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Leader seeks submissions

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

Beverly Hills to meet May 2

Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a meeting Friday, May 2, at the Beverly Hills Park community center, located at 10201 Kingspoint, from 10 to 11 a.m. All Beverly Hills residents are welcome to attend.

Pop-up market set for May 4

A pop-up market will take place Sunday, May 4, at The Gardens Houston, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature local vendors selling Scentsy products, home-baked goods, skincare items, crafts, T-shirts made while one waits, tumblers, jewelry, tacos and quesadillas and more.

The market is open to the public. Vendor space is available. Booths start at \$10 each. For additional information, contact Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Coffee with the Constable

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

New Covenant feeds needy

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

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

Beltway closures planned

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

One outside lane of the northbound Beltway 8 frontage road will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Red Bluff in Pasadena continuously through Wednesday, Dec. 31.

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

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

Hughes/Sabo closures set

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

Sagemont to meet May 6

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, May 10, 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.

For additional information, visit www.houstonolidwaste.org or call 311.

Local school board elections set for May 3

Voters to decide several Pasadena ISD, Clear Creek ISD, SJC elections

Multiple local school board elections are set to take place Saturday, May 3.

Area voters will decide who will fill many key board positions at Pasadena ISD, Clear Creek ISD and San Jacinto College.

Pasadena ISD

In Pasadena ISD, Positions 1-4 are all up for

election.

In the Position 1 race, incumbent Paola Gonzalez is being challenged by Mary Davis and Maria Castillo.

Position 2 incumbent Crystal Davila will face challenger Tammie Nielsen.

In the Position 3 contest, incumbent Nelda

Sullivan is being challenged by Fina Govea.

In the Position 4 contest, incumbent Casey Phelan is being challenged by Pasadena High School teacher Yen Rabe.

All positions are at large. Terms are four years each.

For additional information on Pasadena

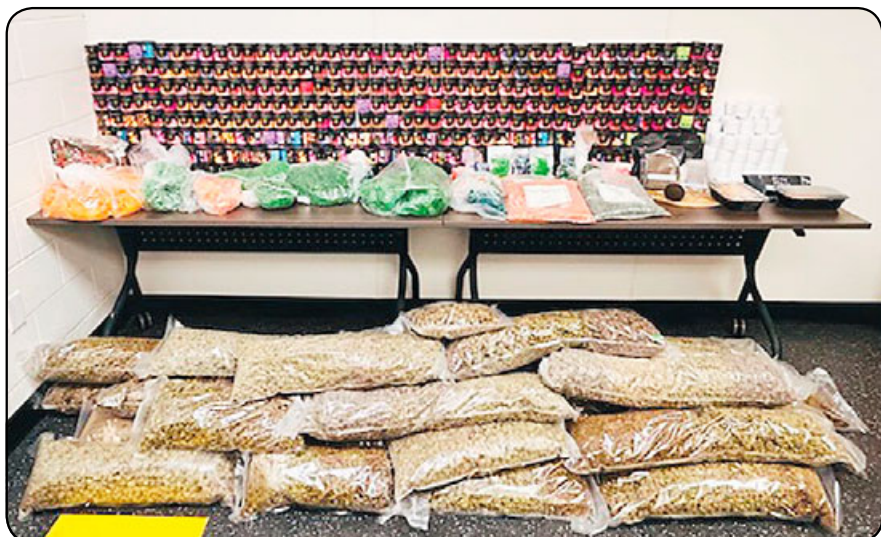
ISD's 2025 election, visit www.pasadenaisd.org/60559_3.

Clear Creek ISD

Voters in Clear Creek ISD will decide who will fill the District 1 position currently held by Jessica Cejka and the At Large Position B seat

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Pct. 8 raids hemp shop – again



A hemp shop in the 500 block of El Dorado Boulevard near SH 3/Old Galveston Road that police allege is a front for an illegal marijuana operation was raided by Precinct 8 deputies Wednesday, April 16. This marked the second time in less than two months that the business was raided. Roughly 100 pounds of suspected marijuana was seized during the bust. Lab results from the previous raid determined that 93 pounds of seized product was in fact marijuana, rather than hemp. Three arrests were made.

Illegal hemp shop raided by deputies

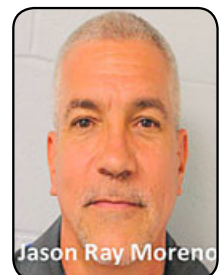
Marks 2nd bust at shop in 2 months; 200 pounds seized

For the second time in less than two months, deputies with Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office raided a hemp shop in the 500 block of El Dorado Boulevard near SH 3/Old Galveston Road, alleging the business is actually selling marijuana rather than hemp.

On Wednesday, April 16, deputies executed warrants simultaneously on My City Hemp, as well as two nearby residences associated with the business.

The raids were a follow-up to a similar warrant execution launched at the hemp shop Wednesday, Feb. 26, in which deputies seized more than 93 pounds of suspected marijuana to be tested.

As suspected, testing confirmed the product was marijuana rather than hemp. Based on the



Jason Ray Moreno



Kevin Ray Moreno

test results, arrest warrants were issued for Jason Moreno, 52; Maria Moreno, 53; and Kevin Moreno, 18, for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

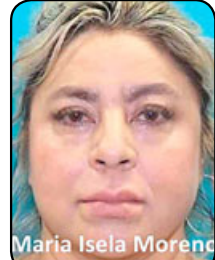
These arrest warrants were to be executed April 16.

During the latest raids, Precinct 8 deputies discovered approximately another 100 pounds of suspected marijuana.

In addition to the hemp shop on El Dorado, concurrent raids were executed on private residences in Galveston County by the Galveston County Precinct 1 Constable's office and in League City by the League City Police Department.

Deputies also seized roughly 7.5 pounds in other THC products, as well as multiple weapons and an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency.

The busts come at a time when the Legislature is contemplating a ban on all THC products. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has listed the ban as a top priority of his special legislative session.



Maria Isela Moreno

3rd annual South Belt Cleanup approaches

Organizers: May 3 event to clean approximately 6.25-square miles

After weeks of preparation, the third annual South Belt Cleanup is set to take place Saturday, May 3. (Rain date is Saturday, May 10.)

A joint project between the Knights of Co-

lumbus Council 9201 and the Sagemont Civic Club, the cleanup has attracted a wide range of additional partners, including Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia, Pasadena

ISD, the Houston Police Department, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department and the Leader.

Sponsors for this year's cleanup include Ace Hardware (Beamer), B&L Lock and Safe, Domi-

nic and Dottie Cantalamessa, Food Town (Scarsdale), Precinct 2 Judge Jo Ann Delgado and KBarbour Realtor.

Lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs) will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

Bus will be provided by Harris County and

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Kidnapping suspects face multiple charges

A local kidnapping investigation recently led to multiple felony charges against two suspects.

According to officials with Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, the investigation began March 26 following reports of a kidnapping on Nyack. Investigators said an initial report was completed, and an investigation was immediately launched by Garcia's Special Operations Unit.

During the course of this investigation, the Special Operations Unit was able to identify two suspects involved in this incident. Deputies began following leads and were eventually able to

track the suspects down to the 10200 block of Alameda Genoa on April 17.

With the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Task Force, deputies and marshals were able to take both suspects into custody following a brief foot pursuit.

Crandall Kelly was charged with aggravated kidnapping, aggravated assault with deadly weapon and possession of a firearm by felon. Johnny Kaiser was charged with aggravated kidnapping, possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

See related photo on Page 2.



Crandall Kelly



Johnny Kaiser

1 killed, 1 injured in double shooting

One man was killed and another critically injured in a double shooting around 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at a residence in the 10200 block of Rolleston Lane near Fuqua and the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the dead victim, 26, was pend-

ing verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting call at the above address and found an unresponsive

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Female pedestrian killed in hit-and-run

A female pedestrian was killed in a hit-and-run accident around 8:25 p.m. Friday, April 25, in the 10200 block of SH 35/Telephone Road near Fuqua.

According to Houston Police Department offi-

cial, Sergia Tabora, 64, was standing in the median near the above address when she was struck by a vehicle of unknown make or model. The driver of the vehicle did not stop to provide assistance

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Man charged with burglarizing vehicles

Precinct 2 deputies recently arrested a suspect accused of burglarizing multiple vehicles in the Highland Meadows Village area.

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, deputies were initially dispatched to the 11000 block of Olivewood Drive following reports of a suspect breaking into several vehicles. Upon arrival, deputies located the suspect, later identified as Nathaneal Hale, hiding under a parked vehicle. When deputies attempted to detain Hale, he fled on foot.



Nathaneal Hale

Following a short foot pursuit, deputies were able to apprehend Hale. He was found to be in possession of a loaded firearm and several items believed to be stolen.

Hale was arrested and charged with burglary of a motor vehicle and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Following the arrest, a post by Precinct 2 officials on social media about the incident prompted a second burglary victim to come forward. Investigators were able to also link Hale to this crime.

As a result, a second charge of burglary of a motor vehicle was filed against Hale, who remained in custody.

Investigators urge any other residents who experienced similar crimes in the area to contact the Precinct 2 dispatch at 713-477-4070.

Stolen puppies returned to pet store

3 dogs stolen from shop worth more than \$10K

Three puppies recently stolen from a pet store on Beamer – worth more than \$10,000 – were returned to the business a day after surveillance footage of the crime went viral on social media.

The footage, captured around 5 p.m. April 14 from security cameras at Pet Place across the street from San Jacinto College South, shows the theft of two chocolate dapple dachshunds and a Shih Tzu, as well as merchandise, such as leashes and collars. The footage showed a small child with the group of three adult thieves, one of whom distracted the employee on duty, while the

other two concealed the puppies and exited the store.

Once the footage went viral, three suspects turned themselves into Precinct 2 authorities.

Destiny Elizabeth Estrada, Elmer Geovanny Velasquez-Lopez and Carmen Montes were each charged with felony theft.

This marked at least the fourth time dogs have been stolen from the store over the last decade. The last known incident took place in August 2018 when the store was under different ownership.

Kirkwren house catches fire



Firefighters from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire Tuesday, April 22, in the 10400 block of Kirkwren near Dobie High School. According to fire department officials, the blaze was caused by an outdoor fire that was being used to boil water, as the home does not currently have gas or electricity. The house is a complete loss, according to investigators. The Houston Fire Department and Pearland Fire Department assisted SVFD with the call.

In My Opinion

McCrucheon: Be the change

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS GO VOTE! HARRISON, DAVIS, NEILSEN

It's another season of elections, but most people don't know it. These elections are significant but often overlooked as they do not coincide with mid-term elections held every two years or federal elections held every four years. For many, these are the important elections. Right and wrong thinking lead to right and wrong believing, which results in right or wrong behavior. So, people who believe and vote only in the mid-term and federal elections fundamentally think that our system of government operates from the top downward rather than from the bottom upward. Our Republic begins with, "WE THE PEOPLE." The foundation of all American government starts with "We the People." Local elections are the most important ones that the electorate can and should participate in, because if something happens, it will be your local government that provides leadership. Therefore, all local elections should matter to you—those related to the County, City, School Boards, Sheriff, Constables, etc.

That brings me to discuss the Pasadena Independent School District (PISD) and San Jacinto College (San Jac) Board Elections. These elections are critical for the future and the quality of education of our children. If you have children in PISD or San Jac, you should get involved and VOTE on May 3. Early voting is from April 22 to April 26 (8 am – 5 pm) and April 28 & 29 (7 am – 7 pm). The individuals on these boards will chart the education course—morally, academically, and financially. These positions are very powerful! They must be filled by people of good moral character who hold a wholesome worldview about education. I endorse Judy Harrison for San Jacinto Community College's Board of Trustees, Mary Davis for Position 1, and Tammie Neilsen for Position 2 for Pasadena Independent School District. These ladies are no newcomers to the South Belt / Pasadena community. They serve in the community as educators, community servants, and counselors. Above all, they are women of integrity and a steadfast commitment to excellence in education. They are forward-thinking, inventive, and understand what is at stake for the future of education. We need these kinds of leaders elected on May 3, 2025. GO VOTE! Let's be the change! Vote for Harrison, Davis, and Neilsen!

Ericka McCrucheon

Ganje supports Harrison, Davis, Nielson

Dear South Belt neighbors,

We have school board elections taking place in our community. While they may not appear to be important, the results will have a monumental effect on the future education of your children that will attend either or both San Jacinto College and Pasadena ISD schools.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, May 1, 3 – 4 p.m. Open lab computer help. Registration required.
Thursday, May 1, 4 – 5 p.m. Family Storytime. Registration required.
Thursday, May 1, 5 – 6 p.m. Weekly English language classes. Registration required.
Monday, May 5, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

Book drop

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

Parker Williams Library

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

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

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Thursday, May 1, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
Friday, May 2, 1 – 3 p.m. Genealogy
Friday, May 2, 2 – 4 p.m. Freestyle perler bead craft for teens and adults.
Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.
Monday, May 5, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required
Monday, May 5, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Book buddies. Registration required.
Monday, May 5, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Book buddies.
Monday, May 5, 5 – 7 p.m. Laser cutter craft: scrap acrylic keychains.
Tuesday, May 6, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.
Wednesday, May 7, 10 – 11 a.m. Senior coloring club.
Wednesday, May 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

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>.

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"LET'S CONTINUE STUDENT SUCCESS!"

Sal SERRANO

FIR SAN JACINTO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES POS. 3

Vote Saturday May 3

[@SalforSanJac](http://SerranoforSanJac.com)

Adv. Paid for by the Salvador Serrano Jr Campaign, Esmeralda Serrano, Treasurer.

The South Belt lost our representation on the San Jacinto College Board with the passing of Marie Flickinger. Marie worked tirelessly to promote programs and education for ALL students. The South Belt is desperate to keep our representation on this board. I am asking you to vote for Judy Harrison to fill Marie's seat and continue her dream.

Judy has over 40 years of experience in the education field. Just a few of Judy's skills include chairing the athletic department at SJC - South, coaching Olympic athletes, volunteering tirelessly for functions at the South Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce and for her church. She knows how to work and stay within a budget and how to work well with others. Judy has strong Christian values and always keeps the student's accomplishments as her main goal.

Judy Harrison has a clear vision on how SJC can continue to help students shine. It would be a sad and unfortunate mistake for our South Belt area to lose the representation that Marie Flickinger fought for hard for and brought to the college.

Mary Davis and Tammie Neilsen are both running in the Pasadena ISD school board Trustees in Position 1 and Position 2 respectively. Both ladies have clear visions of how to help students and teachers continue to strive and accomplish goals while working with other PISD board members, teachers, students and our newly appointed superintendent.

Both of these candidates have the attitude that you work as a team and not as working against each other. They both have strong Christian values and know how to work within a budget. Mary Davis and Judy Harrison both have a passion for helping students achieve success and for teachers who are struggling to have a strong support system. Both candidates will be a huge asset to the Pasadena ISD school board.

I urge you to take the time to vote in these very important school board elections. Even if you don't have children attending these schools, you have neighbors and friends children who will be. Our future depends on the quality education that these candidates will bring to the table. Go vote!!!

Cecelia Ganje

Dupont endorses Lilley

The Partisan Playbook Has No Place in Our Schools

The Texas House recently approved SB2, a school voucher bill poised to divert \$1 billion in public funds to private institutions with little oversight. At the urging of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, the Senate quickly adopted the House's version, and now the bill is on the brink of becoming law. It's a deeply flawed piece of legislation—and yet it didn't surprise me.

Because I've seen firsthand how carefully this agenda is being ushered into our local communities. Not with bold announcements, but with backdoor strategy. And in this upcoming Clear Creek ISD school board election, we're seeing it play out again.

Incumbent Scott Bowen currently serves as an at-large trustee for our district. But two other titles he holds have nothing to do with supporting students—and everything to do with serving a political movement. He's a voting member of the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC), where he proudly authored the party's platform resolution pushing for no-strings-attached vouchers where the funding leaves with the student. He also serves on the Executive Committee for the Harris County GOP, delegated with recruiting radical candidates into nonpartisan elections such as school board races.

Those aren't side gigs. They're central to a strategy—one that's been playing out in Texas for years: get deeply partisan operatives elected to nonpartisan school boards, inject national talking points into local discussions, and quietly push forward policies that erode the foundation of public education.

This isn't just political. It's methodical. And Scott Bowen plays both sides perfectly: helping light the fire while positioning himself as the one holding the hose.

The truth is, school boards only work when they reflect the communities they serve—not the agendas of party leadership. That's why our school board elections are held in May, separate from partisan ballots. We've protected that nonpartisan tradition in Texas for over a century. Because education isn't supposed to be political. It's supposed to be about students, educators, and the future we're building together.

I served on the CCISD Board of Trustees for nine years and had the honor of serving as board president. I've seen how much can be accomplished when our board is focused, collaborative, and connected to people—not politics.

And I've seen how quickly that focus can be lost when outside agendas get in the way.

That's why I'm supporting Rebecca Lilley for the At-Large, Position B school board seat. She is a CCISD mom, a healthcare professional, and someone who has spent years working within our community—not around it. Past chairperson of several local Chambers of Commerce, board member of the Clear Creek Education Foundation, a true servant leader. She un-

derstands that education policy should be driven by what's best for students, not what's politically expedient. And she's ready to lead with the transparency, credibility, and commitment our district deserves.

Local elections matter more than ever. The best way to protect our schools is by electing leaders who are there for the right reasons.

Laura Dupont

Freeborn hails Harrison

As a long time South Belt resident and a retired San Jac employee I wholeheartedly endorse Judy Harrison for Position 3 San Jacinto College Board of Trustees. She has worked tirelessly in many different positions at San Jac - always giving her best and seeing positive results for her efforts. I have witnessed her working alongside Marie Flickinger on many projects and know that she will not only continue Marie's vision for the college but create her own.

Also as an educator I find it hard to support a candidate that has published an ad for weeks now with a blatantly misspelled word. Mr. Serrano it is "success" not "succsess"!

Kathy Freeborn

Harrison urges voting

Dear South Belt,

Thank you to those who have already voted! Your vote does make a difference. For those who haven't voted yet, you have one more chance Saturday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. to cast your ballot. There is some confusion about for whom you are eligible to vote. We live in a unique area. Some of us are in Pasadena ISD and some are in CCISD. Most of us are in the San Jacinto College District where our own Marie Flickinger served as a Trustee for 30 years. I want to be your next Trustee for Position 3.

You can read about the candidates at PasadenaChamber.org/VoterGuide.

Your polling locations are listed in this paper or you can check at www.harrisvotes.com for polling locations.

Let's finish South Belt strong by going out and voting!

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

School elections set for May 3

PISD, CCISD, SJC to hold elections

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Currently held by Scott Bowen.

Joe Macho has filed to challenge Cejka for the District 1 position, and Rebecca Lilley (Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital/South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce) has filed to challenge Bowen for the At-Large Position B seat.

Terms are three years each. For additional information on Clear Creek ISD's 2025 election, visit ccisd.net/elections.

San Jacinto College
In the San Jacinto College District, voters will select who will fill the Position 3 seat vacated by Leader co-founder and longtime board member Marie Flickinger late last year shortly before her death and the Position 4 seat currently held by incumbent Larry Wilson.

Competing for the Position 3 seat are incumbent Salvador Serrano Jr. (appointed following Flickinger's death), Mariel Jimenez, Frank Ortiz and Judy Harrison (San Jacinto College/South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce).

In the Position 4 race, Wilson is being challenged by Oscar Del Toro.

Terms are six years each. For additional information on San Jacinto College 2025 election, visit www.sanjac.edu/about/board-trustees/board-election.

Polling locations
Nearby polling locations include the following sites:
– Harris County Scarsdale Annex, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.
– Stuchbery Elementary, 11210 Hughes Road.
– San Jacinto College South, 13735 Beamer.

Pedestrian killed in hit-and-run

Woman struck near Telephone, Fuqua

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and fled the scene.

Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the incident and pronounced Tabora dead at the scene.

At press time, there was no known vehicle or suspect description, according to investigators.

Anyone with information on the wanted driver or the unknown vehicle in

this case is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4065 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Post 490 host fun day picnic

The American Legion family Post 490 will host fun day picnic on Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Post 490, 11702 Old Galveston Rd. There will be arts/crafts show, vendors, car/bike meet up and swap shop, old fashioned picnic games, corn hole tournament, food, music, raffles, pet adoptions and much more.

To reserve a booth contact Valerie Brumfiel at 409-356-3105 or Diana Aguilar at 832-338-6255.

1 killed, 1 injured in shooting

2 suspects remain at large

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male inside the residence, also 26, suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Paramedics transported him to an area hospital in critical condition. He is expected to survive his injuries, police said.

Detectives learned a white Mercedes Benz sedan arrived at the residence, and two unknown suspects got out of the vehicle and approached the open garage. The suspects fired shots into the garage, striking both victims. The suspects then ran back to the vehicle and fled the scene. At press time, they remained at large.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

3rd annual cleanup approaches

Volunteers to clean 6.25-square miles

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Pasadena ISD. Ambulance service and ice will be provided by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. Police escorts will be provided by HPD, Precinct 2 and the Pasadena ISD Police Department. The Solid Waste Management Department will provide a roll-off dumpster.

At last year's cleanup, 180 volunteers collected roughly 1.25 tons of garbage. Organizers are hoping to surpass that this year, with approximately 250 volunteers expected to take part in the event.

Volunteers will clean up from the Gulf Freeway to Blackhawk, east to west, and

from Fuqua to FM 1959/Dixie Farm Road, north to south. Volunteers will not clean Dixie Farm Road out of safety concerns.

The thoroughfares encompass an area approximately 6.25-square miles in size.

Organizers are currently seeking volunteers. All volunteers must sign a waiver. All supplies will be provided, such as safety vests, gloves, water and pick-up grabbers. No open-toed shoes will be permitted.

A breakfast of donuts and kolaches will be provided by Morning Kolache, and a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the Knights of Columbus.

To register as a volunteer, visit docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf801H8XH9idGvpEkM-XWiEntO-KUg8bCbex5kbbQTqK-CWg/view form.

Tax-deductible donations to the Sagemont Civic Club are also being accepted to offset costs.

The cleanup will begin at 9 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, located at 11111 Beamer. Volunteers who have not preregistered are asked to arrive early, as sign-up will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For information on this year's cleanup, contact Mike Work at mrwork2@att.net or 832-338-5156.

Local house catches fire



Firefighters from the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire around 4:30 a.m. Monday, April 28, in the 10800 block of Kirktown. A couple was home with a 15-month-old child at the time of the blaze, as well as a puppy. All three residents escaped the home safely, and firefighters from the Pearland Fire Department managed to save the puppy. The cause of the fire was still under investigation at press time.

Kidnappers face drug charges



An investigation into a recent kidnapping in Scarsdale led to multiple unrelated felony charges, according to Precinct 2 officials. Following an investigation by Precinct 2's Special Operations Unit, suspects Crandall Kelly and Johnny Kaiser were also charged with drugs and weapons charges. See related story on Page 1.

2025-2026 Pasadena ISD Public Notice for Private Non-Profit Schools

Pasadena Independent School District is preparing to submit its annual application seeking federal funding for school year 2025-2026 for Title I, II, III, and IV under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Your Private Non-Profit School may be eligible to receive equitable services under these Federal Title programs. For information, contact Korina Isaguirre, Federal Compliance Liaison. Phone: 713-740-0225. Email: KIsaguirre@pasadenaisd.org. Deadline for application submission: May 8, 2025.

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Meador recognizes Teachers of the Year

Officials at Meador Elementary recently congratulated these individuals for being named Meador's Teacher of the Year and New Teacher of the Year. They were chosen for their dedication to the Mustang school family. Able II special education teacher and Teacher of the Year Gina De La Garza (third from left) was presented a bouquet of flowers by, left to right, Kevin Fox (assistant principal), Jennifer Chavez (principal) and Tara Merida (counselor).



New Teacher of the Year Leslie Perez, center, is congratulated by fellow fourth-grade teachers, left to right, Isabel Ortega Amanda Johns, Paulina Rivas-Lopez and Miriam Reyna.

Thompson named School to Watch



Thompson Intermediate School held a pep rally in honor of being named a Texas School to Watch. The school was recognized at both the state and national level. This honor is given to schools that show strong academic achievement and a commitment to continuous improvement. Left to right, are (front row) Heather Neilson, Ca-Lishea Woods, Principal Tanis Griffin, Associate Executive Director TASSP Leti Manchaca, Durriyah Hill, Nicole Horne-Sherman, Superintendent Dr. Toni Lopez, Assistant Principal Kelli Moneyhun, Assistant Principal Christine Veltman, (middle row) Ruth Horton, Tiona Samuels, Fallon Lynch, Emilio De La Garza, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dan Hoppie, (back row) Associate Superintendent Campus Development Alyta Harrel, Stefanie Cantin, Kristina Irizarry, Executive Director Curriculum and Instruction Traci Powell, Jay Von Fortson, Makayla Franklin and Jayla Bandy.

Moore librarian hosts Bluebonnet breakfast for readers



Moore Elementary's librarian, Lourdes Guenard, hosted a Bluebonnet breakfast for all third- and fourth-grade students. One hundred percent of both grade levels read at least five books from the Texas Bluebonnet Award List. Some of the students celebrating are shown below. Shown at right are, left to right, (left row) fourth-graders Ryan Tran, Jude Aguilar, Daisy Sordida, Lucas Fritsch, Jamie Menchaca, Abigail Oviedo, (right row) Ethan Nguyen, Trey Fonseca, Jeremiah Maturey, John Fonseca, Romeo Vargas and Fable Masone read at least five Bluebonnet Award books.



Left to right, (left row) are third-graders Landon Hinton, Aliyah Taylor, Zoey Gonzalez, Nicholas Villanueva, Alanzo Allison, Catherine Bravo, (right row) Devyn Brown, Lexxa Martinez, Diego Chacon, Lina Garcia, Karla Ramos Villa and Josiah Ayala. Each voted for their favorite Bluebonnet Award book.



Left to right, (left row) third-graders Arie Marron, Jacob Martinez, Angel Diosdado, Gabriella Guerra, Priscilla Portillo, (right row) Zoey Deleon, Ella Lara, Canon Masone, Lorelai Mayorga, David Priestley, and Elizabeth Macias were served blue donuts as a treat.



Left to right, (left row) fourth-graders Sofia Araujo, Jayceon Griffin, Adrian Salazar, Liam Rios, Caleb Soloya, (right row) Ruby Salinas, Jazlyn Tran, Mckayla Marr, Nyla Smith and Brayden Noise celebrated at tables adorned with bluebonnets.

County publishes Annual Health Report

Report highlights county's impact on health in 2024

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) recently published its 2024 Annual Report, highlighting the department's impact over the past year and how it continues to protect and improve the health of the community. The report showcases how HCPH has expanded and improved its programs and services to better meet the needs of Harris County residents. From responding to natural disasters and public health emergencies to expanding health education and prevention programs, HCPH remains committed to building a healthier and safer community for all.

"This annual report describes the breadth and the impact of our service to the people of Harris County," said Leah Barton, interim executive director of Harris County Public Health. "Through innovative programs, dedicated teams, and strong partnerships, we are making a real difference in the lives of our residents. We look forward to continuing and expanding this work to create an even healthier community in the years to come."

Key highlights from HCPH's 2024 Annual Report include the following:

- **Public Health Preparedness and Response:** Responded to 22 emergencies, including major weather events such as spring floods, the May 16 derecho and Hurricane Beryl, as well as 19 chemical industry incidents.
- **Office of Planning and Innovation:** Submitted HCPH's application for re-accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board to maintain high public health standards.
- **Community Health and Wellness:** Reached 62,961 community members through health education workshops on nutrition, diabetes prevention, reproductive health, maternal and child health, asthma control, tobacco cessation, and more.
- **Veterinary Public Health:** Focused on pet health and prevention, performing 5,680 spay/neuter procedures to help control pet overpopulation.
- **Community Health and Violence Prevention:** Celebrated the second anniversary of the Holistic Assistance Response Teams (HART), while hospital-based violence intervention teams provided support to 190 survivors of gun violence.
- **Environmental Public Health:** Completed 19,713 food inspections to ensure food safety and addressed lead hazards in 233 homes, protecting families from exposure.
- **Mosquito and Vector Control:** Improved insect-borne disease detection with the introduction of qPCR testing, a more sensitive method for identifying threats like West Nile virus and Zika.
- **Office of Epidemiology, Surveillance and Emerging Diseases (OESED):** Expanded wastewater disease surveillance by adding 17 new testing sites, enhancing early detection of public health threats.

For additional details, read the full 2024 Annual Report at www.hcphx.org/ and solutions to guide future reports.

CCART meets May 13

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its May meeting on Tuesday, May 13. The meeting will be held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway, in Seabrook. The featured speakers will be the superintendents from Clear Creek ISD and Dickinson ISD. They will be providing information about the status of their districts both as a review of the current academic year and a look ahead to 2025-2026. The social gathering will start at 9:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10 a.m. One must RSVP for the luncheon. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

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CBHS speech, debate president takes home straight 1s at district



Team senior and president Gregory Stuart continued his final competitive year of high school and his list of accolades by beating his competition at Foster High School recently in Informative Speaking. Stuart began his fight for this honor at the district meet held at Clear Falls High School last month where his judge panel of three all awarded him first place. This was a feat at district that Stuart managed to repeat at the region meet recently where all six judges also awarded him straight 1s. After placing first, he will now attend the UT at Austin's UIL State tournament next month where he will compete in Informative Speaking. Stuart will wrap up his UIL competition career in high school on May 20, one day before he walks across the stage at Challenger Columbia. Thereafter, Stuart will attend the NSDA National tournament once again in West Des Moines, Iowa where he will compete for the last time in high school in U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking.

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Dobie FFA enters HLSR events

Dobie's FFA members attended the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to participate in various competition. See additional photos in upcoming editions of the Leader.



Keyli Guerrero grooms her lamb.



Luke Stacey captured a calf in the calf scramble and won a certificate.



Pictured above are Thalia Oddo (left) and Dobie agriculture advisor Annabelle Salle.



Nathan Zavala shows off ribbon on his steer.



Hunter Stacey places ninth in AOC class and auction spot.



Pictured at left is Angel Rhodes preparing to brush her barrow before competition.

Frazier announces March Mathematicians of the Month

Frazier Elementary staff recognized students who improved or excelled in mathematics during March. Each student received a "Mathematician of the Month" certificate.



Left to right, pre-K students Kim-Yen Nguyen, Logan Riley and Harper Rivera



Left to right, kindergarten students Serenity Angeles-Perez, Jayleen Hernandez, Adrienne Suarez and Nathalie Salgado



Left to right, first-graders Frankie Umama, Marabella Silva and Connor Gomez



Left to right, second-graders (front row) Brandon Delgado, Jeremiah Martinez, (back row) Sophia Hernandez, Arabella Martinez and Sofia Avitia.



Left to right, third-graders (front row) Elizabeth Umama, Blair Smith, (back row) Susie Guillen and Ximena Betancourt



Left to right, fourth-graders (front row) Elsy Gonzales, Riley Baca, (back row) Adalina Sosa, Julian Rodriguez and Priscilla Melendez

Remember When

45 years ago (1980)
Houston Police continued to search for a tall, thin black male who was suspected of stealing an undetermined amount of cash from Sagemont Modern Savings and Loan on Hughes Road.

40 years ago (1985)
Some 180 families in the Southbelt subdivision next to Brio obtained a court order allowing them to leave their homes without fear of foreclosure or adverse credit records.

35 Years ago (1990)
William Fontenot, of the Louisiana attorney general's office, advised South Belt residents that if they wanted to do something about the Brio Superfund toxic waste dump, they would have to do it themselves. He said if they were waiting for the government to help them out, they would just sit around waiting.

Twice within two hours Memorial Southeast Hospital's critical care unit was at capacity, and ambulances were diverted to Clear Lake Hospital.

Dobie's 155-member choral department sang its way to superior ratings at the Yellow Rose Classic contest in San Antonio.

30 years ago (1995)
Controversial subject matter prompted the Clear Creek Independent School District to question accepting a new health textbook.

Delvin Mouton, former Clear Brook High School student, was sentenced to life in prison for the murder of an elderly Saggelen woman.

CCISD was registering students for the summer school sessions.

Clear Brook High School announced plans to implement a modified block schedule where students would be able to earn 32 credits in four years, up from the current 24.

25 years ago (2000)

Jonathan Barrica's father, Jamie Barrica, started a campaign to collect signatures to petition for a bill that would ban handguns.

Members of the organized crime unit made an arrest of four people in Saggelen. Houston police officers arrested two men and two women for a Corpus Christi carjacking.

A barbecue benefit was held for James Vaughan, 9-year-old son of Tina Jones Vaughan and James Vaughan who suffered from acute lymphoma leukemia.

20 years ago (2005)
The 147th Texas Air National Guard Unit at Ellington was on the Base Realignment and Closure list of bases to be scrutinized. The 147th eventually lost its F-16 fighters at BRAC's recommendation.

PISD Superintendent Dr. Rick Schneider announced plans to retire in January 2006. He made the announcement to the board of trustees to give

members ample time to search for a replacement.

Houston City Council-member for District E Addie Wiseman helped with the cleanup of a vacant house on Sagehill that was overrun with cats.

Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's Deputy Robert Sanchez was attacked by a family violence suspect. He was treated at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital and released. The suspect was charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer.

15 years ago (2010)
Frazier Principal Rhonda Parmer was named Texas' 2010 National Distinguished Principal in a surprise announcement at the area elementary school. She was also awarded a check for \$10,000, thanks to a generous donation from Mentoring Minds.

Recent elections found incumbents winning all races. In the Clear Creek Independent School District elections,

At-Large Position B incumbent Ann Hammond easily defeated two challengers. District 1 incumbent Robert Davee ran unchallenged and would maintain his position.

In the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District elections, incumbents Jim Bishop and Bill Morgan would both maintain their positions. Bishop narrowly won in the race for the Position 5 seat, winning by a mere two votes. Morgan won in the race for the Position 4 seat.

In the Kirkmont Municipal Utility District elections, incumbents Michael Grizzaffi, Debra Carroll and Gordon Beville retained their positions.

10 years ago (2015)
With a little help from Mother Nature, the 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cook-off, held April 30 to May 2 at El Franco Lee Park, was a huge success, raising significantly more funds than any other to date. Funds raised went toward the annual Fourth

of July fireworks show and local youth organizations.

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon Team was recognized by the Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees for its exemplary performance at the Texas Academic Decathlon state tournament in San Antonio. The team placed sixth overall, fourth in the Super Quiz and took home several individual medals. Vincent Gonzales received the fifth highest point total in the honors division, and Jacob Little took home the state title with the most individual points in the Varsity Division.

5 years ago (2020)
Susie Haas, science teacher at Thompson Intermediate, was named Pasadena ISD's Secondary Teacher of the Year. Julia Montes, South Belt resident and literacy peer facilitator at Matthys Elementary School, was named Elementary Teacher of the Year. For their efforts, each teacher

was presented a gift basket from the Gulf Coast Educators Federal Credit Union. Further, Bayway Auto Group provided each Teacher of the Year recipient with a vehicle for their personal use throughout the summer.

1 year ago (2024)
South Houston High School announced its 2024 Hall of Honor inductees. Two former South Houston High School science teachers, as well as two South Houston alumni with career ties to space exploration, were among five individuals selected for induction. The third alumna to be honored, Michael Seale, Class of 1963, made his mark in the military as a master of material logistics – the science of moving things in inner space. The most recent graduate in the bunch – Carla Thomas, Class of 1980 – ranks as one of the nation's leading aviation photographers and as a valued member of NASA's space support team based in California.

Brand Norman Griffin, Class of 1965, retired last year after a prominent career as a space futurist and space systems architect for various NASA contractors. The two science teachers chosen represent opposite ends of South Houston's timeline. Amon Alford, who joined the faculty in 1959 – shortly after the school opened – made national headlines in 1963 with a nutrition research study involving students in his classes. Patrick Fox, who taught a wide range of popular courses until 2022, when he passed away suddenly. Fox was the husband of Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox, a well-known family physician in the South Belt area. Of the five new inductees, Seale, Alford and Fox are deceased. The new alumni inductees bring to 71 the total recognized since the Hall of Honor initiative was launched in 2011. The faculty Hall of Honor, established two years later, now has 42 inductees. The five inductees were honored during homecoming activities Friday, Sept. 20, as the Trojans played against Sam Rayburn Texans.



Over The Back Fence by Nicole

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, STACEY!
Happy birthday wishes are sent to longtime 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.

FRED AND LESLIE MARK 30 YEARS
Best wishes are sent to **Fred and Leslie Flickinger** who celebrate 30 years of marriage May 7 from daughters **Kimberly** and husband **Matt Lipina** and **Courtney** and children **Abigail, Jackson** and **Penelope**; Leslie's mother **Olive Falkowski**; Fred's dad **David Flickinger**; and brother **Davy** and wife **Ellie Flickinger**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRITNEY!
Best wishes to former Leader staff member, **Britney Cubos**, who celebrates her birthday May 7 from her parents **Claudia** (former Leader staffer) and **Erik Cubos**, her family members and friends.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays May 1 through May 7.

Atkinson Elementary
The day for **Magdy Canales** and **Mandy Ramirez** to celebrate with ice cream and a double-layer birthday cake is May 4.

Burnett Elementary
Daren Dibble enjoys a birthday May 4. May 6 is the day to send **Stephanie Gonzalez** a birthday greeting.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles May 7 for **Ana Reyes**. **Erika Gonzalez** and **Nicole Holguin** celebrate a birthday May 3. Send a nice birthday greeting May 4 to **Mindy Broaddus**.

Frazier Elementary
Kayla Pitts celebrates a birthday May 7.

Genoa Elementary
Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent May 7 to **Telisa Jones**.

Hancock Elementary
May 3 is the day for a fun celebration for **Niria Chapa-Cantu**.

Meador Elementary
May 4 is the day for a fun celebration for **Paulina Rivas-Lopez**. **Megan Godeke** celebrates a birthday May 7.

Moore Elementary
Birthday greetings go out to **Bethanne Mullen** May 6.

South Belt Elementary
A double-fun day is planned May 3 for **Ashley Fleming** and **Megan Sgarata**. **Kristina Dodson** enjoys a birthday May 7.

Stuchbery Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Bindu Abraham** May 1.

Melillo Middle School
Break open the balloons and party favors

May 7 for **Jorge Palomares**.
Thompson Intermediate
Maria Lopez celebrates a birthday May 3. Enjoying a birthday May 4 is **Kelli Moneyhun**. Birthday wishes go out to **Heather Nielson** May 6. **Lynette Montes** and **Rosa Soto** enjoy a double-layer cake May 7.

Dobie High
The day for a party for **Marcia Griffin** is May 2. Break out the party favors May 4 for **Zacorian Blueford**. May 7 is the day for a party for **Kelley Elizondo** and **Jesse Lopez**.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, May 1: **Jacob De La Rosa**, **Kenneth Zermeno**, **Ladonna Alvarez**, **John Anderson**, **Elizabeth Lastovica**, **Varek Herrera**, **David Payne**, **Shanna Mounce**, **Clint Simmons** and **Stephanie Sirt**; Friday, May 2: **Chris Weatherford**, **Douglas Redhun**, **Troy Goffney**, **David Tho**; Saturday, May 3: **Tray Pittman**, **Keith Richardson**, **Tanya Morales** and **Brandie Ash**; Sunday, May 4: **Scott Siscoe** and **Tamara Fisher**; Monday, May 5: **Tori French**, **Alice Wright**, **Pat Becker** and **Amanda Zamora**; Tuesday, May 6: **Patrick Ermis**, **Roni Gonzales** and **Erin Hill**; and Wednesday, May 7: **Ted Heinrich**, **Josh Garza**, **Stephanie Salazar** and **Jenn Verchiens**.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

D1 Bidistrict Baseball Round

Dobie vs. Ridge Point

Game 1: May 1, 6 p.m.

Game 2: May 2, 7 p.m.

*Game 3 May 3 noon

*(if necessary)

All games at Manvel H.S.



Locals sweep Ridge Point

Dobie softball to meet Springs in area round

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Having reached the elite eight of the University Interscholastic League's

first-year Division 1 post-season bracket, Dobie and Clear Springs will meet April 30 after press time for the first time since the

2021 regional quarterfinals as the two programs contest an area round best-of-three softball series.

Dobie, now 18-11 overall, has reached the second round for the first time in four years courtesy of a two-game sweep over District 21-6A champion Ridge Point, ending the series with a 10-7 win over the Panthers April 25 at Ridge Point after taking the series opener 10-5 the previous night at San Jacinto College South.

Having taken the opener 10-5 but now facing the prospect of two possible road games at Ridge Point, Dobie plated four runs each in the top half of the third and fourth innings to build an 8-3 lead heading into the latter stages of game two.

Amaya Corona singled in two runs and Chloe Nunez and Viviana Fernandez also plated runs in the top of the third inning for a

4-0 Dobie lead. Ridge Point responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning to cut the lead to 4-2, but back came the Longhorns.

Peralta doubled in two runs in the top of the fourth and a Fernandez single plated two more runs as the Longhorns extended their advantage to 8-3. Leslie Sarduy hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning and scored on a double by Persephone Soria in the top of the seventh as Dobie produced plenty of offense to advance to the next round.

Soria was 4 for 5 in the deciding game with a double, two runs scored and another driven in. Peralta scored twice and drove in a pair of runs

Continued on Page 8



Longhorn senior Leslie Sarduy (1) and her teammates are into the second round of the postseason for the first time since 2021 and will look to continue their momentum against a tough Clear Springs opponent. The winner will advance to the Division 1 regional semifinals.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

JFD baseball draws 21-6A's Ridge Point

The Dobie varsity baseball team has quickly turned the page following a 3-1 loss at Manvel to conclude the 2025 regular season and will turn its attention to the postseason as the Longhorns take on Ridge Point in the Division 1 bidistrict playoffs. JFD busts out

Miguel Mercedes and Isaiah Jones each double twice to lead a 17-hit attack as the Longhorns cruised past Manvel 15-5 April 22 at Dobie main. The Longhorns scored seven runs over the first two innings and never looked back on the way to improving to 11-4 over-

all in league play. Juelz Martinez had two hits and scored three runs, while Jones was 3 for 3 with three runs scored and two more runs driven in. Willard Joiner III had two hits and drove in a team high four runs. Senior Aiden Sanchez started the game on the mound

for the Longhorns and got the win, throwing four innings and allowing two earned runs along the way. Joiner doubled in a pair of runs in the first inning as the Longhorns eventually led 3-0. From there, the Longhorns continued to play add-on en route to the easy win.

Clear Brook's Bolden to chase discus gold at state meet

6A State Boys' Discus
May 3, 3 p.m.
Mike A. Myers Stadium
University of Texas

- 6A Boys' Discus State Qualifiers**
- 1 Tyler Grant, Sr., Conroe Grand Oaks, 202-00
 - 2 Chris Georgopoulos, Sr., College Park, 187-05
 - 3 Isaiah Butler-Tanner, Sr., Killeen Shoemaker, 186-07
 - 4 Adam Carter, Sr., Katy, 186-02
 - 5 Jeremiah Robinson, Sr., Del Valle, 183-09
 - 6 Darwin Bolden II, Sr., Clear Brook 182-06
 - 7 Caleb Jamison, Jr., Odessa Permian, 182-02
 - 8 Josiah Green, Sr., Converse Judson, 179-11
 - 9 Kaden Bram, Jr., Northwest Eaton, 168-00

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Darwin Bolden II is already destined for the all-time track and field record books at Clear Brook High School, and now the senior discus thrower is just days away from competing for what would be the program's first-ever state medal in the boys' field

events. Senior sprinter Brandon Taylor won a state bronze medal at 10.40 seconds in the 100 in 2015. Now Bolden, the Region III silver medalist 10 years later, is the first Clear Brook boys' competitor to reach the 6A state championships in a field event.

With three personal best throws at regionals, including a heave of 182 feet, 6 inches that sent him to Austin, Bolden has reached the University Interscholastic League's all-classes State Track and Field Championships.

Bolden is the sixth-ranked competitor among the nine qualifiers who will go head to head May 3 at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the campus of the University of Texas. The 6A boys' discus finals are set for May 3 at 3 p.m.

Senior Tyler Grant certainly appears to be the gold medal favorite entering the state championships as his qualifying throw at Region II regionals was 202 feet. Aside from that massive distance, six other competitors boast qualifying bests in the 180s, including Bolden's sixth best of 182-6.

Packers sign Dobie graduate Baldwin



Dobie Class of 2021 graduate and 2024 University of Nevada-Las Vegas senior safety Johnathan Baldwin has signed with the Green Bay Packers as an undrafted free agent following the completion of the 2025 NFL draft. Baldwin had a total of three interceptions and 12 passes defensed in 2022 and 2023 at UNLV. In 2024, when he played primarily in the slot for the Rebels, he recorded three interceptions, 14 passes defensed, 3.5 sacks and nine tackles for losses to earn second-team all-Mountain West Conference honors. Baldwin played safety during his sophomore and junior seasons at the varsity level at Dobie and then was the 22-6A Most Valuable Player as a running back, leading the Longhorns to the 2020 district championship. He will join Green Bay for rookie camp later this month.



Darwin Bolden II is the first boys' field event competitor from Clear Brook to reach the state championship meet in the 6A classification since 2007. He will compete in the state discus May 3.

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PISD affirms Longstreet as new Director of Athletics

The Pasadena ISD athletic department will have new leadership heading into the 2025-2026 school year as current South

Houston High School varsity head football coach/campus athletic coordinator Patrick Longstreet has been approved by the district's board as the incoming Director of Athletics.

Longstreet, who has guided the Trojans football program since 2018, gained PISD board of directors approval of his hiring April 22.

He will finish out the remainder of the school year on campus at South Houston before beginning his new role within the district's offices at Phillips Field House at some point this summer.

Longstreet has been named to succeed Rupert Jaso, who is retiring from education following 12 years as Director of Athletics within PISD.



Assistant Director of Athletics Donna Branch is also retiring, and her eventual successor is expected to be selected in

the near future. "It's such an honor to lead this district as athletic director," Longstreet told the Leader several days after his hiring.

At left, Patrick Longstreet will make the transition from South Houston High School to the Pasadena ISD athletic office as he has been affirmed as the incoming director of athletics. He is finishing the remainder of the school year with the Trojans, then will begin his new role this summer. An assistant director of athletics will soon be named.

"The way I see it, I'm not leaving the Trojans behind per se, I'm just adding four other high schools that I will support. I take this responsibility seriously, and I plan to do everything that I can, including learning as much about the ins and outs of the athletic director's office, so that I can be as supportive of the kids and our coaches and their staff as possible.

"I'm very much looking forward to getting started, and I certainly appreciate the opportunity that I've been given."

With Pasadena ISD Superintendent DeeAnne Powell set to retire in December, former Thompson intermediate principal Dr Toni Lopez has been named successor to Powell and is already at work in many capacities involving the top job.

both exiting the athletic department simultaneously, the district will see big change in upper administration all at once.

Longstreet and his office provide support to each of the district's five high schools as well as 10 intermediates and also oversee events at both Veterans Stadium and Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

District athletic officials also regularly attend postseason competition involving the district's athletic programs.

Longstreet said he attended Dobie's bidistrict playoff softball opener at San Jacinto College South against Ridge Point and will continue to follow the Longhorns as they compete in the area around and possibly beyond.

He will also pay close attention to the Longhorns as they begin bidistrict baseball playoffs.

"I'm going to have fun with it, but I also understand the responsibility."

"I'm looking forward to being out there supporting the athletes and the coaching staffs from each of the five high schools as well as the 10 intermediate schools."

"I know the kids and the coaches who guide these programs are out there working hard, and they deserve the support and leadership from our department."

"I'm not going to try to change too much. Rupert and Donna have done a tremendous job over the years in their supportive roles within the athletic office, and I'm just looking to continue that."

"I was able to get a good look at how both Donna and Rupert have run things in their leadership roles, and I feel like I've learned some things from that. I'm just looking forward to carrying on the tradition of success within the district."

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THURSDAY, MAY 1
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m., Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 2
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.
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8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, MAY 3
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.
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 4
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

MONDAY, MAY 5
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.
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7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.
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7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, MAY 6
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at seohouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-

722-9061 for information.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.
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7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

THURSDAY, MAY 8
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At left, Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. fist bumps Diego Flores (right) for encouragement with Nestor Garza (center) listening in during a key point in the District 22-6A spring tennis championship tournament. Flores and Garza entered the event seeded sixth in the boys' doubles draw but scored a victory over Shadow Creek in the quarterfinals before besting Dawson's No. 2 duo in the semifinals. Despite a loss to the Eagles top-ranked pair in the final, Flores and Garza bounced back in the playback match to defeat Pearland 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 to reach regionals.



At right, Dobie's boys' doubles pairing of Nestor Garza and Diego Flores (hitting a volley) will represent the Longhorns at the Region 3 Tennis Championships May 7-8 at Deer Park High School.

Dobie's Flores, Garza earn regional boys' doubles invite after big victory

Competing in a District 22-6A alignment that features some of the top boys' and girls' tennis players in the region, it would have been easy to understand if Dobie were to have gotten shut out of original berth for the second straight season, yet Diego Flores and Nestor Garza brought it home in grand fashion for the Longhorns.

Seeded sixth to open the 22-6A spring championships of the boys' doubles draw and having to begin one match at 9 p.m. in the evening due to rain, Flores and Garza rallied for a 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 win over Pearland in the playback match with their season on the line. The straight-set win therefore secured the second of two Region III tournament invitations as the spring tennis season shifts to Deer Park High School May 7-8.

The Dobie pair topped Pearland No. 2 6-3, 6-3, in the opening round, then defeated Shadow Creek's No. 1 team in three sets, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. A 7-5, 7-5 win over Dawson No. 2 sent the locals to the final against Dawson's top ranked pair. Despite a loss, Flores and Garza responded with a gutsy victory in the playback.

"Diego and Nestor simply played incredible tennis," Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said. "All credit goes to Dawson's top-seeded boys' doubles team that went on to win district, but Diego and Nestor scored victories over Shadow Creek and then Dawson's No. 2 doubles team in the semifinals. "Despite that loss to Dawson in the final, we came back and played an incredible match against

Pearland in the playback to earn the regional invitation. It was truly a special moment for Diego and Nestor, but also for our entire program. "I'm not sure that it's really hit the guys as to what they accomplished. Coming into the event as a No. 6 seed and then getting to regionals is a tremendous victory for these guys. "As a program, and as their head coach, we

couldn't be more proud. We realize that we're going to go into the regional tournament as a second seed and we'll have to face a No. 1 seed right out of the gate. With that said, we're going there to win, I know Diego and Nestor will go into it with plenty of confidence because they're playing their best tennis at the right time, and hopefully they can keep it rolling."

Elsewhere in the tournament, the Longhorns reached the quarterfinals in a variety of divisions, and Moreno came away very pleased with the way his players competed. Dulce Mejia reached the quarterfinals in girls' singles, Alena Morgan and Cindy Nguyen made the quarterfinals in girls' doubles, Vyvy Do and Vince Bui quarterfinalized in mixed doubles and Jacob Kostik-

oglou also excelled in boys' singles. "We knew when realignment was announced that our district was going to be one of the toughest in the region," Moreno said. "Even during the team tennis season, Dawson, Shadow Creek and Pearland were outstanding. "This spring, we saw some of those same individual players competing for their programs. It was

a big challenge for our group. I'm just so proud of our kids and the way they competed in representing our program. "Diego and Nestor came through in a big way. To advance to regionals after being a No. 6 seed is a huge accomplishment. They defeated some very good programs along the way, and absolutely earned their spot at regionals."

Dobie offers boys' and girls' hoops camp

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

Brook Mantle tryouts May 14

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

BHI Bears to perform strength/conditioning

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff has announced its dates for the summer strength and conditioning program open to Bear athletes who have completed their Rank One paperwork and have a current athletics physical on file at the school. The strength and conditioning dates include June 3-5, June 10-12, June 17-19, July 8-10, July 15-17 and July 22-24. During each of these weeks, the Beverly Hills weight room will be open from 10 a.m. to noon.

JFD youth summer soccer camp planned for June 6-8

Dobie varsity boys' soccer coach Josh Kluka and his staff will host a youth soccer camp June 6-8 on the turf field at Dobie main, with incoming second- through ninth grade students invited to attend at \$40 per participant. Incoming second- through fifth-grade students will attend from 5:45 to 7 p.m., with incoming sixth- through ninth-grade students attending from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt. To register for the camp, visit the Dobie Boys Soccer site on X or direct email to Kluka at jkluka@pasadenaisd.org.

Dobie softball reaches area round with sweep of Ridge Point

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and Fernandez drove in three runs as Dobie had 14 hits in all. Clear Springs was equally impressive in a 9-4, 12-5 sweep of Summer Creek April 25 at home, stringing together 23 hits over the two games to advance.

Using a four-run first inning to take a 4-3 lead, Dobie then scored three times in the bottom of the fifth inning after the Panthers had cut the lead to 7-5.

Viviana Fernandez hit a sacrifice fly to right field as the Longhorns led 4-3.

The Chargers, now 19-6 overall this season, slugged four homers in the two games, including three by freshman Mackenzie Thomas.

Alexis Martinez and Jackie Peralta both drove in a pair of runs for the Longhorns, and Sarduy and De Hoyos scored three runs each.

Sarduy then scored on an error in the bottom half of the second inning as the Longhorns pushed the lead to 5-3. Persephone Soria had an RBI double and Martinez drew a bases-loaded walk as Dobie extended its advantage to 7-3.

The Clear Springs pitching duo of Grace Hirst and Jenna Hashaw largely held Summer Creek in check as the Chargers set up a postseason meeting with Dobie.

Ridge Point catcher Braelon Daniels had a run-scoring double in the top of the first inning, and a ground ball out as well as a passed ball led to a 3-0 start for the Panthers. Yet the fun was just beginning as Dobie answered right back.

Daniels had a two-run homer for Ridge Point in the top of the fifth inning to trim the lead to 7-5, but Dobie responded with three runs in the bottom of the inning as Jackie Peralta had a two-run single, and Soria stole home for Dobie's 10th run of the game.

Dobie seized control of the bidistrict series courtesy of a 10-5 victory over Ridge Point in the opener April 24 at San Jacinto College South.

Leslie Sarduy tripled in Natalie De Hoyos in the bottom half of the inning, and Amaya Corona was hit by a pitch to drive in another run. Alexis Martinez drew a bases-loaded walk to tie the game, and

De La Fuente earned the win in the circle for the Longhorns as she struck out 10 while going the distance. A hard-hitting Ridge Point offense had just five

hits and all of their five runs were earned, but De La Fuente avoided major damage while throwing 137 total pitches.

Ridge Point dominated an overmatched District 21-6A field of fellow Fort Bend ISD opponents to the tune of 189-12 on the way to the district championship and a Division I

top seed. But the Panthers will now watch the rest of the postseason from the bleachers while Dobie, who strung together 20

runs over the series sweep on 23 hits, is moving on to take on Springs, which defeated the locals in a series sweep in the 2021 regional quarterfinals.

May 15 is Dobie spring football game

The Dobie football program will mark the conclusion of spring practices with competitive games May 15 at Dobie main as varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris and his staff will then begin making plans for the summer.

The end-of-spring event will be a community celebration of sorts, as there will be raffles, prizes and merchandise available.

Any former Longhorn football player is invited to participate as a fan, as there will be food trucks and refreshments available as well as competitions for children and a powder puff game in the mix.

Games on the turf field at Dobie main will begin at 4 p.m. Following the first three

days of spring workouts, Fitzmorris said he and his staff came away impressed with the way the players both performed and conducted themselves out on the practice field as game-like work toward the 2025 regular season kicked off.

With more than 15 freshmen being bused over from the Dobie9 campus to take part in workouts, Fitzmorris was more than confident that he and his staff would be able to come

along with a great look at just who will crack the opening night roster. "There's no doubt we're going to find out who can play on Friday nights, and we should have a really good look at who the first 22 are going to be," Fitzmorris said.

sent team 57 as we take the field in August. "Overall I'm really excited about what the kids have done. There's a buy-in within the program. And there's no doubt that we've put the work in and the weight room during the offseason since January. I think all of us are excited to see how that translates on the field.

Dobie Spring FB May 15 Play begins at 4 p.m.

- Concessions
- Alumni invited
- Food trucks
- Powder Puff game
- Booster club sale



Dobie junior pitcher Vanessa De La Fuente (7) was outstanding in the opening round series against Ridge Point and will now lead the Longhorns into the area playoff series for the first time since 2021. Ironically, Dobie met Clear Springs that year, too.

Dickson paces Texas A&M relays at Penns



Clear Brook High School graduate Cameron Dickson, far right, helped lead the Texas A&M women's 4x100 relay squad to a victory at the Penn Relays at Franklin Field in Philadelphia, with Jasmine Montgomery delivering a final kick for the win at 43.75 seconds. The foursome included, from left, Latasha Smith, Dixon Bria Bullard and Montgomery and gave Texas TAMU its ninth victory in the event at the Penn Relays. It was Dickson, Montgomery, Smith and Jaydan Wood in the 4x400 relay as the Aggies were second at 3:29.12. Texas A&M has returned to College Station and will host the Alumni Muster May 3 to conclude the regular season prior to the start of the Southeastern Conference outdoor championships later this month.

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