

COVID cases decrease

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has slightly decreased after the previous week saw a noticeable increase, particularly in ZIP Code 77075, which saw a 150-count spike in cases.

As of Tuesday, May 3, there had been 12,659 confirmed cases in 77089. Of those, 75 remain active, down 15 from the previous week. To date, 133 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up three from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there had been 9,379 confirmed cases. Of those, 193 remain active, down 53 from the previous week. To date, there have been 76 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there had been 8,708 confirmed cases. Of those, 48 remained active, down 17 from the previous week. To date, 89 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Heavy trash pickup set

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

Ellington e-recycling resumes

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will resume Saturday, May 14, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The event was canceled unexpectedly late last month due to staffing issues associated with COVID-19. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. Last month's collection event was canceled at the last minute due to a COVID-related staffing shortage. This marked the second time in a year such a closure has occurred. For additional information, visit www.houston.solidwaste.org or call 311.

St. Luke's holds blood drive

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will hold blood drive Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The May 14 donation event will take place in a donor coach in the parking lot, while the May 22 event will take place in the church's social hall. To schedule an appointment, visit www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/driveschedule/ 353605.

Lewis FFA holds fundraiser

Lewis Career and Technical High School's FFA program will host its Car Wash, Dog Wash and Craft & Vendor Bazaar fundraiser Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the area campus located at 1348 Genoa Red Bluff. Get a clean car, clean dog and pick up something for mom, all in one spot. Items for purchase include jewelry, baked goods, hair bows, crocheted items, T-shirts, makeup and more.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

At least one southbound frontage road lane and at least one northbound frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Sept. 30.

At least one southbound main lane and frontage road lane and at least one northbound main lane and frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 31.

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

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

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

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

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

Multiple local elections slated for May 7

Voters to decide on Pasadena ISD bond, Clear Creek ISD board

Multiple local elections are slated to take place Saturday, May 7.

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

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

The measure 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 education and state guidelines now exceeds the cost of building new campuses.

The package would also include 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.

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

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

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

Proposition B would address technology, network and infrastructure improvements.

Proposition C would tackle athletics needs, including upgrades to Maguire Field, Auxiliary

Stadium and the Softball Complex.

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

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

The full texts of the amendments follow as they appear on the May 7 ballot:

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SJC named semifinalist for Aspen Prize

San Jacinto College was recently named among the top 25 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. This prize is the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges.

The colleges selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,100 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success as well as equitable outcomes for black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds.

"At San Jacinto College, we strive to be better for our students and our community every day," said San Jacinto College Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer. "Being recognized once again by the Aspen Institute is a great honor and shows that we continue to move in the right direction in filling workforce gaps and helping students on their educational paths. On behalf of our board of trustees, and the entire San Jacinto College community, I thank the Aspen Institute for considering us for this prestigious award."

This is the first year that the Aspen Institute has narrowed the field from 150 to 25 semifinal-

ists, and San Jacinto College is one of two Texas community colleges to be among the 2023 Top 25 semifinalists.

"We are thrilled to see meaningful, measurable progress being made across the community college sector, and this extra step is designed to highlight the increased number of colleges doing excellent work from which others can learn," said Joshua Wyner, vice president of the Aspen Institute.

The Aspen Prize spotlights exemplary community colleges to elevate the sector, drive attention to colleges doing the best work, and discover and share highly effective student success and equity strategies. Student outcomes can vary greatly among community colleges, and improving those outcomes is essential to securing our nation's economic future, strengthening communities, and ensuring that diverse populations experience economic mobility and prosperity. With these goals in mind, the Aspen Prize honors colleges with outstanding achievement in five critical areas: teaching and learning, certificate and degree completion, transfer and bachelor's attainment, workforce success, and equity for

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JFD Speech, Debate advance to state



For the eighth consecutive year, students from Dobie High School have qualified for the state UIL Speech and Debate competition. Qualifying students shown above are, left to right, Jordan Leahmah, 10th grade; Yarezi Martinez, ninth grade; Valeria Arredondo, 10th grade; Malia Curry, 12th Grade; Lexi Martinez, 12th grade; and Jocelyn Floyd, 11th grade. They will be represented by team president and commencement speaker Lexi Martinez along with Floyd.

Pct. 2 deputy injured during DWI arrest

A Harris County Precinct 2 deputy was injured while arresting a suspected drunken driver Wednesday, April 20, in the 10500 block of Telephone Road at Fuqua.

Deputies with Constable Jerry Garcia's Toll Road Division responded to a call at 1:35 a.m. for a suspicious person passed out behind the wheel of their vehicle. Deputies quickly arrived and located this vehicle, which was still stopped in the middle of the roadway.

The arriving deputy immediately began to check the welfare of the driver, who was slumped over at this time. Upon opening the car door, the deputy immediately detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the inside of the vehicle. Fearing that the driver was intoxicated at this point, the deputy placed the vehicle in

park, as it was still in drive, and attempted to turn the ignition off.

As the deputy attempted to do this, the driver woke up, and he was unable to safely turn the vehicle off.

The deputy began to speak to the driver, at which point the driver began to show numerous additional signs of intoxication. For this reason, the deputy began to order the driver out of the vehicle for further investigation and officer safety.

The driver ignored these commands and began to attempt to place the vehicle back into drive. Fearing the driver was going to flee, the deputy had to use physical force to remove the driver and detain him. While doing this, the deputy sustained a minor injury to his leg but was still able to detain the driver.

Upon completion of this investigation, the deputy arrested 46-year-old William Sanchez-Cortez and charged him with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and misdemeanor resisting search after suspect Sanchez further resisted while in custody.



William Sanchez-Cortez

County plan pumps \$10M into economy

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo recently released new data on Harris County's efforts to increase adoption of the Biden-Harris Administration's expanded child tax credit — a tax benefit designed to help families raising children.

Through a county partnership with BakerRipley, Harris County helped local low-income families claim over \$10 million in tax credits — money that may otherwise have gone unclaimed, will now be used to help the local economy grow.

In October 2021, Harris County Commissioners Court approved \$500,000 to help residents understand how to apply for and receive additional tax credits through a partnership with BakerRipley. The funds hired additional staff, supported grassroots outreach, and allowed BakerRipley to launch new mobile tax centers, taking tax support into neighborhoods to reach families who need it most.

Overall, the county's initiative helped more than 6,000 families file their taxes, at no cost, with expert volunteer support — helping them avoid filing fees. Additionally, the initiative

helped families claim the child tax credit for more than 3,000 children. Of the \$10 million in tax credits claimed, just over \$5 million were for expanded child tax credits, and about \$5 million were for earned income tax credits.

The expanded Child Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan provided major tax relief for most American families by offering the largest child tax credit in history. Thanks to the plan, tax credits for families increased from \$2,000 per child to \$3,600 per child under 5 and \$3,000 per child aged 6-17. Additionally, under the new tax credit, some families received funds sooner, with the IRS sending monthly payments (up to half of the total amount), starting in July.

"Today, one in five children in Harris County lives in poverty. Almost half of those live in deep poverty, meaning they live with family income below half of the poverty line," said Hidalgo. "I'm proud to see these results, which help tackle child poverty while pumping dollars into our economy, which continues its recovery from brutal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Local police chase ends in freeway crash

A police chase ended in a crash early Monday, May 2, in the 15900 block of the Gulf Freeway near FM 2351/Clear Lake City Boulevard.

According to Houston police, officers were chasing a suspect accused of shoplifting from the

Kroger at Beltway 8 and Sabo around 6:20 a.m. when the driver crashed into a pickup truck on the southbound frontage road lanes.

The suspect was transported to the hospital by ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

City to hold CIP, town hall meetings

Forums to also discuss city's 2022 redistricting process

The City of Houston will host a series of town hall and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) meetings in each City Council district throughout the month of May.

The two Council districts in the immediate South Belt area — District D and District E — will hold their town hall meetings on May 9 and May 18, respectively.

District D City Council Member Carolyn Evan-Shabazz will hold her town hall meeting at the Houston Community College South Campus, located at 1990 Airport Blvd., while District E City Council Member Dave Martin will hold his meeting at the Johnson Space Center Special Events Room, located at 2101 E. NASA Parkway. (Martin will also hold a town hall meeting in Kingwood on April 19 at the Kingwood Community Center.) Both events start at 6 p.m.

Martin's District E meeting was originally slated to take place April 11 but was rescheduled so that Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner may also speak at the event.

Held annually, these meetings encourage residents to participate in the CIP process by contributing questions, comments and suggestions to the respective city department regarding project planning and delivery in the Council district.

The CIP is a five-year document outlining the city's infrastructure improvement strategy and is organized by priority, project capacity and timing constraints.

The CIP further identifies funding sources for all proposed projects. Martin is looking forward to hearing from District E constituents.

"Since the last Census, District E has grown in population by 7 percent, and I am eager to hear from residents on how they feel District E should be redistricted, if at all," Martin said.

Redistricting
Each town hall meeting will be preceded by a public forum to discuss the city's decennial redistricting plan.

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Pct. 8 assists in large bust



This past week, Precinct 8 District Patrol deputies assisted with a multi-agency narcotics investigation that resulted in the seizure of 603 pounds of marijuana, 1 kilo of cocaine, 2.65 pounds of methamphetamine and 1.4 pounds of heroin. Several weapons were also seized. This case was conducted over a 24-hour period that involved deputies from three different shifts.

Baier on Saturday May 7 election

Hello Neighbor!
My name is Dean Baier. I would like to respond to Mr. Heinrich's statement in the *South Belt Leader* in the "In My Opinion" section last week. Mr. Heinrich commented "That there has been a recent movement to reduce the property tax exemption for sixty-five and over, and disabled persons. He went on to say, I have and will continue to fight this movement."

Seems Mr. Heinrich is targeting seniors, by creating fear of raising taxes. What he does not tell you is that the Sagemeadow Utility District Financial Adviser and Tax Assessor have both advised the Board that they amend those exemptions to prevent a reduction in our bond rating, which could drive up tax for everyone in district.

As a Board member, it's our responsibility to listen to our professional consultants, and make the best decisions for the best interest of the entire district. I am committed to all taxpayers in the Sagemeadow Utility District, that I will always vote for your best interests, and not for self-serving.

This Saturday May 7 is the opportunity to support those who are willing to make those tough decisions.

I would also like to recommend everyone vote for the state constitutional amendments that will help in reducing taxes.

Please Vote, two, three, four, on your ballot for Edward, Dean, and Seth, and visit our website www.votewothreefour.com.

Dean Baier

Webb on Saturday May 7 election

My name is Seth Webb. I'm a candidate for director on the Sagemeadow UD board. I feel it is important to respond to a recent opinion in this publication, regarding a "significant drop" in board member experience in the Sagemeadow Utility District. While it is true, a long time member of the district's board departed about a year ago, there has been a very active and visible member of our community that has stepped in to fill the vacancy, Edward Figueroa.

He has been chair of his HOA (Lake at Golfcrest) for more than eight years. During that time, he has presided over a number of initiatives that have led to important improvements throughout his neighborhood. One could argue that I don't have district board experience however, I am much like Edward in that I have presided over a number of significant improvements throughout my neighborhood, in the two plus years that I've been chairman of the Sagemeadow HOA.

Ultimately, the kind of experience that we need to retain at the utility district can be found in Dean Baier, who has been involved in water/wastewater operations for over 40 years. Further, I strongly believe that the board needs new perspectives and members who have a drive to make positive changes that will improve the safety and reliability of our water as well as a desire to improve other aspects of our community. You can learn more about the experiences we can bring to the board, by going to www.votewothreefour.com.

Seth Webb

Stahl wants help with stolen truck

My name is John Stahl and I live at corner of Teaneck and Astoria. My 1985 Silverado truck was stolen by 3 people in a white dual seat truck with tow bar under bumper.

They came down Teaneck at 2:15 a.m. Saturday morning. Parked on Astoria, broke window, hooked up and left down Astoria towards hospital at around 2:45. Have seen video of 2 other times, same truck. Looking for video of them towing my truck. Any help would be appreciated.

Hope these people can be caught. My contact #713-446-7328. If anyone has video of that time/area it could help.

Thanks John Stahl

Thompson Intermediate names honor roll

Thompson Intermediate School officials announced their fifth six-weeks honor roll.

Seventh grade

Deacon Akinloye, Tyler Albert, Isabella Allen, Kaleigh Antoine, Adelle Bongfen, Jasmine Cabrera, Javier Chavez, Jayvian Chavez and Leslie Costa.

Mia Creekmore, Aidan De La Rosa, Stephanie Delgado, Linkin Dinh, Anahi Echeverria, Emma Espino, Alyssa Espinoza, Delilah Evans and Courtney Fletcher.

Fabian Fraide, Ezequiel Gonzalez, Dezirae Hall-Garner, Vivian Hang, Julian Hernandez, Julius Hernandez, Alexia Hoang, Brianna Huesca and Marina Kostikoglou.

Duy Lam, Anthony Le, Sheyla Le, Genesis Leal, Leyla Limon, Allyson Marquez, Ashley Martinez, Miah Martinez and Kacey McDonald.

Jaiden Medina, Madeline Medina, Adlin Mena, Tatum Meredith, Dylan Mohwinkel, Morgan Momie, Aden Moore, De Yanhi Moses and Junied Munshi.

Cody Nguyen, Hayly Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Ijeoma Nmezi, Louisa Obah, Lilly Oliva, Nathaniel Padilla, Jonny Pham and Cullen Ponder.

Jeremy Rangel, Ana Reyes, Aubree Rodriguez, Nelson Rodriguez, Christopher Rubio, Cathy Sanchez, Jonathan Sanchez, Manuel Sanchez and Sophia Saucedo.

Christiane Simpson, Jayda Stewart, Kendra Tamez, Aidan Teran, Anne Tran, Katie Tran, Nina Truong, Faith Vazquez, Angelina Vu and Jaya Yadav.

Eighth grade
Anderson Aguilar, Blessing Akinloye, Sural Alcorita, Lilah Alexander, Joel Alvarenga, Henry Armenta Alonso, Celeste Arriaga, Sean Arroyo and Kendall Ashworth.

Ivan Ayala, Makayla Ballard St. Romain, Alexander Baumgartner, Nathaniel Belleville, Haris Bhatti, Erika Calvillo, Kylie Campos, Anthony Cancel and Lealanie Casiano.

Kimberly Castillo, Mikayla Castillo, Ethan Cavazos, Kennedy Cavazos,

Alonzo Chapman, Kevin Chau, Ryan Chau, Jaslynn Chavez and David Contreiras.

Cecilia Cruz, Hailey Cubos, Arianna Davidson, Khayden Davis, Natalie De Hoyos, Jordan De Robles, Daphney Deleon, Aiden Diaz and Kenneth Dominguez Gonzalez.

Hadi Elghawi, Cooper Estes, Cheyenne Evans, Savannah Flores-Lewis, Calvin Flowers, Parrish Ford, Roxann Franco, Helio Frausto and Lexi Galindo.

Kayla Garcia Cortez, Julietta Garcia, Max Garza, Emily Golenko, Adam Gonzales, Miranda Gonzalez, Abel Gutierrez, Abigail Gutierrez and Lance Heath.

Ava Hernandez, Maddox Hernandez, Morgan Hill, Nathan Jimenez, Davion Johnson, Rayne Larson, Alex Le, Danton Le and Rafael Lopez.

Daveon Love, Donovan Luu, Ava Macias, Abraham Martinez, Sarah Massey, Morgan McGee, Tristan McKissick, Isaiiah Medina and Dulce Mejia Hernandez.

Kiara Merkersen, Meh-

reen Mir, James Moe, Jessica Moise, Jalyn Mondragon, Azriel Moreno, Angie Munoz, Ayden Munoz and Jawad Naser.

Heidi Nganou, Quoc-Bao Ngo, Daniel Nguyen, Gia Nguyen, Haley Nguyen, Jennifer Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Tiffany Nguyen and Victory Nwosu.

Jeffrey Ordonez, Jonathan Orellana Sarmiento, Awele Ozieh, Amairani Pena, Luke Penaloza, Alex Perez, Thi Pham, Emyly Pineda and Izelle Pineda.

Jazmin Pineda, Wilson Ponce, Brianna Puga, Yvette Ramos, Natalie Rangel, Aryes Rennett, Sebastian Rincon, Nathan Rodriguez and Vincent Rodriguez.

Roger Ruiz, Nicholas Sepulveda, Raymundo Solis, Isaiiah Solorzano, Alison Soriano Gonzalez, Daniel Soto, Mia Sudario Garza, Kian Ton and Parker Tran.

Jayden Truong, Keyli Vanhoutsen-Guerrero, Fernando Vargas, Marissa Vasquez, Juan Vega, Aidan Veitia, Kevin Velasquez, Leon Vu, Zoey Vuong, Olivia Wheeler, Ta'mya Woods and Layla Zarazua.



Suzi Meeker

A memorial service for longtime area resident Suzi Meeker will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Da Stadium in Pasadena.

Meeker, 66, died suddenly March 11 in Modesto, Calif.

for her legions of loyal, lifetime friends, first during the years she was a bartender at Lighthouse Pub and later as owner of Lone Star Karaoke.

In addition to being a devoted mother, she tended to collect needy children like some people pick up stray dogs. She was married to Mark Meeker from 1992 until her death. They resided in Houston's Genoa area before moving to California. Other survivors include her sons Jerry Williams and wife Koryn Marshall of Lodi, Calif.; twin sons Alex and Jacob Meeker of Modesto, Calif.; granddaughters Izabella and Elizabeth Suzanne Marshall of Lodi, Calif.; siblings Jerry Boyce of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., Cheryl Bolen of Pearland and Colleen Martin of Modesto, Calif.; niece, Babette Kleiman of Simi Valley, Calif.; nephews Johnny and Bo Bolen of Houston; and great-niece Shelby Boyce.

Alliance seeking help for State Farm grant

Friday, May 6, voting opens for the State Farm Neighborhood Assist grant, and the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families is one of only two Houston nonprofits who were selected as finalists!

The Bay Area Alliance serves, supports and inspires students and families to build a healthier community for all. In 19 years of service to Clear Creek and Friendswood ISDs, the Alliance has impacted the lives of countless students and adults through projects such as Medication Take Backs, Vaping Task Force, community presentations, Curriculum Based Support Group and the Student Adult Leadership Service Alliance. Voting is simple and free. People can cast 10 votes per day every day of the contest. The direct link is, www.neighborhoodassist.com/en/try/2043395.

"As a small local organization, \$25K could help the Alliance serve so many more families," said Jennifer Sitton, alliance board member. "I was honored to have nominated the

Alliance for this very impactful opportunity."

Funds will go to support projects like FISDCares which serves families in Friendswood ISD with referrals and resources, Medication Take Backs which have resulted in nearly 30,000 pounds of old and expired medications being removed from Bay Area medicine cabinets and SALSA - a leadership program that pairs students and community members to make a difference in their community.

They ask everyone to cast their votes daily until May 6.



Sunshyne Long Term Care
Angela Hamilton RN, BSN, CCRN, 866-786-7496

We provide personal care 24hrs, assistance with meal preparation, ADL care, assistance with medication, and rides to appointments for the elderly, disable and veterans of our communities.

May 7 election underway

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Proposition 1:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the resident homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on a homestead."

Proposition 2:

"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000." Voters will also decide who will fill two positions on the Clear Creek ISD board of trustees. To be decided are the District 1 seat

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

Most South Belt residents will be allowed to vote in only the at-large race, as the community is primarily located in Clear Creek ISD District 4.

Candidates seeking the District 1 School Board Trustee position include Jessica Cejka and Misty Dawson. At-Large Position B School Board Trustee candidates include Kyrsten Garcia, Carl Nunn and Bowen. Three spots are to be decided in the Sagemeadow MUD election. Four candidates have filed to fill them, as incumbents Ted Heinrich, Dean Baier and Edward Figueroa are being challenged by Seth Webb.

The three candidates who receive the most votes will fill the three open positions. Voters who reside in Harris

County may now cast their ballot at any polling location regardless of their precinct on Election Day. Nearby polling sites include the following locations: Harris County Scarsdale Annex, 10851 Scarsdale; Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck; Stuchbery Elementary, 11210 Hughes; Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes; Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer; Weber Elementary, 11955 Blackhawk; Genoa Staff Development Center, 12900 Alameda Genoa; Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingspoint; Lone Star Flight Museum, 11551 Aerospace Ave.; South Belt Elementary, 1801 Riverstone Ranch Road; El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall Road; Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk; and Garfield Elementary, 10301 Hartsook.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; To see a full list of polling locations or a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors (weather permitting) storytime for all ages.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

Book drop

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

Additional resources

The Houston 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 under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

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

Parker Williams Library

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

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

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

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

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

Online services

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

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

Thursday, May 5, 10:30 a.m. 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.

Friday, May 6, 11 a.m. Story of Life. Highlights those of diverse communities and shares their stories and walks of life. This program can be found at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Friday, May 6, 1 p.m. Genealogy. Come to Parker Williams Classroom 3 to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to all adults.

Saturday, May 7, 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.

Tuesday, May 10, 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.

Tuesday, May 10, 11 a.m. Vietnamese Basic Computer Classes. Vietnamese speakers learn how to use a computer, use a laptop for daily life, create word documents, pay bills online, zoom, use social media and search information on the internet. To register and receive more information about classes, call 832-927-7870 or visit the Parker Williams website.

Wednesday, May 11, 6 p.m. DACAMERA Young Artists Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Join the Parker Williams Branch Library to welcome Da Camera Young Artists, Kelsey Sham and Molly Wise as they present "Yeh-Shen: Chinese Folklore and Folksongs," a musical storytelling experience with viola and harp.

K of C members receive blood drive award



The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center held a luncheon awards ceremony April 6. St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Knights of Columbus had been nominated for the Outstanding Church Blood Drive and had been notified they had been selected one of three finalists. Douglas Guthrie, pastor at St. Luke's, was invited and offered the invocation of the luncheon. Although St. Luke's did not win the Church category, it was a great honor for the church to be a finalist since the blood center covers a

multicounty area and hundreds of individual blood drives. At the end of the event it was a huge surprise when the winners of the Bill T. Teague Lifetime Achievement Award were announced as Val Comeaux (second from left) and John Urdiales (second from right), the organizers of the St. Luke's blood drives. Each KC member was presented with a crystal vase with their names and the name of the award engraved. Shown with Comeaux and Urdiales, left to right, are wives Anne Comeaux and Carol Urdiales.

Johnsons win Yard of the Month



Congratulations are in order for Shelley and Calvin Kirkfair for winning the Sagemeadow HOA Yard of the Month for April. The basic design is timeless and traditional with balance and repetition. A well-kept lawn with raised beds enhance the front side of the house. The shady side of the house features a hedge of dwarf yaupon holly, some azaleas and nandinas. The ground-cover in front is the Asiatic jasmine, a popular plant for Houston. The crape myrtle tree will bring color to the

front yard. Shelley decided not to prune it, just to let the natural shape develop. When it is blooming, it is a show-stopper, she remarked. If there is enough space, this is the right decision. A beautiful double, pink Knock-Out rose and round-clipped dwarf yaupon holly draws your eyes to the sunny side of the house. Pink drift roses were planted, surrounding the letter box. Small garden statues add a nice touch of character to the home. The couple's property is located on Sage Lee.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of People of Sagemont 2 posted that her parents' vehicle was hit by a person that was driving a dark Escalade Sunday, May 1, between 6:20-7:30 p.m. on Kirkfair Drive. The member states that the

driver was speeding down Kirkfair and hit one vehicle that was totaled and damaged another. The driver then took off immediately. The member later updated that they found the vehicle and that the local police was notified and will follow up

This post was shared on other social media pages.

A member of the Neighbor's app posted a picture of their neighbor's Ram truck that was stolen from the driveway by a white tow truck. The incident took place at the corner of Fuqua

Street and Kingspoint Road, Saturday, April 30. The member advises the community to keep a lookout for the white truck and if anyone has any information to contact member.

Leader obituary policy

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

Folk dancing sessions dates set

Few people really enjoy cardiovascular exercises per se. But it doesn't have to be a chore, dancing is an excellent way to exercise. Israeli folk dancing sessions are conducted at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino

Real, and are not built on one another; so, anyone can start any time.

Dances are Mondays, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The dates May 9. No sessions on May 16, 23 or 30. June dates are June 13, 20 and 27. The cost is \$4 per

session or \$35 for 10 sessions for CSH members and \$5 per session or \$45 for 10 sessions for nonmembers Everyone is invited - even if they haven't attended before. For information, call 281-488-5861 or visit csh@shaarhashalom.org.

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Atkinson honors Eagles of the month

Atkinson Elementary officials announced their Eagles of the month for March. The students work hard and put forth an effort to be role models for their fellow classmates. The school staff could not be more proud of what they have accomplished. See related photo on Page 4.



Yaneli Guzman is in Elizabeth Cecil's second-grade class. Yaneli brings a positive attitude each day and gives her best in everything she does. She helps others and sets a positive example for her peers using friendliness and dedication to her personal growth.



Ashley Quijada, from Diane Davis' third-grade class, strives to do her best on each assignment. She takes her time to complete her work and shows her effective strategies. Ashley is a model example for her classmates. She makes great choices and helps her teachers and classmates. Ashley does a great job in class.



Carlos Campos, from Cheri Cundiff's kindergarten class is a diligent learner. He does not give up when facing difficult challenges. Carlos is eager to learn and participate in class. He is always helping his classmates and his teacher.



Shown is Jaythan Guzman, from Jennifer Youngblood's fourth-grade class. Jaythan is a true diligent student. He is hardworking and shows his strategies on classwork and homework. He gives his all on each assignment. Jaythan is a shining example for his classmates through good choices, self-control and a helpful nature.



Eduardo Aguirre is in Kimberly Grzesiek's first-grade classroom. Eduardo diligently exhibits dedication and perseverance in completing work tasks. As a conscientious student, Eduardo self-corrects when he makes mistakes. Eduardo strives daily to be the best he can be.



Caitlyn Nguyen, from Sheri Graham's first-grade class, strives to do her best in all that she does. She always has a positive attitude and is such a hard worker. Her teacher knows she will continue to keep up the great work.

BHI announces honor roll students

Beverly Hills Intermediate School officials announced their fifth six-weeks honor roll.

Seventh grade
Arlette Aguirre, Vianka Alanis, Victor Alanis, Carlos Albarran, Morgan Alejo, Kevin Alfaro, Ester Avila, Roy Azinge and Gissell Barba.

Arianna Bermudez, Vanessa Blanco, Charles Bruno, Hermallony Campos, Nicholas Cantu, Anthony Capetillo, Sebastian Cordova, Lenneth Cruz and Katelyn Dang.

Kiahna Davis, Ashley De Arcos, Alejandra Dehoyos, Aden Dejesus, Jonathan Diaz, Elizabeth Dinh, Kevin Duong, Alexandria Elisando and Joel Esparza.

Ruben Flores, Makayla Flowers, Diego Garcia, Gerardo Garza, Valeria Garza, Orlando Gomez, Roberto Gomez, Jady Gonzalez and Marcos Gonzalez.

Valeria Granados, Angelina Guajardo, Wendy Guerrero Celay, Jimena Gutierrez Verdin, Oniah Hernandez, Kevin Hoang, Koy Holcombe, Henry Hong and Hannah Hua.

Romina Ingram, Emma Jacob, Anthony Jacobo, Ximena Jasso Moreno, Daniel Jasso, Monica Jasso, Ashia Jones, Anh Le and Huy Le.

McKenzie Mandani, Alexander Martinez, Allan Martinez, Molly Mata, Pretty McCoy, Grace Menahem, Yasmin Mendez, Jillian Mikulski and McKenzie Milburn.

Ethan Mora, Ashley Moreno, Charleston Nash, Joshua Negron, Alissa Nguyen Hoang, Duy Nguyen, Hieu Nguyen, Jocelyn Nguyen and Kelvin Nguyen.

Minh Nguyen, Vincent Nguyen, Estefani Orellana Ramirez, Joseph Oviedo, Luciano Padilla, Kaitlyn Pecina, Nevaeh Perez, Vincent Pham and Savannah Pichardo.

Andrew Posey, Emely Quijano, Angela Quinonez, Eric Reyes, Adelyn Rincon, Marco Rincon, Gavin Ritenour, Ismael Rodriguez Marquez and Tatiana Rodriguez.

Isaias Ruiz, Ava Saucedo, Johnathan Saucedo, Noah Serna, Faraell Sims, Jacob Solis, Alina Sosa, Samyria Spriggs and Jennifer Tan.

Taylor Thomas, Marlee Tillman, Tiffani Tillman, Ja-Nasia Tompkins, Ximena Torres-Zuniga, Miriam Torres De Leon, Daniel Tran, Kaylie Tran and Alex Truong.

Tuyet Truong, Thomas Turrubartes, Royal Valentine, Alan Vallejo, Julian Vilasenor and Tina Vo.

Minh Vu, Sidney Walker, Christopher Wickliff, Courtney Wickliff.

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HCCO launches online service

The Harris County Clerk's Office (HCCO) has launched a new online ordering system to purchase certified copies of birth certificates. This is HCCO's first online option for access to these vital documents.

"We have partnered with VitalChek to give the public an easy and secure way to request certified copies of birth certificates online," said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth. "Enhanced security measures are in place to ensure a secure transaction and protect residents from identity theft."

Birth certificates are not public records and can only be obtained by the person whose name is on the birth certificate or immediate family members with valid identification. Requests can be made online, by mail or in person at any of HCCO's 11 locations. For additional information call 713-274-8686.

HCCO issues the short abstract birth certificate, which contains the person's name, date of birth, place of birth, and parent's name. The cost to obtain a certified copy of a birth certificate is \$23, plus the convenience fee to use the new online service.

"We are so pleased to be able to offer this new vital online service that will make our constituents' daily lives a little bit easier," added Clerk Hudspeth. "This is just one of the many ways our office will continue to make services more accessible and operate more efficiently."

Click here to order birth certificates online. For a list of other available online services, visit www.cclerk.hctx.net. For HCCO news and updates, follow us @HarrisCoTXClerk on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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Frazier students participate in GT showcase

Frazier Elementary third- and fourth-grade Gifted and Talented students participated in the district's GT showcase on April 21 and did an awesome job. The fourth-graders shared their "Inhaler Hat" invention with the world and received great feedback. The third-grade news reporters

showed off their production and their knowledge about the news business. Frazier staff members are proud of the students' and Emily Siscoe's (GT teacher) year-long hard work and the students' amazing finished products.



Shown above, left to right, third-graders Justin Nino, Harmony Stephens, Luke Irizarry and Nathalia Blanc Candelaria.



Right, left to right, are fourth-graders Denis Sanchez, Alejandro Rodriguez and Jaquelin Flores.

Beverly Hills Intermediate names honor roll

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Norman Fabian Alba, Oliver Williams and Amaya Wilson.

Eighth grade

Aubrey Adler, Leonela Aguilera, Angel Amador, Jose Angulo, Dulce Arias, Hussai Arias, Brylon Badger, Mikalya Bain and Kaitlyn Baines. Aleisa Banda, Ashlee Banks, Zarean Barrientez, Suheylee Belman, Sara Berinyu Nfor, Joshua Berlanga, Tanner Bo, Alexis Bonilla and Diana Bonilla.

Makhera Brantley, Jeremiah Briscoe, Megan Bui, Isabella Byron, Victoria Caballero, Julian Calderon Vargas, Christian Carbajal, Sophia Carbajal and Daniel Carrera. Courtney Ceasar, Daniel Chavez, Zenaida Cisneros, Aubri Cole, Rodriana Cole, Tiffany Contreras, Kaileen Culpepper, Angelica Damian and Christina Dang.

Kevin Dang, Katelyn De Leon, Josselyn Delgado, Hayden Do, Anthony Dominguez, David Ekong, Andrew Escobedo, Chloe Estes and Kamilah Estrada.

Joselyn Galvan, Karyme Galvan, Ethan Garay, Edward Garcia, Johnny Garcia, Thomas Garcia, Alyria Garcia-Garza, Christopher Gomez and Aranza Gonzalez.

Ryleigh Gonzalez, Massiah Gordon, Kaelyn Grice, Ella Guerra, Daniela Guerrero, Alvaro Guevara, Hao Ha, Jade Hall and Alejandro Hernandez.

Ashley Hernandez, Landen Hernandez, Luis Hernandez, Kenny Ho, Trinity Hoang, Alexander Hofstetter, Eli Jackson, Alejandro Jimenez Hernandez and Rosa Jimenez Velasco.

Ami Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Marcus Jones, Audrina Lanza, Richard Le, San Le, Janiel Lebron Delgado, Jandel Leon Ortiz and Peyton Leonard.

Francica Luengo Montano, Ilana Luna, Nathan Luna,

Linh Luu, Peyton Lynn, Nayelly Marquez, Alia Martinez, David Martinez and Kevin Martinez.

Xavier Martinez, Mark Mata, Katherine Matute, Isaac Mendez, Alfa Montalvo, Simon Montemayor, Nathan Montez, Zariah Morales and Steven Morillo Rodriguez.

Kennedy Morris-Jackson, Tommy Ngo, Andrew Nguyen, Anthony Nguyen, Chloe Nguyen, Cj Nguyen, Dan Nguyen, Diana Nguyen and Hannah Nguyen.

Hoang Nguyen, Mary Nguyen, Matthew Nguyen, Minh Nguyen, Thinh Nguyen, Thu Ninh, E'Trell O'Bryant, Michaela Offord and Kamillah Oliva.

Nair Olvera Guerrero, Sweney Onyango, Edgar Orozco, Kaylyn Orta, Benjamin Ortiz, Elijah Parker, Roselyn Pedraza, Isabella Pena and Matthew Perez.

Don Pham, Hannah Pham, Mylan Piedra, Cynthia Pineda, Ezekiel Portales, Xavi-

er Purata, Jezreel Ramales, Joaquin Ramirez and Lucas Reed.

Kaitlyn Resendez, Alexander Resendiz, Destiny Reyes, Kayla Reynaud, Jose Rivas, Stefany Rivera Valdez, Aileen Rivera, Rachel Rivera and Camron Robertson.

Isaiah Rodriguez, Jesus Rodriguez, Sebastian Rodriguez, Viviana Rostro, Gabriela Roundtree, Jaden Rudd, Alexander Salguero, Christopher Sanchez and Jacob Sanchez.

Erik Santillanes, Jesus Santos, Alejandro Saucedo, Naven Scott, Dayana Serrano, Kaitlyn Sherwood, Zachary Staten, Thao Ta and Savannah Talavera.

Jaiden Torres, Kaylanie Tran, Victoria Tran, Khang Truong, Eliud Urbina Paez, Andres Valdez, Arianna Vasquez and Brandon Ventura.

Theodore Villarreal, Bao Vu, Clayton Washington, Jai'ana Washington, Xandria Williams, Yuliana Zambria and Christopher Zarate Moreno.

City of Houston to hold CIP, town hall meetings

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These forums will explain the redistricting process and to allow members of the public to give input.

"We are privileged to live in one of the most wonderfully diverse cities in the world," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, who will also speak at the District E function, along with Martin. "As Houston continues to grow, we must ensure fair and equitable representation for all Houstonians."

Houston City Council recently approved a resolution that outlines principles for the 2022 City Council redistricting process based on population data from the

2020 Census.

The redrawn districts will aim to do the following:

- Maintain relatively equal population numbers.
- Be composed of whole county voting precincts.
- Have easily identifiable geographic boundaries.
- Retain integrity of neighborhoods or communities of interest.
- Be compact and contiguous.
- Avoid packing or cracking.
- Preserve incumbent-constituency relations.

The following is a timeline of the 2022 City Council redistricting process:

- May 2022: Following

the completion of the town hall meetings in May, a draft redistricting plan will be completed and presented to City Council.

- June-July 2022: Three public hearings will take place at City Council. This is an additional opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input or suggest alternate plan. Those meetings are tentatively to be held on July 13 at 9 a.m., July 13 at 7 p.m. and July 20 at 9 a.m.

- July 2022: A revised redistricting plan will be presented to City Council.

- September 2022: City Council ratifies ordinances related to redistricting.

- November 2023: Boundaries of new Council Districts go into effect.

The public is encouraged to submit a redistricting plan. Residents may propose that certain voting precincts, neighborhoods, or locations be included in a specific district.

- All plans submitted to the city for consideration must:
- Be in writing.
- Maintain relatively equal population numbers.
- Be composed of whole county voting precincts.
- Have easily identifiable geographic boundaries.

- Retain integrity of neighborhoods or communities of interest.

- Be compact and contiguous.

- Avoid packing or cracking.

- Preserve incumbent-constituency relations. To see a complete listing

of town hall meetings or to get updates on the city's redistricting process, visit www.LetsTalkHouston.org/re-districting.

San Jacinto College recognized Aspen Prize, one of most prestigious in nation

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students of color and students from low-income backgrounds.

The next steps in the process include:

- Selection of the top 10 finalists by an expert panel of 15 experts in community colleges, higher education, and workforce training, to be announced in spring/

summer 2022.

- Fall 2022 site visits to each of the 10 finalists, during which the Aspen Institute and partners will collect additional information, including employment and earnings data and insights about promising practices.

- A distinguished jury will meet and make award

decisions in the first quarter of early 2023.

- Announcement of the Aspen Prize in late spring 2023.

For additional information or to see a complete list of semifinalists, visit the Aspen Institute's website at <https://highered.aspeninstitute.org/aspen-prize/>.

Remember When

45 years ago (1977)

Marie Flickinger, editor of the *South Belt Press*, was presented a Meritorious Service Award for recent articles written on the Texas Air National Guard and Ellington Air Force Base.

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees approved the transfer of 124 students out of the projected Frazier Elementary enrollment to Stuchbery Elementary.

40 years ago (1982)

Pam Taliaferro of Friendswood was named Outstanding Woman Student at graduation ceremonies at San Jacinto College South.

The Cavalla Energy Exploration Company, which had been drilling for oil at Ellington Field, was in the process of dismantling operation since no oil was discovered on the property.

Dobie High School Assistant Principal Peggy Walters was named the school's associate principal.

35 years ago (1987)

Bobby Burton and Steve Scarbrough of Dobie High School took second place in boys' doubles at the Region III Tennis Tournament. By taking second place the team earned a trip to the state competition.

Thirty-three Lariaette drill team booster club parents unanimously approved a policy allowing weight limits. The policy was being challenged because of allegations that it led some girls to improper eating habits and taking diet pills. While the booster parents approved the policy, the Pasadena Independent School District put the policy on hold until it could investigate the allegations.

30 years ago (1992)

Dobie High School students held a peaceful demonstration for approximately two and a half hours. The students were addressing their concerns over the Rodney King verdict.

Members of the national championship Academic Decathlon team from Dobie High School were the parade marshals of the annual South Belt Fourth of July Parade.

Dobie High School sent three students to the state track and field competition. Cecily Carter won the regional triple jump, Robert Woodard won the long jump, and Candy Curtis placed second in the girls' long jump.

25 years ago (1997)

Dan Martin, CEO of Memorial Southeast Hos-

pital, accepted SEED's annual award for the South Belt-Ellington Chamber's Business of the Year Award.

Groundbreaking for Lutheran South Academy (LSA), a 70,000-square-foot school that will house grades six through 12 was held.

20 years ago (2002)

The last section of the 40- to 50-foot wall surrounding the Brio Superfund site was put into place as part of a joint project with the city of Pearland's proposed widening of Dixie Farm Road by two lanes.

A seventh-grader at Beverly Hills escaped an attempted kidnapping in the Bridgegate subdivision. The girl was feeding her dog in the back yard when a man, described as a young white male in his early 20s, came through the gate. He pushed her over and when she started screaming, he tried to drag her to his car. The girl fought back. She started kicking him and held on to anything she could. The family dog then came around the corner and apparently scared the man away. He fled in a small green car with silver-tinted windows.

15 years ago (2007)

After having been missing for three days, Patrick Wilcox, 28, jumped to his

death at the intersection of Interstate 45 and Beltway 8.

South Belt resident Lt. Matthew Salo, Company B, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment (Attack), 36th Combat Aviation Brigade, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The pilot, along with two others, distinguished himself while flying a combat mission in Ramadi, Iraq.

A driver, apparently suffering from a medical condition, crashed into the home of Maria and David Fals on Sagemeadow Lane. The residents were not home at the time of the accident. The driver of the vehicle was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

An unidentified male on a bicycle was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Blackhawk and Beltway 8. The victim was taken to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital. Witnesses said the cyclist had run the stop light. The driver of the vehicle was not ticketed.

10 years ago (2012)

The South Belt community suffered three major fires during the previous week. A South Belt woman died when a fire destroyed her home in the 10500 block of Sagetree.

Waynette Wiebke, 69, died in the blaze. Several neighbors reported hearing a loud explosion at the time the fire erupted. The flames were reportedly so intense firefighters could not initially get inside the home and had to battle the fire from outside. Once able to enter the home, firefighters found Wiebke's body on an inside couch. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Authorities said Wiebke, who reportedly used a wheelchair to get around, was on oxygen and also smoked cigarettes, which may have played a role in the fire.

The former First Christian Academy at 10950 Highland Meadow was destroyed by fire. Investigators believe the blaze was intentionally set, as there were eight points of origin, according to Southeast Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Tom Gollightly. SVFD was assisted by the Houston, Friendswood, Forest Bend and League City fire departments in battling the blaze. No arrests were made.

A home in the 11000 block of Indus at Buena Park was destroyed by fire. Four fire engines and two ladder trucks responded to the blaze. Units from Stations 70, 94, 61, 28 and 93

were at the scene, along with one medic. No injuries were reported.

5 years ago (2017)

Chris Bezdek was honored Tuesday, May 2, as the Pasadena Independent School District's 2017 Distinguished Alumnus. A 1998 Sam Rayburn graduate, Bezdek is a longtime volunteer and supporter of the district and executive vice president of CommunityBank of Texas. He joined the district's Education Foundation board in 2010, serving as president for two terms and now as treasurer. He has also been a volunteer at the foundation's Shining Stars Gala and annual golf classic. In 2012, he began serving as the McDonald's Texas Invitational Basketball Tournament steering committee's finance chair. A bronze commemorative plaque was placed on permanent display outside the district's administration building.

South Belt resident Wayne Lominac Sr. got the thrill of a lifetime when Houston Texans star player J.J. Watt delivered a pizza to his house, as part of Papa John's contest. Lominac was joined by his wife, Stephanie Lominac; his son, Wayne Lominac Jr.; his daughter, Shea Lomi-

nac; and some close friends as Watt stuck around to visit, sign autographs, and take photos.

1 year ago (2021)

Election results from the May 1 local school board elections were tabulated, with incumbents from both Pasadena ISD and Clear Creek ISD losing seats. In the Pasadena ISD race, incumbent Nelda Sullivan maintained her Position 3 spot, while incumbent Mariselle Quijano lost her Position 2 seat. In the Position 3 contest, Sullivan handily defeated her two challengers, receiving 70.8 percent of the vote (5,047 total votes). Yen Huynh Rabe received 23 percent of the vote, and Sunil Neparal received 6.2 percent. In the Position 2 race, Quijano received 48.4 percent of the vote to challenger Crystal Dávila's 51.6 percent. In the election to fill the Position 1 seat being vacated by Fred Roberts, Paola Gonzalez Fusilier defeated Noble J. Alix Jr., receiving 55.7 percent of the vote to Alix's 44.3 percent. In the contest for Position 4 being vacated by Jack Bailey, Casey Phelan beat out opponents Al Bledsoe and Areef Bhuyan. Phelan received 54 percent of the vote, while Bledsoe received 38.9 percent and Bhuyan received 7.1 per-

cent. In the CCISD election, incumbents Jay Cunningham and Jonathan Cottrell maintained their positions, while longtime board member Page Rander lost her District 4 seat. In the District 5 contest, Cunningham received 62 percent of the vote with 1,406 votes, while Christine Parizo received 841 votes, and Keith Esthay received 10. In the At-Large Position A race, Cottrell received 48 percent of the vote with 3,264 votes, while Kevin Oditt received 2,716 votes, Michael Creedon received 568 votes, and Marlene Montesinos received 317.

Former longtime South Belt resident and Dobie High School guidance counselor Andrea Longoria was killed in an auto-pedestrian accident the evening of Friday, April 30, during her daily walk near Northfork Drive and Bagnoli Rose Lane in Pearland. Longoria, 74, served as the school's counselor for 19 years, before retiring in 2011. She was also active in St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. The site of the crash became a makeshift memorial and included signs telling drivers to slow down. No charges were immediately filed against the 17-year-old driver.

Over The Back Fence by Kenna

TED MARKS 80 YEARS
Ted Heinrich celebrates a birthday May 7. Special birthday wishes and love are sent from son Carl Heinrich III (and wife Martha); daughter Piper Heinrich; grandkids Carl Heinrich IV, Drayton Heinrich, Meadaux Heinrich and Easton Heinrich; and granddaughter Parker Sais. Ted is an amazing father and grandfather. Appreciating all he does, his family wishes him a great birthday.

FRED AND LESLIE MARK 28 YEARS
Best wishes are sent to Fred and Leslie Flickinger who celebrate 28 years of marriage May 7 from daughters Kimberly and husband Matt Lipina and Courtney and husband Chris Durham and children Abigail, Jackson and Penelope; Leslie's mother Olive Falkowski; Fred's mom and dad Marie and 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.

OLIVE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Special birthday wishes are sent May 10, for a wonderful birthday to Olive Falkowski from her daughter Leslie Flickinger and husband Fred; granddaughters Kimberly and husband Matt Lipina; granddaughter Courtney Durham and husband Chris; great-grandchildren Abigail, Jackson and Penelope Durham;

Marie and husband David Flickinger; David (Leader president) and wife Ellie Flickinger; and Alexis Lochner.

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY, JOHN!
Wishes for a fantastic birthday are sent to South Belt Leader staff member John Bechtle May 11, from his family, friends and the Leader staff. He has been the sports editor of the Leader for many years and is greatly appreciated by his co-workers!

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena ISD celebrate birthdays May 5 through May 11.

Atkinson Elementary
Martha Lerma enjoys a birthday May 9.

Bush Elementary
Nicolette Martinez marks a birthday May 9.

Frazier Elementary
Remember to wish Indya Kemp a happy birthday May 8.

Moore Elementary
The day for a birthday party for Traci Marr and Beth Anne Mullen is May 6. Break out the balloons and ice party favors for Yvonne Xcoy May 9.

Stuchbery Elementary
Send a birthday greeting May 9 to Cheryl Lewis.

Melillo Middle School
May 6 is a day for a birthday cake for Sandra Vann. Break open the balloons and party favors May 7 for Jorge Palomares.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Stephanie Gonzalez celebrates a birthday

May 10.

Thompson Intermediate
Birthday wishes go out to Heather Nielson May 6. Lynette Montes and Becky Morrison enjoy a double-layer cake May 7. Krystal LaReau celebrates a birthday May 9.

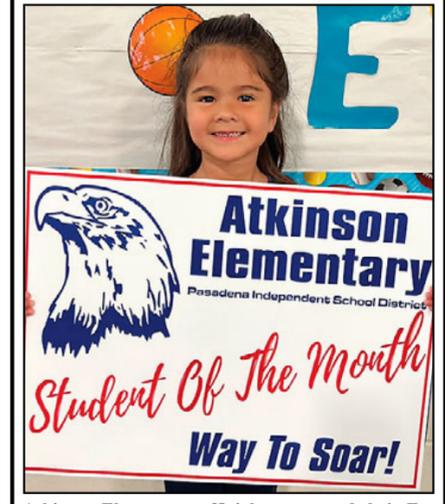
Dobie High
Break out the party favors May 7 for Jesse Lopez. Light the candles May 9 for Jordan Evans. Send a humorous birthday card May 11 to Steven Mayo.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
To have a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's issue.

Thursday, May 5: Tori French, Alice Wright, Pat Becker and Amanda Zamora; Friday, May 6: Patrick Ermis, Roni Gonzales and Erin Hill; Saturday, May 7: Ted Heinrich, Josh Garza, Stephanie Salazar and Jenn Verchiens; Sunday, May 8: Christopher Barber, Tiffany Robbins, Julie Kutra and Sara Muller; Monday, May 9: Tiana Jaime-Perez, Freedom Groebner, Ronny Carker and Bubba Bannett; Tuesday, May 10: Becky Lopez, Kathy Vingoe and Angela Ojeda; and Wednesday, May 11: Tyson Dillard, Leslie Fair and George King.

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Atkinson honors Eagle



Atkinson Elementary officials announced their Eagle of the Month for March. The students work hard and put forth an effort to be role models for their fellow classmates. The school staff could not be more proud of what they have accomplished. Shown is Aaniyah Ortega, who is in Donna Koonce's pre-K class. Aaniyah always works hard to complete her work correctly. She helps others and is a positive role model in the classroom. See related photos on Page 3.

CCART meeting set May 10

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers (CCART) will hold its May meeting on Tuesday, May 10. The meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway. Their featured speakers will be the superintendents from the Clear Creek ISD and Dickinson ISD. They will be giving everyone their annual updates on happenings in their respective districts.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. This is the final meeting before the summer break and will feature an Italian lunch provided by CCART. All Texas retired school employees from the area are invited. The annual dues are \$50.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Eighth-inning rally extends Brook's run

Clear Brook knows anything is possible after rallying to reach the bidistrict baseball playoffs, with the Wolverines now set to take on District 23-6A champion Pearland in a best-of-three series May 6-7.

The Wolverines once appeared to be playing for pride down the stretch in the 24-6A race but used a 2-1, eight-inning win over Clear Springs April 29 to force a third-place tie in the standings at 5-7 between the Wolverines and Chargers.

A postgame coin flip for seeding went the way of

Dickson claims Region III 200 win, state next



Senior Camryn Dickson sprinter hopes her final official appearance in a red and white Clear Brook uniform is golden as she heads to the University Interscholastic Track and Field Championships May 14 in Austin.

Dickson, who won a silver medal in the 6A 200 a season ago at the state

UIL State Track May 14, Austin 6A Girls' 200 - 7:30 p.m.

ed the second-best time in qualifying.

The Clear Brook girls' 4x100 relay squad also advanced to the finals in the event, coming up with a Region III sixth-place finish of 47.03.

The Lady Wolverines' foursome included Azayla Smith, Dickson, Julisa Hudson and Jizzale Davis.

Clear Brook senior Cam McCalister wrapped up his career as a Wolverine as he competed in the Region III 400.

McCalister, headed to McNeese State University to play football, was 19th in the 400 prelims for 19th place.

Brook's Raina Cantu placed 30th at 31 feet, 7 1/4 inches in the shot.

Clear Brook's Camryn Dickson overcame a false start disqualification in the 100 at regionals to grab a state berth in the 200 with a gold medal win at 23.39 seconds, a personal best time for the season. A state silver medalist in the 200 in 2021, Dickson will go for gold May 14 in Austin.

Longhorns to battle NS

A lost coin flip for playoff seeding has the Dobie varsity baseball team in line to take on the North Shore Mustangs as the bidistrict playoffs get started across the state.

Dobie, which finished District 22-6A play at 9-3 overall, will now travel to North Shore May 6 for a single game and then host the Mustangs in a second game May 7 at Dobie High School. A third game, if needed, would follow at Dobie the same day.

Wins in five of six games to close the regular season were plenty good enough to land Dobie a second-place tie with Memorial.

A subsequent coin flip to determine playoff seeding went to Memorial, with the Mavericks drawing District 21-6A No. 3 seed Beaumont West Brook.

Dobie, then, gets 21-6A second seed North Shore, which wound up just a slot behind league champion

Bidistrict Baseball Playoffs
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Dobie at North Shore
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North Shore at Dobie
May 7, noon

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Dobie's Bella Perez (left) takes a relay throw and looks to swipe tag Summer Creek's Samantha Flores (5) in the first inning of the Lady Bulldogs' series-clinching 10-0 win over Dobie April 29 at the Pasadena ISD Complex in the bidistrict softball playoffs. Flores was seven for eight in the series with seven runs batted in and three runs scored as Summer Creek ended Dobie's season. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Summer Creek eliminates Dobie softball

Samantha Flores was the offensive catalyst as Summer Creek delivered a bit of a bidistrict stunner in the opening round of the 6A high school softball playoffs, eliminating Dobie with 7-0 and 10-0 defeats.

The Lady Bulldogs out-hit Dobie 24 to 7 in the series, with Flores, a junior, going 6 for 7 with seven runs batted in and three runs scored out of the leadoff spot.

In turn, Summer Creek junior pitcher Miranda Pena went the distance for wins in both games, striking out 19 while holding a solid Lady Longhorn lineup to five singles and two doubles, both by senior Hailey Hernandez.

Dobie, a Region III quarterfinalist the previous two full seasons, simply ran into a buzzsaw of sorts. In the span of roughly 28 hours, Flores and Pena combined to lift the 24-11 Summer Creek program into the area playoff round, where a matchup with 24-6A champion Pearland looms.

For the Lady Longhorns, the season ends at 22-12 overall for the 22-6A second seeds.

Hernandez, who hit .329 this season and tied for the team lead with seven doubles, exits along with seniors Aliyah Barajas, Karlie Barba, Gabby Galvan, Shellie Ferguson and Ashley Napper.

Barajas hit .461 for her final season, while Galvan was at .455. Napper had 16 runs batted in to go with 15 from Ferguson, a San Jacinto College signee.

Barba simply put together one of the finest careers in program history, hitting .521 as a senior, driving in 46 runs over 34 games, and slugging a combined 22 extra-base hits.

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Coyotes appear post-season ready

The Region 14 South Zone champion San Jacinto College softball team finished up Region 14 play May 5-6 after press time and will now prepare to host the Region 14 conference tournament.

At 36-13 overall and winners of seven consecutive games at press time, the Coyotes have locked up the South Zone top seed and will host the Region 14 Championship, a double-elimination event May 13-16 at the South campus on Beamer Road.

San Jacinto, third overall at the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I World Series in 2021, is bidding for a conference tournament crown and return to the big show.

The locals will take on the No. 4 seed from the R14 East Zone May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

From there, SJC plans a

Pioneer records fall; state track meet next

The Lutheran South track and field program figures to be chasing both individual and team gold medals as the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools State Championships are front and center May 6-7 at Waco ISD's Midway High School.

The Pioneers cast a wide net of medal collection April 28 at the TAPPS 5A South Regional Championships at the Hart-Patterson Track Complex in Waco, with the boys' taking top team honors and the Lady Pioneers grabbing second place.

Ayana Mallard Smith will headline the LSA girls' appearance as she returns to the scene of a career performance as a junior, winning three state golds and a silver on her way to 33 individual points.

Smith and her teammates now appear poised for another medal haul.

At the 2022 South Regional, Smith won gold in the 100 with a time of 12.09 and claimed the top spot in the long jump at 18 feet, 10 inches.

As for the 200, Smith enters the state competition

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Almaguer is Defensive Player/Year



Naydelin Almaguer (18) led the charge for her Lady Longhorns as the 22-6A All-District selections following the 2022 season as she was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year and also earned a spot on the All-Academic squad. See more Dobie All-District picks on Page 8.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Lutheran South tracksters set records on way to state

TAPPS State Track May 6-7 Midway High School Waco, Texas

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tion as the second-place regional finisher at 25.06 as she aims for a state medal in the event.

With a school record and second-place regional finish of 50.01 in the 4x100 relay, the Lady Pioneers will chase a state medal in the event with Smith to be joined by Makynna Robbins, Audrey Pfeiffer and Emily Adams.

Cassidy Pfeiffer was third at regionals to advance to state in the 300 hurdles at 50.29, and she was fifth at the South Regional in the 100 hurdles in a time of 17.61.

LSA will also compete at state in the 4x200 relay after a time of 1:51.41 placed them fourth at the regional meet.

Rachel Bell snagged a team record of 122 feet, 1 inch in the discus during the regional competition as she was third.

With a top effort of 35-11 1/2, the Lady Pioneers' Malorie McGee earned a state berth as she was second for a triple jump silver medal at regionals.

As for the pole vault, LSA's Alma Martin punched her ticket for the state championships with a third-place finish of 8-6.

Hutchins joined teammate Smith as one of the stars of the South Regional as he set school records while taking gold medals in the 100 and 200 events.

A time of 10.77 was a winner for Hutchins in the 100, while he was first in at 21.60 for the 200 gold medal.

The Gaitan brothers are also state-bound in the 800 as Marcus Gaitan's time of 1 minute, 58.47 seconds was second, with Matthew Gaitan third in a clocking of 2:00.70.

The Pioneers will also carry regional victories in the 4x100 and 4x400 re-

lays on to the state meet. The Pioneers won the 4x100 at 43.00 and also grabbed the 4x400 win in a time of 3:31.24.

The LSA boys also reached state in the 4x200 relay in a time of 1:33.34 as the 56 combined relay points carried a ton of weight in the final team standings.

The Pioneers' Alec Salerno is headed to state in both hurdling events as he was second at regionals at both the 110 and 300 distance.

Salerno's silver medal

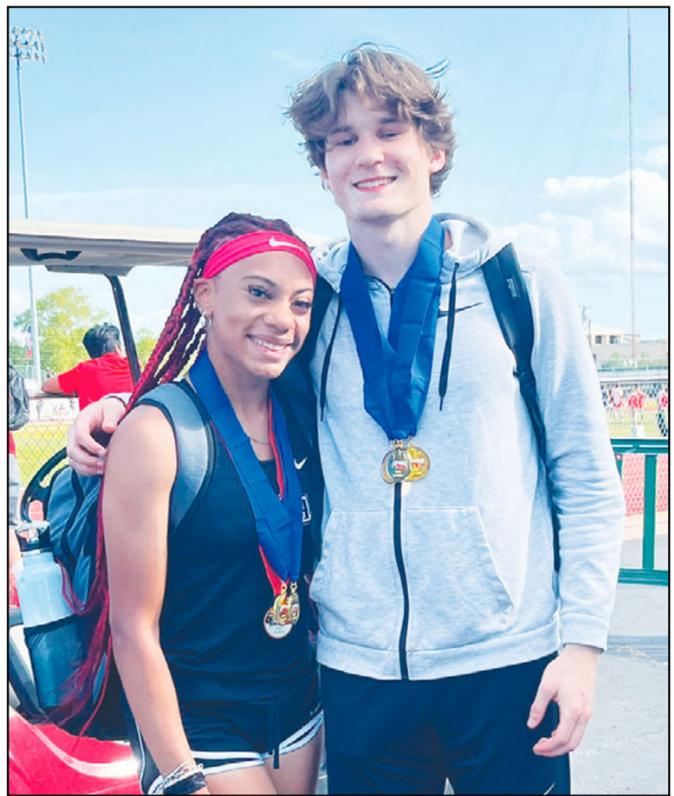
At right, Lutheran South's Ayana Mallard Smith (left) and Joel Hutchins led the charge for the Pioneers at the South Zone Track and Field Championships April 28 in Waco. Smith was part of a 4x100 relay school record of 50.01 seconds while Hutchins won regional golds for school records in the 100 (10.77) and 200 (21.60). With LSA headed to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial School State Championships in Waco, Smith is the defending 5A champion in the 100 and long jump.

in the 110s came in a time of 15.50, while he was in at 41.89 for second place in the 300 event.

A top high jump of 5-10 placed LSA's Kaden Har-

vey second at regionals as he is moving on to state, and Jaylin Lowery went 42-2 1/4 to advance in the triple jump as the fourth-place finisher.

Wilson Klein and Adam Rivas of LSA are both off to state in the pole vault. At regionals, Klein was second at 13-0, with Rivas third at a height of 10-0.



Snelson family, Dobie softball enter PISD hall



At left, Sam Rayburn High School graduate and former long-time Pasadena Memorial High School varsity football head coach John Snelson was on hand to represent the inducted Snelson family as the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony was held April 28 in Pasadena. The 2020 class (pandemic-delayed) of inductees included the Snelsons, the 1993 Dobie state champion softball team, Marlen Esparza, Charlie Goehring, William Raby, T.J. Mills, Steve Prentice, Ron Schroeder, Bo Snelson and Bryan Willingham. "It's obviously a proud moment and an absolute honor to be inducted into the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame," said John Snelson, now varsity football head coach at Dickinson High School. "As a family, it would have been special for mom (Billie Snelson, now deceased), and it was so special to have coached Bo at Memorial!" For more on the ceremony, see the *Leader* later this month.

Longhorn baseball takes on North Shore

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Summer Creek. Dobie should enter the playoffs with four straight wins to finish out the season.

The Longhorns closed out South Houston 8-0 on April 26 to finish at 9-3 in league play as Matthew Torres got the win on the mound, going four innings with three strikeouts.

Wolverines top Springs, will go against Oilers

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Clear Springs, netting the Wolverines a rematch with Pearland.

In 2021, the Wolverines entered the postseason as the District 24-6A champions but were swept in the same bidistrict round by the Oilers.

This season, the Wolverines needed a win over

Juelz Martinez was 3 for 3 with a double, four runs batted in and two runs scored, and Daniel Delgado had a hit and scored two runs.

Deer Park was the 22-6A champion at 11-1, followed by Dobie and Memorial at 9-3. The Longhorns and Mavericks were 1-1, head-to-head.

San Jac softball top seed

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march through the remainder of the tournament with a collective eye on a return to nationals.

In 2021, the Coyotes won three straight at nationals to reach the semifinals of the event before consecutive defeats.

San Jacinto entered 2022 with a rebuilt roster but has kept rolling nonetheless.

Now with the Region 14 South Zone top seed in hand, the Coyotes will head to the postseason with a goal of a return to Arizona.

SJC's Arrington wins 1,000th game



San Jacinto College head baseball coach Tom Arrington (center), flanked by assistant coaches James Kirk (left) and Kory Koehler, won his 1,000th career game as the Gators defeated Alvin 7-3 April 29. San Jacinto, the top seed and host of the Region 14 South Zone postseason tournament, will take on Tyler May 7 in a bid to get back to the JUCO World Series. San Jacinto College was fourth at the series in 2021. The Gators, 38-17 in the regular season, are ranked 15th nationally.

Thompson Lady Lion seventh-grade soccer undefeated to crown



The Lady Lions' seventh-grade soccer team shut out three opponents to win the Pasadena ISD postseason tournament championship, capping off an undefeated run through the entire 2022 season. In the tournament, Thompson beat both Park View and San Jacinto 1-0 and also topped Queens 2-0. Mem-

bers of the team are, left to right, (front row) Kaylee Robles, Cimorah Roby, Melissa Tzintzun, Brianna Chapa, Allison Walker, (back row) Alexis Martinez, Sophia Saucedo, Genesis Leal, Payton Hernandez, Persephone Soria, Alezey Hernandez, Faith Vasquez, Ana Hernandez and coach Tiffany Nelson.

JFD's Onozie fifth at regionals

At right, Lady Longhorn senior Natalie Onozie closed out her star-studded athletic career at Dobie as she was fifth with an effort of 18 feet at the Region III Class 6A Track and Field Championships April 30 at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium. Onozie was also the District 22-6A Most Valuable Player on the volleyball court for the Lady Longhorns, finishing her career with nearly 1,300 assists, 850 digs, 463 kills, 198 aces and 75 blocks. Dobie senior sprinter Denim Boone also closed out her standout career with appearances in the 100 and 200 preliminary rounds. Boone, the District 22-6A champion in both events, was 16th at 13.03 seconds in the 100 and was in at 26.17 in the 200 for 15th place. Dobie junior Mia Sanchez clocked in at 27.46 for 16th in the 200. Lady Longhorn freshman Stacie Harris was across the finish line in a time of 1:02.66 in the 400 preliminaries for 14th place overall.



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10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

1 - 3 p.m. **Parker Williams Genealogy Group** - meets the first and third Fridays monthly at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale, 1-3 p.m. Meetings are free and open to the public. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net for details.

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>.

7 p.m. **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.

8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

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, MAY 8

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.

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, MAY 9

10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays with a different dance rhythm each month. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

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://youngprofessionals.toastmasters.com>. Visit the website or call 281-467-1880.

7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg, room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 713-875-8820.

7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479.

7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

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/.

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, MAY 11

7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.

10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.

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12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity card holders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.

7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.

7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

8 p.m. **AA** - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

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JFD girls' soccer earns All-District accolades

Naydelin Almaguer was named the 22-6A Defensive Player of the Year as the league's soccer head coaches revealed their all-league selections after the completion of the 2022 season.

Almaguer, a key contributor to the Lady Longhorns' eventual second-place finish in the standings, was also a member of the 22-6A All-Academic team recognizing her work in the classroom.

Kori Pounds of Dobie, who highlighted her final season with three goals in a game for a hat trick, was named the 22-6A Senior of the Year.

during the 2022 full season, including 7-1-4 within District 22-6A play. Following her second season leading the Lady Longhorns, Monika Rivera Mackey was named the District

22-6A Coach of the Year after scoring all-district honors as a player with Dobie in the 2000s. Mackey was a three-year letterwinner at Dobie, graduating in 2012.

Dobie went 10-6-5 overall



All-District First-Team Pick
Karen Hernandez, Dobie, Jr.



District 22-6A Senior of the Year
Kori Pounds, Dobie



All-District First-Team Pick
Aylin Reyes, Dobie, Soph.



All-District First-Team Pick
Ashlyn Ross, Dobie, Sr.

22-6A Second Team (Dobie)

- Nico Barr, Soph.*
- Arianna Borrego, Soph.*
- Bella Cisneros, Jr.*
- Julissa Garcia, Jr.*
- Maria Wence, Jr.*

Honorable Mention (Dobie)

- Kelly Flores, Soph.*
- Valery Marroquin, Jr.*



All-District First-Team Pick
Jacqueline Saucedo, Dobie, Sr.



All-District First-Team Pick
Ashley Hernandez, Dobie, Fr.

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