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### Holiday closures planned

**South Belt-Ellington Leader**  
The Leader offices will be closed Friday, April 15, for the 2022 Easter holiday. Offices will reopen Monday, April 18, at 9 a.m. Potential news stories may be emailed to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

**Clear Brook City MUD**  
The offices of Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District will be closed Friday, April 15, in observance of the Easter holiday. They will reopen Monday, April 18, at 8 a.m. For convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru side of the building. No cash is allowed in the drop box.  
Clear Brook City MUD trash pickup will be unaffected.

### Easter egg hunts planned

**Harris County**  
Harris County will hold its annual Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at El Franco Lee Park, 9500 Hall Road. Hosted by Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and Constable Jerry Garcia, the event will feature complimentary hot dogs, snow cones, drinks and popcorn.

**The Gardens**  
There will be an Easter egg hunt during The Gardens' monthly Pop-Up Shop Sunday, April 10, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer. Photos with the Easter Bunny will also be available. Photos will be at 1 p.m., and the egg hunt will be at 2 p.m.

**Kirkwood South Christian Church**  
Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair, welcomes the community to an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. Crafts and snacks will be provided for children.

### St. Luke's holds fish fry

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall, will host a drive-thru fish fry Friday, April 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. (or until sold out). Dinner consists of a breaded USA catfish fried fillet, hush puppies, corn on the cob, French fries, tartar sauce and a drink. Baked fish fillets are available in limited quantities. Cost is \$12. Cash and credit are accepted. All money raised will benefit community projects. All are invited. Guests are welcome to dine in the Social Hall.

### COVID cases increase

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has increased for the first time in approximately two months, with two of the area's three ZIP codes reporting an up-tick.

As of Tuesday, April 5, there had been 12,588 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866). Of those, 104 remain active, down seven from the previous week. To date, 129 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), there had been 9,189 confirmed cases. Of those, 97 remain active, up 45 from the previous week. To date, there have been 75 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there had been 8,668 confirmed cases. Of those, 71 remain active, up 12 from the previous week. To date, 88 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 89 deaths 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.lichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-el-Coronavirus](http://pub.lichealth.harriscountytx.gov/Resources/2019-Nov-el-Coronavirus).

### County to dispose of boats

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia will host a boat turn-in program from April 4 through April 8 at Genoa Camp, 1202 Genoa Red Bluff in Pasadena, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program will give residents a free opportunity to remove out-of-service boats under 26 feet long. (Larger vessels may be accepted on a case-by-case basis.) Residents are required to transport boats to drop-off location. For more information, call 713-274-2222.

### Ellington e-recycling April 9

The City of Houston's monthly electronic recycling is Saturday, April 9, at the Recycling Center at Ellington Field from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted include PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances and more. The event is held the second Saturday of the month. For more information, visit [www.houston.solidwaste.org](http://www.houston.solidwaste.org) or call 311.

### Gardens hosts Pop-Up Shop

The Gardens Pop-Up Shop will be held Sunday, April 10, at the Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer at Hughes, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will set up inside and outside the venue. The Gardens Pop-Up Shop is an opportunity for exhibitors, crafters and small businesses in the South Belt-Ellington and surrounding areas to sell and display merchandise and promote their services. Booths include arts and crafts, jams and jellies, clothing, jewelry and many other custom and handmade items. Prepared food vendors such as barbecue, funnel cakes and other sweets will be on site. This month's event will also feature photos with the Easter Bunny and an Easter egg hunt. (See related entry on this page.) For more information, contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### 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. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Friday, April 22 to Toni Sherrill at [mil0402@yahoo.com](mailto:mil0402@yahoo.com). For additional information, visit [visitpearland.com](http://visitpearland.com).

# PISD proposes \$305 million bond election

## District voters to decide on 3 separate bond proposals

During a special called board meeting on Feb. 15, the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees unanimously called for a \$305 million bond referendum for the May 7 ballot.

If approved, the proposed bond package will include major safety, security and technology upgrades.

The bond would replace four aging elementary schools, including Bailey, Jessup, Parks and Williams, which were all constructed more than 60 years ago. The cost of renovating the campuses to provide needed repairs and bring them in line with the standards of technology-based edu-

cation and state guidelines now exceeds the cost of building new campuses.

The bond also includes athletics upgrades such as new turf fields, scoreboards and LED lights, upgraded lighting at Maguire Baseball Field, the Auxiliary Stadium and the Softball Complex along with renovations to the Auxiliary Stadium track and concession and restroom facilities.

Bond funding would allow the district's fine arts programs to replace damaged and/or aging instruments for K-12, in addition to making modifications to school auditoriums and adding

new AV equipment.

The bond will be divided into three ballot propositions (Proposition A, Proposition B and Proposition C) that residents will have the opportunity to vote on individually. The following list includes some of the items included in the bond package. For a complete list of projects, visit the Pasadena ISD website.

### Proposition A - \$281,269,000

#### Four priority replacement schools

- Williams, Jessup, Bailey and Parks
- Improvements to safety and security
  - New turf field, LED lights and scoreboards at each traditional high school.
  - Video management system (security camera) replacement.
  - Access control system replacement.
  - Server/switch gear.
  - Intrusion alarm replacement.
  - Fire alarm replacements.
  - Parking lot lighting upgrades (LED).

#### Modernization and renovation school projects

- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements.
- Roof improvements.
- Electrical system replacements.

#### Plumbing improvements

- Water fountain retrofits to bottle filling stations.
- Flooring/painting.
- High school turf fields.
- LED lights - high schools.
- Scoreboards - high schools and intermedi-

ates.

#### Fine arts

- K-12 instruments and musical equipment.
- Auditorium repairs.
- Career and technical education upgrades.
- Culinary arts infrastructure, safety and commercial equipment.
- Classrooms and lab improvements.
- Transportation.
- New buses and improvements.

### Proposition B - \$14,921,000

The proposed Proposition B bond package would address technology and includes the following:

- Technology and innovation device refresh.
- Networking and infrastructure.
- Vehicles for technology.
- District cost after E-Rate contribution.

### Proposition C - \$8,810,000

Proposition C would address athletics needs and include the following:

- Turf field at Auxiliary Stadium.
- LED lights retrofit at Maguire Field, Auxiliary Stadium and Softball Complex.
- Replacing the Auxiliary Stadium track.
- New Maguire Field concession and restroom facilities.
- Turf field at Maguire Field and One Softball Complex Field.

The bond priorities have been divided in compliance with new Texas legislation, which requires school districts to have separate propositions for certain projects such as athletic up-

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## Michael Martinez deputized



A disabled third-grader who was bullied for wearing a police uniform to school for Career Day was recently deputized by several different Harris County constable offices. Michael Martinez, 8, is shown above being deputized by Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office. Martinez was also made an honorary District Attorney's investigator and junior firefighter. Shown above with Martinez are Precinct 2 Capt. Marcus Anderson (left) and Lt. Zerrick Guinn.

## BAHEP holds economic luncheon

Patrick Jankowski, senior vice president, Research, Greater Houston Partnership, gave his much-anticipated annual Metro Houston Economic Outlook on March 24, to a luncheon gathering of members of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. The event was held at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake.

Jankowski began his report by saying, "Last year for the Houston region was the best year on record for job creation. We created just shy of 160,000 jobs. Part of that was the reopening of the economy. Part of that was the great surge of growth we've had in the region. Every sector in the economy added jobs."

### More than 75,000 jobs to be added

According to Jankowski, metro Houston has recovered 292,500 (81.4 percent) of the jobs lost due to the pandemic. There are 66,900 (18.6 percent) jobs left to recoup. Of the 20 most populous metropolitan areas in the U.S., Houston ranks in the middle of job losses recovered.

He said that restaurants and bars saw the most with 25,300 jobs added. During the pandemic, roughly 360,000 jobs were lost, and 100,000 of those were in restaurants and bars. Health care, retail, government, construction, administrative support, transport / warehousing, and professional / technical services all showed growth

adding from 12,800 to 11,000 jobs in the above order. He explained that roughly two-thirds of all government employees in the region work for a school district, a community college or a state-funded university.

On the downside, the energy industry only recovered about 2,800 jobs last year. The run-up in oil prices didn't get strong until the end of the year, and the industry has learned to do more with less, said Jankowski. Over 100,000 jobs have been lost in upstream energy in this region since December 2014.

As of December 2021, it was forecast that 75,500 jobs would be added to the Houston economy in 2022 with every employment sector expected to add jobs. On the other hand, there remains a tight labor supply. Unemployment in Houston is very low at 4.8 percent. A national survey found that 49 percent of small businesses have open positions that they can't fill.

Jankowski said that this forecast was made before Russia invaded Ukraine. However, he emphasized that he doesn't see Houston or the U.S. going into a recession because of the war, but he does see slower growth. Jankowski added that he anticipates Europe going into a recession - especially Eastern Europe.

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## Chase leads to multiple felony charges

A police chase through the South Belt community ended with a fiery crash and multiple felony charges being filed Tuesday, March 29.

K9 deputy with Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit was conducting proactive patrols in the 12700 block of Featherwood near Fuqua when he spotted a vehicle with a buyer's tag suspected to be fictitious. The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver fled the scene, and a chase ensued.

The pursuit came to a stop in the 8400 block of Blackhawk near Alameda Genoa when the suspect lost control of his vehicle, striking a power pole and bursting into flames. This crash knocked out power to multiple residences and businesses for several blocks.

Upon wrecking, the driver was able to exit the vehicle and flee on foot for as short time before being apprehended by the pursuing K9 and deputy. While this was occurring, a female suspect had

also exited the crashed vehicle and fled on foot. She was eventually apprehended by responding backup deputies.

In the end the driver, 33-year-old Jessie Quintana was arrested and charged with felony evading and a felony count of felon in possession of firearm, after throwing a handgun while deputies pursued him on foot.

The female passenger, 35-year-old Denise Guzman, was also arrested, and charged with two felony counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute after she was found to be in possession of crystal meth, Oxycodone, Xanax, ecstasy, crack cocaine, hydrocodone, Adderall, packaging products and digital scales.

Guzman also had numerous persons' ID cards and blank credit cards often used in fraud cases.

Upon transport to the Harris County Jail, Guzman was also later found to have a pocket warrant through the Houston Police Department for murder.

## Sandlin's office combats local crime

Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office recently released the following highlights for the week of March 14 through March 20:

- More than 390 traffic stops were conducted.
- 21 traffic accidents were investigated including two major accidents and two accidents resulting in fail to stop and give information reports.
- 23 subjects were arrested on outstanding warrants.
- Two drivers were arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- Four stolen vehicles were recovered.
- Deputies responded to the following:
  - Eight disturbances.
  - One discharge of firearm.
  - One animal humane.
  - One road rage.
  - One mental health call.
  - Nine thefts.
  - One burglary of a business.
  - Three burglary of a motor vehicle.
  - Two criminal mischief.
  - Four child custody disputes.
- On March 14, Deputy Campbell conducted a traffic stop in the 10500 block of the Gulf Freeway. Upon contact with the vehicle, Deputy Campbell detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Deputies conducted a probable cause based search of the vehicle and located drug paraphernalia and 6.4 grams of methamphetamine. A check of the passenger's information revealed he had an open felony warrant for aggravated robbery through Harris

County Sheriff's Office. The driver was charged with possession with intent to deliver and the passenger was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

On March 14, Deputy Brinkley conducted a traffic stop in the 400 block of Independence Parkway S. While speaking with the driver, Deputy Brinkley detected the odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. A check of the driver's information revealed he had an open warrant for assault through Harris County Sheriff's Office. The passenger was found to have open warrants through Baytown Police Department. Brinkley conducted a probable cause based search of the vehicle and located 1.95 grams of methamphetamine and 4 grams of marijuana. The driver was charged for possession of a controlled substance and the passenger was placed in custody for the warrants.

On March 16, Deputy A. Gomez was dispatched to a one-vehicle accident in the 1600 block of the E. Sam Houston Parkway N. While speaking with the driver, Deputy Gomez observed an open alcoholic container in the vehicle. The driver displayed multiple signs of intoxication and was directed to step out of the vehicle. The driver performed poorly on the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and was charged with driving while intoxicated.

On March 16, Deputy Mitchell conducted a traffic stop in the 1100 block of Edgebrook Drive. Upon approaching the vehicle, Mitchell detected the odor of marijuana emitting

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## Police chase ends in fiery crash



A police chase ended in a fiery crash Tuesday, March 29, in the 8400 block of Blackhawk near Alameda Genoa. A K9 deputy with Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit had attempted to stop the vehicle near 12700 Featherwood, but the suspect refused to stop, prompting a pursuit. A male driver and a female passenger were both charged with multiple felonies following the crash, which knocked out power to much of the neighborhood. No injuries were reported.

# In My Opinion

## Yen Rabe on PISD financial officer

According to the front page of the Houston Chronicle dated March 17, 2022, and the *South Belt Leader* article last week, Carla Merka, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) currently on administrative leave from Pasadena ISD settled with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for \$30,000 for "misleading investors about the financial condition of the school district as it sold \$20M in bonds in 2018" when she was the CFO of Crosby ISD. "Texas Education Agency officials said they were unaware of any previous instances in which the SEC charged a Texas school district or district CFO with misleading investors while floating bonds."

As a result, more than 100 employees lost jobs or income from Ms. Merka's transgression at Crosby ISD. It was her duty to do the right thing and she failed.

And yet she was hired on June 2018 by PISD Superintendent Dr. Powell as the CFO and it was approved by the School Board of which 4 are current members of this Board: Marshall Kendrick, Vicki Morgan, Nelda Sullivan and Kenny Hernandez.

As a result of this incident, the community deserves to know if the vetting procedure was followed or even met the criteria of PISD hiring process. How can you hire a CFO who is not even a certified public accountant (CPA)? Did Ms. Merka provide misleading information during her application process? Did Dr. Powell ask Ms. Merka why she left Crosby ISD? Were there any other candidates?

In Feb. 2021, I noticed that there were 2 years of budget deficit in a row. Ms. Merka replied in this paper that I was mistaken.

When I spoke up about the tax misinformation she gave at the August 2021 school board meeting, Superintendent Powell dismissed me by saying we are not bringing the CFO on to answer that.

That is why an audit of the accounting records of PISD should be immediately performed to uncover any issues that may have resulted from the 4 years of employment of Mrs. Merka at PISD. Is it correct

that there are appropriate funds for the \$27M administration building? Furthermore, the \$305M bond referendum set for May 7 should be reviewed.

This School Board should provide proper oversight of this administration to prevent a similar situation that occurred at Crosby ISD. Were they misled by the Superintendent? Or did they listen blindly to the former PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis who allegedly recommended her when he served as the Interim Superintendent at Crosby ISD?

This School Board will be held responsible if there are future financial troubles in PISD and it could have been prevented today.

Ultimately, the responsibility of this hiring fiasco lies with the Superintendent. That is why Superintendent Powell should resign.

**Yen Rabe Publisher's comment:** We have to disagree with Rabe's conclusion about Dr. Powell resigning; she is doing a fantastic job.

I asked PISD to address Yen's concerns. The response follows.

Marie Flickinger, publisher

## PISD's response to Yen Rabe's letter

Pasadena ISD Official Statement: In response to recent media coverage, and claims by community member Mrs. Yen Rabe, related to Pasadena ISD's Chief Financial Officer, Pasadena ISD would like to provide the community with clarifying information.

The current Board of Trustees is actively engaged in the oversight of the Superintendent of Schools and meets regularly with Dr. Powell to ensure Pasadena ISD operates in a superior manner and all students are provided an excellent education.

The District hired its current CFO in 2018. When hired, the CFO was employed as Crosby ISD's CFO in good standing. Superintendent, Dr. DeeAnn Powell, along with other members of her executive team, performed an extensive search and interviewed multiple candidates for the CFO position. The

Pasadena ISD hiring process was followed and all candidates were vetted appropriately. All references received by the district regarding our current CFO were positive and provided no indication of concern. Further, in response to concerns about the CFO's lack of a CPA license, the Texas Association of School Business Officials estimates less than 20% of school employees in equivalent positions in Texas hold such a license.

Since 2018, the District's overall financial status has improved under the current Administration. Pasadena ISD is audited annually by multiple agencies to verify the District's financial status and ensure proper accounting practices. Based on fiscal year 2020, the District was assigned a 2020/21 FIRST Rating of "A= Superior Achievement" and the Texas Education Agency scored the district 96 out of a possible 100 points. The S & P Global Ratings assigned an "AA" credit rating to the District, which identifies the District as "having a very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments." The district anticipates and plans to achieve these same excellent ratings for years to come.

These facts are in direct contradiction to information Ms. Rabe has disseminated in multiple public forums. While the District has repeatedly attempted to provide Ms. Rabe with accurate information, to date, she has been unwilling to accept and/or reasonably acknowledge all the facts.

Karen Hickman, Deputy Superintendent

## Baleson concerned about election photo

It was brought to my attention that my photo taken at a Clear Creek ISD event is being used by Scott Bowen as part of a campaign mailer and re-election Facebook page. Further, I have concerns school children are included in the photo. I sent Mr. Bowen the following: "Please remove my photo from your campaign material." His response "The picture doesn't violate any rules since it was taken in a public place and you have no copyright claim over the photo...."

As a former Trustee of the CCISD Board, I feel violated that by including my photo in campaign materials, people might believe that I support his campaign which I do not.

If this were a commercial business, I would have recourse so it seems unreasonable that a citizen's photo can be used in a political campaign without any recourse especially when you do NOT support the candidate. What is even more concerning is the use of a photo containing students in election materials. Parents have the right to grant the school district the ability to photograph their child and use the photo for school district purposes. Election materials are not a school district purpose.

Joanna Baleson

## Marna Doyle Seaman



After having lived, loved and laughed for 100 years, Marna Doyle Seaman passed away peacefully in her sleep Saturday, March 26, 2022. She was born Nov. 20, 1921 in Joy, Ill. She was a Kirkwood resident for more than 60 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Doyle and nieces and nephews in Illinois, Idaho and Oklahoma. She is preceded in death by husbands Dennis V. Doyle and Jack Seaman; son Dennis L. Doyle; brother Dalton Kiddoo of Joy, Ill.; and sister Virginia Beaumont of Boise, Idaho.

Marna graduated from Western Illinois University and taught elementary school until she joined and proudly served in the Coast Guard during World War II in New Orleans and making lifelong friends. After the war ended she returned to New Orleans to live with those friends and met her first husband, Dennis who attended Tulane University.

Marna was a charter member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church (now Crossroads UMC) and loved her church family dearly.

She taught Sunday school there for 25 years. After Dennis' passing, she married Jack, a fellow Cokesbury member.

She volunteered at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital for 15 years.

She was a gift to all, loved by many and will be missed every day.

"Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories." - Ronald Reagan.

# Deaths

## Gerald Lee Holley



Gerald Lee Holley, 94, passed away on March 30, 2022 in Harris County. He was born on Nov. 9, 1927 in Prentiss County, Mississippi to Estelle and Clarence Lee Holley and was the oldest of five children.

He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Ronnie Holley; sister, Evelyn Holley Coggins; brothers, Joe and Don Holley; and grandson, Austen Holley.

On Aug. 12, 1950 he married Louise Tigrett and they boarded a bus for Houston, to begin their life together. Gerald was a longtime member of the Southeast Church of Christ and served there for many years as a deacon, with a special interest in mission

work, and also as an elder for 11 years. Gerald had a great work ethic, and enjoyed hunting with his sons in his younger years.

He retired in 1986 after 38 years with Southwestern Bell Telephone/AT&T, where he began as a lineman and rose to the position of network engineer. In their 1987 Chevrolet Suburban, and sometimes with church friends, Gerald and Louise traveled to almost every state in the continental U.S., and also visited Alaska and Hawaii.

He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, children, Linda Holley May, Greg Holley (Cheryl) and Gary Holley (Juleigh); grandchildren Chris May, Ryan May (Elizabeth), Lee Holley (Jocelyn) and Barbara Marutka (Nick); and great-grandchildren, Juliana and Isaac May.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Grand View Funeral Home, 8501 Spencer Highway, Pasadena.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 8, at 2 p.m. at Grand View Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Grand View Memorial Cemetery, Garden of the Four Apostles.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas International Bible Institute at <https://ibitibi.org/en/donations>.

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

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April 14th **Maudy Thursday Service 6 PM**  
April 15th **Good Friday Service 6 PM (En Español a las 7 PM)**  
April 16th **Easter Egg Hunt and Concert by Beta Academy Rock Band starting at 1 PM**  
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## 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://houstontlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstontlibrary.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://houstontlibrary.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 Public 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 7, 10:30 a.m. In-Person Toddler Time. Join John Harbaugh and Jasmine Washington in the Library Community Room for Toddler Time. There will be singing, counting, rhyming and a variety of other activities.

Thursday, April 7, 5 p.m. Teen Advisory Group. Looking for a way to volunteer? Join John Harbaugh at the Teen Advisory Board Meeting in the Library Community Room. All teens and young adults welcome. One must fill out a Volunteer Application ahead of the meeting if one has never volunteered at the Parker Williams Library.

Friday, April 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. AARP Tax Aid. AARP volunteers will be assisting with tax questions and filling out returns in the Library Community Room. Bring a driver's license, Social Security Card and any relevant tax information for everyone included on the tax return.

Friday, April 8, 4 p.m. Anime Club. Spring season has officially sprung at Anime Club. Winter's anime season has ended and Spring shows have started to play. Meets in the Library Community Room.

Saturday, April 9, 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.

Monday, April 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. AARP Tax Aid. AARP volunteers will be assisting with tax questions and filling out returns in the Library Community Room. Bring a driver's license, Social Security Card and any relevant tax information for everyone included on the tax return.

Monday, April 11, 1:30 p.m. Family Place Parent and Play Workshop. This workshop is meant for parents and their children from 3 months to 3 years old. Features toys, art and resource professionals experienced in literacy, growth and development. Registration is on the Parker Williams website.

Tuesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m. In-Person Story Time. John Harbaugh in the Library Community Room for some stories and rhymes. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

Wednesday, April 13, 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.

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## Grahams keeping busy

David Graham, 2004 Clear Brook graduate, was recognized as Texas City High School Administrator of the Year for the second consecutive year. Graham is in his third year as assistant principal at TCHS and is the son of Don and Rosa Graham of Sageglen. The family recently attended the NCAA basketball Sweet Sixteen games in San Antonio in which the University of Houston played. All three children David, Teresa (Graham) Blancas and Esteban Graham are UH graduates. Rosa received her M. Ed. from UH. Shown below are, left to right, David, Rosa, Teresa, Don and Esteban.



## Judaism class set Wednesdays

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is offering an Introduction to Judaism class via Zoom. The class gives participants an opportunity to ask any and all questions regarding Judaism and the Jewish community.

It examines the Jewish beliefs regarding God, the nature of man, life, death, sin, sacrifice, atonement, forgiveness, satan versus the devil, the Messiah and the afterlife. It includes studying the Jewish holidays and Holy Days, the Life Cycle Events and how Judaism responds to the controversial issues of the day.

This class is required for those who wish to convert to Judaism at Shaar Hashalom, but one does not have to be interested in conversion to take the class; the classes are open to the public.

The class meets Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and is conducted by Rabbi Stuart Federow.

For more information and the Zoom link, email [adult@shaarhashalom.org](mailto:adult@shaarhashalom.org).

The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

## Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member from the People of Sagemont 2 Facebook page posted that her husband and daughter were hit by a car Thursday, March 31, on Sageyork Drive and Sagegreen Drive, in the Sageglen subdivision. The member states her husband and daughter were crossing the street walking to their vehicle when a 16-year-old driver hit them by the stop sign by the park. The member thanks anyone that stopped

and helped and alerting the community the importance of driving the speed limit through the neighborhood especially in an area where kids are walking and riding bikes. A member of the Neighbor's app posted a video of a man that rang the member's doorbell and stood outside for a while Sunday, April 3, at 4 a.m. on Kingspoint Road and Caribbean Lane. The member did not know the man, and after awhile, the man took off in a dark-colored truck.

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## Melillo selects students of the month

Melillo Middle School staff members announced its students of the month for March. They are honored to celebrate these students' hard work with their teachers and peers at school.



Mia Gonzalez (fifth-grader) is a dedicated student who exemplifies Melillo's guidelines for success. She exhibits outstanding character through her kindness and responsibility. Her favorite subject is reading and she loves to spend time with her family. Her favorite school memory is going to the Starbase after-school program.



Shown above is Edmundo Bravo (fifth-grader), a remarkable student at Melillo. He is a role model for others to follow. His favorite subject is math because he finds it to be easy for him. His favorite school memory is when he went to Starbase and when the principals got slimed.



Shown above is Diana Chicas Lopez (sixth-grader) who demonstrates great leadership qualities and serves as a role model for her peers. Her favorite subject is history. She plans to someday join the military. Her favorite vacation spot is the beach or a place near the ocean. She exhibits outstanding character through her kindness, trustworthiness, responsibility and faithfulness by helping to create a positive school environment. Her favorite school event has been all the band experiences and Fun Fridays.



Dexter Sullivan (sixth-grader) excels in academics and behavior on a regular basis. Sullivan is a leader and models a positive attitude with excellent efforts in his classes. He treats others with kindness and respect. Dexter goes above and beyond by using his time well and offering help. His behavior exemplifies the school motto: Hearts that Care, Hands that Serve and Minds that Think. His favorite subject is math. He plans to someday play professional football. He has two siblings; he's the middle child. His favorite vacation spot is the beach, Diamond Beach Hotel in Galveston. His favorite school memory was winning the Melillo Super Bowl Flag Football game with an undefeated 6-0 record.

## Dobie speech, debate program sweeps UIL



Shown with their awards, left to right, are Gustavo Salinas, Kalyn Montemayor, Sydnee Pector, Emily Reyes and Kelly Nguyen.

Recently, the J. Frank Dobie High School speech and debate team competed at UIL District at Deer Park. The team took home many awards, both as individuals and as a team. The following students qualified to compete at UIL Region in April at Seven Lakes High School for an opportunity to advance to State: Prose Interpretation - Malia Curry, 1st place; Lexi Martinez, 2nd place; and Yeretzi Martinez, 3rd

place; Poetry Interpretation - Jocelyn Floyd, 1st place; Jordan Leahman, 2nd place; and Valeria Arredondo, 3rd place; Informative Extemporaneous Speaking - Emily Reyes, 1st place; and Kelly Nguyen, 4th place; Persuasive Extemporaneous Speaking - Sydnee Pector, 2nd place; and Gustavo Salinas, 3rd place; and Current Events - Kelly Nguyen, 1st place; Emily Reyes, 3rd place; and Syd-

nee Pector, 6th place. The Dobie Speech and Debate team took home three team awards. The team received the honor of the Current Events Team Champion, as well as the Overall Speech Team Champion award and the Overall Academic Team Championship award. Congratulations to the Dobie High Speech and Debate team for their hard work and success.



Shown with their medals, left to right, Malia Curry, Yeretzi Martinez, Jordan Leahmah, Lexi Martinez, Jocelyn Floyd and Valeria Arredondo.

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# Sandlin's office combats local crime in March

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 from the vehicle. Mitchell conducted a search of the vehicle and located a handgun, 5.7 pounds of marijuana, cocaine, a drug ledger and two stacks of U.S. currency. The driver was charged with felony possession of marijuana and unlawful carry of a weapon.

On March 16, Deputy Humphrey was dispatched to a burglary call in the 18800 block of Town Ridge Lane. The reporting witness stated a female was attempting to break into a storage locker. Deputy Humphrey arrived on scene and located the subject. When asked for identifying information, the suspect provided a false name and date of birth. Humphrey ultimately confirmed the subject's identity. A check of her information revealed she had an open warrant for fraudulent possession of identifying information through Harris County Sheriff's Office. Deputies conducted a search of her backpack and located .6 grams of heroin

and burglary tools. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

On March 18, Deputy Mitchell was actively patrolling the 12200 block of the Gulf Freeway when he heard gunshots coming from the Ojos Locos parking lot and observed a red vehicle exit the parking lot immediately after. Mitchell conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and detected the odor of gun powder emitting from the vehicle. While speaking with the driver, Mitchell observed shell casings in the vehicle. Both driver and passenger were directed to step out and were detained for further investigation. Mitchell conducted a search of the vehicle and located a handgun and spent shell casings. Sergeant Covey recovered more shell casings in the parking lot. The passenger was charged with discharge of a firearm.

On March 18, Deputy Garcia was dispatched to the 9000 block of Fairmont Parkway in reference to a

motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed. Garcia located the motorcycle at a gas station in the 5300 block of Genoa Red Bluff and attempted to make contact with the driver. The driver fled the parking lot and a pursuit ensued. The driver accelerated to speeds over 100 mph and disregarded numerous red lights. Ultimately, the driver lost control of the motorcycle and was apprehended. The driver was charged with evading arrest/detention with vehicle.

On March 19, Deputy Webber was dispatched to the 14400 block of Ellington Drive in reference to a possible DWI driver. Webber arrived on scene and made contact with the driver who displayed multiple signs of intoxication. The driver was charged with driving while intoxicated.

On March 19, Deputy Garcia was dispatched to the Sterling Knoll subdivision in the 400 block of Pence Road in reference to a suspicious male. Reporting

witnesses stated a shirtless male was running erratically through people's yards. Garcia arrived on scene and apprehended the subject. When asked for identification, the subject provided a false name and date of birth. Sergeant Ford arrived on scene and was able to confirm the subject's identity using a mobile Automated Fingerprint Identification System device. A check of his information revealed he had an open warrant for interfere with duties of a public servant through Harris County Sheriff's Office. The subject was placed in custody for the warrant and charged with failure to identify to peace officer.

On March 19, Deputy Calhoun conducted a traffic stop in the 12600 block of the Gulf Freeway. Upon further investigation, the vehicle was found to display a fictitious temporary permit. The driver was charged with tampering with a government document.

On March 20, Deputy Self attempted to initiate a

traffic stop in the 5900 block of the S. Sam Houston Parkway E. on a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver failed to stop and a pursuit ensued. The driver accelerated reaching speeds over 130 mph and nearly colliding with several vehicles. The vehicle ultimately came to a stop in the 4800 block of Drakestone Boulevard where the driver was apprehended. Upon a search of the vehicle, Self located a handgun. The subject was transported to the jail where detention officers conducted a search of her person and found a plastic bag containing 6.1 grams of methamphetamine. The driver was charged with evading arrest/detention in vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

On March 20, deputies J. Gomez and Saez were conducting narcotic interdiction in the 200 block of El Dorado Boulevard. Deputies observed a suspicious vehicle exit a parking lot of a business known for high narcotic activity. Deputies

conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and recovered 23.9 grams of marijuana, 1 gram of Xanax and 7.1 grams of methamphetamine. The passenger was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

On March 20, deputies J. Gomez and Saez observed a disabled vehicle in the 15000 block of the Gulf Freeway. Deputies made contact with the occupant of the vehicle and detected the odor of marijuana. Upon further investigation, deputies recovered 4.4 ounces of marijuana. The subject was arrested for possession of marijuana.

On March 20, deputies Gossett and Rabago were dispatched to a shoplifting call at Walgreens located in the 1100 block of Clear Lake City Boulevard. Reporting

witnesses observed two subjects pushing carts full of items out of the store passing all points of sale. The suspects were seen leaving the store in a burgundy Chevrolet Tahoe. Deputies searched the area and located the suspect vehicle traveling northbound in the 15200 block of the Gulf Freeway. Deputies initiated a traffic stop and observed two small plastic bags thrown out of the suspect vehicle. Responding deputies recovered the plastic bags which were found to contain 1.2 grams of crack cocaine and 0.7 grams of alprazolam. Deputies conducted a search of the vehicle and located the stolen property which totaled a value of \$599.50. Both subjects were charged with theft and possession of a controlled substance.

**JFD Class of 1992 reunion**  
 The Dobie High School Class of 1992 will celebrate its 30-year reunion July 30 at Chapman and Kirby, 2118 Lamar St., Suite 100.  
 For additional information and to join the Class of 1992 facebook group page, one may visit [www.facebook.com/groups/305984622788781](http://www.facebook.com/groups/305984622788781).

**AARP meeting April 14**  
 AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 welcomes all to join them at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 14, at the Bay Area Community Center, located 5002 E. NASA Parkway.  
 The group meets in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway.  
 Everyone is invited to come to their meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.  
 Each month, the group has entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors.  
 The program will feature the Freeman Library along with a hands-on presentation of the Library 3D printer.  
 The group will have giveaways for each member present.  
 There will be a free bingo event sponsored by Hegwood Law Group which will begin at 10:30 a.m. after their chapter business meeting ends.

## Pasadena ISD to hold May 7 bond election

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 month is contingent on a proposed amendment to the state constitution.  
 Should voters approve the bond referendum, taxpayers would see a property tax rate change of .03. There will be no tax increase for individuals who are 65 years of age or older or who are disabled and who qualify for an over-65 homestead exemption.  
 The estimated cost per

property tax is \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value. The estimated cost per month is contingent on a proposed amendment to the state constitution.  
 Texas Proposition 2, which is also on the May 7 ballot, includes two amendments that would do the following:  
 - Increase the homestead exemption for school district property taxes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.  
 - Authorize the state leg-

islature to reduce the limit on property taxes imposed on the homesteads of elderly or disabled residents to reflect any tax rate reduction enacted by law from the preceding tax year.  
 If Texas Proposition 2 passes, the proposed \$.03 tax rate would cost an estimated \$3.09 per month or a total of \$37.05 per year for a home valued at \$165,000.  
 Early voting for the election has been set for April 3-May 3. Election Day will take place May 7.  
 For additional information, visit [www.pasadenaisd.org](http://www.pasadenaisd.org).

## South Belt students represent Pasadena ISD



The Region 19 Middle School Orchestra members from South Belt were recently recognized. Students from Pasadena, LaPorte, Pearland, Deer Park and Goose Creek school districts were selected by audition and performed under the direction of Michael Isadore. The concert program consisted of "Voyager," "Cumberland Cross" and "A Matador's Tale." Students from Beverly Hills Intermediate, Morris Middle School and Thompson Intermediate represented Pasadena ISD. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Isaura Correa, Caela Griffin, Mia Beldario Garza, Emyly Pineda, Marina Kostikoglou, Isaiah Solorzano, Anne Tran, Thalia Oddo, Kevin Chau, (middle row) Christopher Sanchez, Hannah Pham, Nathaly Bonilla, Avi Garza-Garcia, Mylan Piedra, Kelvin Nguyen, Theodore Villarreal, Hussain Arias, (back row) Andy Pineda, Matthew Perez, Hannah Nguyen, Peyton Lynn, Avery Payne, Richard Le, George Nguyen, Jai'ana Washington and Leonela Aguila.

## BAHEP holds economic luncheon

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**Exports, rig counts**  
 Metro Houston exports as of the year-to-date for the third quarter of 2021 totaled \$99.7 billion up from \$77.2 billion in 2020 and \$95.5 billion in 2019.  
 The U.S. active rig count is still struggling with 663 rigs up from 247 in 2021 but down from 1,083 in 2019. Jankowski said that if it looks like the higher crude prices will hold for the next three to six months, there may be a significant pickup in activity.  
**Inflation causes concern**  
 The inflation rate is of huge concern to Jankowski. The Federal Reserve raised interest rates in March for the first time since 2018 with Chairman Jerome Powell suggesting that the Fed could pick up the pace of interest rate hikes if it is necessary to bring down prices.  
 Jankowski said that next year interest rates could be two or three percentage points higher than they are now. He suggested that if the Fed raises rates too high or too fast and oil prices stay at \$120-\$130 per barrel and stay there for a while that a recession could be

triggered.  
**Ukraine invasion**  
 Due to the Russia - Ukraine conflict, Jankowski expects the price of crude oil to spike. Additionally, supply chains will be further disrupted, and business and consumer confidence will erode.  
 According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. doesn't import a lot from Russia (1 percent of total imports), nor does it export a lot (.4 percent of total exports). With fewer ties to the Russian economy, the U.S. is not as at risk as other countries, Jankowski said. He continued, "The risks to us are the spillover effects because of the ties that other nations have."  
 In his presentation, Jankowski quoted headlines that showed where Exxon, BP, and Shell are exiting Russia leaving billions in assets behind. Service firms like Halliburton, Schlumberger, and Baker Hughes are suspending new investments in Russia as well.  
 He said that Russia will be able to continue its production for a while, but production will start to degrade without the service firms. With this taken into

consideration, Jankowski added that we will see higher prices at the pump, but we won't see the gas lines that happened in the 1970s. Unfortunately, he said, the average family of four with two cars will spend about \$1,800 more this year on gasoline than two years ago.  
 Russia's invasion of Ukraine has added additional chaos to the global supply chain which has had ongoing issues due to the pandemic. Jankowski noted that palladium, natural gas, oil, corn, fertilizer, aluminum, wheat, and steel are sourced out of Russia or Ukraine. Russia is a major exporter of palladium, which is used in catalytic converters - a key part of the exhaust system on most modern vehicles.  
 Jankowski said The Washington Post reported on March 23 that panic buying is spreading in the Middle East over fear of food and fuel shortages. "We are not exposed directly to what is going on in Russia, but there are spillover effects to get caught up in," he again emphasized.  
 Jankowski spoke of consumer confidence that is impacted by gas prices, inflation worries, and constant news of the war. Consumer sentiment is showing a downward trend worldwide especially in Europe. He said, "Growth will slow, but it's not going to stop. The U.S. will be fine. Houston will be fine. I do worry about Asia and Europe."  
**Conclusion**  
 Jankowski concluded his presentation saying, "We're only four weeks into the war. If it goes on another six to eight weeks, I'll probably have to go back and revisit the forecast. We had growth momentum prior to the invasion. Across the economy, people are spending more in Houston. In spite of the uncertainty and the concern over Russia and Ukraine, we have momentum, and people are still moving here. I feel that this momentum is going to help carry us through at least the next three or four months. Overall, we'll be OK. We're not going to boom like we like to boom, but there's no reason to panic, no reason to be overly worried."

# Remember When

**45 years ago (1977)**  
 The New Commitment, a religious oriented folk group composed of South Belt and South Houston youths traveled to Corpus Christi to perform a concert.  
**Fourteen-year-old** Sagemont resident Scott Fults was hired to be a member of the cast for the sequel to "The Bad News Bears."  
**40 years ago (1982)**  
 The San Jacinto College Board of Regents gave permission to the South campus administration to advertise for nine department chairmen, a director for the Weekend College, an academic counselor, and 18 full-time teaching positions.  
 A 16-year-old female who was learning to drive inadvertently ended up in the Beamer Road ditch. She was driving northwest on Beamer and hit a stop sign, spun westbound on the eastbound lane of Hughes, then plunged into the ditch. Neither the girl nor her mother, who was accompanying her, was hurt.  
**35 years ago (1987)**  
 The reduction of Pasadena Independent School District agriculture teachers by half was no longer being considered part of a 3 percent across-the-board reduction of the school district's budget, following budget committee action.  
 Dobie's girls' soccer team took a 3-1 win over the Spring Woods Tigers in the area-round playoffs. The Lady Longhorns advanced to meet Round Rock Westwood in the regional tournament.  
**30 years ago (1992)**  
 Dobie academic decathlons departed for the national championships held in Boise, Idaho. Dobie earlier had won its first state championship in Bryan-College Station.  
 Houston Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell was the special guest at the opening ceremonies of the Sagemont-Beverly Hills Lit-

tle League. He gave a speech and then threw out the ceremonial first pitch.  
**25 years ago (1997)**  
 The San Jacinto College Board of Regents approved authorizing architects to prepare bid specifications for the South campus softball fields.  
 Clear Brook High School senior Monica Wahid won two awards in an international modeling competition in New York, winning first in legs and third runner-up in professional runway modeling.  
**20 years ago (2002)**  
 South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Director Debbie Thomas resigned her position and accepted a position with the newly formed League City Chamber of Commerce.  
 While Dobie students were airborne toward Phoenix, Lubbock attorneys went to the Supreme Court and got a ruling in their favor disallowing Judge Tracy Christopher's ruling requiring a retest by both schools.  
**15 years ago (2007)**  
 The Pasadena Independent School District announced that its proposed 2007-2008 annual budget was \$30 million in the red. PISD Superintendent Kirk Lewis attributed much of this to House Bill 1 that capped school funding at its 2005-2006 level. Lewis further said that a local tax increase would likely occur. Such an increase, however, would require an election.  
 C. David Huffstutler, the chief executive officer of Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, announced his resignation. He was leaving his post to become the CEO

for St. David's Medical Center in Austin. Huffstutler had served as CEO at Memorial since July 2004.  
**10 years ago (2012)**  
 In a memorandum to Mayor Annise Parker, Houston Director of Aviation Mario Diaz recommended the City of Houston work with Southwest Airlines to expand the federal inspection services facility at William P. Hobby Airport to support scheduled commercial international service.  
 The South Belt area made headlines throughout the city when a 4- to 7-foot alligator temporarily shut down traffic on the Beltway 8 service road near Pearland Parkway. Police were forced to block off two lanes of the feeder until officials from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department were able to remove the animal.  
 Dobie High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes leaders and school instructors Joseph and Ruth Horton were honored with the Bill Yeoman Coach of Influence Award during the Bruce Matthews Celebrity Golf Classic.  
**5 years ago (2017)**  
 The South Belt community was struck by fierce storms for the second time in less than a week. While the first storm, which primarily took place early March 25, caused extensive wind damage, the second storm, which whipped through the area the afternoon of March 29, resulted in rampant flooding throughout the community. High water was reported throughout the South Belt area, including on major thoroughfares, such as Hughes Road, Hall Road and

Fuqua. Several drivers were forced to seek higher ground, as many streets were impassable, especially in smaller vehicles. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the rain gauge at the Beamer Ditch at Hughes Road recorded 2.84 inches of rainfall during the peak of the storm. Despite the large amount of rain, the Leader heard no reports of houses flooding.  
**1 year ago (2021)**  
 Dobie High School announced its 2021 Hall of Honor inductees, recognizing the achievements of five alumni and one faculty member. Student inductees included YouTube star T Nguyen, Class of 2007; education activist Erica Davis Rouse, Class of 1991; track star Gawain Guy, Class of 1981; and Col. William

Smith, Class of 1970. Former Dobie English teacher Barry Harris, now deceased, was the lone faculty member inducted. The inductees were formally honored at a ceremony held at the school Saturday, April 24.  
 A man was fatally shot around 4 p.m. Friday, April 2, while driving a black 2008 Dodge Ram pickup truck south in the 13800 block of the Gulf Freeway near Scarsdale. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced Zeferino Baeza dead at the scene. Witnesses reported seeing a white sedan driving recklessly just prior to the crash. No immediate arrests were made.

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## Over The Back Fence by Kenna

**ROSE MARKS 85 YEARS**  
**Rose Hardy**, longtime resident of Sagemeadow and St. Luke's Catholic Church, received special birthday blessings April 2 from family and friends.  
**SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 7 through April 13.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
 Send a happy birthday greeting April 11 to **Jessica Rocha**.  
**Frazier Elementary**  
 A special birthday greeting is sent to **Lupe Moreno** April 11.  
**Genoa Elementary**  
 Join in the birthday celebration April 9 for **Lisa Hance**. **Melissa Portillo** enjoys a birthday April 12.  
**Meador Elementary**  
 Give a birthday shoutout April 7 to **Mike Gill**.  
**Moore Elementary**  
**Maria Vega** celebrates a birthday April 9.  
**Stuchbery Elementary**

Remember to wish **Robin Salinas** a happy birthday April 8.  
**Fred Roberts Middle School**  
 Bring in the birthday fun for **Alysia Mauricio** April 10.  
**Melillo Middle School**  
 Birthday greetings go out to **Perla Silva** April 10. April 11 is the day for a fun celebration for **Felipa Resendiz**. Light the birthday candles April 13 for **Melissa Martinez**.  
**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
**Laura Dossman** celebrates a birthday April 8. Send birthday greetings April 10 to **Irene Malloy**. April 11 is a day of celebration for **Rene Nixon**. The day for cake and ice cream with **Jenny Hinojosa** and **Rachel Trader** is April 13.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
 Remember to wish **Jennifer Spray** and **Ashley Vercher** a happy birthday April 10. Enjoy a double-layer cake April 11 with **Araceli Cavazos** and **Lenora Dawson**.  
**Dobie High**  
 Cheers for a happy birthday are sent to **Andrew Barrett** and **Amrian Millard** April 8.

Break out the balloons and party favors April 9 for **Cody Blanchard**. April 12 is the day for a birthday celebration for **Stacey LeBlanc**.  
**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
 Thursday, April 7: **Deborah Belmarez**, **Larry Higgs** and **Jeff White**; Friday, April 8: **Adriel Rodriguez**, **Alexander Restrepo** and **Ruth Scotton**; Saturday, April 9: **Greg Black**, **Jennifer Pareya**, **Victoria Grissom**, **Yvonne Longoria** and **Keith Harrison**; Sunday, April 10: **Mackie Caves**, **Jennifer Spray**, **Coby Bellamy**, **April Simmons**, **Kristina Koncaba**, **Traci Rothermund** and **Skip Fell**; Monday, April 11: **Quinn Fox**, **Amanda Mancia**, **Dian Audas**, **Matt Black**, **Luke Ditta**, **Celina Monroe** and **Brandy Kennedy**; Tuesday, April 12: **Elysia Thomas** and **Shelly Little**; and Wednesday, April 13: **Derek Rudewig** and **Laura Townsend**.  
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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Brook, Dobie tracksters close regular season at Hannas

Clear Brook's Camryn Dickson rolled to a victory in the 100 meter dash to close out the high school regular season as she began her quest for a return

to the state championships next month.

The senior Dickson registered a time of 11.54 seconds as she won top honors in the 100 at the C.L. Hanna Relays March 31 at Dickinson ISD's Sam Vitanza Stadium.

Dickson headlined Clear Brook's varsity girls' and boys' team efforts at the season-ending event, while Dobie's varsity boys' and girls' teams were also at the meet in Dickinson.

The 2021 Region III champion in both the 100 and 200 events, Dickson chose not to compete at the 200 distance at Dickinson but will be the front-runner in both events as the District 24-6A Championships signal the start of championship season April 11 in Webster.

Dobie, meanwhile, finished the regular season at the Hannas in Dickinson and will now take aim at the District 22-6A Championships April 13-14 at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

son ISD's Sam Vitanza Stadium is the host site April 22.

The District 22-6A Championships will arrive at Pasadena ISD's Auxiliary Stadium April 13-14.

The Region III meet is scheduled to play out April 29-30, with the University Interscholastic League's state championship meet in Austin

## Track postseason begins

The postseason of track and field is up next.

The District 24-6A Championships will take place over two days at Challenger Stadium in Webster, with the field events held April 11, and the running finals coming April 13.

As for the District 23-6A/24-6A Area Championships, Dickinson

placed fifth in the 4x400 relay as Dickson, Davis, Hudson and Hitch earned a time of 4:05.00. Dobie, meanwhile, was 13th in a time of 4:21.10 as Daysia Cisneros and Sanchez joined Harris and Perez.

Clear Brook's Alex McLaurin clocked in at 1:02.00 for 11th overall in the 400.

In the boys' division, Clear Brook's Cam McLaurin timed in at 48.90 for third place in the 400.

The Wolverines' Raymond Felton took part in the sprints, where he was eighth in the 200 in a time of 22.30 and 13th at 22.30 at the 200 distance.

At 9:56.78, Clear Brook's Joseph Trevino was fifth at the 3,200 distance.

Dobie's Emmanuel Drain, who should figure prominently in the 22-6A hurdles, was sixth in the 300 hurdles in a time of 40.40.

Drain also placed 10th in the 110 hurdles with his clocking of 15.56.

Clear Brook placed Davis, Julisa Hudson and Ja'Delle Major.

Dobie placed 10th in the same 4x100 relay, clocking in as Boone and Stacie Harris teamed with Donyea Porter and Mia Sanchez at 50.20.

Porter, Sophia Perez, Deja Oldacre and Sanchez combined for Dobie in the 4x200 relay to place 15th in a time of 1:49.40, while Brook was 16th at 1:50.70 behind the efforts of Racheal Penn, McLaurin, Major and Kaylin Hitch.

The locals return to action April 9 at Blinn College in Brenham.

## Conference-leading SJC softball wins pair

San Jacinto College won its third straight overall and 12th in 14 conference games, sweeping past Galveston 10-2 and 14-1 in run-rule shortened games April 2 on the island.

In the opener, San Jac used a six-run fourth inning to win by run-rule

in five frames. Maggie Childs tripled and drove in three runs and Taniece Tyson homered and drove in two more.

Juls Garcia tripled and knocked in a pair of runs, while Gabby Cantu scored twice and drove in two runs.

Coyote freshman starting pitcher Christin Haygood scattered three hits and allowed no earned runs to push her 2022 record to 14-1 overall, good for a 12th-best tie nationally.

In the 14-1 win to close the twin bill, San Jac saw Childs go deep and drive in five runs, and Garcia

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## Stafford in as Longhorns' head football coach



Demond Stafford (third from left) has plenty of support from Dobie High School as he was approved March 29 as the Longhorns' incoming varsity football head coach and campus athletic coordinator. Those with Stafford included, left to right, George Cervantes (Dobie9 principal), Don-

## JFD softball cruising ahead of DP rematch

The Dobie softball team has remained in cruise control in advance of its rematch with first-place Deer Park as the postseason picture in District 22-6A takes shape.

With the win, Dobie swept the season series from the Falcons and improved to 18-8 overall, including 6-1 in league play to maintain a firm grip on second place.

Deer have outscored their league opponents by a combined score of 100 to 3.

top of the first inning, then added six more in the top of the seventh to take the 9-1 victory.

Karlie Barba homered for the sixth time overall and drove in four runs, and pitcher Marisa Perla fanned 10 as part of a complete-game effort as the locals won 9-1 at Channelview April 1.

At press time April 5, defending state champion Deer Park led the 22-6A standings at 7-0 as part of a 26-2 overall record.

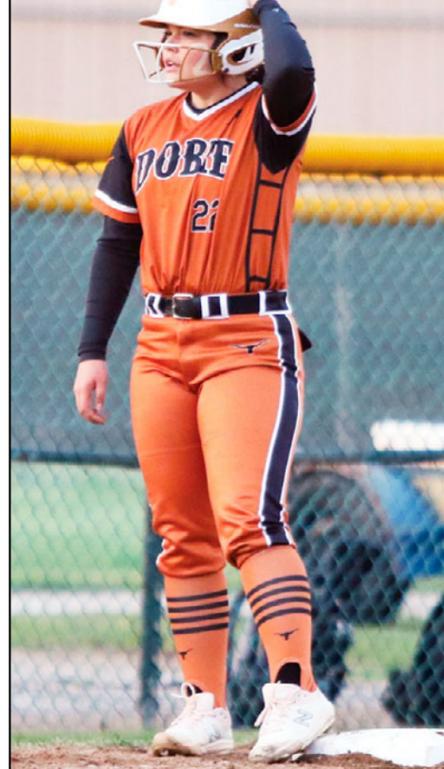
Dobie, which takes on Pasadena April 8 at the Pasadena ISD Complex, will travel to Deer Park April 12 for a rematch with the Deer.

While Barba's big night included two hits in three at-bats overall and two runs scored, Perla had three hits, doubling twice, and scored twice. Aliyah Barajas added two runs scored for Dobie.

Along the way, the

In the April 1 win at Channelview, Dobie scored three runs in the

scored for Dobie.



Senior Karlie Barba (22), in the midst of another torrid season offensively, homered and drove in four runs as the Dobie softball team won at Channelview 9-1 to sweep the season series.

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At right, the Dobie long jumping trio of, from left, Stacie Harris, Victoria Arnsworth and Natalie Onozie will look to use home field advantage to their benefit as the District 22-6A Track and Field Championships play out April 13 at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena. Harris has also contributed heavily to the Lady Longhorns' scoring in the relays while Onozie has medaled in the long jump several times during the course of the 2022 regular season. The Lady Longhorns will defend their 22-6A crown from 2021 against top competitors Deer Park and Channelview. See related story on Page 5.



## Despite Strake loss in area playoffs, Dobie boys' soccer has bright future

A 3-2 loss to host Strake Jesuit March 29 in a Region III boys' soccer area round sent Dobie to the sidelines for now, but the eight-time District 22-6A champions have plenty to look forward to as it eyes the future.

Seniors Eris Acosta, Lucas Arias, Miguel Bazaldua, Deiby Cortez, Isaac Cortez and Levani Pelaez played in their final match as Dobie players in the loss to the Crusaders, who have now advanced to the Region III Final Four April 8.

As they do with the passing of each season, the Longhorns will miss the presence and production of 2022 graduating class.

Yet there's plenty to be excited about this offseason heading into 2023.

Senior-to-be Ronaldo Guzman, who this season matched Bryan Nava for the most single-season goals in program history with 22, added seven assists and is likely soon to be among the select few to be considered as 22-6A Most Valuable Player later this month.

Victor Hernandez and Jordi Garcia, both second on the team with eight

goals scored, will also return for their senior seasons.

Hernandez also contributed a team-high 12 assists, while Garcia had nine more. Alex Escobar, who had seven goals and four assists in 2022 as a sophomore, will also return.

Fellow 22-6A opponents Deer Park and Pasadena went against one another in the regional quarterfinals, and the Deer



are still in the Region III Final Four mix.

Even still, the Longhorns should be the team to beat next season as they chase a Region III-best ninth consecutive crown within 22-6A.

Victor Hernandez (7) is one of the key performers returning to the fold in the varsity boys' soccer program. This season, Hernandez went off for a team-high 12 assists and eight goals.

*Photo by Donna Alsdorf*

## JFD tennis plays RIII's at Deer Park

At right, Dobie mixed doubles competitors Lael Martinez (left) and Megan Rodriguez prepare to receive serve during early round action at the District 22-6A Championships March 30-31 in Deer Park. The team co-captains finished third overall in the mixed doubles bracket as their stellar careers within the program came to a close. Dobie boys' singles player Brian Nguyen was the team's lone Region III tournament qualifier.

*Photo by Manuel Moreno Jr.*



## Deadline is May 1 CCISD Hall of Honor nominations welcomed

The Clear Creek ISD Athletic Hall of Honor board of directors is seeking nominations for the sixth class of elite athletes and coaches whose athletic super stardom spanned between 1948 and 1997.

The inductees must be graduates, or coaches, of Webster High School, Clear Creek High School, Clear Lake High School or Clear Brook High School during these years.

The complete requirements for induction into the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor include:

1. Nominee must have been a graduate of Webster, Clear Creek, Clear Lake or Clear Brook high

2. Nominee must have been out of a CCISD high school for a period of 10 years.
3. Nominee must have attended a CCISD high school.
4. Nominee must have played in a UIL sanctioned or board-approved sport.
5. Nominee must possess good character throughout his or her life.
6. Nominee must have been an outstanding athlete while at a CCISD high school.
7. College degree and playing their chosen sport in college or professionally is not a must but could

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help in decision making by the selection committee.

8. Coaching nominee must have coached in CCISD.

For more information on the history of the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor and to submit a 2022 nomination form, visit [www.ccisd.net/hall-of-honor](http://www.ccisd.net/hall-of-honor). Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2022.

Submissions will be reviewed and voted on by the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Selection Committee.

Once submitted, a nominee's application will remain active and under consideration for five years.

The 2022 Athletic Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony is planned for the fall of 2022.

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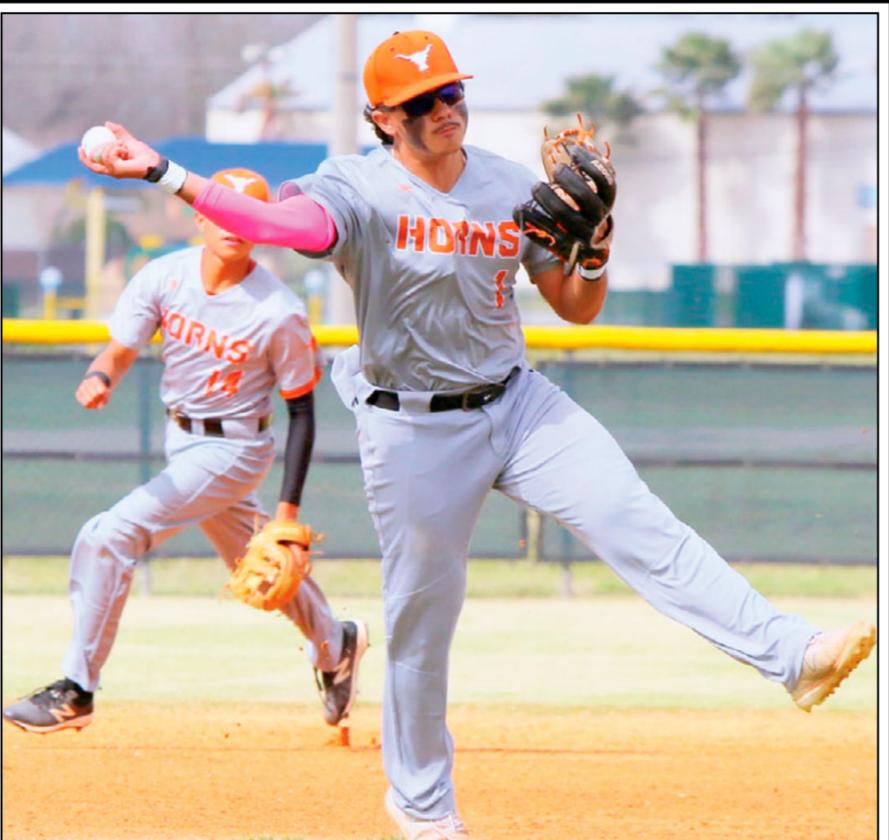
The Dobie varsity tennis team delivered a standout performance at the District 22-6A Championships March 30-31 at Deer Park High School. Boys' singles player Brian Nguyen advanced to the Region III Championships after taking the second-place slot at district. From left, the Longhorns' partic-

ipants included Hailey Maldonado, third place girls' singles; Tiffany Tran and Natalie Vo, third place girls' doubles; Megan Rodriguez and Lael Martinez, third place mixed doubles; Andrew Huynh and Dominic Ortiz, third place boys' doubles; and Brian Nguyen, second place/regional qualifier boys' singles.

## JFD hosts Deer Park April 8, 4 p.m. Dobie H.S.

Dobie stayed undefeated at 4-0 in District 22-6A play entering an April 8 game at Deer Park after press time. The Longhorns used 3-2 and 11-1 wins over the Pasadena Eagles to move to 4-0, tied with Deer Park for first place. In the 11-1 win over the Eagles April 1 at Maguire Field in Pasadena, Christian Pierce struck out four while improving to 2-1 overall on the mound, while Daniel Delgado had two hits, drove in three and scored a run. Juelz Martinez also tripled and doubled, knocking in a pair of runs. At right, the Longhorns' Juan Estrada will lead his team into action April 8 against Deer Park in a 4 p.m. game at Dobie High School.

*Photo by Donna Alsdorf*



## Eagles proudly perform Get Fit Jog program



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 final race at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena late last month. The third-grade and fourth-grade course was just more than a mile. Those students representing the

Eagles included, left to right, (front row) third-grade students Rogelio Gonzales, Malachi Rendon, Cayden Nguyen, (middle row) third-grade students Daniela Flores, Eliana Garcia, Seraphina Tran, Daniel Rennert, (back row) third-grade student Tommy Nguyen and fourth-grade students Michael Tran and Sean Hicks. See additional GFJ news in the April 14 Leader edition.

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It is advisable to verify if face-to-face meeting prior to attending. For Alcoholics Anonymous, visit <https://aahouston.org/>; for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com/); for Al-Anon meetings, visit [www.houstonalanon.org](http://www.houstonalanon.org).  
Know someone who's contemplating suicide? Visit <https://afsp.org/> or call 800-273-8255.  
NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - Activities daily. Visit <https://clearlakebridgeclub.org/> for face-to-face and virtual games. Email jpochnsner@aol.com.  
Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach dance lessons Mondays, 1:30 - 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Pkwy. Neva and Bill Schroeder coordinate the Humpday Dance on Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. for casual ballroom dancing. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.  
7:30 a.m.  
Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.  
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>.  
NA - Vigilance Group of NA, open, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200.

8 p.m.  
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
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., Pasadena, 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, APRIL 10**  
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 - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m.  
AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, APRIL 11**  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
6 p.m.  
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Toastmasters - The Young Professionals

Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at <https://youngprofessionaltoastmasters.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 bldg, room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 713-875-8820.  
AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m.  
The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers - meets at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Pkwy. Annual dues are \$50.  
10:30 a.m.  
Tri County Republican Women - meets at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or check requested. To RSVP, visit [www.tricountyrw.club/](http://www.tricountyrw.club/).

11:30 a.m.  
St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**  
7 a.m.  
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
Noon  
AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m.  
St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
8 p.m.  
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.  
AA - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

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## Burnett students participate in festival



Burnett Elementary fourth-grade students participated in the Pasadena ISD Elementary Music Festival on March 10 at Phillips Gym. The festival featured fourth-grade students from all around Pasadena ISD performing in a variety of musical selections. Burnett students performed a swing dance complete with colorful top hats and feather boas. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Damian Chanaba, Jacob Miniel, Emily Gonzales, Lydia Aviles, Jacob Miniel, Abraham Almanza, (back row) Gracie Hawkins, Xavier Palomares, Harley Conaway, Dorian Chenier, Sara Garcia, Gabriela Salazar and Dylan Aguilar. Not shown are Fernanda Pineda and Lana Martinez.

## Moore Elementary Choir performs



The Moore Elementary Choir performed at the Pasadena ISD districtwide music festival Thursday, March 10, at Phillips Gym. Choir students shown above are, left to right, (first row) Nyrosi Harris, Tony Herrera, Gennesis Rivera, Kaylee Salas, Kyla Low, Diana Angeles, (second row) Noah Cervantes, Ethan Martinez, Ryan Tran, Jeanine Armenta, Diego Flores, Angel Paul, Xara Oddo (third row) Sheryl Munn (music director), Arturo DeHoyos, Kai Tillman, Sophia Chacon, Abigail Orozco, Julieta Cruz, Anayah Khan, Jordan McCombs (fourth row), Elise Perseval, Carlos Gomez, Jayleen Lam, Ximena Gutierrez, Chacidy Carter, Rylie Hagan and Marlee Johnson.

## Chapels available in airports for travelers

In 2021, more than 33 million guests traveled through Houston Airports, representing every faith and creed and walk of life. Their travel was initiated not only for business or leisure but also included journeys predicated by sorrow, illness and personal tragedy. It is for them that both George Bush Intercontinental Airport and William P. Hobby Airport have interfaith chapels open to all – important spaces for meditation, reflection, prayer, and worship – regardless of religious or nonreligious affiliations.

“Our chapels are reflective of the character of the City of Houston,” said Lilita Rambo, chief terminal management officer at Houston Airports. “They are designed to cater to the needs of anyone who wants to take advantage of the quiet space they offer. Anyone who choose to come is welcome to do so.”

In addition to the availability of the chapels, eight chaplains serve at Houston Airports, and are available one day a week at both Bush and Hobby airports. Brett Jones, one of two executive chaplains who serve Houston Airports, said, “Chapels offer a much-needed spiritual refuge from the hassle and rigors of air travel, further exacerbated by the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Houston Airport Interfaith Chapels aren’t simply structures where people can gather – they are active organizations that stress community involvement through healthy interaction and fundraising. The nonprofit organization has donated funds to victims of natural disasters, families in need, and also puts on fundraisers and offers annual scholarships for continuing education.

Jones said that Houston Airports Interfaith Chapels offer a variety of worship services for different faith traditions. “Every religion and sect are recognized, and each tradition is valued and respected for its benefit to mankind,” according to the chaplain.

Jones has served the airport system as an executive chaplain for 22 years and firmly believes the importance of the chapels is greater now than at any time since Sept. 11, 2001.

“I had only been serving for a couple of years when that fateful day changed our world,” he said. “I consoled flight attendants who learned their co-workers perished and tried to calm the jangled nerves of people trying to determine how they were going to get back home when home was a thousand miles away.”

“Through the years we’ve conducted weddings and memorial services, served notice to new fathers, stood at the gate waiting to bear fateful

news to a family member, and accompanied our fallen soldiers’ return home to grieving families. We’ve shared the happiness of scholarship winners and participated in the joy of restoration in times of widespread tragedy.”

There are two interfaith chapels located at Bush Intercontinental Airport. The first is located in Terminal C near Gates 29-33 and the newest chapel can be found in Terminal D, near Gate 8.

There are two interfaith chapels at Hobby Airport. The new interfaith chapel is located in the Central Concourse near Gate 40, and the second is located in baggage claim.

Airport chapels are built for airport guests and airport staff. Today, chapels open their doors every single day to staff and to many millions of guests traveling through an airport’s host city.

“Our many employees that stop in for a few minutes, some daily, gain strength for their day and calmness for their souls,” Jones said. “As some meditate and some silently pray, there may be representatives of several world faiths sharing the same room, quietly honoring all who are around them,” he said.

“This is what an interfaith

chapel does... it proves to the world that love is stronger than hate, joy is better than sorrow, and despite naysayers, we can love and support one another even if we have points on which we disagree. The saying is very true... we can be brothers and not be twins.”

Jones said that the individuals who serve on the Houston Airport Interfaith Chapels’ board of directors are volunteers from all sectors of the airport community united to make Houston remain in each traveler’s memory “as a place that comforted them and made their travels better.”

Houston Airport Interfaith Chapels is a 501(c) (3) organization, and donations are tax deductible. For any questions or if someone would like to donate, please visit the Houston Airport Interfaith Chapels website: <https://houstonairportchapel.com/>. Additionally, Houston Airport Interfaith Chapels welcomes contributions made through the City of Houston’s annual Combined Municipal Campaign (CMC), with a CMC Agency Code of 2283.

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