

Holiday closures set

South Belt-Ellington Leader

The Leader offices will be closed Friday, April 3, for the 2026 Easter holiday. Offices will reopen Monday, April 6, at 9 a.m. Potential news stories may be emailed to mynews@southbeltleader.com.

Clear Brook City MUD

The Clear Brook City MUD will be closed from 3 p.m. Thursday, April 2, through 8 a.m. Monday, April 6, in observance of the Easter holidays. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box located on the drive-thru side of the building. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

Clear Brook City MUD residents with Friday trash service will have normal pickup on Good Friday, April 3. All trash should be curbside no later than 6 a.m.

Knights serve fish for Lent

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will hold a weekly fish fry at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, each Friday during Lent (through March 27) from 4 to 7 p.m. Dinners will include fried fish, fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, corn on the cob and iced tea for \$15 (seniors and children \$10). Dine-in or take-out will be available. Baked goods from Catholic Daughters Court 2292 will also be available for purchase.

Sageglen seeks assistant

The Sageglen Community Association is seeking a part-time administrative assistant (20 hours/week, Tuesday-Friday). Applicants should send resume to sageglen@sageglen.com.

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.

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.

Freeway Manor to meet

Freeway Manor Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at One Movement Bible Church (Bible Way Church), 10120 Hartsook.

Meetings typically take place the fourth Thursday of the month. Residents of Freeway Manor, Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace are encouraged to attend.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow Drive continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH-225 to Red Bluff Road continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

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

Kirkwood to meet March 30

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. March 30, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are typically held the last Monday of the month. For information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

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.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

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.

Clear Creek ISD to launch new virtual program

A partnership with Texas Tech, Clear Tech Virtual set for 2026-2027

Clear Creek ISD is partnering with Texas Tech K-12 to launch the Clear Tech Virtual Program for the 2026-27 school year.

"This groundbreaking virtual education brings together two world-class educational institutions to offer students a rigorous academic program with the added benefits of in-person support and enrichment opportunities," said Clear Creek ISD Superintendent Karen Engle.

This full-time, tuition-free virtual learning model is ideal for the following:

- Students with demanding schedules due to competitive sports and club programs
- Homeschool families seeking a high-quality, rigorous curriculum with flexible in-person support and enrichment

- Families looking for a nontraditional school day option

Students enrolled in the Clear Tech Virtual Program will complete asynchronous, Texas Essential Knowledge of Skills-aligned coursework through Texas Tech K-12, a division of Texas Tech Online.

"This partnership with Clear Creek ISD reflects our shared commitment to expanding access to high quality, flexible learning opportunities for students," said Robert Bayard, superintendent for Texas Tech K-12. "At Texas Tech K-12, we support districts with scalable solutions that address evolving student needs while upholding strong academic standards. We are proud to collaborate with CCISD in advancing

student success for the 2026-2027 school year and beyond."

Clear Creek will complement the virtual coursework with robust student support services, technology and software tools and in-person clubs and other activities.

Clear Tech Virtual Program will be available to elementary, intermediate and high school students across Texas. High school offerings will begin with a ninth-grade cohort, with additional high school grade levels offered in 2027-28.

"Clear Creek ISD has a strong reputation and is truly on the cutting edge of providing new and unique opportunities for student learning. We look forward to partnering for the 2026-2027

school year and are excited to see great things that will come from this collaboration," said Cari Moye, principal of Recruitment, Investment and Strategic Partnerships for Texas Tech K-12.

Clear Creek ISD will host a series of family informational meetings throughout April. The next public meeting will take place Thursday, April 9, at Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. For more information about future meetings, visit www.clearcreekisd.net/#infomeeting.

Families interested in the program are encouraged to apply by May 15. For additional information on Clear Creek ISD's Clear Tech Virtual Program, visit www.clearcreekisd.net.



BHI's Roark Teacher of the Year

April Roark was recently selected Beverly Hills Intermediate Teacher of the Year. An RLA teacher, Roark consistently goes above and beyond to help students grow both academically and personally, according to campus officials. Raymond Ulloa was selected BHI's New Teacher of the Year. See related photos on Page 2.

City delays new heavy trash rollout

Launch of new on-demand policy put on hold "indefinitely"

Contrary to reporting earlier this month, the City of Houston has postponed the rollout of its new on-demand heavy trash pickup service, which had been scheduled to begin in early March.

The Solid Waste Management Department confirmed that the shift from scheduled routes to a request-based system "has been placed on hold until further notice," according to SWMD Director Larius Hassen.

Background

The on-demand system was supposed to re-

place the long-standing monthly heavy trash routes by having residents call 311 to schedule pickup. The city had tentatively planned to start the new process on March 2, citing chronic delays, staffing shortages, and inefficiencies from trucks driving every street even when no heavy trash was set out. Hassen noted that crews were "riding streets that have no heavy trash on them, and we're spending weeks there," underscoring why the city sought a new model.

But as the launch date approached, the department

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Easter egg hunts planned for South Belt

Multiple events planned for local parks, libraries, churches

Multiple Easter egg hunts are planned in the South Belt community this next week for local families to enjoy.

Precinct 2/ Clear Brook City MUD

Harris County Precinct 2 and Clear Brook City MUD will hold their annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 28, at Clear Brook City MUD, 11911 Blackhawk near Scarsdale, from 1 to 3 p.m.

In addition to the egg hunt, the event - hosted by Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado and Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia - will feature complimentary food while supplies last. Participants must bring their own Easter egg baskets. See related ad on Page 7.

Bracewell Library

The Houston Bracewell Neighborhood Library, 9002 Kingspoint Road, along with Harris

County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, will host an Easter event Wednesday, April 1, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. In addition to an egg hunt, the event will feature photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny during the first hour. An Easter Bunny will remain on site, however, for the duration of the program.

The event will also feature a special story time and free candy while supplies last. For additional information, visit calendar.houstonlibrary.org/event/16448278.

Kirkwood South Christian Church

Kirkwood South Christian Church, 10811 Kirkfair Drive near Beamer, will host its second annual EggVenture Family Easter Event Friday April 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. The event will feature multiple free Easter activities.

For additional information, visit www.kirkwoodouthcc.org.

Suspect arrested in Redford murder

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal stabbing of a man that took place around 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

The suspect, Luis Vazquez, 18, is charged with murder in the 183rd Criminal District Court. He is accused of killing Talha Abdul, 41.

According to Houston Police Department of-



Luis Vazquez

officials, officers responded to a stabbing call at The Redford apartment complex at the above address and located a male on a front porch suffering from multiple stab wounds.

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

According to security guards at the complex, the male was involved in a physical altercation with another male when the stabbing occurred.

Investigators identified Vazquez as the suspect in this case. He was charged Thursday, March 12, and subsequently arrested without incident.

Past incidents

Once dubbed by police as a "hot spot for vio-

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Multiple meth busts reported on Fuqua

Pct. 8 deputies make at least 2 such arrests in just 2 days

Deputies from Harris County Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin's office made two significant methamphetamine busts in just two days during traffic stops on Fuqua near the Gulf Freeway.

According to Precinct 8 officials, the first incident took place around 1:50 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, when Deputy K. Peters conducted a traffic stop in the 11100 block of Fuqua on a black Dodge for operating a motor vehicle with the wrong license plate. Peters made contact with the driver who was identified as 60-year-old Steven Jay Ward.

Peters, with the assistance of Precinct 8 K9 Deputy Duke, conducted a probable-cause search of the vehicle, which yielded approximately 16 grams of methamphetamine and drug parapher-

nal indicative to the distribution and delivery of narcotics.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted the felony charge of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance. Ward was placed in custody and transported to the Harris County



Pct. 8 K9 Deputy Duke

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County expands pet microchip program

Select fire departments to receive microchip scanners

Harris County Public Health (HCPH), through its Veterinary Public Health division, is expanding efforts to reunite lost pets with their families by donating microchip scanners to select fire departments in unincorporated Harris County.

This initiative increases access points across the community where a found pet can be scanned for a microchip, helping animals return home more quickly and reducing the number that are entering shelters.

If a community member finds a stray pet, the first step is to contact Harris County Pets at 281-999-3191 for guidance. If appropriate, VPH staff may direct individuals to a participating fire department location for a quick microchip scan. A map of participating departments will be available soon on the Harris County Pets website; an official launch date will be announced once finalized. Be aware, fire departments are not animal shelters and are not equipped to house pets.

Community members should not leave animals at fire stations.

"This ongoing effort is an important way to keep pets with their families and reduce the number of animals entering shelters," said Lauren Davis, Associate Director for Harris County Veterinary Public Health. "A simple microchip scan can make the difference between a pet returning home the same day or being separated for weeks."

Microchipping significantly improves the likelihood that a lost pet will be reunited with its family and helps prevent unnecessary shelter intake. HCPH encourages all pet owners to ensure their animals are microchipped and that contact information is current.

For more information about lost or found pets, microchipping, or animal services in Harris County, visit county pets.com or call 281-999-3191.

Suspect wanted in double shooting

HPD seeks public's assistance in IDing shooting suspect

Houston police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a suspect accused of shooting two people during an incident last month at a nightclub in the 10500 block of SH 35/Telephone Road at Fuqua.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting call around 12:10 a.m.



Suspect

Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Dorado VIP nightclub and found a woman, 17, and a man, 20, with gunshot injuries. The woman was transported to an area hospital in critical condition, while the male suffered only a graze wound.

Another male, 19, suffered a broken leg. Further investigation identified an unknown male as a suspect (or possibly one of multiple suspects) involved in the incident.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspect shown in the photo to the left is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults Division at 713-308-8800 or speak anonymously with Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Sagemeadow repairs on hold



Renovation work on the Sagemeadow MUD building on Hall Road at Blackhawk has been placed on hold until funding submittals from the contractor are approved, according to district officials. Work is underway to make the building ADA compliant, more energy efficient and to include upgraded plumbing. Work on the facility is expected to resume soon.

Photo James Bolen

In My Opinion

Jacobson for Talarico as an alternative

In his letter in the March 19th edition of the Leader, Senator John Cornyn gave us a 750-word treatise that can be summed up as follows:

a) After years of vigorously defending the filibuster, I now strongly support abolishing it as I bow down to appease President Trump to get his coveted endorsement.

b) I co-sponsored the "SAVE America Act" that will dramatically change voter registration requirements across the country (shhh... let's not mention that a driver license will no longer suffice in Texas -- you better have a passport or birth certificate that matches your current ID; but that's OK since the real purpose is to suppress votes of women and minorities).

c) If you're waiting in a long TSA line at the airport, blame the Democrats -- how dare they demand accountability for masked ICE agents sowing chaos, denying due process, and killing American citizens on the streets of Minneapolis! (shhh... let's not focus on the fact that it is, in fact, Republicans that are holding TSA funding hostage unless Democrats agree to an additional \$28 billion for ICE and border patrol with no strings attached).

Senator Cornyn will say or do anything to hold on to power. But facts are stubborn things. The Republican party I loyally supported for 35 years is unidentifiable today (see above, "bow down to appease President Trump"). Cornyn and many others in Congress no longer reflect my values, and I am confident they do not reflect the values of most South Belt area residents.

The good news is we have a viable alternative this time around. I encourage everyone to listen and learn more about James Talarico. He offers a refreshing change from the scorched-earth partisan politics that have divided our country and paralyzed effective governance.

Malcolm Jacobson

O'Brien notes voting difficulties

Dear Editor: Personally, I don't believe that John Cornyn represents me, a moderate independent, any longer. In his last paragraph, he wrote "We should use the authority the voters have entrusted to pass the SAVE America Act, fund homeland security, and bring the far left's obstruc-

tion to an end."

On the SAVE America Act alone, he has lost my support. In March 2025, the State of Texas flagged more than 2724 'potential noncitizens' on voter rolls. The Secretary of State's office turned those names over to county election officials. By June 2025, 33 cases had been sent to the Texas Attorney General. About a month later, Paxton launched a separate investigation into more than 100 suspected noncitizens who case ballots in 2020 and 2022 elections.

Given that 4,426,655 votes were cast for Greg Abbott in the 2024 general election and 1,759,949 votes were cast for him in the primary this month, I don't believe that there is a voting problem in Texas. In fact, I think that the intent is to make it more difficult for some groups of voters to cast their votes.

In a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing earlier this month, Senator Cornyn stated, "I don't get how the SAVE Act disenfranchises," to which Senator Dick Durbin replied, "Happy to explain." In an email to Cornyn's office, I explained from my perspective more than a month ago. So listen up...again.

Women are about 9% of the voting population. When I married my husband more than 50 years ago, I took his last name as mine. My birth certificate and driver's license would not match but for one thing. When I got married, I had a business, so I shifted my maiden name to my middle name. Nine to ten percent of US citizens do not have easy access to their birth certificates and only about 50% of Americans have passports. That is over 21 million people that you are attempting to disenfranchise.

On the other hand, a lady friend of mine wanted to get her maiden name on her driver's license when she saw the writing on the wall re: SAVE Act. She had to get her birth certificate, her marriage license, her divorce papers, and her second marriage license to change her driver's license. Luckily for her, she knows how to wade through a bureaucratic system to get the right paperwork. I suspect a remarried widow would need a birth certificate, her husband's death certificate, and the second marriage license.

You, boys, sure are trying to make it difficult for us ladies to vote. Wonder why?

C H O'Brien

PS. Kansas' HB 2067 (2012) did not hold up in federal court. It was ruled unconstitutional.

Edgebrook murders remembered

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fatally shot inside apartment; unnamed male, 34, also shot but survived. Justin Thomas, 31, was charged with capital murder. A second individual known only as "Atlanta" or "ATL" was also wanted for questioning.

– Aug. 20: Dennis Leon Sharp, 27, fatally shot inside apartment. (Latise Lonyea Lenoir, 29, was charged with murder in the crime.)

– July 28: Jabari Taylor, 41, fatally stabbed inside apartment. (Jeanette Staton, 43, named a person of interest but not charged in the incident.)

– March 16: Rufus Banks fatally shot inside apartment.

– Feb. 8: Alexis Cantu, 21, fatally shot at the complex. (Parys Burks-Henderson, 18, was charged with murder in the crime.)

– Feb. 6: unnamed male, 21, shot outside the complex but survived. (Parys Burks-Henderson was

charged with attempted capital murder in this crime.)

– Jan. 28: Lee Mayfield fatally shot inside an apartment. (Eddrel Antonio Brown, 28, was charged with murder.)

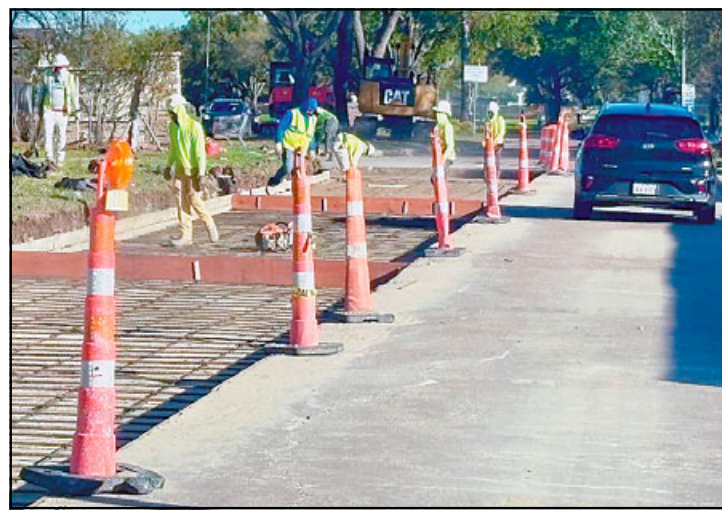
– Jan. 8, victims, James Sipes, 41, and Kelvin Menefee, 57, shot inside an apartment but survived.

– Jan. 5: Marilyn Lee Lambert, 70, and Marcus Ray Hawkins, 51, shot inside an apartment but survived.

– In September 2021, three victims – two males and one female – were all shot in the same night at the complex. All were transported to the hospital in stable condition.

The Cabo San Lucas Apartments, located on the opposite side of the Gulf Freeway at Edgebrook, has also been a hot spot for shootings in the past, with at least six taking place in late 2021, including two fatal shootings in two days in October.

Blackhawk work continues



A Harris County Precinct 2 project to make extensive street and sidewalk repairs on Blackhawk from Scarsdale to Beltway 8 is nearing completion, according to officials. The endeavor – which will replace all defected road panels and widen sidewalks from 4 to 6 feet – is expected to be complete in approximately 90 days, officials said. Photo by James Bolen

BHI's Ulloa recognized



Raymond Ulloa was selected Beverly Hills Intermediate's New Teacher of the Year. BHI officials said Ulloa is an immediate fit for the area campus and commended him for all of his extracurricular efforts at the school. See related photo on Page 1.

BHI's Miller honored



Courtney Miller was named Beverly Hills Intermediate's Paraprofessional of the Year. BHI administrators said Miller's efforts were particularly appreciated during the annual Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS). See related photo on Page 1.

Beverly Hills Intermediate recognizes distinguished staff

Officials at Beverly Hills Intermediate recently took time to recognize staff members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty this past year.

April Roark was selected Beverly Hills Intermediate Teacher of the Year; Raymond Ulloa was chosen New Teacher of the Year; and Courtney Miller was named Paraprofessional of the Year.

An RLA teacher, Roark consistently creates engaging, differentiated lessons that meet the needs of all learners, school officials said.

Roark reportedly builds strong relationships with students, supports her team wholeheartedly and continually goes the extra mile to ensure her students grow both academically and personally. Her passion, leadership and commitment to excellence

truly set her apart. "Congratulations, Mrs. Roark," a post on the school's Facebook page read. "Thank you for the incredible impact you make every day!"

New Teacher of the Year According to campus officials, Ulloa is a positive and dedicated first-year teacher who has quickly become a valued member of the BHI community. He reportedly builds strong relationships

with students, brings enthusiasm into his classroom every day and actively contributes to campus life through extracurricular involvement. His commitment, energy and devotion to education make a meaningful impact on students and the school as a whole, officials said.

"Please join us in congratulating Raymond Ulloa, our New Teacher of the Year," a post on the school's Face-

book page read. "Congratulations, Mr. Ulloa! We are so proud of you and excited to see all you will continue to accomplish."

Paraprofessional of the Year According to BHI administrators, Miller is a dependable, supportive and deeply valued member of the area campus. Officials said her warm and fair approach with students, combined with her willingness

to jump in wherever needed – especially during TELPAS – makes a meaningful difference across the school community.

"Congratulations to Courtney Miller, our Paraprofessional of the Year," a post on the school's Facebook page read. "Her dedication and teamwork do not go unnoticed. Thank you, Courtney, for all that you do to support our students and staff."

St. Luke's Guadalupanas host a fundraiser dinner

St. Luke the Evangelist's Asociacion Guadalupanas will be hosting a mole dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 11, 2026, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. in the social hall, St. Luke Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Dinner plates will sell for \$12 each and include two chicken legs smothered in Guadalupana-made mole sauce, Mexican rice and refried beans.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Yvette Rodriguez at 832-528-6391. A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door. Everyone is welcome to join for food and fellowship.

AARP offers tax preparation service

The AARP Foundation Tax Aide program is now offering free tax preparation service where certified tax counselors will prepare your tax return and e-file the return for free. Anyone of any age especially those 50 years old or older or who can't afford paid tax preparation can take advantage of the free tax preparation services offered by the AARP Foundation Tax Aide Program. For site location information, please see www.tx3d5.com/home/site.

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, March 26, All-day, Texas America250.

Thursday, March 26, 4 – 5 p.m. Living English lessons. Registration required.

Friday, March 27, All-day, Texas America250.

Saturday, March 28, All-day, Texas America250.

Saturday, March 28, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.

Monday, March 30, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.

Tuesday, March 31, 4 – 5 p.m. Join family craft adventure. Registration required.

Wednesday, April 1, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Easter egg hunt. 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> 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.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Thursday, March 26, 10 – 11 a.m. Libby app audiobook book club.

Thursday, March 26, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Friday, March 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. AARP free tax services.

Friday, March 27, 1 – 3 p.m. Diamond painting club (18+). Registration for new members.

Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.

Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. VITA free tax services.

Saturday, March 28, 2 – 3:30 p.m. Tomato gardening. Registration required.

Monday, March 30, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. AARP free tax services.

Monday, March 30, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.

Monday, March 30, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Tuesday, March 31, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.

Wednesday, April 1, 5 – 6 p.m. Kids bouncy bunny craft.

Wednesday, April 1, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Pathway to citizenship. Registration required.

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, 10 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>.

City delays rollout of new heavy trash policy

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ment paused the transition.

When will program launch?

Officials have not provided a new start date, saying only that the program is on hold while they work through operational challenges. Multiple outlets reported that the city is still determining when the on-demand system will be ready.

Existing policy remains in place

Until the on-demand system officially begins, regular heavy trash collection continues under the existing rules.

City residents living in the South Belt community south of Fuqua will continue to have heavy trash pickup the second Thursday of the month, while city residents north of Fuqua (and west of the Gulf Freeway) will continue to have heavy trash pickup the second Friday of the month.

Months will alternate between junk waste and tree waste. While tree waste can also be accepted during junk waste months, junk waste will not be collected during tree waste months.

April is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted.

Residents are reminded to keep items off the curb until their designated collection period to avoid violations or missed pickups.

Restrictions – No household garbage will be accepted.

– No commercial or contractor debris will be accepted.

– All waste must be in compliance with the city's size and weight limits.

– Tree waste and junk waste must be properly separated when applicable.

Neighborhood Depositories For items not eligible for curbside pickup, residents

can still use the city's six Neighborhood Depositories, including one located at Ellington Airport.

What next?

The Solid Waste Department is still evaluating staffing, routing, and operational needs before committing to a new launch date. Residents can expect further updates once the city finalizes its revised plan.

For additional information on the Houston Solid Waste Management Department's heavy trash/junk waste policy, visit houstontx.gov/solidwaste/treewaste.html.

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Atkinson Elementary celebrates students of the month

Below are the Atkinson Elementary March students of the month, along with comments from their teachers. Teachers Nicole Stalkfleet and Cherrie Hanson left comments for students Andres Cavazos and Thomas Hernandez who are not pictured. "Andres demonstrates honesty in his daily interactions. He always tells the truth and shares his thoughts in a genuine and sincere way. I am proud to recognize him for being such an honest and trustworthy student within our school community." "Thomas Hernandez is honest and kind. He always tries his best and is willing to try again if he makes a mistake."



"Mia Gomez strives to do her best and be honest in and out of the classroom. She encourages others to do the same, especially at recess," says Maria Hubley.



Emily Childs says, "Alyssa Mai is always honest even when she makes mistakes. She is not afraid to admit when she did something wrong or made a mistake. She is always ready to fix her mistake and take responsibility. She is a significant role model for her peers."



"Ezekiel Andaya makes the choice to be honest even when it is difficult. He values the opinions of his peers and leads by example in how he treats others with kindness and respect. He takes ownership of his mistakes and works to correct them. Ezekiel shows that leadership can be quiet and calm, while exhibiting behaviors we all strive for," says Elizabeth Cecil.



"Carlos Rivera Mejia always demonstrates honesty and integrity in our class. These qualities are not always the easiest to uphold, yet Carlitos shows them naturally and without hesitation. Whether in completing his work, interacting with classmates, or taking responsibility for his actions, he shows maturity and strong character. I am proud of Carlitos and the example he sets for others," says Maria Moncada.



Chelsea Hickman says, "Adrian Prida is a hardworking and exceedingly kind classmate and student. He exhibits honesty and integrity daily. Even when he makes mistakes, he will admit to them and change his behavior for the better. He has even influenced his classmates by being a fitting example of what an honest student and citizen may look like, inside and outside of the classroom. Your teacher is so proud of you, Adrian! Continue to keep being a significant role model and influence!"



"Alejandro Mejia is a kind and positive student. He shows empathy for other students' feelings by asking if they are ok when he sees someone down. Alejandro has shown that he is a classmate that can be counted on when you need a helping hand. He will shine and have a profound impact wherever he goes and touch the people he meets. We wish you the best," say Lilian Moreno, and Gladys Elizondo.

Pct. 8 makes 2 meth busts in 2 days

Traffic stops on Fuqua near I-45 lead to felony arrests

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Joint Processing Center and booked without incident. His bond has been set at \$100,000.

Just two days later on Thursday, March 5, Precinct 8 Deputy D. Webber, again with the assistance of K9 Duke, conducted a traffic stop in the 11600 block of Fuqua on a vehicle for having an expired registration.

The passenger was identified as 27-year-old Alvaro Salas. During the stop, Peters requested and was granted consent to search Salas' person and recovered approximately 1 gram of marijuana, approximately 22 grams of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia indicative to the distribution and delivery of narcotics.

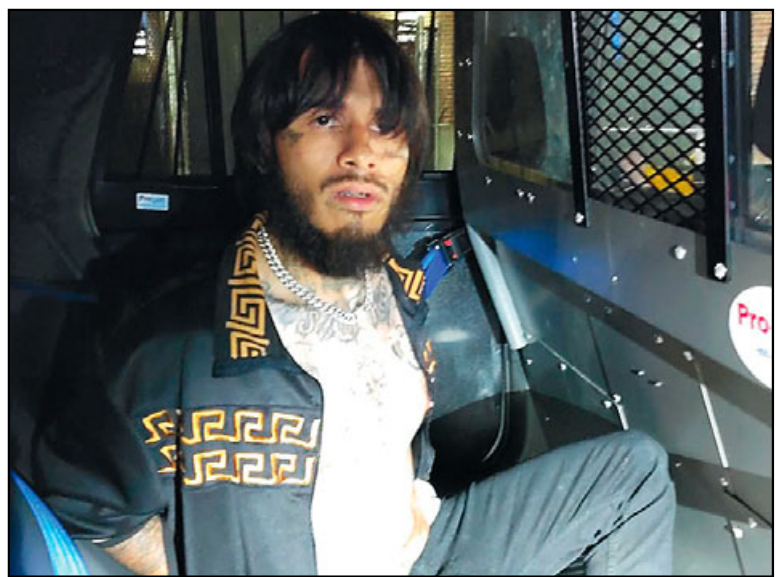
The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted the felony charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. It was also discovered that Salas was out on bond for a previous charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Salas is being held without bond.

At press time, it was unclear if the two incidents were related or if the traffic stops were part of a targeted effort.



Suspect Steven Ward



Suspect Alvaro Salas

Delgado, Morales receive board recognition



At the Houston ISD board meeting on Thursday, March 19, HISD board members recognized Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 Judge Jo Ann Delgado (left) and Dr. Mary Morales as Distinguished Alumni in honor of Milby High School's 100-year celebration. Delgado and Morales are both South Belt residents.

AARP Webster sets meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 is welcoming one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook 77586. They meet in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. One is invited to come to meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors, followed by a social activity.

The program on April 9 will address balance and fall prevention. There will be no social event. AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Tuesday, April 28. They will tour Butler Longhorn Museum, Kemah. The Butler Longhorn Museum is a cultural institution dedicated to preserving the history of the Texas Longhorn and the region's heritage through art, artifacts and educational exhibits. Trip price is \$12 or veterans with ID \$9. Lunch will be at the Cuban Cafe. One may register for this trip at the April 9 chapter meeting. One must be a member of Chapter 199 to participate in bus trips.

If one is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show one's current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact President Veronica Stanford at 409-256-1195 or at veronica_stfrd46@yahoo.

Seniors Helping Seniors seeks seniors in need

Organizers of the annual Seniors Helping Seniors event are seeking input in identifying local parties deserving of a free home overhaul.

Now in its 18th year, the charitable program pairs area high school seniors with local senior citizens in need of minor home repairs, primarily exterior painting.

The endeavor is a joint project between Dobie High and local sponsors, including Sagemont Church. Students provide the manpower, while sponsors provide the necessary materials. Each year, approximately 100 student volunteers step up to help restore the homes of three to five local senior citizens.

The event will take place Friday, May 1. Military veterans are also eligible to participate in the program.

Anyone who knows of a potential recipient may contact Sawyer at 281-382-1217.

HCAD encourages use of homestead exemptions

HCAD is encouraging homeowners to take advantage of Homestead Exemptions.

The Harris Central Appraisal District is encouraging homeowners to make sure they have the homestead exemptions they are entitled to and has created a new Exemption Wizard app to help.

The new Exemption Wizard on the main page of the website helps homeowners determine if they are eligible for an exemption, which exemptions they might be eligible for and provides a link to the application form for those exemptions.

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

A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on

Jan. 1 of the tax year. Recent legislation allows a homeowner to apply for a residence homestead exemption the year they own and occupy the house as their principal residence.

If the owner acquires the property after Jan. 1, they are eligible to receive the exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year immediately upon qualification if the previous owner did not receive the same exemption for the tax year. However, the homeowner must apply for the exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year before the first anniversary of the date the homeowner acquires the property.

"Homestead exemptions can reduce the appraised value of your home, and as a result, could lower your property taxes," Bogard said.

Available homestead exemptions include:
School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$140,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.

Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 years of age or older or disabled as

defined by law may qualify for a \$60,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$140,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for the \$60,000 homestead exemption. They qualify as soon as they turn age 65 or become disabled.

Local Option Exemption: Taxing units may offer an exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

Partial exemption for disabled veterans: Texas law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability on January 1 of the tax year.

One hundred Percent Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans: A disabled veteran who receives 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100 percent disabled or of individual unemployment from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been in effect at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

Surviving Spouses of Members of the U.S. Armed Services Killed in the Line of Duty: The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is allowed a 100 percent property tax exemption on his or

her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed services member.

Surviving Spouses of First Responders Killed in the Line of Duty: The eligible surviving spouse of a first responder killed in the line of duty is allowed a 100 percent property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder.

Surviving Spouses of Certain Qualifying Veterans: The surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a qualifying condition or disease, regardless of the veteran's disability rating at the time of the veteran's death, is entitled to receive a 100 percent property tax exemption of his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the veteran's death.

For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Harris Central Appraisal District at 713.957.7800 or by

web form at <https://hcad.org/about/contact/>. Property owners may obtain an application online at <https://hcad.org/head/forms/>.

About HCAD

The Harris Central Appraisal District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas established in 1980 for the purpose of discovering and appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes for each taxing unit within the bound-

aries of the district.

The district has approximately 1.9 million parcels of property to assess each year with a total market value of approximately \$902 billion.

The appraisal district in Harris County is the largest in Texas, serving more than 500 taxing units, and one of the largest appraisal districts in the United States. For further information, visit www.hcad.org.

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit (MB) with a Food and Beverage Certificate (FB) by Posadas Group LLC dba Taqueria La Norteña, to be located at 14455 Cullen Blvd. Suite A 104 Houston, Harris County, Texas. Manager of said corporation is Miguel Posada.

Dobie Lariaettes bring school spirit to Disney Main Street



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes had the opportunity to perform over spring break in the All-State Parade at Walt Disney World. The Texas State Strutters led the parade down Main Street U.S.A. in Magic Kingdom, followed by other participating high school drill teams. The trip was a once in a lifetime performance opportunity for the Lariaettes. The dancers performed throughout the parade. Pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head are, left to right, (front row) Sural Al-

corta, MiaBella Sudario Garza, JaLynn Alix, Piper Battarbee, Kaitlyn Resendez, Esbeydi Fonseca, Brianna Puga, Mya Cantu, (middle row) Angie Munoz, Kaitlyn Baines, SuheyLee Belman, Aileen Rivera, Chloe Nguyen, Mia Tovar, Laila Martin, Ava Hernandez, Kayli Rodriguez, Kareli Garza, Arlette Salazar, (back row) Jasmin Brown, Aliyah Rhodes, Olivia Trevino, Cristina De Le Torre, Xamira Zambrano, Chelsea Hua and Zoe Castelan.

Dobie FFA students showcase cattle in Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo



Dobie FFA member and officer Luke Stacey holding his heifer Princess, placed second in the ARB Breed Class and sixth in the scramble show. Pictured, left to right, are FFA members Jeremiah Griffin, Kevin Robles, Xavier Martinez, Dobie agriculture teacher Schuyler Morris, Stacey and mom Samantha Stacey-Hernandez.



Abrianna Carbajal placed second in her class with her heifer Honey and calf Don Pepé. Left to right, are Dobie agriculture teacher Robert McGuill, dad Jose Carbajal, little brother Jose Carbajal Jr., mom Nelly Carbajal, Dobie agriculture teacher Schuyler Morris, fellow Dobie FFA mom Liz Trevino, winner Abrianna Carbajal and fellow Dobie FFA member Mathew Trevino.

Burnett principal Lee celebrates 50th



Students and staff recently honored principal Jae Lee (center) on his 50th birthday. Staff members pictured with Lee are, left to right, Jessica Arnold, Kathleen Hinski, Erika Gomez, Victoria Perez, Melissa Hickman and Karina Diaz.

South Belt Elementary names February Super Steers



South Belt Elementary School recently announced the February Super Steers of the month. These students were selected by their teachers for showcasing the character trait *honesty*. Left to right, are (first row) Essence Picquet, Isabella Yanez, Astana Wilson, Ethan Perez, Adelyn Chavez, Aaron Gutierrez, (second row) Sebastian Partida, Ella Byrd, Azael Arvizo, Aniya Coreas, Emma Dinh, Easton Chacon, Aviana Hernandez-Mancha, Margaret Pfeister, Samuelle Espinueva, Tristan Taylor, (third row) Camila Tamez, Eli Sutton, Emma Du, Zaniel Erguiza, Jayden Sandoval, Grace Okwuonu, Camilla Dinh, Mazzy Flowers, Tyler Watson, Adelynn Mondragon, (fourth row) Tatum Toomer, Bryce Johnson, Alina Patel, Liam Gonzales, Bentley Phan-Do, Noah Pakaz, Virginia Newton and Liam Katsikes.

Photo by counselor Lakitha Thomas

Remember When

50 years ago (1976)

An attorney representing 35 businessmen in the Pasadena Independent School District boundary line threatened to refile their suit against the PISD unless the district agreed to a plan which would tax residents on personal property.

The J. Frank Dobie Lariettes presented their spring show consisting of a Hawaiian dance and the "Electric Parade."

45 years ago (1981)

More than 50 people attended the Kirkwood South Civic Club meeting to hear Rep. Randy Pennington speak, and many who attended expressed concern over the opening of a sexually oriented business close to the South Belt area on the Gulf Freeway - the dual establishment Core Adult Theatre and the Big Apple.

The boundary lines between Stuchbery and Burnett Elementary schools were readjusted.

40 years ago (1986)

A joint commercial property owners association was formed by two development groups for some 40 acres of yet-to-be-developed land near Memorial Southeast Hospital on Beamer. Pace Investments and Scarsdale Limited Partnership filed a 16-page declaration of covenants, conditions and restrictions for the Memorial Southeast Plaza Property Owners Association Inc.

Luby's Cafeteria Inc. purchased 1.6 acres of land at the commons at South Green, at the northeast corner of I-45 South and Fuqua to build a 10,000-square-foot restaurant.

35 years ago (1991)

Construction work on the South Belt section of Beltway 8 continued while preparation work for a new bridge at Interstate 45 and the Beltway was underway.

Juan Antonio Dominguez, a 27-year-old construction laborer, died when a pre-fab concrete wall fell on him at a project in the 9900 block of Kleckley across from Alameda Mall.

30 years ago (1996)

20 years ago (2006)

In an effort to improve the percentage of students completing high school, each of the five PISD high schools and three alternative schools adopted a program named Expectation Graduation.

What began as an e-mail to the *South Belt Leader* became a project to clean up the South Belt area. Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado coordinated an effort to gather volunteers one Saturday every third month to detritur local roadways.

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce was preparing for its upcoming Casino Night fundraiser.

15 years ago (2011)

Just four days after abruptly ending the local Harris County Precinct 2

deputy patrol contract,

Constable Gary L. Freeman announced he planned to reinstate the program. Freeman had originally canceled the area contract due to a budget shortfall. However, a review of the constable's figures conducted by auditors at the county budget office revealed an error of more than \$1 million toward the constable's annual budget of roughly \$5.5 million.

10 years ago (2016)

The Dobie Academic Decathlon team represented the Pasadena Independent School District in the state competition in San Antonio. Under the leadership of coach Steven Higginbotham, the team included Bill Huynh, Steven Nguyen, No-

elle Phan, Martin Nguyen,

Rey Aguilar, Tareen Kazi, Noe Garcia, Christine Perry and Adrian De Los Santos.

5 years ago (2021)

Former longtime South Belt resident and current Milstead Middle School Principal Scott Pollack was named Pasadena ISD's Elementary Principal of the Year. A 1993 Dobie High School graduate, also attended Frazier Elementary and Thompson Intermediate. After graduating from Dobie, Pollack attended the University of Texas at Dallas and received a bachelor's degree in biology. He went on to earn a master's degree in education administration from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Pollack served as an assist-

tant principal at Hamilton

Middle School in Houston ISD until 2007 when he was named principal at Oak Forest Elementary School, also in Houston ISD. Under Pollack's direction, Oak Forest was named a National Blue Ribbon School in 2010. He was named principal at Milstead Middle School in August 2011.

1 year ago (2025)

The South Belt community was awash with construction, as multiple projects are simultaneously underway on many of the area's more major thoroughfares.

At press time, construction was underway on Fuqua, Scarsdale, Hughes/Sabo at Beltway 8, Sageglen, Beamer and Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959 at SH 3/Old Galveston

Road.

The vast amount of work being done is related to the decommissioning of the Sagemont Wastewater Treatment Plant and the diversion of flow from the Sagemont Lift Station near Sageglen and Sagedowne to the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant on Genoa Red Bluff.

A large component of the city of Houston's growth has come from the annexation of smaller communities, which has included the accumulation of small, decentralized wastewater collection and treatment systems. Houston Public Works currently owns and operates around 40 wastewater treatment plants.

As many of these facilities have aged and require significant upgrades to maintain reliable service, the city has sought to find opportunities to consolidate flow into fewer facilities and decommission smaller, aging plants.

The city's Southeast

Wastewater Treatment Plant (SEWWTP) has plenty of space for expansion, and two nearby facilities - Sagemont and Easthaven wastewater treatment plants - are aging and in need of expensive upgrades to remain in service.

The city was in the process of a \$25 million two-stage expansion of the SEWWTP to accept flow

from these two facilities.

Begun in October 2024, this extensive work was expected to continue through April 2026.

According to Houston Public Works officials, additional work was being done on SH 3/Old Galveston Road at Dixie Farm Road/FM 1959, which required shutting down the city's 42-inch water line at the intersection to make necessary leak repairs.

Over The Back Fence by Nicole

JUDGE DELGADO MARKS A BIRTHDAY

Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Place 1, celebrates a birthday March 26. Happy birthday wishes are sent to her from the *Leader* staff.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO GEORGE RISNER

Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent to George Risner, former Harris County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2, Place 2, who celebrates a birthday March 27 from the *Leader* staff.

JUDY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY

Wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent March 30 from friends and the *Leader* staff to Judy Harrison, former staff member at San Jacinto College.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CLINT!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to former Precinct 2 Officer Clint Brown who celebrates a birthday Wednesday, April 1, from friends and the *Leader* staff.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following personnel and staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays March 26 through April 1.

Atkinson Elementary
Special birthday greetings are sent to Jennifer Youngblood March 27. Light the birthday candles March 28 for Lizette Arzate.

Burnett Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to Vanacia Barner March 27. Remember to wish

Melissa Hickman a happy birthday March 28.

Bush Elementary
Blow out the candles March 30 for Tannia Carreon. Birthday wishes go out to Nallely Rodriguez Camarillo April 1.

Frazier Elementary
March 31 is the day for a fun celebration for Melannie Young.

Hancock Elementary
Diamond Buckley celebrates a birthday March 31.

Meador Elementary
Blow out the candles March 29 on a birthday cake for Cecelia Stewart.

South Belt Elementary
Send a happy birthday wish March 27 to Diana Arteaga. Mackenzie Watson celebrates a birthday March 28. Birthday wishes go out to Karyme Barba March 29.

Stuchbery Elementary
March 26 is the day for a fun celebration for Brandi Ballard. Send a birthday greeting March 30 to Daniela Cruz.

Melillo Middle School
Lola Martinez enjoys a birthday March 31.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Brandon Bryant celebrates a birthday April 1.

Thompson Intermediate
Shaurence Spellman marks a birthday March 27.

Dobie High

Cheers are sent for a March 26 birthday for Tiffany McDowell. Birthday wishes are sent to Jacob Watson on March 28. Blow out the birthday candles for Angi Watkins April 1.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, March 26: Andrew Crow, Lori Johnson, Kevin Watersnson, Joan Zuñiga, Sharon Finney and Jimmy Massicott; Friday, March 27: Chad Rivers, Erica Torres-Saenz, Eudosis Salinas, Cheryl Woods, Donna Hanson, Joan Zuñiga, Sharon Finney and Jimmy Massicott; Saturday, March 28: Moses Mondragon, Jennifer Blake and Zina Corpus; Sunday, March 29: Melissa Oliviea, Marquice Scott, Adam Stringer, Mary Wilms, Veronica Rivera and Bobby Rodriguez; Monday, March 30: Marilyn Kiel, John Berlitz, Gina Escobar, Michelle Matzahn, Walter Luna and Kristin Baxter; Tuesday, March 31: Sabita Harnamji, Beth McDonald, Marsha Flournoy, Ami Havivy, Sabine Jones, Eric Schwab, Gilbert Marlowe, Cheryl Padora, Eliza Gillock, Gloria Bustamante and Sandy Cline; and Wednesday, April 1: Sharon Lay, Carol Baccaro, Charlie Heaton and Natasha Logan.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie softball solidly in second place in 22-6A

Second-place Dobie Longhorns are currently outlasted Dawson 9-8 March 20 at Dobie, scoring a key victory over the Eagles for a season sweep. Moving to 7-2 overall, the

Longhorns are currently a game in front of both Dawson and Alvin in the 22-6A standings as of press time prior to the start of play March 24.

Defending district champion Pearlland is comfortably in front of the standings again, having produced nine consecutive victories to this point

without a loss. The Longhorns closed out the first half of league play with a 9-5 loss at Manvel March 17, but then bounced back to handle Dawson.

Dobie hosted Pasadena Memorial March 27 after press time and will host Shadow Creek March 31 at 4 p.m. at Dobie main before hosting Pearlland April 2, also at 4 p.m. at Dobie main.

In improving to 17-8 overall, the Longhorns built a 9-2 lead over visiting Dawson March 20 and then had to hold on for the 9-8 victory.

Destiny Sidiropoulos, Persephone Soria and Khloe Coronado all drove in two runs each to spur the Longhorn offense. Sidiropoulos was 3 for 3 with two runs scored, while Soria had two hits and scored twice.

Gabby Ramirez was 3 for 4 in the game, and Coronado also had a pair of hits. Chloe Nunez, Coronado, Maddi Campos and Soria all smacked doubles in the game.

In the circle, senior Vanessa De La Fuente registered her 400th career strikeout as she went

Upcoming Softball

Dobie hosts Memorial
March 27, 4 p.m.

Dobie hosts S. Creek
March 31, 4 p.m.

the distance, allowing six hits and three earned runs while fanning five in the game.

Mavs get win

A big four-run uprising in the bottom of the second inning gave host Manvel a 5-3 lead at that point and the Mavericks went on to deal Dobie a 9-5 defeat March 17 at Manvel as the Longhorns closed out the first half of district play at 6-2.

Dobie scored a pair of runs in the top of the first inning and added another in the second inning for a 3-1 lead before the Mavericks responded.

Manvel plated two more runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to move out to a 7-3 advantage before the Longhorns closed to within 7-5 after

five frames. Dobie committed five errors in the game, while Manvel was not much better with four errors registered to its performance.

Natalie DeHoyos once again was solid for the Longhorns with a pair of hits, a run scored and a run driven in. Ramirez had three hits and drove in a run, and Campos and Coronado also knocked in runs for the locals.

Skylar Frederick was the leader for Manvel as she had a pair of hits and knocked in four runs overall.

Madison Martinez was the winning pitcher for Manvel as she went the distance, scattering eight hits and allowing no earned runs over seven frames in the game.



Senior pitcher Vanessa De La Fuente eclipsed 400 career strikeouts as she went the distance in a 9-8 victory over Dawson, solidifying the JFD varsity softball team's hold on second place.

JFD boys soccer headed to semis

The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team has advanced to the Region 3 Division 1 Final Four after defeating Clear Springs 4-2 March 24 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Axel Gonzalez and Yurriel Sierra scored goals in regulation, and Giovanni Mendoza scored twice in a thrilling overtime session for Dobie.

The Longhorns will now take on Bellaire in the next round. Dobie previously captured the District 22-6A championship and then defeated Fort Bend Travis 2-0 in the bidistrict round of the postseason, also at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, before going up against Clear Springs.

Head coach Josh Kluka's squad has now won 17 overall matches during the 2026 season, and has now seen its season continue to the regional semi-

finals.

Of note, it was a Elsik defeating the Longhorns 2-1 in the third round of the postseason in 2024. Dobie advanced to the postseason in 2025 but lost a first round matchup to Ridge Point. Details surrounding

Dobie's regional semifinal matchup, which will likely be played March 27, were not available at press time.

Check the *Leader's* Facebook page for additional information about the Longhorns' postseason plans.



Destiny Sidiropoulos has been a terrific performer at the plate for the Longhorns during a stretch of wins for the program. With seven games remaining as of press time, the Longhorns were in second place behind Pearlland.

Dobie track and field hitting its stride on time

The Dobie varsity boys' track and field team continued its exceptional season March 20 at the C.E. King Panther Relays, ultimately placing fourth overall with 67 points and arguably the program's

most competitive meet of the season to date. Katy ran away with the team title, scoring 164 points while North Shore was the distance second with 81 points. C.E. King was third with 79 points,

Dobie baseball looks ahead to stretch drive

Winners of four straight and five of six overall in district play, the Dobie varsity baseball team began a big-time, two-game series against first-place Pearlland March 24 after press time and will host the Oilers at Dobie main March 27 at 4 p.m.

With 4-2 and 6-3 victories over Shadow Creek, the Longhorns won for the 13th time in 18 overall games and improved to 5-1 within District 22-6A play.

No matter the outcome of the series pitting Dobie and Pearlland, the two outstanding programs seemingly have firm groups on the two currently available Division 1 postseason spots.

Pearland has remained unbeaten at 8-0 to this point in the season, with the Longhorns a solidly in second place at 5-1. Both Alvin and Manvel are tied for third place at 5-3 as of press time before play March 27.

ing Longhorns broke a 3-3 tie after five innings by scoring two runs in the top of the sixth and another insurance tally in the top of the seventh inning to get back on the bus with a 6-3 victory.

Julian Ricks started the game for the Longhorns on the mound and fanned eight Sharks over three 2/3 innings, but it was Thomas Turruibiartes who earned the win in relief as he recorded eight outs to close out the win, giving up no hits and striking out a pair on the way. Offensively, Ricks drove in a pair of runs, while Ramon Arredondo had two hits, scored a pair of runs and drove in another. Jaylen Aguilar and Turruibiartes also drove in runs as the Longhorns recorded their fifth consecutive victory overall.

Abraham Martinez was solid over five innings on the mound as he scattered four hits and allowed no earned runs as the Longhorns went on to defeat the Sharks 4-2 March 20

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followed by JFD.

In the varsity girls' division, Katy also claimed the team championship with 160 points, with Cypress Ranch second with 145 points and Dawson third with 97 points.

North Shore collected 92 points for fourth place, followed by fifth-place Dobie with 47 points.

Seniors Marcus Jones and Da'Marcus Hodges led the way for the Longhorns with gold-medal performances, while D.K.

Parker and Jordan Roman collected silver medals.

Jones, who has simply been terrific at the 100 distance this season, won the event this time around at 10.74 seconds, with teammate Adrian Taylor scoring a point for sixth place at 11.00.

Hodges, meanwhile, was the gold medalist in the long jump as he made his way to the 22 feet, 4-inch mark for the win. Parker and Hodges both

earned medals in the triple jump.

Parker, a junior, put together a personal best of 45-8 1/2 for the silver medal, with Hodges third for the bronze medal with a personal best of 45-6 1/4.

Roman was second in the 3,200 as the sophomore finished at 10:08.58, and also took ninth place in the 1,600 with a clocking of 4:53.29.

High jumper Jordyn Thomas cleared 6 feet for

third place and a bronze medal in the event, and distance runner Johan Villavicencio came up with a personal best of 1:56.66 at the 800 distance for fourth place.

Senior Nathan Belleville scored for the Longhorns in the shot put with a throw of 46-5 for fifth place.

In the relays, the Longhorns were fourth in the 4x100 in a time of 42.09 is that foursome included

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From left, some of the Dobie boys' track and field standouts to this point in the season have included Da'Marcus Hodges, Jordan Roman, D.K. Parker and Jordyn Thomas. At the recent C.E. King Panther Relays, Hodges and teammate Marcus

Jones (not pictured) were gold medalists to help the Longhorns to a fourth-place overall team finish in the event. Roman was second in the 3,200, and Parker also delivered an outstanding overall performance at the meet.

Clear Brook girls' track wins at Rockhold Relays

The Clear Brook varsity girls' track and field team put together a dazzling performance at the Rockhold Relays in Baytown March 20, winning the team championship after collecting 154 points.

La Porte was second with 129 points, followed by 114 points from Baytown Sterling.

The Wolverine girls, poised to enter the District 24-6A Championships in early April with plenty of confidence, scored 20 points for the team gold medal in the 4x200 relay as Alannah Felton, Kiersten McMahon, Kendal Jackson and London Wright teamed

up to win the event at 1 minute, 45.82 seconds for a personal best time for the season.

Clear Brook also delivered a smashing finish to the meet with a victory in the 4x400 relay in a time of 4:14.28 for another personal best time. In that one it was Hope Taylor and Kyra Freeman teaming with Wright and Patty Barnes for the big win.

Taylor was equally exceptional individually as she was the gold medalist in the 400, with the sophomore posting an time of 1:02.01 for the win. Taylor also cleared 5 feet in fewest attempts for a season best in the

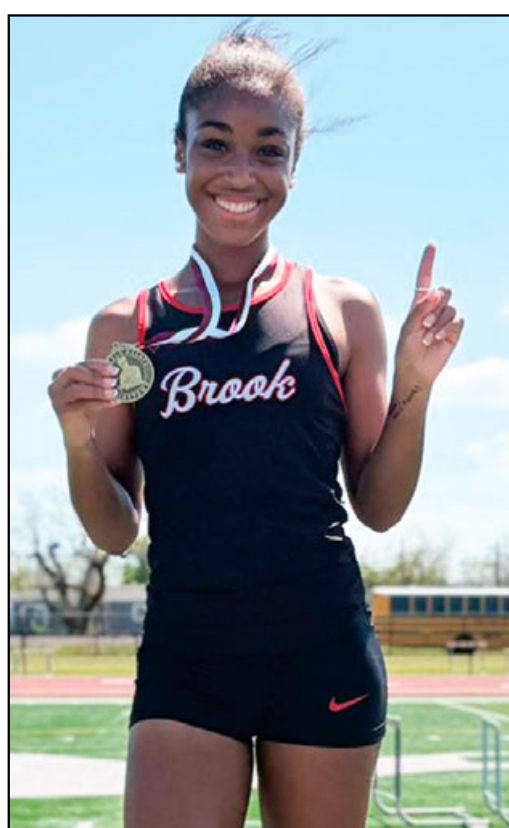
high jump as she claimed a third overall gold medal at the Rockholds.

Teammate London Montgomery, another one of Clear Brook's standout freshman class, was sixth in a time of 1:06.35.

Barnes was the gold medalist in the 800 as the senior was first to the finish line at 2:25.69, and freshman teammate Xiomara Vasquez was third for a bronze medal at 2:30.15.

Another freshman from Clear Brook, Olivia Guillen, finished just out of the scoring as her time of 2:41.13 placed her seventh. Clear Brook's

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In addition to helping the Wolverines to the win and meet record in the 4x400 relay, senior Patty Barnes was the gold medalist in the 800 at the Rockhold Relays and also placed fifth in the 1,600.

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Thompson, Beverly Hills tracksters run at Pasadena ISD championships

The Thompson seventh-grade boys' track and field team made a serious push for the team championship at the Pasadena ISD finale earlier this month before finishing second behind champion Miller.

The Falcons came up with 185 points to walk away with the big trophy, with the Lions second at 172.60 points.

In the eighth-grade division, it was the Bondy Patriots running away with things with a high of 174 points, while second-place Miller was a distant second with 101.

The Lions were third in the eighth-grade division with 80 points, while Beverly Hills was fourth with 74.

Beverly Hills had a rough go of it in the seventh-grade division, producing 16 points overall in the final standings.

GAT 7s excel

The Lions were second for silver medals in each of the three relay events at the seventh-grade level.

In the 4x100 event, Thompson was second to Miller as the Lions finished at 51.23 seconds. That group included Jaydon Hernandez, Emmanuel Osizugbo, Bryce Dixon and Johnathan Shaw.

In the 4x200 event, again it was the Miller Falcons taking the gold medal as the Lions were second. Kameron Parker, Hernandez, Dixon and Shaw represented Thompson to the

tune of a 1:44.49 clocking in the event.

In the 4x400 finale, once again Miller led the way with the Lions second in a time of 4:27.72 as that group included Drake Hughes, Kevin Richardson, Liam Goffney and Tyler Ragin.

Thompson stood out in the 100 hurdles as Hernandez delivered a time of 16.07 for the gold medal, edging Osizugbo, who was second for a silver medal in a time of 16.10.

Richardson was the gold medalist in the triple jump as he put together a distance of 33 feet, 8 inches for the top spot and at a time of 16.51 took fourth place in the 100 hurdle event. As for the 300 hurdles,

Thompson's Goffney placed fifth with a time of 53.81.

Julian Herrera of Thompson was the gold medalist in the shot put with the distance of 36-6, and teammate Matthew Mooney had a top throw of 33-0 for third place and a bronze medal.

Mooney turned around and won a gold medal in the discus by a wide margin, coming up with a 90-6 throw for the championship.

Herrera was second with a throw of 80-10, and the Lions Delano Oliver-Cooper was fourth in the event with a toss of 77-0.

In other events, Parker was fifth in the 100 in a

time of 12.96, and Osizugbo placed sixth at a time of 13.05.

Parker placed fourth in the 200 at 26.80, with Dixon fifth in a time of 27.04 and Shaw sixth at 27.33. As for the 400, Richardson claimed a bronze medal for third place as he crossed the finish line at a time of 59.33.

The Lions got big contributions from Hughes and Michael Aguirre in the 800, with Hughes a silver medalist at 2:25.39 and Aguirre third for a bronze medal at 2:31.64.

In the 1,600 event, Thompson's Aaron Molina was fifth at 6:25.00. Hughes competed in the 3,200 for the Lions as he was fourth in a time of 12:52.00, with teammate Ragin fifth at 13:43.00.

In the field events, Dixon was the bronze medalist in the high jump as he cleared 4-6 in the event.

Pole vaulter Jacob Soto was a silver medalist after he made his way over the 6-6 mark, and teammate Kayden Leal placed fourth as he cleared 6-0. Osizugbo was sixth in the long jump at a distance of 14-10.

Lion 8s roar

Among the Lions' top finishers at the eighth-grade level, Kelan Toney was the silver medalist in the 100 as he produced a time of 12.11, and Toney returned in the 200 as he was fourth with a time of 26.10. In the same event, the Lions' Miguel Compean was sixth

in a time of 26.55.

As for the 400, Kingston Adkins was the silver medalist with a time of 58.42 and Jared Estrada of Thompson was eighth in the 800 with a time of 2:26.94. Kyle Williams of Thompson was a bronze medalist in the high jump after he cleared 5-2.

Reed Hughes of Thompson married his way over the 8-0 mark for a bronze medal in the pole vault and teammate Adkins cleared 6-6 for a fourth place tie.

Tristan James was a silver medalist for Thompson in the shot after coming up with the throw of 41-10, with teammate David Gonzalez taking fifth as he produced a best throw of 37-5 in the event.

In the discus, Adkins was the gold medalist by wide margin with a throw of 115-5, and teammate James was second for the silver medal with a throw of 108-8.

Christian Zalaya of Thompson was in at 5:50.00 for fifth place at the 1,600 distance and Xavier Brown placed seventh for Thompson in the 3,200 with a clocking of 13:52.00.

Julian Herrera completed the 100 hurdles at 20.56 for sixth place. The Lions eighth-grade group did deliver a bronze medal for third place in the 4x400 relay to close out the meet in a time of 4:06.77. For the Lions, it was Adkins,

Brown, Levi Sanchez, and Estrada.

BHI 8s fourth

The Beverly Hills eighth-grade team excelled in the relays, first earning gold and 20 points with a time of 48.39 in the 4x100 event as that group included Hudson Hall, Gabriel Wotkyns, Jen Read-Carpio and Rylan Barker.

The Bears then picked up a silver medal for second place in the 4x200 relay as that foursome included Desean Simmons, Barker, Read-Carpio and Arias Garcia with a time of 1:43.36.

The Bears were also second for a silver medal in the 4x400 relay at 4:03.33 as that group included Joseph Martinez, Barker, Fabian Figueroa and Timothy Craige.

Read-Carpio was a bronze medalist for third place in the 100 with a clocking of 12.18. In the 400, Martinez was third for a bronze medal at 1:00.73 and Figueroa's clocking of 1:01.85 was good for sixth place.

The Bears' Maiko Bueno took sixth in the 1,600 at a time of 5:58.00, and in the 3,200, Bueno also sixth as he earned a time of 13:23.00.

Craige was fifth in the 100 hurdles with a time of 20.54, and Wotkyns and Craige both ran the 300 hurdles for the Bears. Wotkyns' time of 50.05 was fifth-best with Craige sixth in a time of 50.69.

In the eighth-grade field events for the Bears, Craige placed eighth in the high jump as he cleared 4-8, and was also sixth in the long jump with a distance of 15-10.

In the triple jump event, Martinez of Beverly Hills made his way to the 38-8 1/2 mark for sixth place.

BHI 7s compete

The Beverly Hills seventh-grade boys had a tough go of it in the Pasadena ISD finale but nonetheless put together a terrific effort.

Ashton Jones of Beverly Hills was a bronze medalist in the 300 hurdles as he was third at 53.53.

As for the relays, Beverly Hills placed fifth in both the 4x100 and 4x400 events. In the 4x100, it was Kenneth Oliver, Ky'anta Mims, Christoffer Avalos and Terry Florence for a time of 53.57.

In the 4x400 finale, Beverly Hills was in at 4:45.66 as that group included Robert Reyna, Oliver, Mims and Florence. The Bears' Bryson Lenton was sixth in the discus with a throw of 69-6, and Lenton was also 10th in the shot put with a toss of 29-11 1/2.

The Bears' Avalos placed eighth in the 200 as he clocked in at 27.97, and in the 400, Oscar Barrera came up with a time of 1:08.04 for seventh place in that event. At the 1,600 distance, Ozzie Romero of Beverly Hills was sixth with a time of 6:30.00, and

was eighth in the 3,200 event as he clocked in at

1:44.00. Adrian Aguirre of Beverly Hills earned a

time of 18.50 in the 100 hurdles for eighth place.

Dobie student trainers welcome special month

The Dobie High School athletic programs have certainly enjoyed quite a bit of success during the 2025-2026 school year as the spring seasons begin to hit the playoff stretch.

It has been another lengthy school year that began Aug. 1 with the opening of team tennis practices and then, soon thereafter, both volleyball and football pre-season workouts.

It is the athletes and coaches who get most of the recognition in the newspaper and Dobie TV along the way, but during the month of March in particular, it is the dozens and dozens of high school students who deserve their share of credit during National Athletic Training Month.

JFD head of athletic training Jesse Lopez and his staff have once again led a small group of students who have comprised the SAT staff at Dobie High School.

Lopez said the school year began with roughly 32 students but currently has 21 students overseeing the health and subsequent related needs of the athletes still competing

out there on the grass.

There is a standard of expectation that must be met within the program. Lopez added that both students and their parents sign contracts at the beginning of the school year detailing what those expectations are within the athletic training department, and there are no exceptions.

Simply put, there are 21 athletic trainers remaining. "We have had another terrific year," Lopez said. "It is always a juggling act to ensure that we have all of the sports covered. February is always the busiest month of the year because realistically you have every sport in action with the exception of football and volleyball.

"A lot of people believe that the football season combined with cross-country, volleyball and team tennis in the fall is the busiest time primarily due to the size of the football program in terms of the number of players.

"But it's actually the spring months that are the busiest because of the number of athletic teams that are in action. Our students participate in ath-

letic training activities as well as sports medicine courses.

"We have slowly but surely built a program over the last 15 or so years that we certainly believe works for us. We want to ensure that each and every athlete has what they need in terms of both preventative care as well as care post-injury to allow a quick return to the field.

"It's also our job to be out there listening and paying attention to what is going on out there in order to be able to keep up with the little nagging bumps and bruises along the way. All in all, we might not have as big of athletic training staff as we have had in the past, but it's not for everybody.

"It takes a level of commitment, and it runs the entire length of the school year with very few breaks. Our student trainers operate behind the scenes and don't often get much mention, but I also believe that our coaches and many of the players do give our student trainers props and the credit for doing a great job. It's been another great year.

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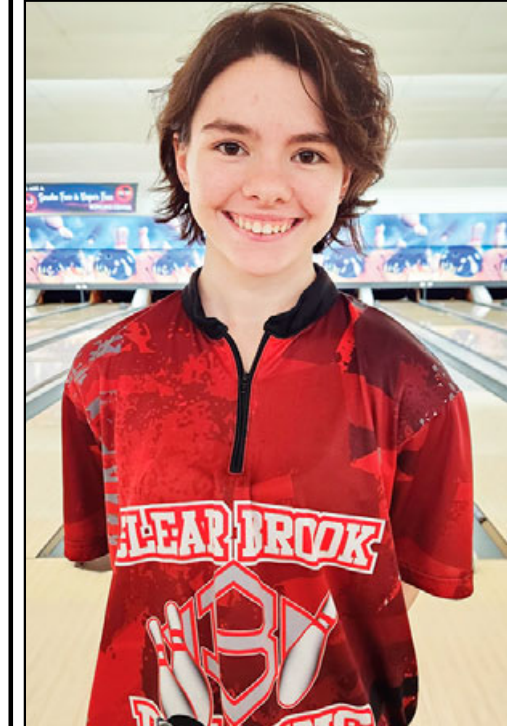
JFD baseball team winner of five of six

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they cruised past Memorial 10-7 March 17 at home, sweeping the Mavericks in the home-and-home series. The Longhorns scored twice in the bottom of the first inning and tacked on five more runs in the bottom of the second to lead 7-2. Dobie scored three more runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning to extend to a 10-3 edge before the Mavericks scored four times in the top of the seventh inning to narrow the final advantage. Steven Umanzor led the Longhorns as he was 4 for 4 with a run scored and three runs driven in. Christian Gracia also had a big day for the Longhorns as he had two hits, scored two runs and drove in another. Tristan McKissick was outstanding on the mound for the Longhorns as he allowed just two hits and two earned runs while striking out six over five innings.

The Longhorns won for the third time in four overall district games as

Ramsey earns induction



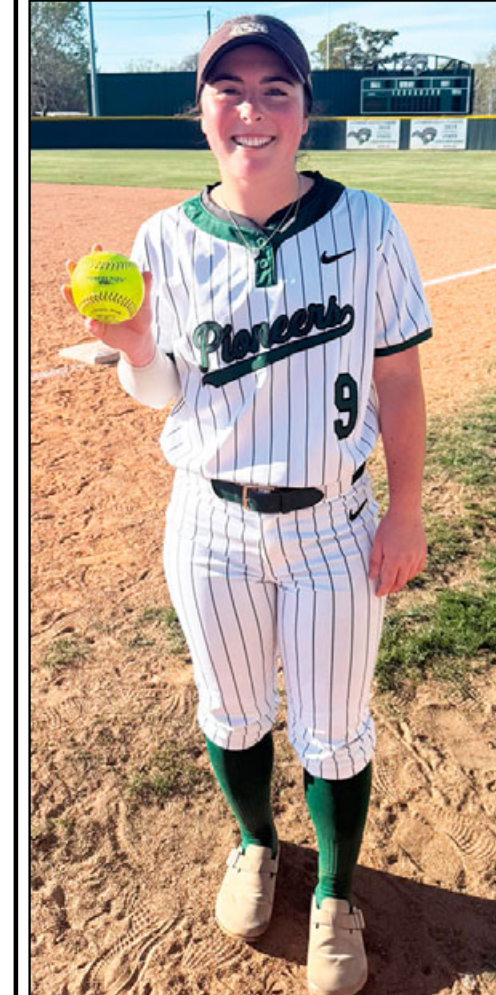
Standout Clear Brook girls' bowler Emma Ramsey has earned the prestigious Marla Bennett Scholarship and will also be inducted into the Greater Houston CPA Hall of Fame later this spring. Ramsey has helped lead the Wolverines to back-to-back regional championships and also competed as an individual at regionals. She will be part of Clear Brook's state qualifying squad March 28-29 in Euless. Ramsey will continue her education and bowling career at Newman University in Wichita, Kan.

Wolverine girls' bowling wins regional championship



The Clear Brook girls' bowling team celebrated after winning the regional championship for the second straight season and looked to enter the state tournament March 28-29 in Euless on a roll. Members of the team include, left to right, (front row) coach Roxy Casas, Karley Kosh, McKayla Parker (individual regional champion), Emma Ramsey, Florence Tanigawa, coach D.J. Casas, (back row) Eliana Lopez, Teresa Gallegos-Hernandez, coach Cecil Rutherford, Kaylyn Kosh and Heather Ramsey.

Smith hits home run



Lutheran South Academy senior Addi Smith celebrated slamming her third home run of the season as she helped the Pioneers win their 10th overall game in 16 varsity softball starts. Smith, who will play collegially at Wichita State University, has 12 extra-base hits and 14 runs driven in through 14 games while hitting .476.

Parker is regional champ



Clear Brook bowler McKayla Parker won the individual regional championship while leading her team to the state tournament March 28-29 in Euless.

Brook boys' bowling makes regionals for solid season



The Clear Brook boys' bowling team, including, left to right, Isaiah Garcia, Brayden Chatwin, Cayden Carmona, Brenden Dadd, Bryce Lartigue, Camryn Smart and Aidan Ojeda-Obregon, put together a terrific season that included a regional appearance to wrap up the year.

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 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, MARCH 27
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." 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. 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.
 7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. 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>.
 8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 - 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
 7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
SUNDAY, MARCH 29
 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** - See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, MARCH 30
 Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Friday's notice.
 6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.
 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 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.
 7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 chapter meets at the Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, MARCH 31
 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.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)**. See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.

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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.
 Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Friday's notice.
 Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - casual ballroom dance, open to the public, held every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to come with or without a partner. The dance itself is free as music is provided by volunteer, Neva Schroder. The city requires an activity card for participants in all of the city's many activities. Call the park office 281-554-1180 for answers to any questions regarding the activity card. Visitors are welcome to walk in to observe or participate.
 7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.
THURSDAY, APRIL 2
 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.

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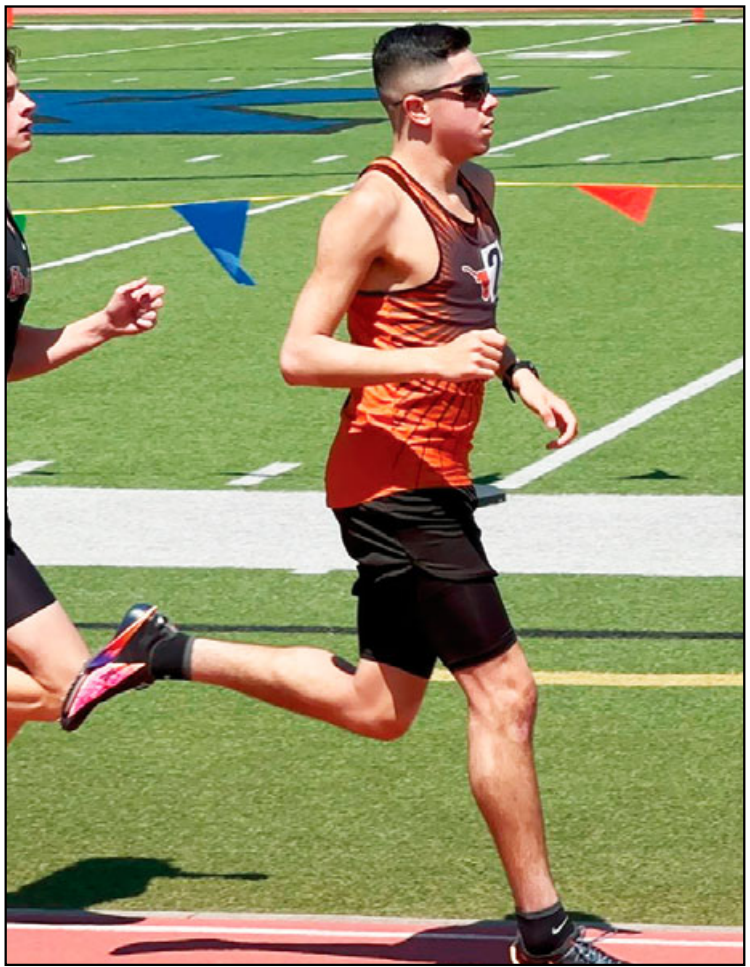
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Dobie track excels at Panther Relays

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 ed Taylor, Titus Randle, Hodges and Jones. Dobbie was sixth in both the 4x200 and 4x400 relays.
 It was Taylor, Parker, Javeon Polidore and Jones in the 4x200 for sixth place in a time of 1:30.37.
 In the 4x400 finale, JFD produced a time of 3:31.71 for sixth place as that group included Polidore, Ruben Vasquez, Parker and Villavicencio. Seniors Kylar Joseph and Aniya Menefee led the way for the Dobbie girls.
 Menefee cleared 5-2 in the high jump for second place, with teammate Savannah Jones third at 5-0 for a bronze medal.
 Joseph made her way to the 17-10 mark in the long jump for second place, and freshman Durriyah Hill was third for a bronze medal with a best of 16-3.
 Freshman Vizion Jones was fourth in the triple jump and she finished the 33-11 3/4. Junior Aracely Alvarado was solid in the distance events, fourth at the 3,200 with a time of 12:28.28.
 In the 1,600, Alvarado was fifth with a clocking of 5:45.74. Aliyah Sanchez scored for the Longhorns in the 800 as she was sixth with a time of 2:38.01. Dobbie was fifth in the 4x400 in a time of 4:25.5 as that group in-

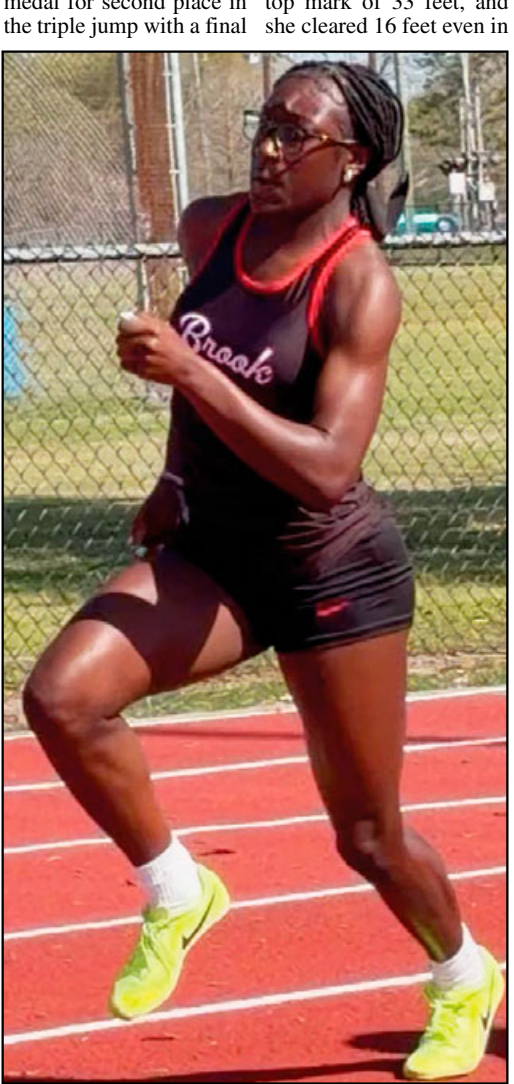
cluded Amber Corpeno, Menefee, Jones and Tiara Charles. In the 4x100, the Longhorns were sixth at 49.67 as that group included Maleiyah Hoop, Daisha Jackson, Menefee and Joseph. The same four ladies represented the Longhorns in the 4x200 for that sixth place finish in a time of 1:48.14.



Sophomore distance runner Jordan Roman continued his strong season on the track as he was a silver medalist in the 3,200 at the Panther Relays, hosted by C.E. King High School.

Wolverine girls capture Rockhold team title

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 Emily Harrell, a freshman, was 10th as she clocked in at 2:47.87.
 Felton also placed the gold medal around her neck as she was the winner of the 100 hurdles in a time of 15.21, and at the 300 distance, Freeman clocked in at 51.16, a personal best in the event, for fourth place.
 As for the 4x100 relay, the Wolverines were sixth in a time of 56.88 as Jackson, Wright, Felton and Jade Fernandez represented the locals. Individually, the Wolverine girls delivered plenty of terrific performances throughout the day.
 In the 100, Jackson, a junior, was third for a bronze medal in a time of 12.90, while sophomore teammate Kennedy Bolden was fourth in a time of 12.97.
 Freshman Karmen Allison was sixth as she finished the 100 in a time of 13.10. In the 200, Allison was a bronze medalist with a finish of 27.30. A time of 13:01.17 earned Guillen a bronze medal in the 3,200 as she contributed to the team total with another solid performance.
 Barnes also represented Clear Brook in the 1,600 as she clocked in at 5:47.45 for fifth place. A time of 6:14.28 placed Vasquez seventh in the event, with Harrell a spot back, eighth with a time of 6:15.49.
 Freeman earned a silver



Freshman Alannah Felton delivered personal records of 25.5 seconds in the 200 for the win and also claimed a gold medal in the 100 hurdles with a time of 15.2 seconds.

medal for second place in the triple jump with a final top mark of 33 feet, and she cleared 16 feet even in the long jump for a bronze medal. Montgomery went 15-1/2 for sixth place.
 In the shot put, Clear Brook freshman Kassidy Evans came up with a throw of 30-11 3/4 for fourth place, as teammate Kelsei Davis, a junior, was sixth with a throw of 29-11 1/2.
 Lauren Daugherty was eighth with a toss of 28-1/2, and sophomore Tatum Mackey placed 10th with a throw of 27-2 1/2.



Senior Kyra Freeman had a big day at the Rockhold Relays as she was second in the triple jump and third in the long jump, and also took fifth place in the 300 hurdles.



The San Jacinto College baseball team has put together a 23-8 overall record to this point in the season, including nine wins in 14 overall conference games within Region 14. The Ravens have had .323 as a team and have scored 256 runs over the 31 games while smacking 22 home runs. Danati Fronduto has led the team in hitting at .412 while driving in 33 runs. R.J. Furcal has hit .392 with 23 runs driven in, including a team high 40 hits. R.J. Olivares has hit .356 with 20 runs driven in, and T.J. Stottleyer has hit .360 with 15 runs driven in. At left, catcher Andrew Fonte has hit .325 over the course of 16 games with 16 runs driven in. At right, sophomore right-hander Patrick Lewis has pitched in 37 1/3 innings to this point in the season over the course of nine overall appearances, including a 3-0 record. Other pitchers who have come through in a big way for the Ravens include Keegan Chavez with four wins in five decisions. Jorge Garza has also pitched extremely well for the Ravens with a 1.62 earned run average.



Sophomore Hope Taylor of Clear Brook was outstanding at the Rockhold Relays in Baytown as she earned individual gold medals in the high jump and the 400, and also helped her team to a gold medal in the 4x400 relay.



The San Jacinto College softball program struggled out of the gate midway through the season to the tune of a 14-20 overall record but has now won three of four overall games in conference play to start the most important part of the schedule at 3-1, including a sweep of Blinn College. The team has hit .338 overall and has scored 230 runs in 36 games. At left, catcher Ary Garcia has been one of the top performers offensively as the sophomore has hit .384 with 27 runs driven in and 33 hits overall. Garcia has been a team leader behind the plate and has helped guide the pitching staff to better and better results. At right, Kam Deleon, another sophomore, has hit .326 and driven in 14 runs as she has been another catalyst for the offense in recent games. There is a long way to go in the Region 14 race, but the Ravens have delivered better results at the right time of late.



Athletic Trainers honored

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 busy handling something. We try to stay on a schedule and make sure that we are where we need to be, when we need to be there. But schedules change, and we have to be able to adapt in a moment's notice sometimes. Like I said, I really believe this has been another great year for the Dobbie athletic training program. I'm very proud of our trainers and the work they all put in. They deserve all of the recognition that they get along the way. The role of a student trainer has always been important and maybe never more important than now. I do feel like our group at Dobbie High School does a tremendous job."

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