

Concert Band Festival set

As part of its 25th anniversary celebration, the Pearland Community Band will host the Concert Band Festival Saturday, April 30, at Pearland Town Center Pavilion, 11200 Broadway in Pearland, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Supported by a City of Pearland Cultural Arts Grant program, this project will feature area concert bands. For additional information, visit visitpearland.com.

Kirkwood to meet April 28

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Sagamore Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Meetings are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990.

77075 COVID cases increase

ZIP code 77075 saw a sharp spike in the number of active COVID-19 cases this past week, with approximately 150 new cases being reported.

As of Tuesday, April 26, there had been 9,374 confirmed cases in 77075. Of those, 246 remained active, up 149 from the previous week. To date, there have been 75 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

The remaining two ZIP codes in the immediate South Belt area remained roughly on par with the previous week.

In ZIP code 77089, there had been 12,637 confirmed cases (total population: 53,866). Of those, 90 remained active, up four from the previous week. To date, 130 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 132 deaths the previous week.)

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there had been 8,691 confirmed cases. Of those, 65 remained active, down four from the previous week. To date, 89 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

According to Harris County officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit pub.healthy.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-el-Coronavirus.

Scotty's to host JFD night

Scotty's Pub, located at 10943 Scarsdale at Beamer, will host a Dobie alumni night Saturday, April 30, from noon to close. The event will include a 5 for \$5 special, as well as Longhorn Burgers and Longhorn Punch. The class with the largest attendance will receive a \$100 scholarship donated in its name. Wristbands will be issued to receive Happy Hour prices all night. Name tags will be provided.

Heavy trash pickup set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, May 12 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, May 13 (second Friday of the month). May is for tree waste only. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

Ellington e-recycling resumes

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, May 14, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. Last month's collection event was canceled at the last minute due to a COVID-related staffing shortage. This marked the second time in a year such a closure has occurred. For additional information, visit www.houston.solidwaste.org or call 311.

Gulf Freeway closures set

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

Two outside northbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from West Memorial Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday, May 5.

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, May 22.

At least one northbound Gulf Freeway frontage road lane will be closed at Beltway 8 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Friday, April 29.

Two northbound frontage road lanes and two southbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through the morning of Saturday, Dec. 31.

Two outside southbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Texas City Railroad to SH 6/SH 146 in La Marque nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Jan. 8.

The northbound entrance ramps from both FM 519/Main Street and FM 1765/Texas Avenue in La Marque will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the next available northbound entrance ramp.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

American Legion Post 490 begins new construction

Group breaks ground on new building following 2021 blaze

By Cervantis Pounds

American Legion South Houston Post 490 recently held its groundbreaking ceremony for its new building after fire destroyed the previous one last year.

Despite the ordeal, the group continues its community outreach as the association donated \$50,000 to underprivileged families and gave out five scholarships without access to its building this year.

"I feel the program is needed in the community as much as the program needs the community," said Post 490 Commander John Cronin.

The post has provided the community with a variety of services such as providing gifts to children,

funding the Special Olympics, providing school supplies and giving out scholarships to children of military personnel from 9/11.

It also provides veterans with a litany of services such as monthly steak dinners, haircut coupons for the VA hospital, barbecue cook-offs that feed hundreds at the VA hospital and emergency assistance to veterans in need.

American Legion Association first began in 1911, servicing veterans, association members and communities across the nation. The association is devoted to teaching the youth about American history and aiding throughout different neighborhoods.

The South Houston post is in the 22nd District 2nd Division of the Texas Department and is the largest post in the state of Texas with more than 1,700 members from Alaska, to Hawaii, to even France.

As Post 490 continues its rebuilding of the renovated building, its charitable work through the South Belt-Ellington community continues to progress.

For more information on the American Legion Association Post 490, visit its website at legion490.com/ or call them at 281-481-1179.

The new building is expected to make its full return Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Late Bulletin Death not criminal

A 21-year-old female was found dead inside a home on Kirkvale near Kirkville the morning of Tuesday, April 26. After a lengthy investigation by the Harris County Sheriff's Office and Precinct 2 constable's office, the woman's death was determined to not be the result of a criminal act.

Scarsdale Walgreens robbed at gunpoint

The Walgreens located in the 10800 block of Scarsdale at Beamer was robbed at gunpoint around 11:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21. According to officials with Precinct 2 constable's office, two young black males entered the store, displayed handguns and forced an employee toward the office and demanded he open the store's safe.

The suspects fled the store with approximately \$5,000. It is unknown if they fled on foot or by vehicle. Investigators are reviewing the store's surveillance video. No one was injured during the robbery.

Anyone with information about this case is urged to contact Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS(8477).

Traffic fatality causes delays



A fatal rollover crash delayed traffic for several hours early Tuesday, April 26, on the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale. According to police, a male driver lost control of his vehicle, struck a barricade and flipped multiple times before being pronounced dead at the scene. No one else was injured, including a passenger. Police said multiple stolen items were found inside the vehicle, including credit cards. Financial crimes investigators were called to the scene, further delaying traffic, which lasted around five hours. Photo by KPRC

Judge's ruling eases airline mask wear

After a federal judge in Florida struck down the Biden administration's mask mandate for airplanes and other public transport methods, airlines began to react, lifting the requirement.

The Transportation Security Administration announced after the ruling it would no longer enforce the ruling, prompting the move from industry.

"Due to today's court ruling, effective immediately, TSA will no longer enforce its Security Directives and Emergency Amendment requiring mask use on public transportation and transportation hubs," the TSA released in a statement. "TSA will also rescind the new Security Directives that were scheduled to take effect tomorrow. CDC continues to recommend that people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time."

Put in place in January 2021, the mask mandate was set to expire when the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that it would keep it in place until May 3 to allow more time to study the COVID-19 omicron variant. It was the mask mandate's fifth extension despite repeated requests from airline and travel industry to ease restrictions.

Ironically, it was the airline and travel industry to initially call for the mandate.

The following is a list on individual airline policies as of press time (policies are subject to change):

American: Face masks will no longer be required for customers and employees at U.S. airports and on domestic flights.

"Please note face masks may still be required based on local ordinances, or when traveling to/from certain international locations based on country requirements," the airline said in a statement. "In keeping with our commitment to creating a welcoming environment for everyone who travels with us, customers and team members may choose to continue to wear masks at their own discretion."

Delta: Effective immediately, masks are optional for passengers inside U.S. airports and on-board aircraft. Delta travelers and employees and customers may continue wearing masks if they choose.

"Given the unexpected nature of this announcement, please be aware that customers, airline employees and federal agency employees — such as TSA — may be receiving this information at different times," Delta said in a statement.

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PISD holds Athletics Hall of Fame event

The 10th annual Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Pasadena Convention Center, located at 7902 Fairmont Parkway.

In honor of the event's 10th anniversary, 10 recipients will be inducted.

Inductees included Charlie Goehring — Track and Cross Country Coach (1971-2007); TJ Mills (deceased) — Football Coach (1977-2005); Wilburn Raby — Track Coach (1952-1980); Steve Prentice — Swimmer, South Houston (Class of

1970); Bryan Willingham — Football, Pasadena (Class of 1971); Ron Schroeder — Golf, Sam Rayburn (Class of 1975); Marlen Esparza — Boxing, Pasadena (Class of 2007); Bo Snelson — Football, Pasadena Memorial (Class of 2009); Snelson Family, including Billie (deceased), and her two sons John and Andy; and Dobie Girls Softball Team, 1993 State Champions.

General admission tickets are \$50.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=191894.

Man arrested in Hughes Road shooting

A driver was arrested Tuesday, April 19, for allegedly shooting at another vehicle the previous week in the 9900 block of Hughes Road near Blackhawk.

Precinct 2 deputies initially responded to a call around 10 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, after a victim reported being shot at multiple times by the driver of a black pickup truck.

The victim said the suspect pulled up next to him and reportedly produced a handgun, pointed it at the man and chambered a round. Frightened the victim accelerated, as the suspect fired multiple shots, striking the victim's vehicle several times, including once in the back of the driver's headrest.

Neither the driver nor passenger of the victim

vehicle were injured.

Police canvassed the surrounding area but were unable to locate the suspect at that time.

Due to the severity of the crime, the case was handed over to Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit for follow-up. Deputies with this specialized unit were able to follow up on some leads and locate a possible suspect out of the Pearland area.

After a thorough investigation, deputies were able to locate and arrest the suspect wanted for this crime. On Tuesday, April 19, deputies arrested and charged 46-year-old Lincoln Tran with felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect's vehicle was also seized by deputies.

SJC exhibit celebrates school's 60 years

San Jacinto College invites the public to the opening reception of the exhibit "Voices of San Jac: Our College Community," an exhibit honoring the 60-year history of the area institution.

The reception will be held at the South campus library Thursday April 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. Honors History students from South campus have spent the semester interviewing nearly a dozen longtime faculty and staff members, as well as its Board Chair Marie Flickinger, to produce a small exhibit celebrating the impact of the area college on its students, staff and community members.

The reception is an informal come-and-go event

to give visitors an opportunity to explore personal and anecdotal stories about the impact of the college. Attendees will even have a chance to leave your personal message about the impact of San Jacinto College.

San Jac College history professor Abbie L. Grubb said she was thankful to be a part of the program.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to have assisted with this exhibit along with members of the Honors Program, the Fine Arts Department and the Library," said Grubb.

Other events associated with the college's 60th anniversary are planned throughout the year.

Early May 7 voting currently underway

Early voting for the May 7 joint general and special elections is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, May 3.

South Belt voters will have a say in multiple contests, including a \$305 million Pasadena ISD bond referendum, two state constitutional amendments, the Clear Creek ISD and the Sage-meadow MUD board elections.

If approved by district voters, the Pasadena ISD bond package would provide major safety, security and technology upgrades.

The bond package will be divided into three ballot propositions (Proposition A, Proposition B and Proposition C) that residents will have the opportunity to vote on individually.

Proposition A would be for \$281 million; Proposition B would be for \$15 million; and Proposition C would be for \$9 million.

Proposition A would provide for four priority replacement schools, improvements to safety and security, modernization and renovation projects, plumbing improvements and fine arts improvements.

Proposition B would address technology, net-

working and infrastructure improvements.

Proposition C would tackle athletics needs,

including upgrades to Maguire Field, Auxiliary Stadium and the Softball Complex.

For a complete list of projects, visit www1.pasadenaisd.org/about/school_bond_2022.

Two proposed amendments to the state constitution will also appear on the May 7 ballot, both of which deal with homestead taxes.

Voters will also decide who will fill two positions on the Clear Creek ISD board of trustees.

To be decided are the District 1 seat currently held by Board Secretary Dr. Laura DuPont, and the At Large Position B seat currently held by incumbent Scott Bowen. DuPont is not seeking re-election, while Bowen is.

Candidates seeking the District 1 School Board Trustee position include Jessica Cejka and Misty Dawson. At-Large Position B School Board Trustee candidates include Kyrsten Garcia, Carl Nunn and Bowen. Most South Belt residents will be allowed to vote in only the at-large race, as the community is primarily located in

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Resident elected A&M Head Yell Leader

By Cervantis Pounds

South Belt resident Zac Cross was elected Head Yell Leader for Texas A&M University for the upcoming fall semester leading through the spring of 2023.

In a committee composed of the Yell Leader advisor, an athletic department representative, president and CEO

of the Former Students Association, Cross was recommended for the prestigious role, leading to the recommendation being approved by the pres-



Zac Cross

ident of student affairs.

In addition to being the newly elected Head Leader, Cross is a current Junior majoring in construction science and plans to become a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He is also a first-generation Aggie to fulfill a Marine Corps scholarship with Texas A&M.

Before taking over as the new Head Yell Leader, Cross served a two-year stint as a junior Yell Leader, where he enhanced a variety of talents such as organizational and time-management skills.

Texas A&M Yell Leaders have embodied the school's history for more than 100 years, spreading Aggie culture and traditions at various university events. Cross began his tenure April 21.



Deputies arrest shooting suspect

Deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operation Unit arrested a driver Tuesday, April 19, for allegedly shooting at another vehicle the previous week in the 9900 block of Hughes Road near Blackhawk. Lincoln Tran, 46, of Pearland, was arrested and charged with felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Tran's vehicle was also seized by deputies.

In My Opinion

Walwyn seeks to help rebuild Jessup

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Vaughaligan Walwyn. I am the Lead Pastor of Fellowship Houston. I grew up in the same house at 8806 Intervale for 16 years. The first public school I attended was Jessup Elementary. It was there that I discovered my sense for competition and wanting to be excellent. I was encouraged to make the honor roll, run for class president, and even excel in sports.

In third grade the district introduced the Gifted and Talented program and I was selected. The first couple years the program was held at AB Freeman Elementary so I had to change schools. Being in that program gave me the push I needed to truly believe in myself. I am grateful for the extra effort that was given to pull the best out of each student.

I transferred back to Jessup Elementary for 5th grade, then spent 3 years at South Houston Intermediate and completed 4 years of High School at South Houston. It was a privilege to help with leading our basketball team to the first district championship in our school's history. That SoHo Pride pushed me to earn a full paid track and field scholarship to Rice University where I became an NCAA All-American.

So many beautiful moments came from my time as a student in the Pasadena Independent School District, especially meeting my wife of 15 amazing years and mother of our 4 beautiful children.

After college I pursued my love for music and released an album that landed #26 on the Gospel Billboard Charts. My wife and I answered our call in ministry, planted a church called Fellowship Houston, and recently purchased a building down the street from Jessup Elementary on Alameda Genoa. It's been a blessing to give back to Jessup with Christmas toys, school supplies, winter coats and more.

It would be great to see Jessup receive the resources to rebuild that campus and continue impacting lives with an upgraded facility. If there is anything my wife and I can do to help make this happen please let us know!

Sincerely,
Vaughaligan Walwyn
Lead Pastor

Cobarruvias writes on CCISD election

The candidates running for the CCISD School Board have filed their 30 day campaign finance reports. These reports are required 30 days and 7 days before the election on May 7. The reports are required to contain details about all contributions to the campaign, all expenditures, and all loans made to the campaign. They also are required to report in-kind donations which are services provided to the campaign in lieu of cash.

Reports for school board campaigns are filed with the local district but are governed and required by law by the Texas Ethics Commission. These reports are available to the public for review at the CCISD Election Page at <https://www.ccisd.net/elections>.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors (weather permitting) storytime for all ages. Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

Book drop

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

Additional resources

The Houston Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

Parker Williams Library

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

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

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

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

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

Hours are: Monday, 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.

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

Thursday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. Baby Time. Join Kathy Pham and Jasmine Washington for In-Person Baby Time. For babies 0 to 18 months who cannot walk confidently.

Thursday, April 28, 2-3 p.m. Parker Williams Book Club. This month's book club selection is "Ninth House" by Leigh Bardugo. Contact the branch to reserve a copy today! This is an in-person program at the library but can be attended virtually. Contact Tanner Adams at tanner.adams@hcpl.net for more information or to request an online invitation!

Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. Vietnamese Classes for Beginners. Learn how to speak and read Vietnamese. For adults and kids aged 8 years and older. To register and receive more information about classes, call 832-927-7870 or visit the Parker Williams website.

Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. Online Storytime. Books for kids are important in every language! Join a special celebration of Dia de los Libros, Dia de los Ninos. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, May 4, 3:30 p.m. Online. Adventure awaits with Dungeons and Dragons online. Join Tanner Adams over Discord for swords, sorcery, and high adventure. This program is available to patrons 16 and older. Contact tanner.adams@hcpl.net for more information.

Wednesday, May 4, 4:30 p.m. Book Buddies. Help your children grow a love for reading in the Library Community Room. Book Buddies is for children from kindergarten to third grade.

Wednesday, May 4, 5 p.m. Star Wars Trivia. May the Fourth be with you. Celebrate Star Wars day with John Harbaugh, a mega Star Wars nerd. Try to beat his Star Wars trivia battle royale on Kahoot.

ccisd.net/elections.

Over the past few decades the cost of running a campaign for school board has typically never exceeded a couple of thousand of dollars, just enough to buy a few yard signs, some push cards, and maybe a mailer. Rarely does a Political Action Committee expend money for or against a candidate in the form of mailers but if they do they must file a report with the TEC detailing who contributed to this campaign just like the candidates are required. At the moment there has been some evidence of an outside PAC trying to influence this local election but these expenditures have not been reported yet. Below are summaries of contributions of the candidates running for the At Large position in alphabetical order.

Scott Bowen. Raised about \$5000 with \$2000 coming from out of the district in Corsicana Texas by a former candidate for State office. \$1300 came from Kevin Odit who unsuccessfully ran for the school board in 2021. Bowen has loaned his campaign \$20,000 and has reported expenditures of about \$6000.

Krysten Garcia. Raised about \$3000 from various individuals under \$500. She has spent \$3234 with a personal loan of \$1060.

Carl Nunn. Raised about \$2300 from various individuals under \$500 and has spent \$2689 with a personal loan of \$1200.

The next campaign finance report is due to the CCISD office April 30.

John Cobarruvias

Webb urges election of trio for board

My name is Seth H. Webb. I am a candidate for director on the Sagemeadow Utility District board. I have been serving as the chairman of the Sagemeadow HOA for more than two years. As chairman, I have overseen much needed tree maintenance for our neighborhood medians, as well as a complete overhaul of our irrigation systems, the installation of new entrance monuments to replace our broken down, decades old signs, and the successful collection of nearly \$200,000 in past due maintenance fees. I have decided to run for the board because I believe that I can have a greater impact on our community, by influencing how our utility district operates. However, I cannot do it alone.

Incumbent Dean Baier has more knowledge and experience on how the utility district systems operate than anyone on the board. Additionally, he has worked with the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department for many years and is a strong supporter for the South Belt Cook Off and Fourth of July Fireworks. He is experienced and community-minded, and we would be losing a tremendous asset for our community if he were not re-elected.

Incumbent Edward "Figg" Figueroa, is the newest member of the board and has a great record of supporting community initiatives as the chairman of the board for the Lake at Golfcrest subdivision. For the more than eight years he's served his community, he's been instrumental

in bringing down costs while improving collection rates. He has also sought out solutions for a variety of infrastructure needs and made sure that they were addressed. He is clearly forward thinking and an important member of the board who should be re-elected.

This is why I have teamed up with Dean and Edward, who are the two incumbents on the board that have demonstrated a willingness to push for major changes that will have positive impacts on the safety and reliability of the water and wastewater systems that we all depend upon. Vote "two, three, four" for the Sagemeadow UD board of directors election on May 7th. See www.votetwothreefour.com for more information.

Seth H. Webb.

Heinrich asks for your vote in May 7 election

I am Ted Heinrich asking for your vote in the May 7th election for Sagemeadow Water Board, Position #1 on your ballot.

There has been a recent movement to reduce the property tax exemption for 65 and over and disabled persons. This would result in an increase of around \$400 for affected persons. I have and will continue to fight this movement.

The organization is very active at this time with ongoing water and sewer pipe replacements. Also engineering for reconstruction of both water plants is about to be complete. The District is running well providing a steady supply of clean water.

The District is participating in the process of installation of cameras at all entrances to the area. This will allow monitoring of all vehicles entering our area. This will aid our patrolling Constables to further secure our area. As always with our surrounding districts we supply funds for operation of the Volunteer Fire Department and Constable Patrol. We have provided funds for purchase of ambulances for the Fire Department and equipment for the Constables.

Recent board member changes have caused a significant drop in Water Board member experience. I have been a member of the Board for over 25 years, as has only one other member. I would like to continue to aid in the success of the operation of the organization.

Early voting April 25 - May 3 7am - 7pm. El Franco Lee Park, 9500 Hall Road is the only location. Election Day: May 7th 7am-7pm at County Annex @ Beamer and Scarsdale - El Franco Lee Park and multiple locations. See *Leader* next week for election day locations.

Sincerely,
Carl "Ted" Heinrich

Baier urges vote in Sagemeadow UD

Hello Neighbor!

My name is Dean Baier. I am up for re-election on Sagemeadow Board. I need your vote in the Sagemeadow U.D. Board election. Election time is here, and your vote can make the difference for our community. Your decisions can impact our water-sewer-garbage-taxes, along with response times from our Constables and Volunteer EMS & Fire Dept. I am committed in preparing our communities for today and the future. However, I cannot do it alone. For, this reason, I support Edward "Figg" Figueroa, and Seth Webb. Both have had great impacts to our community and shared the willingness to push for major change, which will have positive impacts in implementing improvements to the public water and sanitary sewer system.

To provide a safer and more reliable infrastructure, to protect against future failures and needs. Teaming up with our community to improve the "looks and feel" of our neighbors.

Please Vote! and visit our website at www.votetwothreefour.com to learn more about your candidates.

Dean Baier

Lindsey seeks votes for trio in SUD

As a long time resident of the Sagemeadow subdivision, we are in need of some new leadership at our Sagemeadow Utility District.

We have seen the cost of our services go up significantly and currently are higher than the surrounding MUDs. This is due to lack of foresight and leadership. Its time for a change for the better for our residents.

This election coming up is the way we get new leadership that is responsible, forward thinking and ready to tackle the difficult issues facing our aging district. I urge all residents of the Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South to vote FOR the three best candidate: Seth Webb, Dean Baier and Edward Figueroa.

All three are active in our community in various leadership positions and will make the Sagemeadow-Kirkwood South Utility District a better place for all residents.

Please vote this week (early voting) or Election Day, May 7th (Saturday) for Seth, Dean and Edward at the El Franco Lee Park Building.

Sherri Lindsey

Fuller supports Garcia in CCISD race

In the upcoming CCISD Board of Trustee election, we have important decisions to make. We will decide how we want the future of our schools to be shaped, and we make that decision by voting. We need Trustees who have experience with our school system, who care about education, and who have insight into the challenges our teachers and staff face every day.

Krysten Garcia, who's running for Trustee At-Large Position B, has all the qualities that we should seek when we are looking for a new Trustee. Krysten puts education at the forefront of everything she does. She has clearly shown that she wants to make a positive impact on the education of the students in our area.

She is a well-educated former teacher in CCISD. This gives her a unique insight into our school district and places her as the top candidate.

She cares about the students, faculty, and support personnel equally because she recognizes that it takes more than just teachers to educate our students. Krysten's experience in the school system in which she is seeking a trustee

position makes her the best choice.

Krysten is a parent to a student who will attend CCISD schools, and as such she wants to continue to invest in the future of all our children. She also hears the parents and their wishes for safe schools focused on student learning.

If you care about your children and grandchild-

dren Krysten Garcia is the only choice of Trustee At-Large Position B.

The school board of trustees should not be a political springboard for people who are looking to make a political career. That mindset is a disservice to the students and faculty.

We need Trustees that don't get mixed up in partisan politics or uses the schoolboard for their personal agenda. Krysten has proven throughout her career and campaign that she can handle herself with poise and dignity without falling prey to politics or smear campaigns because she has practice setting aside personal politics to make the right choice for children every time. She has kept her focus on the challenges of our school system and the education of our students.

We need to come together as a community and elect people who care about schools, education, students, and faculty. We don't need aspiring politicians pandering to a future voter base, we need Krysten Garcia.

Please make time to vote and make your voice heard. Let's make the school board about the schools again, vote for Krysten Garcia for Trustee At-Large Position B.

Yours Faithfully,

Marika Fuller

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Death

Seth Sonny La



Seth Sonny La was born July 7, 1994 to Sonny and Judy La and passed away April 13, 2022.

From the very beginning Seth was an anticipated new arrival and was the Golden Child of the family. It was only fitting that he was named Seth, meaning "The Chosen One."

Seth was a competitive athlete and excelled in everything to which he dedicated himself. He was a third-degree black

belt in karate and tae kwon do, played six seasons of football as an offensive linebacker with Beverly Hills Intermediate Bears and Dobie High School Longhorns, won multiple gold medals and set a world record as a powerlifter.

Seth was a 2012 Dobie High School graduate. He earned a scholarship to the University of Houston-Downtown and was one semester shy of graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

The best characteristic about Seth is when he knocked one down he always helped them back up.

Seth was loving, loyal, dedicated and so passionate. It was evident that he made an impact on so many lives. The family has received an over-abundance of love and support.

Seth put so much heart into everything he did. He leaves to cherish his memory his parents; sister and brother-in-law, Patty La and Jim Tran; nieces Layla and Lauren Tran; and nephew Nolan Tran.

Services have been held.

Early voting begins

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Clear Creek ISD District 4.

Three spots are to be decided in the Sagemeadow MUD election. Incumbents Ted Heinrich, Dean Baier and Edward Figueroa are being challenged by Seth Webb. The three candidates who receive the most votes will fill the three open positions.

The nearest early voting location for South Belt residents is the El Franco Lee

Community Center at 9500 Hall Road. The Harris County annex at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer is not listed as an early voting location, as in past elections.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on Sunday, May 1, when voting hours are 1 to 6 p.m.

To see a complete list of polling locations or a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member from *The Official South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert* Facebook page posted surveillance videos of two individuals that stole copper from an Exxon on 45 South and Astoria Boulevard. The member states that the individuals stole half of the copper wires Tuesday night, April 19 and returned for the other half Wednesday night, April 20. The member also mentioned that the mechanic shop has no power and that it will cost them at least \$20,000 for repairs.

A member of the Neighbors app posted a video of

two individuals walking through the neighborhood checking for unlocked vehicles. The incident took place Sunday, April 24, during the night on Newton Street.

Another member of the same app posted a video of a person that was caught on camera looking into vehicles and checking for unlocked vehicles Monday, April 25 early morning.

Another member of the same app posted a video of nightwalkers checking vehicles until they noticed a sheriff who lives across the street. The incident occurred Sunday, April 24 on Sagemeadow Lane.

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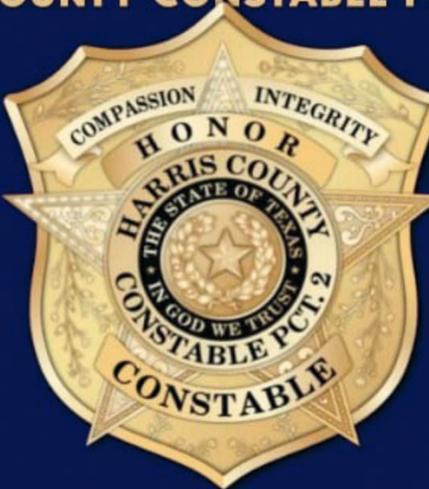
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Our community's success and ability to draw new families to our area greatly depends on a vibrant and successful school system. The progress that our Pasadena ISD system has made over the years needs to be maintained and built upon. Great strides of improvements have been made on our campuses, but we still have some unfinished items that need to be addressed.

The rebuild of Parks, Jessup, Williams, and Bailey elementaries is a must for our district. HVAC, and all campuses are in need of attention. The district's athletic facilities will be addressed. There is so many upgrades and improvements that will enhance our facilities and programs.

There are three propositions, A, B & C, that our voters will make a decision on as they cast their votes. I urge you to vote YES on all three. Bond election day is May 7, 2022. Please go to PISD website, www.pasadenaisd.org, for complete information concerning this election. Be knowledgeable, but be active in voting.

Emory Gadd, Associate Pastor Sagemont Church

We all need to vote FOR Propositions A, B and C in the upcoming election (May 7th). We need to stand together in our community to support the Pasadena ISD in their effort to build new schools, modernize and renovate existing schools, purchase new buses, upgrade classroom technology and renovate athletic facilities. We need the proper facilities so that our children can have the education that we all want for them. I grew up here and went through elementary, middle school and high school here. Now that I get a chance to go back to some of those same schools to help hand out the Student of the Month awards, I have realized first hand how much of a need there is for remodeling, repair and replacement of several of the schools. We can accomplish this by supporting Propositions A, B and C. This \$.03 total proposed tax rate increase will not affect seniors 65 and older or disabled due to the homestead exemption. This proposed tax increase will also be offset if Proposition 2 on the ballot passes. Proposition 2 will raise the homestead exemption for school district property taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Barry Burleigh, D.C., Burleigh Chiropractic, LLC

There is a great measure of pride I feel in being a graduate of Pasadena ISD. The pride stems not only from the education I received, but it also stems from the opportunities today's students have to participate in innovative programming like full-day prekindergarten, career and technical training and early college high school.

Now, Pasadena ISD must turn again to the community to ensure that our students continue to receive the education we want for them. The improvements included in the May 7 PISD bond proposal are sorely needed. That is why I am asking you to join me and vote FOR all three Propositions – A, B and C.

Salvador Serrano, President, Serrano Insurance Agency

The viability of any community rests in large measure upon the success of its local schools. Pasadena ISD offers some of the most innovative and inspiring educational programs in our region. When our students graduate high school, many of them carry numerous college credits as a result of the advanced placement programs, dual credit and early college high school programs throughout our district. Pasadena ISD needs the funding to build and maintain school buildings that support such innovation, to provide equal opportunity for our students and to continue funding these essential programs that contribute to our community's workforce. I am asking all residents of Pasadena ISD to join the Chamber of Commerce in supporting all three propositions during the May 7th election. Vote FOR our schools and our children.

Cristina Womack, President, Pasadena Chamber of Commerce

I applaud the district for its continued investment into Pasadena Schools. This is a comprehensive and fiscally sound plan to address areas of need within our schools. Also, it is a continued planned strategy of district leadership to invest in areas of need in an impactful yet cost-conscious way. I ask you in the PISD community to join me and support this investment in our children. I am fully in favor of these bond initiatives!

Noble Alix, Pasadena ISD Parent

I believe a community's investment in education is an investment in the future of the world and its workforce. As a business owner in Pasadena, I serve on the Education Foundation Advisory board where grants are provided to teachers and I have a front row seat to the care and efforts Pasadena ISD puts forth toward student success.

Providing early college programs, dual credit programs, high student graduation and innovative academic programs are part of the Pasadena ISD success in preparing students for global competitiveness. This excellence is not possible without updated schools and equipment which have a cost. I urge you to vote FOR Props A, B and C, Pasadena ISD School Bonds: Proposition A - prioritizes replacing 4 schools in need of repair: Williams Elementary, Jessup Elementary, Bailey Elementary and Parks Elementary along with other improvements; Proposition B - upgrades classroom technology and infrastructure; and Proposition C renovates and modernizes the athletic facilities. As per state law it's required to have separate propositions for certain projects, so please support and vote for all 3 bonds for the continued excellence of Pasadena ISD.

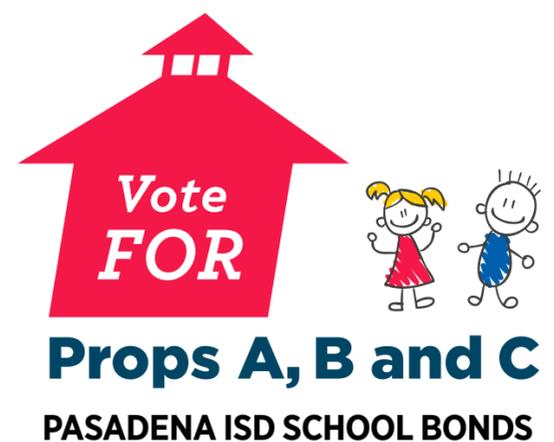
Liz Olivarez, State Farm Agent

The heart and future of any community are the children. The education of those children is key to growth and success. In order to successfully educate our children, the District's schools and technology must be fully functional and up to date. Please join the South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce in support of the Pasadena Independent School District Bond Proposal. The three propositions would benefit students now and in the future. Please vote on May 7th for our children and schools.

Rebecca Lilley, Chairman of the Board, South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce

Election Day is Saturday, May 7
EARLY VOTING ENDS MAY 3

For more information visit pasadenaisd.org and to find a polling location near you see HarrisVotes.com



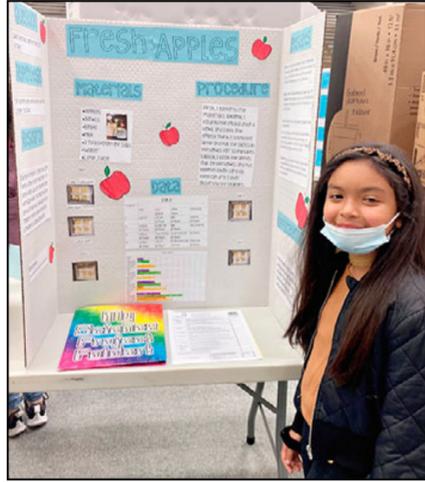
Morris students medal in district fair



Morris Middle School is proud of their STEAM representatives at the Pasadena ISD District STEAM Fair. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Giovannie Alvear, Ruby Reyes, Carolyn Erazo, Luis Perez, (back row) Johnny Nguyen, Emmery Lynn, Avery Payne, Luna Hernandez and Candi Zuniga.

Burnett students participate in science fair

Burnett Elementary students advanced to represent the school at this year's STEAM Science Fair March 22. School officials are proud of them for making it to this level and doing an outstanding job on presenting their projects. The hard work students put in to acquire data on the different experiments led them to this point.



Fernanda Pineda is showing off her project about fresh apples.



Melanie Garay-Garza shows off her project and determined which cup makes the perfect cluck.



Natalie Alfaro enjoyed working on her project about chromatography butterflies.



Sophia Garza researched data about clean hands to make conclusions.

Library celebrates 100 years

The City of Pasadena is hosting a celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Pasadena Public Library System. This is a free event and the public is invited to attend.

This event will take place Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pasadena Library, 1201 Jeff Ginn Memorial Drive.

The 100th birthday bash will be a day of family fun, music, food and vendors. There will also be a special auto exhibit, courtesy of Conrad Ramirez, president of Oldies Car Club.

The first library offering continuous service in the city opened in April 1922 and was housed in a room at Pasadena High School. That location was just one of 41 stations that were part of the Harris County Library System at that time.

Since then, the City of Pasadena Library System has grown to include two locations, more than 340,000 items available for checkout, hundreds of workshops each year and a reciprocal borrowing agreement with dozens of library locations around Harris County. The city's current Central Library on Jeff Ginn Memorial Drive opened in April 1962 and the Fairmont Branch Library opened in September 1992.

The original library opened with 100 printed books and a century later, there are more than 100,000 printed titles on the shelves.

Join them as they say "cheers" to 100 years of memories and reading.

Meador students awarded in Math Bee

Meador Elementary winners of the school's first annual Math Bee competed by grade level and answered a number of different math questions. The winners received a trophy as their award. The school and staff are proud of each of these students for participating.



Shown, left to right, are Connie Daumas (math coach) and fourth-grade winner Aya Bahar.



Shown, left to right, are third-grade winner Pablo Martinez and Daumas.



Shown above is second-grade winner Alana Rivas Lopez.



Shown, left to right, are Daumas and first-grade winner Bryan Alfaro.

Moon honored



Burnett Elementary honored their librarian Cassandra Moon on National School Librarian Day April 4. The staff and students are proud to have Moon as member of the school staff.

Judge eases airline mask wear

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"You may experience inconsistent enforcement during the next 24 hours as this news is more broadly communicated - remember to show understanding and patience with others who may not be aware enforcement is no longer required. Communications to customers and in-airport signage and announcements will be updated to share that masking is now optional - this may take a short period of time."

United: Effective immediately, masks are no longer required at United on domestic flights, select international flights (dependent upon the arrival country's mask requirements) or at U.S. airports.

"While this means that our employees are no longer required to wear a mask - and no longer have to enforce a mask requirement for most of the flying public - they will be able to do so, as the CDC continues to strongly recommend wearing a mask on public transit," the airline said in a statement. "We will continue to closely monitor the situation in the event of changes."

Southwest: Effectively now, passengers and employees may choose whether they

would like to wear a mask.

"We understand there are a number of opinions on this topic, and we ask that you respect and support the individual decisions made by others - that is how we will show hospitality and make customers and co-workers (Southwest employees) feel welcomed, cared for, and appreciated." Steve Goldberg, Southwest's senior vice president of operations and hospitality, said in a memo to employees late Monday.

"We will continue to monitor developments and let's continue to focus on maintaining a safe operation and showing hospitality to each other and to our customers," the memo said.

Alaska: Masks are optional in U.S. airports and onboard aircraft, effective immediately. "While the Transportation Security Administration, TSA, is no longer enforcing its mask mandate, it may take time for individual airports to roll back their mask requirements," the airline said in a statement. "Out of an abundance of caution, we recommend guests defer to local port guidance when traveling, including wearing a mask if directed to do so. Guests must also continue to wear masks on flights both to and from Canada."

JetBlue: Effective immediately, masks are not required in airport terminals or on the plane, and employees will no longer make announcements about enforcing the mask mandate. "Customers of course remain free to wear them if they

choose," the airline said in a memo to employees. "This sudden end to the mask mandate may be confusing for some customers," the memo said. "Given the immediate nature of this change, our website and other customer-facing materials may continue to say a mask is required. We will begin removing these notices, and will also need to be prepared to reinstate them if necessary."

Frontier: Effective immediately, passengers and employees are no longer required to wear masks on Frontier flights. For international travel, mask requirements remain dependent on the arrival/departure country's regulations.

"Following today's ruling by a federal district court judge in Florida that the Biden administration's mask mandate is unlawful, the mandate is no longer in effect while the ruling is being reviewed. Please note that individual airports and municipalities may still require masks so customers and team members should continue to abide by mask rules within any facility that may require it," the airline said in a statement Monday.

Spirit: Face masks are optional on flights for passengers and crew. "We understand some guests may want to continue wearing face coverings on flights, and that's perfectly fine under our optional policy," the airline said in a statement. "For our guests traveling internationally, please remember to check country-specific airport requirements before traveling."

New Directions meets Mondays

New Directions, a singles group for 55+ meets the first and third Monday at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway, at 5 p.m. It includes dinner and at times a guest speaker or activities. For information, call Grant at 281-814-4750.

CCART meeting set May 10

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its May meeting May 10 at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway at 9:30 a.m. Featured will be the superintendents from Clear Creek ISD and Dickinson ISD who will give updates on their districts. This is the final meeting before the summer break and will feature an Italian lunch provided by CCART. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50.

Judaism class set Wednesdays

Congregation Shaar Hashalom offers an Introduction to Judaism class via Zoom. Participants may ask questions regarding Judaism and the Jewish community. This class is required for those who wish to convert to Judaism at Shaar Hashalom, but one does not have to seek conversion to take the class which is open to the public. The class, meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For information and the link, email adulated@shaarhashalom.org.

Remember When

45 years ago (1977)
Angela Shiflett won first place in the older teen division of the Strawberry Festival beauty contest.

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees met to discuss boundary adjustments and overcrowding in local schools.

40 years ago (1982)
The Houston Arson Division investigated the fire at the portable buildings behind Thompson Intermediate School. All five of the buildings had been broken into and set on fire, but only two burned.

Joseph Alan Hilliard, 17, died of massive injuries including a broken neck and subdural hemorrhage as a result of a car-dirt bike collision at Hall Road at Sageyork. Hilliard, who was not wearing a helmet, and a friend were reportedly riding a dirt bike without lights at 11 p.m.

Sageyork resident and state Rep. Randy Pennington as well as state Sen. Buster Brown won their Republican primaries and would not face opposition in the November election.

35 years ago (1987)
Sageyork Utility District President Jack Meyers resigned at a special meeting of the board of directors due to his no longer owning property in the district.

Seven members of Dobie's varsity boys' soccer team were named to the 20-5A all-district team. They were Bill Romero, Nicolas Rojo, Kris Benson, Robbie Ogden, Chris Chambless, Ryan Birsinger and Chris Curtis.

30 years ago (1992)
Faye Schimek, a South Belt resident, was announced

as one of three recipients of the first annual Gaia Award from the Houston Post and Dillard's. Gaia, according to the Post, embodied the finest attributes of woman, the nourisher of all things.

Piper Heinrich, a graduate of Dobie High School, was selected as first runner-up at the Strawberry Festival beauty contest.

Dobie senior offensive lineman Kevin Fell signed a letter of intent to play football for McMurray University in Abilene.

25 years ago (1997)
Crews from Cherry Demolition tore down the community eyesore known as the Beamer Towers. Located

adjacent to the Brio Superfund Site, the building stood vacant and unfinished for several years. Its demolition was the final one related to the Southbelt subdivision.

For the first time since 1983, all four Dobie choirs won Sweepstakes at the UIL concert and sight reading contests.

The Thompson Intermediate National Academic League won its second national title by defeating Odyssey Junior High of Redwood, Wash., 50-46.

20 years ago (2002)
Otis Anderson's family outbid all others at the annual cooffee's silent auction for the second year in a row. They

paid \$1,250 to have the entrance to El Franco Lee Park named in memory of Otis.

A historic school bell that was stolen from the old Genoa Elementary School was discovered. The bell, which dates back to the early 1900s, was apparently taken while school personnel and other workers were moving into the new building next door.

Joseph Briggs Jr. was presented the prestigious Minuteman Award by the National Guard Association of Texas. The award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a member of the association, with only 69 given in the last 40 years.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce won the top overall team honors at the 11th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off. A record number of 75 teams competed in the year's event.

15 years ago (2007)
Lifetime Sageyork resident Rikki Danielle Rudd Sanchez was killed when her vehicle was struck by an alleged car thief, who was fleeing from police. The driver of the other vehicle, Dennis Lamont Evans, was charged with felony murder.

Genoa United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings, celebrated its 118th anniversary and the dedication of its Texas Historical Mark-

er. Founded in the spring of 1894, the historic church had gone through many incarnations over the years. While the township of Genoa was annexed by the City of Houston during the mid-1960s, the area church helped retain a sense of community by hosting various local events.

5 years ago (2017)
After multiple setbacks, the project to reconstruct Hughes Road from Beltway 8 to Sagecanyon was finally completed. The project had originally been slated to be complete by the end of 2016. Begun in June 2015, the \$11.7 million Hughes Road Drainage and Paving Project removed existing paving and

replaced it, along with curb, gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the street and provided necessary storm sewer upgrades and street lighting. Part of the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the undertaking was initially proposed in 1999, while Rob Todd served as the South Belt area's city council member. The project had drawn the ire of many local residents and business owners, who said the project had caused widespread confusion and traffic congestion. The construction had also been blamed for causing multiple automobile accidents, particularly at the corner of Beamer and Hughes.

1 year ago (2021)
Dobie High School senior Nabila Munshi was awarded the prestigious National Gold Medal in the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest for her artwork titled Ornate Origins. Inspired by artist Yulia Brodskaya, the 18-inch-by-24-inch art piece was created using a technique called paper quilling, the coiling and shaping of narrow paper strips to create a design. The art of paper quilling is a tedious and detail-oriented medium and took Munshi roughly four months to complete. More than 80,000 students submitted 230,000 art and writing entries this year. But the judging committee, comprised of some of the most notable leaders in the visual and literary arts, only chose 803 students to receive the National Gold Medal award. Ornate Origins was selected for "excellence in originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal vision."

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Over The Back Fence by Kenna

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, STACEY!

Happy birthday wishes are sent to long-time South Belt resident Stacey Vaughn who enjoys a birthday May 4 from her mother Sandy Robb, friends and the Leader staff. She and her mother have volunteered for the Leader Christmas program for years, giving many hours of time during the holiday. She also donates money to the program by collecting aluminum cans throughout the year.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena ISD celebrate birthdays April 28 through May 4.

Atkinson Elementary
The day for a party for Ashley Garza is May 3. Magdy Canales celebrates a birthday May 4.

Burnett Elementary
Erika Gonzalez enjoys a birthday May 3. May 4 is the day to send Daren Dibble a birthday greeting.

Bush Elementary
Send a happy birthday greeting to Nicole

Holguin on May 3.

Meador Elementary
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent May 4 to Paulina Rivas-Lopez. Fred Roberts Middle School Melissa Jimenez enjoys a birthday May 2. Thompson Intermediate

Light the candles April 29 for a special celebration for Nicole Horne-Sherman. Maria Lopez celebrates a birthday May 3. Enjoying a birthday May 4 is Kelli Moneyhun.

Dobie High
A double-layer birthday cake April 30 is in order for Erica Moreno and Mathew Ortiz. The day for a party for Marcia Griffin is May 2.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
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Kelly Schwell, Jason Stonestreet, Monica Rasmussen and Carrie Ramirez; Friday, April 29: Kevin James, Jonathan Ellis, Ben Bryant and Melissa Rahman; Saturday, April 30: Walter Trojanowsky, Norma Partida, Cindy Munoz, Diana Guzman, Scott Koplin and Mathew Ortiz; Sunday, May 1: Jacob De La Rosa, Kenneth Zermeno, Ladonna Alvarez, John Anderson, Elizabeth Lastovica, Vareck Herrera, David Payne, Shanna Mounce, Clint Simmons and Stephanie Sirt; Monday, May 2: Chris Weatherford, Douglas Redhun, Troy Goffney, David Tho Tuesday, May 3: Craig Pittman, Keith Richardson, Tanya Morales and Brandie Ash; and Wednesday, May 4: Scott Siscoe and Tamara Fisher.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie softball draws Summer Creek

Dobie took on Summer Creek April 27 after press time at Summer Creek as the state's varsity softball playoffs got underway with the bidistrict playoff round.

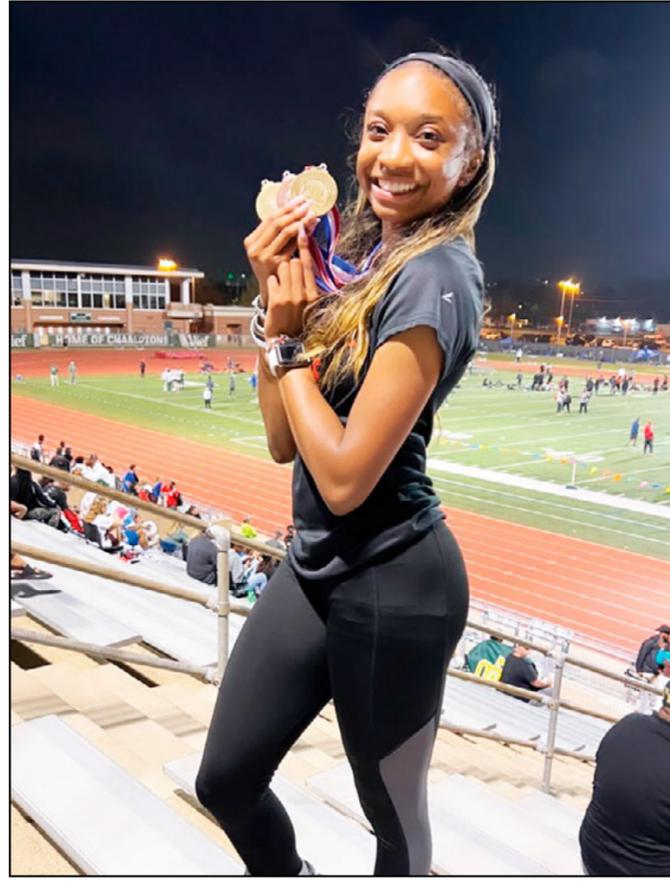
The best-of-three opening-round series continues April 28 at the PISD Complex in Pasadena.

A third and series-deciding game, if necessary, will return to Summer Creek High School April 29.

Dobie, the No. 2 seed out of District 22-6A, finished the regular season with wins over Sam Rayburn and South Houston to complete a 22-10 run,



Dobie senior Karlie Barba guided Dobie into the bidistrict softball playoffs after another terrific offensive season in which she led the Lady Longhorns in several statistical categories. Dobie continues its bidistrict playoff series against Summer Creek April 28-29. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Clear Brook senior Camryn Dickson displays her medal collection from the District 23-6A/District 24-6A Area Championships at Alief ISD's Traylor Stadium after she won golds in the 100 and 200 and also helped the Lady Wolverines' 4x100 relay squad reach regionals. Dickson, a Texas A&M University signee, is bidding for a third trip to state.

Dickson sprints to regionals

Bidding for a third trip to state in as many tries, Clear Brook sprinter Camryn Dickson is on time as she prepares for the Region III Championships April 29-30 at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium.

Dickson, second in the 200 and third in the 100 at state in 2021, was the District 23-6A/District 24-6A champion in both events at Traylor Stadium in Alief, clocking in at 11.28 seconds for the gold medal in the 100 and winning the 200 in a time of 24.04.

She also ran the second leg as the Lady Wolverines advanced in the 4x100 relay following a third-place time of 46.81.

It'll be a busy couple of hours for Dickson April 29 as the Class 6A 4x100 relay heats begin at 5 p.m. before the girls' 100 heats at 5:40 p.m. and then girls' 200 heats at 6:40 p.m.

The senior is aiming to reach the April 30 100 finals at 3:55 p.m., and the 200 finals at 5:10 p.m.

The top two finishers in each individual and relay event from each of the state's four regional championships will automatically qualify for the University Interscholastic League's State Championships May 4-5 in Austin.

As a freshman in 2019, Dickson was eighth at state in the 100. The pandemic wiped out the state

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Natalie Onozie of Dobie already has a pile of medals to signify the success of her senior season on the long jump runway, and the third-place area round finisher is headed to the Region III Championships aiming to put together another memorable effort at Humble's Turner Stadium.



Senior Denim Boone, the Lady Longhorns' top sprinter this season as the 22-6A champion in both the 100 and 200, will enter the preliminary rounds of the 200 at the Region III Championships April 29 looking to extend her high school track and field career. Boone was fourth in the 200 in the area round.

Boone, Onozie carry Dobie's torch

Seniors Denim Boone and Natalie Onozie are set to represent the Dobie program as the Region III Track and Field Championships play out April 29-30 at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium, just a step away from the state meet.

The Dobie duo was still standing at the end of the District 21/District 22 Area Championships April 21 in Deer Park as the powerhouse program from Atascocita was the girls' champion, with Summer Creek rolling to the boys' crown.

The Lady Eagles of Summer Creek led the way to the team title at the area level with 169 points, while Kingwood was second with 146 in the girls' standings.

Fifth-place Dobie was the top-scoring 22-6A girls' program with 27 points as Onozie won bronze for third place in the long jump and Boone placed fourth in the 200.

Summer Creek, a certain state title contender next month, was the easy 21/22 area meet boys' champion after piling up 218 points. Atascocita's 119 points were good for second place.

District 22-6A champion Channelview was fifth in the final area boys' standings with 34 points.

The top four finishers from each individual and team relay event from the area round are now headed to preliminary round competition at the Region III Championships.

Onozie, the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player on the volleyball court in the fall, added to her

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San Jacinto softball still leads Region 14

San Jacinto College has secured the South Zone championship with 14 wins in 18 games, with four games remaining in the regional race.

With 10-2 and 2-1 wins at Angelina April 20, the Coyotes pushed their winning streak to five games as they stayed atop the Region 14 South Zone standings at 14-4, with second-place Angelina at 14-8.

Ronni Grofman, Maddie Bailey and Taneice Tyson banged home runs in the opener, with Tyson driving in three runs and scoring three more.

Bailey, who also doubled in the game, was 4 for 4 with three runs scored and two driven in, while Grofman went 3 for 4 with a solo homer and also scored a pair of runs. Tabby Burnett also went 2 for 4 and scored two runs, while pitcher Daryn Grams scattered six hits over six innings to get the victory. She struck out four and allowed a solo homer.

In a tight 2-1 win in the second game, Christin Haygood went the distance for the win as she remains one of the nation's leaders in wins.

Bidistrict Playoffs

Game 2 (Best-of-Three Series)

Dobie hosts Summer Creek

Thurs., April 28, 6:30 p.m.

PISD Complex

*Dobie at Summer Creek

Fri., April 29, 6:30 p.m.

Summer Creek High School

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Wolverine tracksters on to Region III meet

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 meet in 2020 for all competitors before Dickson grabbed her two medals a season ago.
 In the 4x100, Dickson will be joined by Ja'Delle Major, Julisa Hudson and Jizzale Davis beginning with the April 29 preliminaries at 5 p.m.
 The Lady Wolverines also reached the regional meet in the 4x200 after the foursome was fourth in the area championships with a time of 1:41.22.

Junior Raina Cantu advanced in the shot put as her throw of 33 feet, 7 inches netted her fourth place at the area level.
 With a time of 1:29.06, the Clear Brook boys' 4x200 relay squad earned a regional preliminaries berth for fourth place at areas.
 Cam McCalister, the school's starting quarterback over the last two seasons, had a fourth-place time of 49.19 at the area meet to move on.

Region III 6A Track Times

(Events involving Brook, Dobie)
Friday, April 29
 5 p.m. – Girls' 4x100 Relay Heats
 5:40 p.m. – Girls' 100 Heats
 6:40 p.m. – Girls' 200 Heats
Saturday, April 30
 8:30 a.m. – Girls' Long Jump
 3 p.m. – Girls' 4x100 Relay Final
 3:55 p.m. – Girls' 100 Final
 5:10 p.m. – Girls' 200 Final
Turner Stadium, Humble ISD



The Clear Brook girls' 4x200 relay squad was fourth with a time of 1 minute, 41.22 seconds at the area meet to qualify for the Region III Championships April 29-30. The Brook foursome includes, left to right, (bottom row) Jizzale Davis, Julisa Hudson, (top row) Ja'Delle Major and Kaylin Hitch.



JFD softball plays Tasco

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 handled the bulk of the pitching load for the Lady Bulldogs.
 Offensively, Perla and Galveston College commit Karlie Barba lead the way, while Summer Creek twins Hailey Akers and Hilary Akers have both hit at or near .400 all season.
 With a win in the bidistrict round, Dobie very well could renew its decades-old rivalry with Pearland.
At left, Bella Perez and her Lady Longhorn teammates advanced to the regional quarterfinal playoff round in 2021 and began this season's run against a Summer Creek squad that went 9-3 for a third-place finish in the District 21-6A ranks. The Dobie/Summer Creek winner will face either District 24-6A champion Pearland, Clear Lake or Brazoswood in the area playoff round May 5-7.
Photo by Donna Alsdorf

At right, Dobie's Denim Boone, the top sprinter in the 22-6A ranks with league titles in both the 100 and 200 despite a quick rain shower, advanced as the fourth-place finisher at areas with a time of 26.812 in the 200 as she kept her final season going. The Region III 200 preliminary rounds begin April 29 at 6:40 p.m. at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium.

At far right, Dobie's Natalie Onozie will take part in the Region III long jump competition April 30 at 8:30 a.m. as she aims to reach the state meet. Onozie is the District 22-6A champion in the event and was third at the District 21-6A/District 22-6A meet.
Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Pioneers turn heads at district track meet

The host Lutheran South varsity boys' track and field squad captured gold in six of 17 overall events en route to the team title at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A District 6 Championships April 21.
 Meanwhile, defending 5A state girls' 100 champion Ayana Smith got her postseason off and running, picking up golds in the 100 and long jump and also guiding the Pioneers to their 4x100 relay silver-medal performance of 50.23.
 Qualifiers are now off to the TAPPS South Regional Championships April 28, the final hurdle prior to the state meet in May.

Marcus Gaitan (2 minutes, 00.41) and Matthew Gaitan (2:00.48) took the gold and silver medals in the 800.
 LSA went 2-3-4 in the 400 as Marcus Gaitan (49.60), Jaylin Lowery (50.35) and Jonah Weber (52.51) all advanced.
 The Gaitan duo, both sophomores, also came up big for Lutheran South in the 800 as Marcus Gaitan won in a time of 2 minutes, 00.41 seconds, with Matthew Gaitan second with his timing of 2:00.48.
 At the 1,600 distance, Matthew Gaitan's time of 4:48.79 was third for a bronze medal, while teammate Layton Thacker was fourth in a time of 4:56.29 for his regional qualification.

Matthew Gaitan will move on to regionals as the district champion in the 3,200 with a clocking of 10:16.93, and Thacker's time of 10:55.73 landed him fourth.
 Lutheran South's Alec Salerno advanced as the silver medalist in the 110 hurdles at 15.87, and his clocking of 40.85 placed him third for a regional qualification in the 300s.
 The LSA boys also advanced in each of the three relays, taking the top spot in the 4x100 with a time of 42.85 and nabbing third in both the 4x200 (1:33.98) and 4x400 (3:39.36) relays.
 The Pioneers also excelled in the field events, with Kaden Harvey winning the district championship in the high jump at 6 feet, 4 inches and LSA teammate Henry Teichman fourth at a height of 5-10.
 Wilson Klein and Adan Rivas of LSA went 1-2 in the pole vault, with Klein winning at 12-0 and Rivas second for the silver at 11-0.
 With a throw of 121-5, the Pioneers' Kristofer St. Clair was second in the discus for a silver medal, and Jaylin Lowery took fourth for a regional berth in the triple jump.
LSA girls' record falls
 Smith had a big day for the LSA girls' squad, winning the 100 in a time of 12.22 and doubling up in the 200 for the bronze medal in a time of 25.05. Smith also grabbed

gold in the long jump as she went 19-1 to win easily.
 Cassidy Pfeiffer also enjoyed a terrific performance as she was second in the 100 hurdles (17.75) and third in the 300 hurdles (51.12).
 In the 4x200 relay, the Lady Pioneers were third with a time of 1:51.44, and also third in the 4x400 at a time of 4:27.49.
 Audrey Pfeiffer, a member of the record-setting 4x100 team, took third with a high jump of 5-0.
 A triple jump best of 36-3 1/2 gave Lutheran South's Malorie McGee the silver medal. Robbins, a sophomore, was third in the discus with a throw of 104-9.

Boone's season in the 100 ended with a fifth-place finish of 13.001, and Harris' time of 1:03.112 placed her fifth in the 400. In the 4x400 relay, the Lady Longhorns' time of 4:20.840 was sixth as Bre'Yanna Williams, Sanchez, Harris and Dataysia Cisneros combined.
 The Dobie boys' top area round finish came in the 4x400 relay as Trevon Johnson, Travis Webb, Emmanuel Drain and Jeremiah Jackson came up fifth at 3:37.781.
 The Longhorns' Lukas Sliva placed fifth with a time of 40.069 in the 300 hurdles, with Drain sixth at 40.156. Drain was also sixth at the 110 distance with a time of 15.934.

Lady Longhorn duo on to regionals

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 impressive haul of medals this spring in the long jump.
 In getting to the Region III Championships, Onozie went 17 feet, 3 3/4 inches at the 21/22 area meet for a bronze medal.
 Boone, the top sprinter in the 22-6A ranks with league titles in both the 100 and 200, advanced as the fourth-place finisher at areas with a time of 26.812. Teammate Mia Sanchez was next in line, fifth in a clocking of 27.187 seconds.
 The Lady Longhorns'

4x100 relay squad, which included Boone and Sanchez, missed a regional berth by a slot, placing fifth in the event in a time of 50.301 as Doneyea Porter and Stacie Harris completed the effort.
 In the 3,200, Izzy Padilla was fifth (12 minutes, 46.640 seconds), with 22-6A champion Victoria Ramirez sixth at 13:06.80. At 5:45.449, Ramirez took the fifth spot in the 1,600.
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Jackson, the Longhorns' top individual scorer a week earlier at the 22-6A championships, took fifth in the 400 with a time of 53.307, and Mathews, a freshman, placed fifth with a clocking of 22.781 in the 200.
 It was Mathews, Ethan Nguyen, Terrand Booker and Brandon Miranda in the 4x100 relay as a time of 49.436 was good for sixth-best.
 Charles Richard of Dobie took sixth-best in the long jump, registering a best of 19-11 as he completed his season.

LSA boys solid
 Joel Hutchins was one of many stars for the Pioneers on the boys' side of things, winning the 100 and 200 to advance.
 The school's football star won gold in the 100 in a time of 10.86 seconds and then claimed the win in the 200 at 22.10. Teammate Max McGee was fourth in the 200 with a time of 23.13.
 The sophomore duo of



At right, the Lutheran South girls' 4x100 relay team came away with a school record time in the event at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools 5A District 6 Track and Field Championships April 21 at Lutheran South Academy. From left, the foursome of Ayana Mallard Smith, Emily Adams, Makynna Robbins and Audrey Pfeiffer delivered a time of 50.23 seconds for the silver medal in the event. Qualifiers will now compete at the TAPPS South Regional Championships April 28.

JFD's Pelaez picks PCDA-Nashville soccer



Dobie senior Levani Pelaez (seated) will continue his education and soccer career after signing a letter of intent with the Pre Career Development Academy of Nashville April 14. Pelaez, a 22-6A all-district honorable mention pick as a key member of the Longhorns' district championship squad, was joined at the signing by, from left, Martin Pelaez (father), Natia Pelaez (mother) and Niko Pelaez (brother).

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7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at 6117 Broadway St. or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Genealogical Society - meets either online or at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Dr. Visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30
7:30 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.
11 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787.
1 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

SUNDAY, MAY 1
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Meets Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - Meets at the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.
8 p.m. AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, MAY 2
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays with a different dance rhythm each month. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
5 p.m. New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For details, call Grant at 281-814-4750.
6 p.m. Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at https://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com. Visit the website or call 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational building,

room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.
AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery in the Education Building in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479.
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, MAY 3
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
National Association of Retired Federal Employees - meets at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. Call 713-944-2461.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 713-253-2521. Visitors may attend two meetings free.
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real. Meetings are open to those 55+, with no dues. Call 713-444-6744.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

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Pasadena ISD honors March outstanding students of the month at Thompson, Stuchbery

Working with administrators from area Pasadena Independent School District schools, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce recognizes outstanding area students monthly. The group of students for March were honored recently and are shown below along with a brief description of some of the outstanding leadership and teamwork qualities they have put forth on a daily basis in the classroom on the way to be honored.

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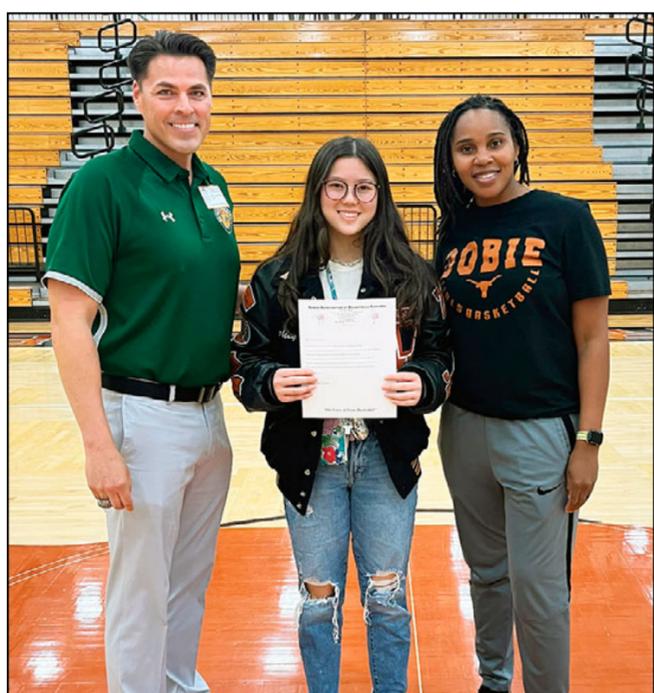


Isaiah Solorzano (holding sign), Thompson Intermediate student, shows Lion Pride each and every day. He is a phenomenal musician who takes pride in playing his cello for the Thompson orchestra. He takes leadership roles on campus and delivers the morning pledges each day. Solorzano is friendly and kind to other students. He is hard-working and determined to reach his goals. The school is proud of him and all he continues to do. Shown with Solorzano, left to right, are Derek Duckett, Kandace McMullin (teacher), Tanis Griffin (principal) and Noble Alix.



Neveah Torres (holding sign), Stuchbery Elementary student, has been at Stuchbery since pre-K. Every year she has shown herself to be a good friend and a reliable student. This year in fourth grade she has lead in both reading and math. She is kind and helpful toward all. Torres exemplifies the Stallion Way. Shown with Torres, left to right, are Derek Duckett, Alexandra Whited (teacher), Veronica Zuniga (teacher), Noble Alix and Jose Hernandez (principal).

Dobie girls' basketball player Pham earns Talton TABC honor



Dobie senior Ashley Pham (center), a member of the Lady Longhorns' varsity girls' basketball squad that won the District 22-6A championship this season, is the recipient of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches 2021-2022 Scott Talton Memorial Scholarship Award. Talton led Dobie's boys' basketball program for 27 years and won 500 career games before retiring following the 2007-2008 season. He died in 2009 after a medical emergency. Richard Flores, the varsity boys' basketball head coach at Cypress Falls High School, a 1993 Dobie graduate and former player (1992 and 1993) in Talton's program, has taken on the role of choosing scholarship award nominees in honor of his former coach. Pham is this school year's female honoree, while Cypress Falls' senior Jonathan Pena is the boys' scholarship recipient. With Pham at the ceremony was Flores (left) and Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman.



HABCA invites Dobie's Lendsey



Dobie senior Deven Lendsey, the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player after leading the Longhorns to a 12-0 run on the varsity basketball court, will play in the 2022 Houston Area Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game May 4 at Stafford High School. Adult tickets are \$5 at the door. Lendsey's Team Shannon Heston squad will be in action at 6 p.m. against Team David President, which will feature Clear Brook's Kemo Millender, the 24-6A Most Valuable Player. Lendsey will this fall begin his collegiate career at Jacksonville College in Jacksonville, Texas. The Jaguars, part of the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region 14 ranks, are head coached by former Milby star Louis Truscott.

May 1 deadline Cowboys offer Fitzmorris scholarship

The Fitzmorris family, in conjunction with the Sagemont Cowboys youth football organization will present the first annual Mary Beth and Tom Fitzmorris Memorial Scholarship in honor of the longtime South Belt residents and lifelong Cowboys' supporters. For 2022, the Sagemont organization will present a \$500 education scholarship to deserving class of 2022 high school graduates who were also either members of the Cowboys or Cowgirls in their youth – one each to a male and female. To qualify, applicants must have completed at least three seasons within the Cowboys' or Cowgirls' groups. Prospective scholarship applicants are asked to present an essay detailing their experience with the organization, including planned field or collegiate study and career path post-college. Applicants must also include a copy of their high school transcripts with the essay. Scholarship entries may be directed to Cowboys' president Denny Wranich Jr. at denny@sagemontcowboys.com.

JFD baseball sweeps Rayburn, playoff seeding still unsettled

The Dobie varsity baseball program is in the post-season, it's just a matter of seeding at this point. At 7-3 in District 22-6A action with remaining games against South Houston April 26 after press time and April 29, the Longhorns were third in the standings behind leader Deer Park and second-place Memorial, with those two programs set to end the regular season with two head-to-head games. Dobie got past Sam Rayburn 15-4 April 19 as Christian Padua fanned six to get his third win of the season. Manny Contreras was 3 for 3 with a double and four runs batted in, and Daniel Delgado doubled among his three hits and knocked in a run. Devin Molina also homered and drove in three runs. In a 10-2 win over the Texans April 22, Contreras got the win to go to 4-0 on the season. Molina had three hits and drove in four runs, and Delgado stole a base and knocked in two runs. Omar Serna doubled.

JFD graduate Evans wins career No. 200

At right, Dobie High School Class of 1990 graduate Mike Evans and his St. Pius X baseball program celebrated as Evans achieved career win No. 200 as a varsity baseball head coach in the Houston area. He was named the varsity baseball coach at Waltrip in 2012, leading the program to two district crowns before taking over the same role at St. Pius X in 2018. He has since taken the Panthers to the postseason three times. As a youth, Evans was a standout in the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League and attended Pony and Colt World Series as a member of separate SBHLL All-Star teams. In 1990, he was part of the South Belt Palomino squad that won a World Series crown in Greensboro, N.C. At Dobie, Evans pitched and played right field, and was a second team all-district pick in 1990 as a senior. That same season, Evans and the Longhorns reached the Region III championship series before losing to Deer Park. He attended Lee College in Baytown and Galveston College and was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in 1993 as a catcher out of Lubbock Christian University. He spent six years in the Royals' minor league system. He and his wife, Kim, are parents to three sons, including Coltan (St. Pius X, 2020), Casan (St. Pius X, 2024) and Carsan (St. Pius X, 2026).



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