vehicle, with one of the firearms being reported stolen out of Louisiana. The driver was identi-

fied as 17-year-old Jose Cruz and the front passenger was identified as

Adrian Vasquez 18-year-old Adrian Vasquez. Cruz was charged

with felony evading in a motor vehicle and Vasquez was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

The two juveniles were released with no charges after consulting with the district attor-

Shooting at Scarsdale nightclub injures 4 Incident marks 2nd shooting at club in just 5 weeks Four people were injured in a drive-by shootdriving east on Nyack toward the Gulf Freeway

ing around 3:30 a.m. Sunday, April 20, outside an after-hours nightclub in the 12900 block of Nyack Drive near Scarsdale and the Gulf Free-

This marked the second shooting outside the Social Empire club in just five weeks.

In this latest incident, Houston Police Department officials said the driver of an SUV was when they turned around and opened fire on a group of 15-20 people outside the club. Two male victims were seriously struck and

remained in critical but stable condition at press time. Two other victims, a male and a female, were just grazed by bullets.

Suspect charged in March murder case

Man accused of Clearwood shooting that killed Jevon Clark

A suspect was arrested and charged in the fatal shooting of Jevon Clark back on Sunday, March 9, outside an apartment complex in the 9400 block of Clearwood near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. The suspect, Willie L

Starks, 22, was charged with murder in the 228th State District Court.



Willie Starks According to Houston Police Department officials, officers responded to the shooting call around 11:10 p.m. at The Life at Clearwood apartments to find Clark, 30, dead from a gunshot wound behind the wheel of a Nissan Alti-

Witnesses reported to police that a black male in a black hoodie and black pants was seen fleeing the scene. A subsequent K-9 search of the area. however, proved fruitless. Further investigation identified Starks as the

suspect in this case. Starks was recently arrested in Corinth, Miss., on an unrelated warrant and extradited to the Harris County Jail. Starks provided a statement to homicide de-

tectives and was subsequently charged for his role in this case.

At the time of the shooting, witnesses also reported there was a passenger in Clark's vehicle who got out and ran into the complex following

PISD's Powell bids farewell



A retirement party was held for outgoing Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell (third from right) Tuesday, April 15, at the school district's administration building. The event was attended by dozens of community leaders and elected officials, as well as former Pasadena ISD superintendents. Current Pasadena ISD board members shown above at the event with the former superintendent are, left to right, Casey Phelan, president; Joan Jordan, secretary; Marshall Kendrick, member; Crystal Davila, secretary; Nelda Sullivan, member; Paola Gonzalez, assistant secretary; and Kenny Fernandez, vice president. Powell was replaced by Dr. Toni Lopez who was a former Thompson Intermediate principal and PISD deputy superintendent of Staff and Academic Achievement.

Puppies worth \$10K stolen from pet shop Theft of 3 dogs marks at least 4th time at same Beamer store

Emergency supplies tax-free April 26-28

Batteries, generators, plywood, chainsaws among tax-free items

As severe weather season approaches, Texas take advantage of this tax holiday to save money

Three puppies worth more than \$10,000 were stolen Monday, April 14, from a pet store on Beamer Road near San Jacinto College South.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they

can purchase certain items tax free during the

state's sales tax holiday for emergency prepa-

ration supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. Sat-

urday, April 26, and ends at midnight Monday,

next fire. flood, tornado or hurricane may occur,

we can make sure our families, homes and busi-

nesses have the supplies they need to face these

and other emergencies," Hegar said. "Don't wait

for disaster to strike. I'm encouraging Texans to

"While we can't know in advance when the

Adam Abidlatif, owner of Pet Place, said a group of four, including a male, two females and a young child, visited the store twice the day of the theft during normal business hours. On their second visit, the group entered the store, then split up, with the two females going into a back room, where the puppies were stored.

The females removed three of the puppies from a cage and can be seen on surveillance footage handing two of them off to the man in the group, who then placed the puppies in his pockets before leaving the store. The female suspect then concealed the third puppy in her sweater before exiting the business.

The group then fled the scene in a white Cadil-

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HCAD promotes homestead exemptions

Multiple exemption options available for county homeowners

The Harris Central Appraisal District is encouraging homeowners to make sure they have the homestead exemptions they are entitled to.

"One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower their property tax bill is to file a homestead exemption and apply for any other exemption they might be eligible for," said Roland Altinger, chief appraiser. "The state tax code mandates certain exemptions and many jurisdictions offer optional or additional percentage exemptions."

A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. Recent legislation allows a homeowner to apply for a residence homestead exemption the year they own and occupy the house as their principal residence. If the owner acquires the property after Jan. 1, they are eligible to receive the exemption for the applicable

portion of that tax year immediately on qualifi-

cation if the previous owner did not receive the same exemption for the tax year. However, the homeowner must apply for the exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year before the first anniversary of the date the homeowner acquires

Homestead exemptions can reduce the appraised value of your home, and as a result, could lower your property taxes," Altinger said. Available homestead exemptions include:

School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$100,000 homestead exemption for school taxes. Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 years of age or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$100,000

exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemp-

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In My Opinion

Harrison seeks support

We have an important election coming up on May 3rd! It may seem inconsequential. It is "just the school boards", but it is the most important of all elections because it affects the education of our kids and the further education of our community! The Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees and the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees cast the vision for their respective districts. set policy, and hire the chief officer of their districts. Without quality education our students will struggle to be successful adults. Education is why we have better lives than those in other countries. Something we take for granted is sought after by those immigrating, risking their lives to be here in the United Sates. Achieving the American Dream starts with quality education.

The most important action you can take for your future and the future of your children is to educate yourself on the candidates and VOTE for the candidates that most closely align with your values. Go to the PasadenaChamber.org website and

read in their 2025 Voter Guide about each candidate. You can contact candidates and ask questions about issues that concerned you. There is much misinformation out there, so please do your homework.

I am Judy Harrison, and I am running for the San Jacinto College Board of Trustees. Position 3. This is the seat Marie Flickinger occupied for 30 years. The college, at the guidance of the Board of Trustees, is helping our communities by offering a quality education at an affordable price. As an educator and San Jac employee, I embraced dual credit and saw firsthand how well early college high schools worked to elevate our students' learning. I observed members of our community retrain and advance their careers. I want to continue to contribute to that vision of providing relevant, affordable education by becoming one of your Trustees.

Early Voting: April 22-29. Election Day: May 3rd.

Judy Harrison, Candidate for Position 3 San Jacinto College Board of Trustees

CBHS places 3rd in district meet



Clear Brook Speech and Debate students attended the annual UIL District 24-6A academic meet, coming in overall third in district behind Clear Creek and Clear Springs high schools respectively. At the end of the meet, LD debaters Alaina Kim and Alim Merchant placed fourth and fifth finishes and qualify as second and third alternates at the Regional UIL meet later in April. Team president Gregory Stuart took three first-place rankings in his final round with the panel to which he presented. Stuart's fellow officer Elaina Joseph took three second-place rankings as well. This secured their advancement to the regional meet. In the Persuasive division, Emily Joseph placed third, catapulting her to Region while Khang Ngo took the first alternate position. Left to right, are Elaina Joseph, Emily Joseph, Stuart and Ngo.

NASA Aglow Lighthouse invites public April 26 NASA Aglow Lighthouse invites all to its meeting Saturday, April 26, beginning

at 10 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 18516 SH 3 in Webster. The meeting will feature Dr. Judy Guidry, pastor of Glorious Connection Church

Guidry received her doctorate from CICA International University and is an or-

dained chaplain currently serving at Anchor Point Ministries. According to event organizers, Guidry "flows under a powerful prophetic, heal-

ing and deliverance anointing. She preaches with fire and power, inspiring others to

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 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Thursday, April 24, 3 – 4 p.m. Open lab computer help. Registration required. Thursday, April 24, 4 – 5 p.m. Family Storytime. Registration required.

Thursday, April 24, 5 – 6 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required.

Monday, April 28, 11 a.m. - noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required. Tuesday, April 29, 4 – 5 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required.

Visit https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events for more library events.

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/ParkerWilliamsl

Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Thursday, April 24, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Friday, April 25, 1–3 p.m. Diamond painting for adults. Registration required Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi. Monday, April 28, 1–2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required

Monday, April 28, 4 – 6 p.m. Plastic canvas craft: bookmarks.

Monday, April 28, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Book buddies. Monday, April 28, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Book buddies. Registration required. Tuesday, April 29, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.

Wednesday, April 30, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

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

- Have a library card number and PIN handy.

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.

A pickup time and instructions will be given.

- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds. - Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1- 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit https:// www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library for details.

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- 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.

Pct. 2 officials celebrate Easter



Brook City MUD Park, with dozens of area families in attendance. Hosts, Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia and Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado, are shown above at the function with local children (left to right) Jolene Bettencourt, Adam Aguilar, Milah Sanchez and Conner Barker. Not shown is host Adrian Garcia,



Dozens of South Belt families are shown above hunting for Easter eggs at the annual Harris County Easter celebration, held this year at Clear Brook City MUD Park. See

Drive-by shooting injures 4

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no known motive or suspect in the shooting. Investigators were reviewing surveillance footage of the incident to try and identify the driver/shooter.

At press time, there was

Another shooting took place outside the club early Sunday, March 9. In that incident, police said the victim was a driver, who witnesses the Gulf Freeway frontage said was attempting to run road, where employees say

after 2 a.m. Witnesses reportstruck by the victim's vehicle and retaliated by jumping on the car's hood and opening fire on the driver. Following the shooting,

the driver/victim resurfaced 5 a.m. in the drive-thru line at the nearby McDonald's on over people in the street fol- he was asking for water.

had been shot, McDonald's ed that the shooter had been employees notified police. The victim was transported to the hospital with multiple gunshot wounds to the stomach but was expected to sur-

Anyone with informaroughly three hours later after tion on this crime is urged to contact HPD's Major Assault Division at 713-308-8800 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Pct. 8 to host drug Take Back Day

Proper prescription drug disposal can prevent abuse

The Harris County Precinct 8 Constable's office will 5,000 of its state and local once again be participating in the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, set to take place Saturday, April

police stations throughout the Day events give residents abuse in the U.S. are alarmprescription drug abuse and of accidental poisonings and ment (at Walgreens), 3707 disability on January 1 of the determining whether an item theft by ridding their homes overdoses due to these drugs. Spencer Highway. of potentially dangerous ex-

prescription drugs at more

duced the Bring the Space

Shuttle Home Act, which

would move the Space Shut-

tle Discovery from Virgin-

ia to near NASA's Johnson

Space Center in Houston. "Houston played a criti-

cal role throughout the life

of the space shuttle program,

but it is clear political favors

trumped common sense and

Vote Saturday May 3

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law enforcement partners. This initiative addresses a

are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. The biannual Take Back Rates of prescription drug opportunity to prevent ingly high, as are the number

The Substance Abuse and ed prescription drugs. (The ministration's National Sur- Drive. DEA cannot accept liquids or vey on Drug Use and Health needles or sharps, only pills shows year after year that partment, 555 Walker. the majority of misused and The service is free and abused prescription drugs ment, 1400 Cook Ave. anonymous, no questions are obtained from family and For additional in posing of unused medicines -

where future generations of Texans and Americans can

come to learn about the city's

integral role in our nation's

Space Center and its famed

Mission Control, Houston

has an unparalleled reputa-

tion and history in the explo-

ration of the new frontier," said Cruz. "It is past time

that the Space Center Houston Museum houses a space

shuttle, given the unique re-

lationship between the entire

program and its support staff

in Houston. Bringing the Dis-

covery to its final home will

offer hundreds of thousands

of visitors each year the op-

portunity to engage with a

living piece of NASA's his-

tory and understand why

Houston is known worldwide

as 'Space City.'"
"Since its very inception,

"Home to the Johnson

space shuttle program.'

vital public safety and public cal police departments, comhealth issue. Medicines that munity groups and business-26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at languish in home cabinets es will set up collection sites at the following locations: - The Harris County Pre-

Friendswood Police

Cornyn, Cruz present bill to bring

Space Shuttle Discovery to Houston

the DEA and almost another or throwing them in the trash

For additional informa-

cinct 8 Constable's office,

- Seabrook Police Depart-

- both pose potential safety and health hazards. The DEA, along with lo-

16602 Diana Lane. - Pasadena Police Depart-

tax year.

U.S. Sens. John Cornyn fairness when the Obama NASA's Johnson Space Center at Houston's Johnson and Ted Cruz have intro-administration blocked the ter in Houston has been the Space Center so Texans can Space City from receiving the recognition it deserves," flight, propelling Texas as the recognition it deserves," flight, propelling Texas as for generations. I thank Senasaid Cornyn. "I am proud to the national leader in the U.S. to John Cornyn and Senator lead the effort to finally bring space industry," said Gov. Ted Cruz for spearheading Discovery home to Houston, Greg Abbott. "The first word this effort to bring this histor-Ted Cruz for spearheading spoken from the moon was ic Space Shuttle to Texas, the 'Houston.' To honor that leg-proud home and command acy, it's long overdue for a center of NASA's space opretired NASA Space Shuttle erations."



Tuesday & Thursday

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST Catholic Church Rev. Douglas J. Guthrie, Pastor

> 11011 Hall Rd. (between Beamer & Blackhawk) www.stlukescatholic.com

> > 7 p.m.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Misa en Español* Sunday Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m. Parish Office: 281-481-6816 Children's Faith Formation: 281-481-4251 Adult Faith Formation: 713-538-2862

All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord

in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope

Death

versity of Houston Martha's proudest career accomplishment was work-

Services as a NASA contrac-

Martha loved spending time with family and friends. She had a passion for reading, especially Danielle Steele novels. Her hobbies included dancing, fishing, gardening and boating. Her latest hobby was playing cards with the family. The family will always cherish the memory of her extraordinary love and

Her loving husband of 42 years, Richard Herrera, always had a special place in her heart, and she will always by her family and loved ones. be his "Vida." She loved her Martha was born in McAlchildren and grandchildren fiercely. As a grandmother, len, to Benito and Pauline Moreno. She graduated from she was unparalleled, always McAllen High School (Bull- indulging in her grandchil- the funeral service at 11 a.m.

dren, no matter the circum-

Martha is survived by her husband; her three children ing in purchasing at Northrop Maria Yvette Jimenez, Lisa Marie Galicia, Adolph Moreno Herrera; her grandchildren Richard Ornelas III, Nessie Jimenez, Michael Adolph Herrera (Crystal), Arianna Herrera, Meilani Herrera; great-grandchildren Alex Ornelas, Richard Ornelas IV Khloe Herrera, Antonio Ornelas and Kamila Herrera. They take comfort in knowing that their mother is now in a loving care of Jesus, celebrating the life she lived and the eternal life she'll have with him. The family thanks all for condolences.

> A rosary will be recited at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 24, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road and will be followed by

Thieves steal puppies worth \$10k Continued from Page 1 2018, four suspects broke straight to where the ca

The thieves also left with into the business around various merchandise, including collars and leashes.

Martha Herrera, age 88,

born Feb. 22, 1937, passed

away peacefully on Tuesday,

April 14, 2025, surrounded

Martha

Herrera

fourth puppy in the cage, rear out of sight.
Abidlatif said he only wants to get the puppies back, but the incident is be-

ble Jerry Garcia's office as a crime. stolen from the store. The in a cloth to break a win-last known incident took dow to gain entry to the place in August 2018 when building shortly before 9 the store was under differ- p.m.

ent ownership.

6:15 a.m. by using a pry bar to open the door. Once Abidlatif said the crooks inside the building, the suspects - four males in black likely would have taken a but it was cowering in the hidden - stole multiple dogs and two lizards. The previous year, three

dogs worth around \$8,000

were stolen from the store

ing investigated by Harris during a similar break-in County Precinct 2 Constathe evening of Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017. In that case, investiga-This marked at least the tors said a male suspect fourth time dogs have been used a large rock wrapped

tt ownership.

Once inside the estab- know how to the ownership.

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, lishment, the thief went new owners.

nines are held and stole two English bulldogs (valued at \$3,500 each) and one Maltese (valued at \$900). The crook then exited the business and fled the

en by another male. The following week, Israel Lecea, 32, of Friendswood, was arrested and charged with felony bur-

scene in a getaway car driv-

glary of a building for his role in the crime. Police were able to recover the Maltese but not edly admitted to taking at least one of the two other dogs but said he had already sold it and didn't

know how to contact the

HCAD promotes exemptions

tion of at least \$3,000 for of the veteran's residence \$10,000 homestead exemp-

tion. They qualify as soon as disabled. Local Option Exoffer an exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption

must be at least \$5,000. Partial exemption for disabled veterans: Texas law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased dishomesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to the per-

100 Percent Residence during the holiday. Homestead Exemption For example, if you purfor Disabled Veterans: A chase an emergency ladder that may be purchased tax pired, unused, and unwant- Mental Health Services Ad- Department, 1600 Whitaker Homestead Exemption - League City Police De- disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disabil- delivery charge, the total comptroller's website at ity compensation due to a sales price is \$309. Because comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/ service-connected disability the total sales price of the and a rating of 100 percent friends. In addition, Amer- tion on the DEA's National disabled or of individual Last April, Americans icans are now advised that Prescription Drug Take Back unemployability from the turned in nearly 500 tons of their usual methods for disof collection sites, visit www. Veterans Affairs is entitled to

taxpavers age 65 or older homestead. Surviving spousand/or disabled. Older or es of veterans who qualified disabled homeowners do for this exemption or who not need to own their homes would have qualified for this on Jan. 1 to qualify for the exemption if it had been in effect at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible they turn age 65 or become with certain restrictions. The residence homestead applicaemption is claimed.

Surviving Spouses of Members of the U.S. Armed Services Killed in the Line of Duty: The surviving spouse of a member of the Ú.S. armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is allowed a 100 percent property tax exemphomestead if the surviving head.org under "Forms.

since the death of the armed services member Surviving Spouses First Responders Killed in the Line of Duty: The eli-

gible surviving spouse of a first responder killed in the line of duty is allowed a 100 percent property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder. For more details on home-

stead exemptions, contact the Harris Central Appraisal District at 713-957-7800 or by web form at www.hcad.org > ABOUT > Contact Us. Prop erty owners may obtain an

Tax-free date set

Continued from Page 1 priced less than \$300.

Portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. If the emergency preparation supply being purchased is taxable, the de livery charge is also taxable. Consider these charges when

online for \$299 with a \$10 free can be found on the

emergency ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the

\$309 sales price. Purchases that do not qualify include the following: Batteries for automobiles, boats and other motor-

ized vehicles. Camping stoves and camping supplies.

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San Jacinto College candidates answer Leader's election questionnaire

The following are responses to the *Leader's* San Jacinto College candidate questionnaire Answers are strictly the candidates' and have not been edited in any way. Candidates are listed in the order they appear on the hallot. The Leader was unable to secure contact information for Mariel Jimenez and Frank Ortiz. Both are running

Position 3 Salvador Serrano Jr.



Name: Salvador Serrano Jr. Occupation: Insurance agency

Education: Pasadena ISD Alumni & Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice Administration Marital Status/Children: Married with Two Boys (7yrs or 8

What makes you best qualified to serve the constituents of the district you're wanting

to represent? I have a deep understanding of the importance of San Jacinto College. My own story, from being a first-generation college student to building a successful business shows the value of education in breaking down barriers. By making education accessible, we are investing in our community's rich diversity and our shared success. My commitment to our community, coupled with my background as an entrepreneur in the area, alumni of our schools, and father of two future San Jac students, have equipped me with a wealth of knowledge and personal dedication to be your representative on the San Jacinto Board of Trust

Do you have any political experience?

In addition to my experience running a political campaign, I have had the opportunity to lead local boards, including non-profit and city boards, where I have held the position of President These experiences have allowed me to develop leadership skills that I believe will be valuable at San Jacinto College.

What, if any, endorsements

do vou have? Dan Mims, Keith Sinor, Erica Davis Rouse, Dr. Michelle Cantu Wilson, Larry Wilson, Annise Parker, Victory Fund, AFL-CIO, Constable Phil Sandlin, Casey Phelan, Crystal Davila, Paola Gonzalez, Kenny Fernandez, Jonathan Estrada, Ruben Villareal, Rex Lindberg, Carol Alvara-do, Christina Morales, Dr. Kirk Lewis, Gloria Gallegos, Angela Stallings, Beverly Bolton, Rhon-Do you have any direct ties

to the South Belt community?

I have a personal connection to the South Belt community, as many of my family members, friends, and my spouse have lived there for several years. My spouse attended Dobie High School. I also resided in Riverstone Ranch for approximately What one main project

would you like to accomplish if & Field Teams won 2 National

I am passionate about expanding opportunities for adult times. I was honored tf servlearners By focusing on attracting more adult learners to our institution, we can help them achieve their educational goals but also enrich our campus community with their valuable experiences and perspectives. Providing accessible and flexible learning options can make a

School shootings have become a growing problem in America. If elected, what would you do to combat this?

The College's Police Department (PD) is staffed with officers licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforce ment and employs a community policing philosophy creating a safe environment for all. The PD does extensive training on emergency scenarios including shootings and works with outside agencies to prepare for potential events.

In recent years the San Jacinto College District has shifted some of its attention to focus on industrial training rather traditional college preparation. Do you support this shift?

The College's enrollment is approximately 65% academic and 35% technical/workforce and has been fairly consistent for years. Over the past decade, the College invested resources to upgrade academic facilities and for facilities and equipment needed for technical programs in order to train the workforce needed for good paying careers in these fields. The College added new workforce programs due to demand and has eliminated programs no longer leading to family sustaining wages. For academic programs, the College aligned its degrees to the high school endorsements and to university transfer degrees to ensure

when they transfer. January, President Donald Trump eliminated a Department of Homeland Security policy that previously prohibited Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents from entering schools, churches and hospitals. Do you agree with this measure, and what should be the school district's policy when on the

San Jacinto College requires all outside agencies (federal, state, county, and city) to work through the College police de-partment if they intend to come on our campuses for any en-forcement efforts. Before any situation moves forward, the proper legal documentation is necessary, the College's legal counsel will be contacted prior to any next steps. All of the College's employees are trained annually on the student privacy requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). As Board members. we receive updates on safety and ecurity issues

President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order to begin dismantling the U.S. Department of Education, potentially taking significant federal funds away from the college. Do you agree with this action, and what steps could be taken by the college to make up for such missing funds?

The College's administration monitors the DOE situation and is keeping the Board informed. Currently, the College has not lost any grant funding. None of our grants appear to be in jeopardy. If something changes, the Board would likely ask the administration to develop a plan to address each program that lost funding. The most significant federal funds flowing through the College is student Pell. I understand that the Pell program will stay in tact. I hope that is the case because these funds are desperately needed by a significant number of our students with fi-

Judy Harrison



Name: Judy Harrison Occupation: Retired Educator/

Track& Field Coach Education: Bachelor of Science in HPERD and Master of Science in Biomechanics from University of Illinois

Marital Status/Children: Single/ I have helped raise many children What makes you best qual-

ified to serve the constituents the opportunity for a free twoof the district you're wanting to represent?

San Jacinto College and supporter of student achievement for many years. I served as a faculty member, Department Chair, Curriculum Chair, Interim Dual Credit/Early College High School Director. I started the soccer and softball programs and was Athletic Director (South Campus). I am a worker and a successful leader: My SJC Track Championships, I was named NJCAA Coach of the Year 5 ing as the 2000 Olympics USA Women's T&F Assistant Manager/Coach. I served as USA Team Manager for 10+ International T&F Meets.

Do you have any political experience?

I have never run for a political office. However, I have been elected to many volunteer organization leadership positions. Any type of leadership involves some politics. Being able to engage others, actively listen, communicate clearly, set timelines and action plans are skills I bring to the Trustee position.

What, if any, endorsements do you have?

I'm honored to have the support of local educators former colleagues, community leaders, elected officials and parents who recognize my leadership skills Daughter, Cari A. Brownlee, Atand appreciate my passion for education and the role community college plays in providing programs that take people from potential to performance, creating a success lifestyle.

to the South Belt community?

I am a long time resident of Jac Board for the past 18 years the South Belt. I taught at Dobie. I've served our community in many ways. I organized the Chamber Fun Run, the Family Fun Fest, Winter Wonderland, to lead to a better job opportunichaired the Education Committee which gave shirts, underwear, socks to our elementary dent success whether it be in the schools, the BBQ Cook-off, etc.

What one main project yould you like to accomplish if elected?

I would like to see more interaction with students about Justice of the Peace for 9 year their progress (setting and accomplishing goals) and interventions or adjusted action plans

to help students finish well. School shootings have bewould you do to combat this?

Student and employee safety are not to be taken lightly. Balancing an open college environment with a safe college environment is challenging. Reviewing safety procedures ensuring adequate training of employees, staying informed of current safety measures implemented, and doing a safety inspection at all campuses will be priorities.

In recent years the San Jacinto College District has shifted some of its attention to focus on industrial training rather traditional college preparation. Do you support

I applaud this shift! A community college exists to provide its community the programs, certificates, training, and degrees that are needed to produce a skilled workforce. We have so many businesses and industries needing skilled workers and a Chancellor and Board of Trustees who look for opportunities and partnerships that benefit both our community and our businesses and industries. Not everyone needs a four-year degree, but the first two years of basic classes are provided for to focus on industrial train-those who need the more per-ing rather traditional college sonal attention a community college offers before going on to a this shift?

In January, President Donald Trump eliminated a Department of Homeland Security policy that previously prohibited Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) churches and hospitals. Do you agree with this measure, and what should be the school district's policy when on the

Providing people with an opportunity to better themselves through education is something that makes the United States the great country it is; it sets us apart. Our campuses should be safe places for students to come and learn without fear. In person classes give students opportunities to learn from the teacher, but also from each other. As required by law, the college must cooperate with our federal, state, and local law enforcement part ners. This cooperation should include discussions and agreement on strategies that maintain discretion and sensitivity.

President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order to begin dismantling the U.S. Department of Education, potentially taking significant federal funds away from the college. Do you agree with this action, and what steps could be taken by the college to make up for such missing funds?

There is much waste in our national government. With that said. I am sad to see the dismantling of the Department of Education. So many programs depend on federal funds. The college has already taken steps to help students finance their education. The Promise Scholarship program provides graduates of high schools in our district year education. Establishing Early College High Schools in I have been an advocate of the school districts served by the college provides the opportunity for an Associate of Arts degree while completing high school. The SJC Foundation will play a critical role for program funding

Position 4 Larry Wilson



Name: Larry Wilson

Age: 82 Occupation: Attorney at Law Education: AA Degree from Blinn Jr. College, BBA from Sam Houston State Universary; Doctor of Jurisprudence from South Texas College of Law

Status/Children: Marital Married to Carol Wilson for 60 years; Son, Larry Tyrone Wilson, Attorney in Georgia; torney in Texas.

What makes you best qualified to serve the constituents of the district you're wanting to represent?

I am best qualified to serve Do you have any direct ties the constituents in our district since I have served on the San and am well familiar with the progress of the college. I am familiar with the necessity of educating our students in a manner ty. I have worked hard to make sure our programs lead to stuacademic field or job training

Do you have any political

Yes. Pasadena City Councilman for 10 years, Harris County and Trustee at San Jacinto College for past 18 years. What, if any, endorsements

do you have? Constable Phil Sandlin, La come a growing problem in Porte Mayor Rick Helton, For-

mer Judge Molly Smith, former Pasadena Mayor Johnny Isbell, Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner and the San Jacinto Conservatives have endorsed me.

Do you have any direct ties to the South Belt community? Only with my close relationship with former Trustee, Marie Flickinger, and attending functions in the South Belt community on behalf of San Jacinto

College.

What one main project would you like to accomplish if elected?

I would like to see the San Jac Online program beginning this fall be successful in allowing 90+ subjects to be on the internet allowing a student to be employed and still obtain a col-School shootings have be-

come a growing problem in America. If elected, what would you do to combat this? I am opposed to any firearms being on campus property outside of our Police Department. The San Jac Police Department

lem and prepared to address it. In recent years the San Jacinto College District has shifted some of its attention ing rather traditional college preparation. Do you support

sity degree to obtain successful employment. A person needs either an academic degree or a job skill. We have partnered with industry as to what their needs are and have trained our students in those skills. The required skills are ever changing and our partnership with industry puts us in

a position to stay current with

In January, Donald Trump eliminated a Department of Homeland Seprohibited Immigration and **Customs Enforcement (ICE)** agents from entering schools churches and hospitals. Do you agree with this measure, and what should be the school district's policy when on the matter?

I do not believe that ICE agents should be able to enter the college facilities without a believe that ICE agents should be able to enter classrooms is aware of this growing probwhile in session. I believe that such ICE action would be highly disruptive to the student body and likely will affect student's

President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order to begin dismantling the U.S. Department of Educa-

I support this shift 100%. Everyone does not need a univericant federal funds away from the college. Do you agree with this action, and what steps could be taken by the college to make up for such missing funds?

At this point we do not know what impact this order will have Houston. Additionally, I hold upon school funding and government grants. We are all waiting to see how we are impacted. Our students rely heavily upon grants and loans. If actually the funds were denied colleges, we will have to rely upon our foundation's funds more heavily and rely upon additional fund raising from the private sector.

Oscar Del Torro



Age: 62 Occupation: Business owner and Psychotherapist

Education: I have a double keting from the Tecnológico de Monterrey and another in Psychology from the University of master's degree in Mental Health from Houston Christian

Marital Status/Children: I've been married to my wife for 39 years. Together, we have three children and two grandchildren. Our oldest child served in the Army and received a Purple Heart. One of our daughters is a federal agent, and our youngest daughter works for an airline.

What makes you best qualified to serve the constituents of the district you're wanting to represent? My inspiration comes from

a profound understanding of my personality type, plus experience and education. I enjoy doing what I like while positively impacting those around me. Do you have any political

experience? No, I have run for Pasadena City Council. What, if any, endorsements do vou have?

Howard Bruce. Senior Pastor. Houston, Genoa UMC, Houston. Until today

to the South Belt community? I am a long-time Pasadena resident; we raised our family

here. My oldest son went to SJC What one main project would you like to accomplish if

I strongly believe that prioritizing mental health education is equally essential. We should introduce mandatory programs that cover the fundamental concepts of mental health and foster self-esteem and resilience.

School shootings have become a growing problem in America. If elected, what would you do to combat this?

The better we understand human motivations and brain disorders, the better we can anticipate the problems caused by mental disorders. Additionally, firearms are a constant presence in our society. Engage in meaningful conversations with experts in the

In recent years the San Jacinto College District has shift-ed some of its attention to focus on industrial training rather traditional college preparation. Do you support this shift?

Life is constantly changing, and if our community requires university and/or industrial training, I believe adapting is appro-

January, President In

Donald Trump eliminated a Department of Homeland Se curity policy that previously prohibited Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents from entering schools. churches and hospitals. Do you agree with this measure. and what should be the school district's policy when on the matter? I strongly oppose this policy.

When law enforcement identifies a suspect, targeting them at school is both misguided and detrimental. We must find more effective and humane ways to

address these situations. President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order to begin dismantling the U.S. Department of Education, potentially taking significant federal funds away from the college. Do you agree with this action, and what steps could be taken by the college to make up for such missing funds?

No, I strongly disagree with this policy. Education is a right for all human beings. From an investment perspective, education is an excellent investment in society. The more we invest, the greater our returns.

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Thompson places big at cheer and dance invitational



Thompson Intermediate cheerleaders and dance teams competed in the inaugural San Jacinto Intermediate Cheer and Dance Invitational earlier this month against seven other teams in their division. The dance team came away with first place in Team Hip Hop and Team Kick, and second place in Team Pom. The cheer team won first sa Bonilla and Xara Oddo.

place in Small Team Cheer Performance. Left to right, are cheer team members (front row) Bella Hernandez, Alyana Montes, Isabella Squier, London Rodriguez, (back row) Dora Campos, Brooklynn Reyes, Gabriella Franklin, Kallie Troxlar, Kayleigh Mitchell, Julis-



Left to right, are dance team members (front row) Madalyn Parrish, rero, Delilah Deleon, Valerie Sanchez, Mia Palacios, Maite Ortega Emma Gurrusquieta, Chloe Maycott, Giselle Ayala, Aubrey Hernandez, Madeline Salgado, Yanell Vasquez, (middle row) Isabella Guer-

Board of Regents unanimous-

ly accepted the retirement of

Chancellor Tom Sewell. Two South Belt principals,

a J. Frank Dobie assistant

the district's voluntary exit in-

death of Jimmy Dickson, 18,

South Belt-Ellington Chamber

25 years ago (2000)

to compete in the fourth an-

nual South Belt Spectacular

Stuchbery had 104 years of

of Green Tee.

of Commerce.

Cookoff.

Aaliyah Benavides, Jocelynn Thach and (back row) director Katina

Meador competes in district science fair



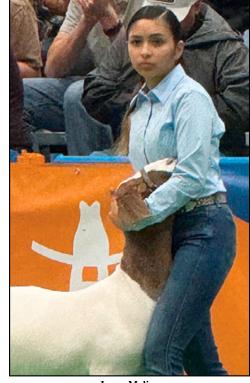
Meador. Left to right, are (front row) third-graders Joers Angela Nunez and Rubi Aleman. seph Santiago, Galilea Rodarte, Grace Longoria, read-

Meador Elementary officials have recognized district ing instructional coach Derenda Dehoyas (back row) science fair participants and coaches who represented math instructional coach Connie Daumas, fourth-grad-

Dobie FFA students participate in HLSR

Dobie High School's FFA students recently participated in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo goat competition. See additional photos in upcoming editions of the *Leader*.





SoHo announces 2025 Hall of Honor

high school drill programs in

1965. Except for a three-year

hiatus, she served in that role

until 1982 with award-win-

ning results. Her students

remember her as the driving force behind the drill team's

popular spring shows

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their chosen fields.

Ashby-Pike formally retired from teaching in 2013, but soon returned to the handicapped adults.

district for a part-time posi-Ashby-Pike and Dru- tion, filling in as a facilita--Tyrone remain active in tor where needed. She is a volunteer with the Houston



Amy Ashby-Pike

While still a SHHS senior, she volunteered as a special-education within the district. She later returned to the South Houston campus as a life skills

Drury-Tyrone is president and founder of Market Doctors, a Houston-based marketing agency that offers a wide range of on-line advertising platforms for use as a marketing engine for the automotive industry. It has since grown to include more than 350 enterprises nationwide and has made Drury-Tyrone one of the most successful businesswomen

in this part of the country. She has channeled much of her wealth into charitable endeavors which have brought her additional acclaim. She has served on the board of EquuSearch and is founder of Divine Design 10. a faith-based organization that provides healing and empowerment support for women. She also serves on the board of Hope Haven Belize, an orphanage and abuse shelter for women in

Schomber was selected to organize and direct the first team of 'Jannettes when

Equally beloved by her students was Crumpler, who returned to South Houston after graduating in 1969. The school's yearbook sponsor she replaced another Hall of Honor inductee, Diane Stafford in 1982, extending a period of publications excellence that covered 30 years.

Crumpler passed away in

Debbie Drury-Tyrone

Although Hall of Honor bylaws provide for former members of the school's support staff to be inducted. Thibodeaux is the first to be selected. He is warmly remembered by both students and faculty for his quick attention to campus needs from predawn air conditioning failures to jammed lockers. The school's "Gentile

2020.

Giant" for 27 years, Thibodeaux died in 2013. The six new honorees will

be formally inducted during Homecoming activities, tenthe Pasadena ISD approved tatively set for September.

Over The Back Fence by Nicole

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JAY!

Best wishes are sent April 27 for a wonderful Dobie's Latin Club swept the birthday to former *Leader* staffer, Dobie and UT graduate **Jay Do** from friends and the *Leader*

experience retiring at the end fireworks celebration.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 24 through April 30.

Genoa Elementary

Send a happy birthday wish April 25 to **Stephanie Toepoel**. Join in the birthday celebration April 26 for Portia Alvaro.

Meador Elementary Light the birthday candles April 25 for Anna

Moore Elementary Send a happy birthday greeting April 25 to

Demetria Pitts South Belt Elementary Blow out the birthday candles for Roseann

Stuchbery Elementary 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.

Thompson Intermediate Blow out the birthday candles April 27 for Lashawn Waller. 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. A double-layer birthday cake April 30 is in order

for Erica Moreno and Mathew Ortiz.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS Thursday, April 24: Theresa Flower, Lisa Castellano and Claudia Espinoza: Friday. April 25: Steve Jones, Misty Kuehn and Liana Pena; Saturday, April 26: Traci Thompson, Stephen Brady and Dan Fortson; Sunday, April 27: Emily Walker, Amber Allan and Penelope Villeda; Monday, April 28: Ralph Jackson, Kelly Schwell, Jason Stonestreet, Monica Rasmussen and Carrie Ramirez: Tuesday, April 29: Kevin James, Jonathan Ellis, Ben Bryant and Melissa Rahman; and Wednesday, April 30: Walter Trojanowsky, Norma Partida, Cindy Munoz, Diana Guz-

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man, Scott Koplin and Mathew Ortiz.

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Remember When

45 years ago (1980)

A contract for repairs of fire damage at Burnett Elementary was awarded to Stoner Construction Co. with the low bid of \$235,500.

John Robinson, senior at I Frank Dobie, set a state record Independent School District of 4:04.9 in the mile run at a 23-4A district track meet.

Contracts for the design centive. phase of the improvements ed. The design would be for charged with the stabbing construction on the two waterways to enable them to carry the runoff of the watershed at full development.

Two young male employees of the New Vaudeville College South received the Pizza on Hughes Road were instrumental in the apprehension of a Houston man suspected of being responsible for approximately 250 robber-

ies since Christmas. 40 years ago (1985)

Buzzy Kieth was named head football coach at Dobie. He came from El Campo.

Dobie freshman Barbara Myers was in a coma in the in tensive care unit at Texas Children's Hospital after being hit by a car driven by an underaged driver. Myers recovered and eventually worked on the Leader staff.

The Texas Department of Health ruled water samples taken from the Sagemeadow Utility District by an independent lab were safe to drink

35 Years ago (1990) For the 10th straight year,

competition and won the state championship. Clear Creek Independent School District was expecting a sharp decline in students at Weber Elementary because of

the proximity to the Brio Su-

perfund site

Weber Elementary also received transfer requests from 13 of its 31 classroom teach ers, a 42 percentage rate. A group of remaining We-

ber parents called a meeting regarding a lack of commitment by the district in solving the Weber problem.

30 years ago (1995) The San Jacinto College Herte April 26.

ys Scheidt, Frances Fuller, Carolyn Frailey and Barbara Charba retired. incorporated new computer ing expedition. Childs' family principal and a Dobie coach

of the school year when Glad-

were among 225 Pasadena technology, which resulted in had exhausted every resource the arrest of 16 criminals since in their search. employees who opted to take January.

A Sagemont Park teenager fighting victims, Lewis Mayo Hospital in Galveston. Station 76

Atkinson observed its 30year anniversary with an open house celebration.

The newly constructed Parker Williams Library on St. Frances Cabrini Cathothe campus of San Jacinto lic Church announced its project to raise \$2 million in funds quarterly Community Imfor a long-awaited church provement Award from the building.

20 years ago (2005)

The ninth annual barbecue cookoff held at El Franco Lee A record 26 teams were Park was believed to be the most successful to that date. Forty-two teams participated, and nearly \$9,000 was raised for the annual Fourth of July

Childs, Scott Keller and John Zimmerman wound down. The trio disappeared off the Constable Gary Freeman coast of Freeport during a fish-

The Bulgier family donat- Cathy Massey was named Voled a monument for two fire- unteer of the Year for Shriners

for the San Jacinto College

Board of Regents. Dobie senior Kristopher Ritchel won first place in the Kherkher Law Firm on the national Business Professionals of America competition

held in Anaheim.

15 years ago (2010) Former Pasadena Independent School District Director of Fine Arts and longtime music educator Barbara F. Eads died after a battle with cancer.

South Belt resident James 'Jimmy" Myron Willprecht died when his plane crashed in a wooded area in Friendswood.

alone in his 1973 Bellanca Super Viking when the plane crashed in a field north of the Wilderness Trail subdivision between FM 528 and FM

10 years ago (2015) South Belt attorney John

Eddie Williams Jr. was named the Pasadena Independent District's 1972 Pasadena High School ters was pronounced dead at graduate, Williams is a man-the scene. Winters' son, Jacob Road near Christia V. Adair aging partner at the Williams Gulf Freeway He, along with his wife Sheridan, supports many organizations, including MD Anderson and Memorial Hermann hospitals, as well as Education

Foundation. 5 years ago (2020)

A 20-year-old man was taken into custody early Saturday, April 25, after allegedly shooting his mother to death at their home in the 10100 block of Sagedale. Deputies

from the Harris County Sher- Funded by the 2018 bond iff's Office and Precinct 2 program, the new basins will Constable Chris Diaz's office provide safe storage for more responded to the incident at than 566 million gallons of approximately 12:20 a.m. Ac- excess stormwater. Construccording to investigators, the tion started in mid-April on son and his 37-year-old moth- the final phase of the South er were in a verbal argument Belt Stormwater Detention when, at one point, the male Basin, located near the Beamwent outside to retrieve a gun er Ditch at Beamer Road and from a car, came back inside South Fork Boulevard. Conthe house and shot his mother struction also began on the McMurrough, was apprehended and later charged with mur- a \$16.9 million construction der and booked into the Harris contract awarded by Harris County Jail. Investigators said elderly relatives, ages 91 and 96, were also inside the residence at the time of the incident. Winters was a longtime South Belt resident, attending both Thompson Intermediate

and Dobie High School. The Harris County Flood Control District began construction on two new stormwater detention basins in

Jan. 28, 2020. 1 year ago (2024) A man took his own life

County Commissioners Court

Park, Both basins were part of

by jumping from the overpass cated at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway. This marked at least the second suicide to take place at this location, as another male - a Vietnamese national – also leaped from the overpass a few years back following an accident at the location that left his wife critically injured. Sagemont Church officials told the Leader in recent years that its massive cross statue located on church grounds near Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway has prevented at least one suicide. as a driver reportedly stopped at the peak of the overpass to jump to his death but had sec-

ond thoughts after seeing the inspiring structure. A man died in a fiery car accident around 12:50 a.m. Friday, April 19, in the 15900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959. The badly burned body was not immediately identifiable by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. According to Houston Police Department officials, a Ford vehicle of unknown model was traveling north on the freeway at the above address when it struck the wall of the HOV lane entrance. The vehicle became engulfed in flames and the driver was pronounced dead at the scene by responding Houston Fire Department paramedics.

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Wolverines' Bolden qualifies for 6A state

Darwin Bolden II has advanced to the University Interscholastic League's 2025 State Track and Field Championships May 3 at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas after finishing second in the discus at the Region III Championships April 18 in Webster.

2 inches) and Bolden, who delivered a personal record of 182-6 for the silver medal in the event, were dominant at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster in qualifying for the state championships.

Bolden helped extend a streak of what is now six consecutive seasons (2020 excluded due to the pandemic) of at least reaching the state championships.

The Dobie track and field program completed a memorable season at the regional championships, with a pair of decorated seniors, Lauren Garza and Christopher Torres, finishing out remarkable runs within the

program. distance runner in program history at the current 5,000 meter mark during the cross-country distances. season, Garza was a state qualifier as a junior and went on to win the 22-6A individual crown as horn as he was 13th in a

6A Boys' Discus: 3 p.m. Gold medalist Adam a senior before taking 20th time of 10:01.38. Carter of Katy (186 feet, at regionals at 19 minutes, 19.90 seconds last Octo-

> This spring on the track, for the second straight season and finished her illustrious career in the burnt Jones saw his solid seaorange at regionals, winding up 11th at 11:45.07.

cation and running career ies. at Southeastern Oklahoma one Wolverine athlete State University in Durant, now turned his attention

> While Alberto Camwithin the Dobie boys' distance running program, season. Torres has certainly been remarkable as a 4-year nior Da'Marcus Hodges, varsity performer.

Torres first helped the the triple jump. Longhorns win a district Certainly the Long- cross-country team chamhorns' most successful pionship last October, of 43 feet, 9 inches, Hodgthen was the top overall medalist in the district at football workouts with an both the 1,600 and 3,200

At regionals at the 3,200 distance, Torres ran guy in the offensive backhis final race as a Long-

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graduation next Torres will prepare to begin his education and distance running champion at 3,200 meters career at St. Thomas University in Houston.

Dobie sprinter Marcus son on the track come to a close in the 100 as his time Garza has signed to of 11.45 placed him 14th begin her collegiate edu- overall in the preliminar-

The talented junior has to spring football workouts as he is expected to pa and others should get have a great opportunity to credit for kicking off what help the Longhorns in all has been a rebirth of sorts phases of the game heading into the 2025 regular

> The same goes for juwho reached regionals in

Placing 12th in the preliminaries with an effort es is also taking part in eye on the May 15 spring game as he is expected to



Adam Carter of Katy (center) was the Region III discus champion with a be the Longhorns' go-to throw of 186 feet, 2 inches, while Clear Brook senior Darwin Bolden II (right) came up with a personal record throw of 182-6 for the silver medal as both qualified for the state championships. At left is bronze medalist Cornelius Continued on Page 8 Francis of Summer Creek.

Dobie softball gets Ridge Point

will meet in the postseason for the first time ever in a Class 6A Division I best of three bidistrict playoff series April 24-26.

Dobie is in the playoffs after finishing off a 13-3 run through District 22-6A to earn the second seed within the league in the D1 field. Ridge Point, meanwhile, dominated the District 21-6A mix of Fort Bend ISD programs en route to a 12-0 run to the championship.

Dobie and Ridge Point will meet in the opener of a three-game series April 24 at San Jacinto College South, beginning at 6 p.m. The second game comes April 25 at Ridge Point High School, beginning at 6 p.m. A third game, if needed, will begin 30 minutes following the completion of game 2.

The Panthers have put together a terrific season and boast a powerful offense to go with an extremely effective pitching staff that includes several capable performers, but the Longhorns are in position to put together quite a postseason run of their own.

Dobie has 16 overall wins of its own, with Persephone Soria hitting .472 and leading the team in several other offensive categories. Viviana Fernandez and Natalie De Hoyos are also hitting well above .400 this season.

Vanessa De La Fuente is likely to handle the majority of the pitching duties for the Longhorns against a Panther lineup that had no trouble coasting through the District 21-6A ranks.

This is the first year the University Interscholastic League has split playoff divisions, with 22-6A undefeated champion Pearland representing the district as the top seed in the Division 1 field of competitors.



Dobie's Alexis Martinez (5) and her teammates will go against Ridge Point in a D1 bidistrict softball best-of-three series beginning April 24 at San Jacinto College South. Photo by Gloria Wallace



Dobie baseball locks up Division 1 playoff berth

surged into third place in in the Division 2 playoff the District 22-6A stand- bracket. ings with a series remaining against Manvel prior roll courtesy of a two- 10-0 as Martinez went 4 to the start of the postsea-

playoffs as the No. 2 seed pled, scored two runs and run scored. out of 22-6A in the Di- earned the save on the vision 1 bracket, with mound as the Longhorns game on the bump and Pearland having secured officially qualified for the struck out eight over 4 2/3 the top seed in the division playoffs with a 7-5 victory innings. courtesy of a series sweep over the locals.

has won a district cham- two runs. **Longstreet named PISD's**

Patrick Longstreet, who

has been the varsity head

Pasadena ISD board ap-

proval and is the district's

incoming director of ath-

in 1992 at Clear Creek

replaces

Rupert Jaso, who is retir- Athletics Donna Branch is ing from education after a also retiring after parts of

lifelong career that began five decades in the district.

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last 12 district games and second and Dobie third. ing pitcher Giovanni six overall, the Dobie Dawson will be the top Ramirez fanning varsity baseball team has seed out of the 22-6 ranks over three innings of work.

game sweep of Alvin for 5, driving in four runs April 15 and April 17. In and scoring three times. Longhorns are the opener at Alvin April

> over the Yellowjackets. Williard Joiner III was 2

incoming athletic director

pected to play a role in the

rent Assistant Director of issue.

A member of the Pasa-

ISD's Space City Intermediena ISD Athletics Hall of

diate. He shortly thereafter Fame since her induction

joined varsity head coach in 2016, Branch is a 1975

Bob Cobb's staff at Clear Sam Rayburn High School

Lake High School and later graduate who later starred

served as head coach of the collegiately in the javelin.

Falcons from 2007 to 2013. She won more than 500

principal at Clear Creek volleyball coach at Dobie

High School prior to join- High School before mov-

Longstreet is also ex- after the 2003 season.

Jaso was an assistant career matches as head

Fast forward to Dobie main April 17, where the Dobie remained on a Longhorns blanked Alvin

Joiner was 3 for 4 with most likely to enter the 15, Juelz Martinez tri- a run batted in and another

Aguilar

Thomas struck out three over 1 Dawson has finished for 3 with a run scored and 1/3 relief innings. Miguel league play at 14-2 and Angel Molina knocked in Mercedes drove in two runs while Aiden Sanchez pionship for the first time Jaylen Aguilar also tripled and scored a run.

ing on to administration



The Leader will have hiring of his top assistant additional details on Longwithin the district as cur-street's hiring in the May 1 Williard Joiner III (17) has once again played a huge role for the Dobie varsity baseball team as the locals have ensured a playoff berth. Photo by Gloria Wallace

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Dobie offers boys' and girls' hoops camp

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Rachel Flores and her staff are now accepting registration for the 2025 Longhorn Youth Basketball Clinic June 23-25 at Dobie main as incoming first-through ninth-grade boys' and girls' students will be eligible to attend the fun-filled, three-day event at \$60 per participant. Firstthrough fifth-grade students will attend the clinic from 8 to 10 a.m., while incoming sixth- through ninth-grade students will attend from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game of basketball, including shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding, offensive and defensive team concepts and more. Visit DoBiEGBB on X, then scan the QR code to begin registration or direct email to Flores at RRodriguezFlores@PasadenaISD.org.

Dobie baseball to host Mantle tryouts May 14

The Dobie baseball coaching staff has set Mickey Mantle summer league base ball tryouts for May 14, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the Dobie baseball field on the main campus. Incoming freshmen as of the 2025-2026 school year are invited to compete for a spot on a Longhorn team that will play a summer schedule against similar teams from across the area. Those trying out will be required to bring their own gear and water to drink, and be ready to compete.

Wolverines' Mantle tryouts are May 14

Clear Brook head baseball coach Gene Flores and his staff will host Mickey Mantle summer baseball league tryouts for incoming freshman players May 14 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Clear Brook baseball field. Those trying out must bring their own glove, bat, cleats and necessary catching gear to the tryout. Freshmen as of the 2025-2026 school year will compete in a summer schedule against similar programs from across the Houston area. Those competing for the Wolverines must reside in the Clear Brook attendance zone.



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Dickson leads TAMU at Oregon

Clear Brook High School graduate and current Texas A&M junior track and field star Camryn Dickson was a key performer in the Aggies dominant performance at the Oregon Open in Eugene, winning the 100 at 11.27 seconds and adding to TAMU's gold medal win in the 4x400 relay at 3:31.54. At right the 4x400 quartet included Jas-Montgomery, Jaydan Wood, Dickson and Clear Falls High School graduate Kennedy Wade. The Aggies put their stamp on the track in Oregon, as the group won 12 of the possible 22 events, adding five all-time marks and seven personal bests. TAMU's Debora Cherono broke the school record in the women's 1,500, finishing at 4:15.99.

At right, Camryn Dickson (left) delivered a win in the 100 at 11.27 seconds for the Aggies while team member Jasmine Montgomery was second for a silver medal with her clocking of 11.33 in Eugene. Overall, the Aggies came up with several personal bests and came away with a slew of gold medals as part of an impressive performance on the University of Oregon's Heyward Field, one of the nation's biggest stages.





SJC softball, baseball near postseason play

College softball and baseball programs will qualify for the postseason and are at this point in the schedule looking to finish strong pri-

or to that postseason run. Career win No. 800 in hand, San Jacinto College its own within the South Cabe Moyer has hit .343. leader of the pitching staff, postseason tournament. head softball coach Kelly Saenz is more focused on getting her team to the finish line within the Region 14 South division as the Ravens will finish with a pair of two-game sets against Blinn and then Angelina prior to preparing for the start of the confer-

As for Saenz, her 800th career victory came April 21 as the Ravens defeated Lamar-Port Arthur by a 10-9 count.

ence tournament.

The Ravens will host current South division co-leader Blinn April 24, with the first of two games set to begin at 1 p.m. A day later, San Jacinto College will host Angelina, with the first two games to begin at 3 p.m. As the postseason

nears, the Ravens appear locked into third place in the South division at 11-9 as of press time, with both Blinn and Galveston leading the way at 17-5. Alvin is fourth and 10-12 as of press time.

The Region 14 postseason tournament is set for May 3-6 as teams will vie for a pair of World Series openings. Perhaps San Jacinto College has not put together the type of regular season that it would have liked to this point, but all of that could change at the postseason tournament as each team will essentially start as 0-0.

Iliana Melendez leads the team in hitting at .411, while Emily Garcia is hitting .400. Kamryn De Leon is next at .396, with Madeline Perez hitting .392. Madison Carr is at .387. while Angelina Morales is at .372 among the top-per-

forming regular players. On the baseball dia it again this season with a of 20-8. 35-10 overall record, and

mond, defending national as the Ravens are firmly in Colton Wemhoff leads the posting a 7-0 record with champion Blinn is back at second place with a record team with 34 runs driven an earned run average of

Clear Brook graduate lo has driven in 29. Adrian the Bucs lead the South Landon Hunt has contin- Pedro has 25 runs driven out the regular season May division with a mark of ued to have a big season in, and Rafael Furcal Jr. 1-2 with a three-game 23-5. San Jacinto, at 29-15 for the Ravens as he has hit has knocked in 22 runs

in, while Eduardo Castil- 1.32.

overall, has more than held .359 this season, while Mc-

Longhorn boys' hoops will have new leader

Dobie campus athletic ing group of coaches here group of young men with- will be able to come in and coordinator Danny Fitz- at Dobie, and we are very in the program at all levels, get the ball rolling toward morris is heading up the excited to add someone and they are looking for- what we believe will be an charge to hire the school's who we believe will ulti- ward to a change at the top incredible run of success in next varsity boys' basket- mately bring stability and a and being led by somebody the future." ball coach, and says there desire to have a great deal who wants the best for the Dobie will welcome has been plenty of interest of success with the Long-in the position as the pro-horns on the court," Fitz-"We feel like we have a Kevin Cross retired from in the position as the pro- horns on the court,"

cess continues. "We have an outstand-

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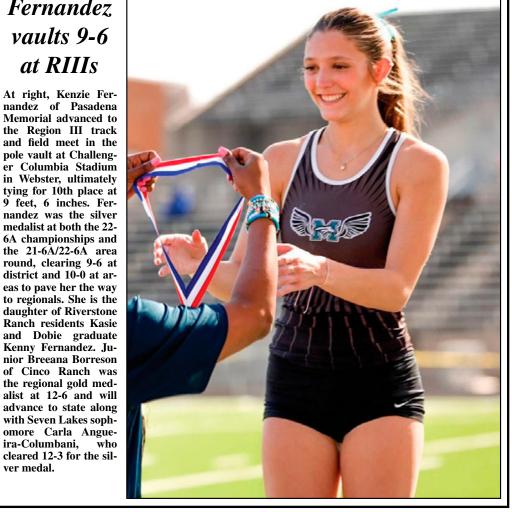
"We have a talented and the new head coach 2019-2020 season.

terrific program in place, the sport following the

Fernandez, vaults 9-6 at RIIIs

At right, Kenzie Fernandez of Pasadena Memorial advanced to the Region III track and field meet in the pole vault at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster, ultimately tying for 10th place at 9 feet, 6 inches. Fernandez was the silver medalist at both the 22-6A championships and the $21-6\hat{A}/22-6\hat{A}$ area round, clearing 9-6 at district and 10-0 at areas to pave her the way to regionals. She is the daughter of Riverstone Ranch residents Kasie and Dobie graduate Kenny Fernandez. Junior Breeana Borreson of Cinco Ranch was the regional gold medalist at 12-6 and will advance to state along with Seven Lakes sophomore Carla Angueira-Columbani, who

ver medal.



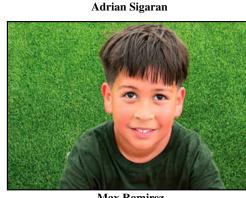
Atkinson runners excel at PISD Get Fit Jog

At right, Atkinson Elementary third- and fourth-grade students stood out during the Pasadena ISD's annual Get Fit Jog program, which called for the district's students to jog 40 miles or more during the school year to be eligible for the districtwide Get Fit Jog final race at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena late last month. The third-grade and fourth-grade course was just more than a mile in length. Those taking part for the Eagles included, left to right, (first row) Jayden Hernandez, Esmeralda Saucedo, Josiah Thomas, (second row) Jacob Escamilla, Adrian Sigaran, Eduardo Martinez, Olivia Guzman, (third row) Julian Peralta, Martha Fajardo, Max Ramirez, (fourth row) Jayden Hernandez, Esmeralda Saucedo and Josiah Thomas.



Several Atkinson Elementary students garnered top 30 finishes during the Pasadena ISD Get Fit Jog finale last month at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. In the third-grade boys' race, Adrian Sigaran finished in 24th place and Max Ramirez was 27th. In the third-grade girls' race, Esmeralda Saucedo finished in 15th place. In the fourth-grade boys' race, Josiah Thomas captured 30th place. In the fourth-grade girls' race, Olivia Guzman finished in eighth-place.





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SATURDAY, APRIL 26

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

7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice. **TUESDAY, APRIL 29**

7:30 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. - Pasadena Heritage Park and

- Club #05324194 meets in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit sehouston.toastmastersclub.org or call 281-467-1880. 7 p.m. **NA** – **Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For

6:30 p.m. Southeast Houston Toastmasters

details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hasco na.com or https://nastuff.com/. **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30** 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-

Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona. com or https://nastuff.com/. THURSDAY, MAY 1

6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/

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

a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turnof-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.

554-1180 for details. 7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.

7 p.m. **NA – Vigilance Group of NA,** open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First

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-

9860.

Museum - See Thursday's notice. 11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Ánglican Church

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Sagemont Cowboys' Goddesses to play 7-on-7 football game April 27 at Dobie main

The Sagemont Cowboys organization has formed its first ever 7-on-7 football team. With the recent growth in the skill at the high school level, the Bay Area Football League is following suit. The Sagemont Goddesses will be participating in BAFL's first ever girls 7-on-7 tournament and skills challenge event. The event will be hosted by Dobie High School's football head coach, Danny Fitzmorris at Dobie main April 27, beginning at 3 p.m. The group includes, left to right, coach P.J. Herrera, Ella Laredo, Adriana Rodriguez, Faith Herrera, Savanna Rodriguez, Callie Slaughter, Jazzalynn Herrera, Gianna Garcia, Haylie Cooper, Head Coach Shay Martin and Gabriella Cowan (not pictured).



Lutheran South Academy golf trio earns TAPPS All-District status



Lutheran South Academy varsity girls' golfers accolades while finishing in the top 10 at the district her 85. Rivas completed a round of 92 to finish ninth and Olivia Rivas each earned first team All-District ing a single round 81, while Trahan was sixth with team.



Emma Poffinbarger (left), Addison Trahan (center) golf tournament. Poffinbarger was fourth after fir- overall. Lutheran South Academy was second as a



CB's Bolden reaches state discus

Continued from Page 5 he felt relatively calm and contribute at the next level and relaxed going into the region- just want the opportunity."

tivated by the fact that I with a gold medal. missed out on regionals last

"My goal all season really have the opportunity, my goal at regionals as she rounded

was to throw 180. That's a dis-Bolden has admitted that tance that really gets college he is typically nervous prior coaches to start paying attento a track meet, but this time tion. I really feel like I can

al meet. The result was that As for the state meet, meets, including at the 24-Bolden PR'd three times on Carter has been the best per- 6A meet, the 23/24-6A area his way to the silver medal, former within the region in around and then at regionals. with his throw of 182-6 his both the discus and shot put best ever by more than 13 feet. both the discus and shot put best ever by more than 13 feet. events, but Bolden is going to Region III Championships Smitl "I came into the season Austin intent on coming back with a school record of 37.82

"I'm going to go to Austin year and wanted to give my- and let it all hang out," Boldrun at state this year," Bolden of mine in the discus for quite medal at areas and then again

The Wolverines' Jalen Erhe produced personal records in his final three high school

in the 300 hurdles.

A star on the basketball court at Clear Brook, Mcskine saved his best for last as Laurin averaged 20 points per game as a senior and was named the 24-6A Most Valuable Player. She will now fo cus on playing collegiate basketball at Houston Christian

Smith to La. Tech

Azayla Smith, a 2023 Clear Brook graduate and 400 and Kamryn McLaurin ad- 800 specialist, has joined vanced to regionals in the the Louisiana Tech Univerself an opportunity to make a en said. "This has been a goal high jump with a bronze sity women's track and field program, as announced by some time. And now that I cleared 5-4 to wind up sixth Louisiana Tech track staffers

Darwin Bolden II of Clear Brook is headed to the 6A state track and field meet after finishing second for a silver medal with a throw of 182 feet, 6 inches in the discus. Katy's Adam Carter was the gold medalist and is also off to state with a throw of 186-2.

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Christopher Torres and Lauren Garza of Dobie both competed at the 3,200 distance in the regionwas a memorable career for both athletes for the Longhorns. Both will run collegiately as Torres is headed to the University of St. Thomas in Houston, with Garza off to Southeastern Oklahoma State in Durant, Okla.



al track and field championships to round out what Dobie juniors Da'Marcus Hodges (left) and Marcus Jones have returned to the spring football practice field after competing in the Region III Track and Field Championships April 18. Hodges competed in the triple jump while Jones was part of the field in the 100 preliminaries.

TAPPS soccer honors LSA's Riekert, Smith

Lutheran South Academy varsity girls soccer standouts Jemma Riekert and Addi Smith have been recognized as Academic All-State honorees by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. Smith was also a second-team All-State selection as a defender for the Pioneers First-team All-District honorees for the Pioneers included Smith at defender and forward Cassidy Pfeiffer. Midfielder Peyton Lawrence and Riekert at defender were second-team honorees, while forwards Jade Barefield and Olivia Rivas as well as goalkeepers London Cathey and Skylar Catron were honorable mention

LSA swimming trio honored academically

Lutheran South Academy swimmers Elijah Brown, Lauren Ferguson and Luis Ordaz have been recognized as Academic All-State honorees by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools for the 2024-2025 school year. The trio also qualified for the state championships in various events, with Ferguson winning a

Pioneer boys' hoops scores All-District

Three Lutheran South Academy varsity boys basketball players earned All-District honors following the 2024-2025 season, including senior and first-team performer David Streeter. Other LSA players, including Harry Burkett, Mike Matthews and Ralston Wagoner, earned All-District second team honors. The Pioneers' Jashaun Brooks collected All-District honorable mention status.

LSA girls' basketball picks up honors

Lutheran South varsity girls basketball player Natalie Browning earned Texas Association of private and parochial schools academic All-State honors for the 2024-2025 school year and was also a second team All-District performer on the court following the pioneers' season. LSA's Annie De La Pena was an All-District first-team pick while Sam Avery, Browning and Olivia Varanauski were named to the second team. Lutheran South's Elisabeth Hergenrader, Anna Schepmann and Ava Zamora were honorable mention choices

LSA to run at TAPPS regional track and field

The Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 4A/5A South Regional track and field championship meet April 24 at Matador Stadium in Seguin is on tap for Lutheran South Academy athletes as the quest to reach the state champion-

The Pioneers' top state hopeful could be sophomore Jeremy Gaitan as he collected three gold medals at district, winning both the 800 and 1,600 distance events and adding to the Pioneers' victorious 4x400 relay squad.

Richard MIP for Illinois State FB



Dobie class of 2023 graduate and varsity football stand out CJ Richard has been named the Most Improved Player during the spring session at Illinois State University as he works his way toward a larger role with the Red Hawks aiming toward the 2025 season. Richard, an All-District performer with the Longhorns as part of a 3-year varsity career, redshirted at Illinois State during the 2024 regular season.