

### Cleanup seeks volunteers

Volunteers are being sought for the fourth annual South Belt Cleanup, set to take place Saturday, May 2, beginning at 8 a.m. at Beverly Hills Intermediate, located at 11111 Beamer. A joint project between the Knights of Columbus Council 9201 and the Sagemont Civic Club, the cleanup aims to clear debris from local thoroughfares encompassing a 6.25-square-mile area. All supplies will be provided and lunch (hamburgers and hot dogs) will be served by the Knights of Columbus following the event. No open-toe shoes will be allowed. While volunteers are encouraged to register in advance, walk-ups will be welcomed. Volunteers who have not preregistered are asked to arrive early. For additional information or to register as a volunteer, contact event organizer Mike Work at mrwork2@att.net or 832-338-5156.

### Beverly Hills meets April 24

Beverly Hills Civic Club will host a meeting Friday, April 24, at the Beverly Hills Park community center, located at 10201 Kingspoint, from 10 to 11 a.m. All Beverly Hills residents are welcome to attend.

### 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.

### Commissioner holds meet

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia invites the community to join him Saturday, April 18, for the Café with the Commissioner event at Las Haciendas Mexican Bar & Grill, 12933 Gulf Freeway, from 10 a.m. to noon. Residents can share their questions, ideas, compliments and concerns directly with the commissioner. Attendees are encouraged to RSVP by contacting Javier Frutos at 713-540-7827 or javier.frutos@pct2.hctx.net.

### HPD's PIP to meet April 20

The Houston Police Department's Positive Interaction Program will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 20, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway, classroom No. 103. Guest speaker to be announced.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. PIP meetings typically take place the third Monday of each month. For additional information, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

### 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.

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.

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.

### Wood Meadow II to meet

The Wood Meadow II Community Improvement Association will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at The Gardens 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. A new board member will be elected at the meeting to serve a three-year term.

All Wood Meadow II residents are encouraged to attend. The meeting will feature gift card raffles and refreshments will be provided. To win a prize, one must be in attendance. For additional information, contact HOA Manager Aerielle Jones at 713-568-5666 or HWMCMANAGER@goodwintx.com.

### 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.

### Clear Brook Meadows meets

Clear Brook Meadows HOA will hold its annual meeting Monday, April 25, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will feature guest speakers and door prizes. For additional information, call Andrew Belmarez at 832-452-6737.

## Clear Creek ISD expands dual-credit programs

### School district now offering workforce training courses at College of the Mainland

Clear Creek ISD will offer dual-credit courses through College of the Mainland (COM) for the first time beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, marking a major expansion of the district's postsecondary options.

The district announced the change in February, noting that while Clear Creek ISD has collaborated with COM in various ways over the years, this is the first time COM dual-credit courses will be available to district students.

The new partnership significantly broadens Clear Creek ISD's workforce-focused pathways, complementing the district's existing academic Early College model.

Clear Creek ISD Superintendent Dr. Karen Engle said the expansion reflects the district's commitment to preparing students for life after graduation.

"By continuing to strengthen our partnerships with San Jacinto College and College of the Mainland, we are providing Clear Creek ISD

students with meaningful opportunities to explore high-demand careers, earn college credit and accelerate their future success," said Engle.

For nearly two decades, Clear Creek ISD's primary Early College option has been Clear Horizons Early College High School, located on the San Jacinto College South campus. Clear Horizons allows students to earn up to 60 hours of transferable college credit or an associate degree, making it the district's flagship academic dual-credit program.

The new COM partnership does not replace Clear Horizons. Instead, it fills a gap by offering career and technical education (CTE) dual-credit options that prepare students for high-demand technical fields.

This shift represents CCISD's evolution from a single-partner, academically focused Early College model to a multi-partner system that spans both academic and workforce pathways.

#### Different pathways

The new expansion now provides Clear Creek ISD students three distinct college-credit pathways, including the following options:

- Clear Horizons ECHS: Located on the San Jacinto College South campus, Clear Horizons focuses primarily on academic transfers and students earning an associate's degree simultaneously with their high school diploma. Participating students accepted into Clear Creek ISD's ECHS program.

- Traditional dual credit: Also done in coordination with San Jacinto College, Clear Creek ISD's traditional dual-credit program is a hybrid of both academic and workforce training. It is available to students at all Clear Creek ISD high school campuses.

- New dual credit: Done in coordination with College of the Mainland, Clear Creek ISD's new dual-credit course options focus primarily on workforce training and helping students earn technical certifications.

Beginning the 2026-2027 school year, Clear Creek ISD students will be able to enroll in the

following dual-credit courses at COM:

- Petrochemical process technology
- Instrumentation and electrical technology
- Welding technology
- Culinary arts

These programs are aligned with regional workforce needs, particularly in the Gulf Coast's petrochemical and industrial sectors. Students earn both high school and college credit - typically two to four college hours per course - and gain hands-on experience using industry-standard equipment.

#### Continued SJC partnership

Clear Creek ISD will also continue and expand its longstanding dual-credit partnership with San Jacinto College, which includes both academic and workforce offerings. Programs include the following options:

- Process Technology
- Welding Technology
- Maritime Transportation
- Air Conditioning Technology

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## Sagemont repairs damaged sign



The Sagemont Civic Club recently repaired the subdivision's two-sided sign located near the intersection of Hughes Road and Beamer. The sign suffered extensive damage late last year when it was struck by an uninsured driver. The repairs were made possible through maintenance fund dues paid by Sagemont homeowners. The group hopes to make similar repairs on its other two smaller signs located on Hughes at Sageglen and on Hughes at Sagecanyon, marking the east and west entrances to the subdivision, respectively. Photo by James Bolen

## Early voting to take place April 20-28

### Voters to decide Clear Brook City MUD, Clear Creek ISD elections

Early voting for local utility district and school board races begins Monday, April 20, and will continue through Tuesday, April 28, ahead of Election Day on Saturday, May 2. Polls will be closed, however, San Jacinto Day, Tuesday, April 21, and Sunday, April 26.

Voters in the South Belt area will see contests in both the Clear Brook City MUD and the Clear Creek ISD board of trustees, while other nearby districts will not hold elections this cycle.

#### Clear Brook City MUD

Clear Brook City MUD is the only local utility district with contested races this year.

The following two seats will appear on the ballot:

- Position 4: Incumbent Jim Towey faces challenger Karen Richards McMillan.

- Position 5: With incumbent Jim Bishop stepping down, three candidates - Delfina (Fina) Goavea, Dawn McDonald and Yen Rabe - are seeking the open seat.

Early voting and Election Day voting for the MUD election will take place at the Clear Brook City MUD office, 11911 Blackhawk.

Sagemeadow MUD and Kirkmont MUD will not hold contested elections. In Sagemeadow, only two incumbents filed for three open seats, meaning the board is expected to appoint someone to fill the vacancy created by the passing of former board member Seth Webb.

#### Clear Creek ISD

Clear Creek ISD voters will also head to the polls May 2 to decide two trustee positions. Terms are three years.

The following two single-member districts will appear on the ballot:

- District 2: Incumbent Jamieson Mackay is being challenged by Ernest A. Hallman II.

- District 3: Incumbent Arturo Sanchez faces challenger Gabriel F. Gonzales II.

Because CCISD uses single-member districts only residents living within District 2 may vote in the District 2 race, and only residents within District 3 may vote in the District 3 race. Both districts lie east of the Gulf Freeway. Residents can confirm their district using the interactive boundary map at ccisid.net/elections/boundaries.

Early voting for CCISD will be held at the following two locations, and voters may cast a ballot at either site regardless of district or county precinct:

- Clear Creek ISD Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main St., League City
- Clear Creek ISD Learner Support Center, 2903 Falcon Pass

For the latest Clear Creek ISD election updates, visit www.ccisid.net/elections.

#### Pasadena ISD

Pasadena ISD will not hold an election this spring. Its board elections occur in November of odd-numbered years, with the next one scheduled for November 2027.

## SJC's 2026 Couture for a Cause Gala set for April 24

### Funds will benefit Promise @ San Jac, allowing local students to attend SJC tuition free

San Jacinto College's 2026 Couture for a Cause Gala is set to take place Friday, April 24, raising funds to help local graduates attend the college at no cost.

The Sinor Family will serve as the title sponsor for this year's gala, SJC officials said.

Organizers described the event as "where community generosity meets runway-inspired elegance."

This year's gala is presented by the Meador and Torrison families and will take place at the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy & Technology (7901 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena), which will be transformed for one night into a fashion-forward showcase of community impact.

Hosted by the San Jacinto College Foundation, the black-tie evening blends high-style sophistication with a mission-driven purpose:

raising funds for the Promise @ San Jac Scholarship, which provides a debt-free pathway to higher education for eligible high school graduates in the college's taxing district.

#### Couture for a Cause

The glamour-filled evening will feature a cocktail hour featuring a punch wall and various student engagement opportunities, a three-course dinner, and a program highlighting Promise Scholars and the transformative impact of community support. Guests will also be able to participate in a live and silent auction for an opportunity to directly impact brighter futures for students.

For more information on the Couture for a Cause Gala, visit sanjac.edu/gala.

#### Promise @ San Jac

For many local high school graduates, the Promise @ San Jac Scholarship is a vital path-

way to higher education. The last-dollar scholarship is open to all high school seniors who live within the San Jacinto College taxing district, regardless of GPA or family income. Students who complete specific deadlines for applying to the college and completing financial aid application requirements and enroll full time, can earn a certificate or associate degree debt free, including tuition, books and supplies.

"The Promise Scholarship has given me an amazing start and the opportunity to pursue higher education that otherwise would have been

too expensive," said Christopher Soza, current Promise Scholar and biotechnology student. "It allowed me to attend full time and afford the books and supplies I needed to be successful."

Launched in 2021, the program was originally made possible by a \$30 million donation from MacKenzie Scott, former wife of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. (The donor's identity was not immediately disclosed, but the college later confirmed the gift came from Scott, who has made large, unrestricted donations to community

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## Stanzel new Methodist Clear Lake CEO

### New CEO replaces Little, now Methodist West CEO

Kyle Stanzel this past week assumed the role of CEO of Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital. He most recently served as vice president and chief operating officer at Houston Methodist West Hospital.



Kyle Stanzel

Stanzel will succeed Carl Little, who was recently named CEO of Houston Methodist West.

Stanzel has over 18 years of experience in health care. He joined Houston Methodist West in 2018 and currently oversees day-to-day operations, facility growth and development. While there, Stanzel helped the team become Leapfrog A and a Vizion Top 10 nationally ranked hospital from 2018-2025. He previously spent more than a decade with Memorial Hermann Health System, where he served in many roles, including vice president of operations at Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital.

"It is an honor and a privilege to step into this role. I am committed to advancing Houston Methodist's mission of delivering the highest standards of safety and quality care to our patients," said Stanzel. "I look forward to joining the Houston Methodist Clear Lake family and continuing to strengthen our impact across Clear Lake and surrounding communities."

Stanzel is a graduate of Texas A&M University and holds a Master of Business Administration from Duke University. While there, he led a team designing low-cost, sustainable medical devices for hospitals in developing countries, discovering his passion for health care along the way.

"Kyle Stanzel is a dynamic, highly respected leader who brings extensive experience and knowledge to the position," said Marc L. Boom, M.D., president and CEO of Houston Methodist. "During his tenure, Kyle has dedicated himself to improving the quality of care for our patients. We are excited to see the hospital continue to serve the Clear Lake community and grow under his leadership."

For the latest updates on Houston Methodist, visit www.houstonmethodist.org/newsroom.

## Beatles sculpture erected



Residents may have noticed a giant sculpture of the Beatles popping up adjacent to the DeMontro Mazda of Clear Lake on the Gulf Freeway near Bay Area Boulevard. The 36-foot-tall, 9000-pound sculpture was created by artist David Adickes, who sold the giant piece to his longtime friend George DeMontro III, president and CEO of DeMontro Auto Group. The sculpture - which had been on display at 8th Wonder Brewery for the past eight years - took five days to disassemble and five weeks to reassemble. Adickes also created the massive sculpture of Sam Houston on I-45 in Huntsville. Photo by James Bolen

# In My Opinion

## Clark criticizes MUD candidate Yen Rabe

Well, it's Clear Brook City MUD election time again. It means that Yen Rabe is running for her sixth attempt at an elected office. Here we go again with the falsehoods.

Yen Rabe has suggested that Clear Brook City MUD hid elections for eight years. In fact, in the last thirty years, most elections were strongly contested. For decades, our elections were held on the same dates and place every two years as required by law.

MUD elections are the easiest to run for. There is a simple document to complete with NO filing fee and NO required number of signatures. The election is advertised on our web page and in the local newspaper — printed and online — as required by law. Running for this office is much easier than virtually any other public office. It is hard to have an election when nobody else runs for the positions.

Yen Rabe has suggested that our citizens do not know of our existence. We produce highly publicized events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Winter Wonderland — taking place at our local CBC Park. These events take place next to our Administration Building where monthly water bill payments are made. Residents receive monthly water bills and annual tax statements which show our name and logo. In a democracy, the citizen has some responsibility to remain informed.

In the recent candidate debate, Yen Rabe suggested racial quotas for hiring. We only have 9 district employees. We select on the basis of qualifications regardless of minority status. Of the 9 employees, 6 are women — 2 are Hispanic.

The list of falsehoods goes on. The simple facts are we provide superior service for the lowest combined tax-water rates than any other surrounding cities or MUD's. Yen Rabe has no experience in governing. These low costs will not continue if Yen Rabe's ideas such as replacing our water source with pumping and treating water from the Gulf of Mexico are implemented. Her idea of green waste would cost each resident an additional \$15 — \$25 per month.

Candidates Jim Towey and Dawn McDonald, in contrast, are highly qualified to contribute to the professional management of citizens services and amenities.

If you do not want your water bills and tax rates to skyrocket, VOTE appropriately in your upcoming MUD election.

Chris Clark

## McDonald seeks votes with election approaching

As we approach the upcoming Clear Brook City MUD election, Saturday, May 2nd is election day, and early voting is Monday, 4/20, Wednesday 4/22-Saturday 4/25. I would like to highlight its importance. I am a candidate for Position 5, and I invite you to review my responses to the candidate questionnaire published in this week's edition. I also encourage you to watch the recent candidate forum hosted by South Belt Ellington, available on their social media platforms and YouTube. <https://youtu.be/h8DWiqb4hK0>.

More importantly, I want to address voter participation. Our District includes approximately 6,500 homes and nearly 14,000 registered voters, yet the last election was decided by fewer than 700 voters, with a margin of just two votes. The close race underscores how critical local elections truly are and how important your vote is. If you pay your water bill to Clear Brook City MUD you can vote in this race.

Clear Brook City MUD plays a vital role in our community's daily life. It oversees water and sewer services, sets property tax rates, and approves contracts for essential services, including law enforcement through Harris County Constable Precinct 2, emergency response through the Southeast Fire Department, solid waste services, and community projects in partnership with local HOAs and Harris County.

When selecting board members, voters should prioritize experience, leadership, and fiscal responsibility. Strong, steady governance is essential to maintaining a stable community and supporting long-term growth. We should choose qualified candidates who are committed to continuing the District's strong management and success.

Every vote matters. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote for fiscal responsibility, experience, and leadership. I would be honored to earn your vote, along with Jim Towey, who is running for Position 4.

Dawn McDonald

CBC MUD Candidate Position 5

# Elected officials share their words

## Statement on recent vote against Proposition A ordinance on immigration

Standing with HPD, we voted against the proposed Proposition A ordinance related to immigration policy and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The passage of this ordinance at today's council meeting will likely have unintended and harmful consequences for Houston.

While we all want policies that promote safety and fairness, we are particularly concerned that placing a national spotlight on our city will create unsafe situations for our community and exacerbate the pressure placed on law enforcement.

We believe that this ordinance places onerous and arbitrary reporting requirements which are intended to influence HPD officers into exercising discretion in instances where an inquiry into immigration status may have

otherwise occurred. In short, this ordinance will make officers afraid to do their jobs.

Additionally, we have serious concerns about the uncertainty this creates for law enforcement. Without clear guidance on timeframes to wait for ICE, it creates confusion for our officers and opens the City of Houston to potential lawsuits.

We remain committed to working on solutions that protect our community, uphold the law, and ensure Houston continues to be a safe place for all residents.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Amy Peck, District A \Council Member Willie Davis, At-Large #2 Council Member Fred Flickinger, District E Council Member Twila Carter, At-Large #3 Council Member Mary Nan Huffman, District G

## Council Member Kamin supports Proposition A Ordinance passage on immigration

Houston, Texas — Council Member Abbie Kamin has issued the following statement following the successful passage of the Proposition A Ordinance submitted by Council Member Alejandra Salinas, Council Member Abbie Kamin, and Council Member Edward Pollard that ensures constitutional protections for Houstonians and provides clear guidelines for reporting ICE-related interactions with HPD. Kamin, emphasized the hard work of HPD and local law enforcement, and if someone poses a public safety risk, she trusts local law enforcement to act, regardless of immigration status.

"At the heart of this item is the unshakable foundational principle that the Constitution of the United States of America is not optional."

However, a key component of the ordinance was excluded, which would have safeguarded local law enforcement resources and provides additional dis-

cretion for HPD in limited circumstances relating to federal customs and immigration enforcement on non-criminal matters.

"Far too many Houstonians' lives are being impacted right now for me to not point out how unsound the department's opinion is. The passage of this ordinance makes important progress; but let's be clear: The City Legal Department does not act independently of the mayor. This is not an independent legal opinion, it is flat out wrong on the law, and the mayor is derelict in his duty by failing to protect all Houstonians, including many U.S. citizens from unconstitutional and illegal abuses by ICE.

Ken Paxton, Stephen Miller, and Donald Trump should not be the compass that guides us. When it comes to the rights of Houstonians, Come and Take It should be a defiant challenge, not an invitation."

## Joyce Shannon



Mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister and cherished friend, Joyce Shannon peacefully returned home to be with the Lord, surrounded by the loving presence of her family. Joyce was a woman of deep, unwavering faith and boundless devotion, who lived a life marked by selfless service, quiet strength and abundant love for both her Savior and those around her. She beautifully embodied Romans 12:10: "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor," consistently placing the needs of others before her own with grace and humility.

Born in Mountainburg, Ark., Joyce moved to Houston in 1948, where she built a life rooted in faith, family, and community. In January 1953, she began dating Bobby Shannon, the love of her life. Their courtship blossomed into a lifelong partnership when they married in November of that same year — a marriage defined by steadfast love, shared purpose and joyful companionship.

In March 1973, Joyce and Bobby became devoted members of Sagemont Church, where they faithfully served for decades. Joyce's dedication to ministry was both tireless and inspiring. She poured her heart into countless roles, including outreach leader, nursery coordinator, personnel committee member, first-time guest visitor team member, V.I.P. lunch worker and ordinance team participant. Together, Joyce and Bobby served in baptism and the Lord's Supper ministries and were warmly familiar faces as cheerful greeters, welcoming all with genuine kindness.

Joyce had a particular passion for ministering to women, investing deeply in their lives with wisdom, encouragement and compassion. She served faithfully on the holiday brunch

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team for 19 years, participated in Mothering Matters, the advisory team, and the women's leadership team, through which she led groups through I Connect. She was also a founding member of a ladies' prayer group, creating a space of fellowship, strength, and spiritual growth for many.

Above all her many roles and accomplishments, Joyce's greatest joy was her family and dear friends. She was a constant, loving presence — never missing a game, a birthday, or an opportunity to connect with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her home was a place of warmth and welcome, often filled with laughter, lively game nights, and heartfelt conversations. She treasured both grand celebrations and simple, meaningful moments, whether during holidays with family or quiet lunches with friends.

Joyce's radiant smile, gentle spirit, and generous heart touched countless lives. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. While her absence is profoundly

felt, there is great comfort in knowing she is now joyfully in the presence of her Lord.

Joyce is preceded in death by her beloved husband. She is survived by her children, Leslee Kaspar (husband Craig Kaspar) and Lana Shadwick (husband Bob Price); her five grandchildren, Kristin Kaspar, Katelyn Roos (husband De Wet Roos), Corbin Kaspar (wife Madison Kaspar), Grayson Shadwick, and Reagan Shadwick; and her four great-grandchildren — Leighton Kaspar (6), Joshua Roos (4), Landyn Roos (2), and Sloane Kaspar (1) — with two additional great-grandchildren expected. Her tender love and joyful spirit will live on in the hearts of those she held most dear.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Joyce's memory to Sagemont Church, designated for the Women's Ministry.

A celebration of Joyce's beautiful life will be held at Sagemont Church on Friday, April 17, at 11 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service.

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Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
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## Thompson celebrates Assistant Principal Week



Thompson Intermediate School recently celebrated Assistant Principal Week, and officials thanked their assistant principals for their leadership, commitment and tireless work to keep Thompson on the right track and moving forward at full speed. Left to right, are assistant principals Travis Teichelman, Kelly Monyehun and Christine Veltman.

## San Jacinto College gala to benefit scholarships

Students will have opportunity for free tuition

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Additional funding from individual donors, industry partners, Foundation gifts and fundraisers such as the Couture for a Cause Gala keep the program alive and well, continuing to provide local students a college education at no charge. Just last month, the program was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Greater Houston Community Foundation.

While the program was initially offered to only Pasadena ISD students, it is now

available to all graduating seniors in the college's taxing district. Participating school districts include Channelview ISD, Deer Park ISD, Galena Park ISD, La Porte ISD, Pasadena ISD and Sheldon ISD.

Homeschool, private school and GED graduates in the district are also eligible. The majority of Clear Creek ISD is not located in the college's taxing district.

A few South Belt homes, including some in the Ashley Pointe and Villa Verde subdivisions, are located in the San Jacinto College tax district,

despite being zoned to Clear Creek ISD and Pearland ISD schools, respectively.

To verify if an address is in San Jac's taxing district, residents should check their Harris County tax records.

For eligible students, the Promise @ San Jac Scholarship covers 100 percent of tuition and 100 percent of required textbooks, meaning students can attend San Jacinto College with no out-of-pocket cost for their core academic expenses.

The scholarship covers up to three years of study, allowing students to complete the following:

- Associate degree
- Workforce certificate
- Transfer-ready academic coursework

Since 2021, the program has supported more than 11,600 students, providing approximately \$10.3 million in tuition support.

For additional information on the Promise @ San Jac Scholarship, visit [www.sanjac.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/grants-scholarships/scholarships/promise](http://www.sanjac.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/grants-scholarships/scholarships/promise).

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More Info: [mycommunityhealthfoundation.org/dodge-for-a-cause/](http://mycommunityhealthfoundation.org/dodge-for-a-cause/)

**PEARLAND RECREATION CENTER**  
4141 BOILEY RD, PEARLAND, TX 77584

## Clear Creek ISD, COM join forces

Students can obtain workforce training

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– Cosmetology  
– These courses remain available to students at their home high schools.

**Enrollment and eligibility**  
Participating students must meet CCISD dual credit eligibility requirements and complete the partner college's enrollment steps, including any required placement testing. Courses are held on college campuses, and students must provide their own transportation.

To learn more about Clear Creek ISD's dual credit and Early College High School options, visit [ccisd.net/career-college-planning](http://ccisd.net/career-college-planning).

**Pasadena ISD**  
Pasadena ISD continues

to operate one of the region's largest networks of Early College High Schools and dual credit programs.

Done in partnership with San Jacinto College, these programs are primarily academic, allowing students to earn up to 60 hours of transferable college credit or an associate's degree at no cost.

The program serves ninth-12th graders, focusing on historically underserved students through an open-enrollment lottery system.

**Key details**

– Structure: A "school within a school" model where students take college classes on high school campuses (9th-10th) and transition to San Jacinto College campuses (11th-

12th).  
– Degrees: Students can earn up to 60 college credit hours or an Associate of Arts/Science.

– Cost: Tuition and registration fees for approved courses are covered by the district.  
– Support: Includes mentors, specialized instruction, and mandatory college readiness courses.

– Application: Students begin taking college courses as early as ninth grade, following structured degree pathways aligned with San Jacinto College.

To learn more about Pasadena ISD's dual credit and Early College High School programs, visit [www.pasadenaisd.org/echs](http://www.pasadenaisd.org/echs).

## 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, April 16, 4 – 5 p.m. Living English lessons. Registration required.  
Saturday, April 18, 2 – 4 p.m. Saturdays at HPL. Registration required.  
Monday, April 20, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Bring family to storytime. Registration required.  
Tuesday, April 21, 3 – 4 p.m. Bad art club. Registration required.  
Tuesday, April 21, 4 – 5 p.m. Join family STEM. Registration required.  
Wednesday, April 22, 6 – 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. 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, April 16, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.  
Friday, April 17, 1 – 3 p.m. Genealogy.  
Friday, April 17, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Lego club.  
Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.  
Saturday, April 18, 1 – 3 p.m. Movie time club.  
Monday, April 20, Noon – 1:30 p.m. Basic computer classes with Harris County universal services. Registration required.

Monday, April 20, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.  
Monday, April 20, 4 – 5 p.m. Cricut-sublimation orientation. Registration required.  
Monday, April 20, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.  
Tuesday, April 21, 10:15 – 12:30 p.m. Personas que corren con libros: Club de lectura en Espanol.

Tuesday, April 21, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.  
Wednesday, April 22, 5 – 6 p.m. Kids earth day gardening class.  
Wednesday, April 22, 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.  
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### Online services

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

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

# Clear Brook City MUD candidates respond to *Leader* questionnaire

The *Leader* sent questionnaires to all candidates running in the May 2 Clear Brook City MUD election. The following responses are in the order in which candidates appear on the ballot. While the format of the responses has been adjusted to match *Leader* style, the content is published unedited.

## Position 4 Karen Ri'chard McMillan



**Name:** Karen Ri'chard McMillan  
**Age:** 67  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts, University of Houston; Bachelor of Arts Journalism Community Health Worker Instructor Certification, Houston Community College  
**Occupation:** Business Owner: Literally Speaking Inc. (Program Coordinator, Grant Writer, Community Outreach & Communications Specialist, Journalist, Literary Services) Board Director: Southeast Inspirational Choir, Think DeP Ent. Volunteer: Hope Church Pearland, Various organizations, She Lives Out Loud

**Employment history:** Community Outreach Coordinator: Lone Star Legal Aid, 2019-2025  
Provide disaster, eviction and public services community education and support  
Partner with area organizations, businesses, and agencies for service delivery  
Develop and manage relationships with stakeholders in Harris and 25 area counties  
Health Educator/Community Health Specialist: Harris Health System, 2013-2018  
Create and implement patient and employee wellness resources  
Analyze and address monthly census reports  
Perform telephonic assessments for state compliance  
Program Manager: Greater Houston Area Health Education Center (AHEC), 2001-2013  
Oversee program performance measures, audits, purchases, budget reporting  
Write grant proposals and manage application process  
Develop/implement community surveys, focus group, evaluation tools

**How long have you lived in the district?**  
I have lived in Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District (CBC) for 23 years.

**Do you have any political experience?**  
My political experience includes:  
Bay Area Democratic Movement event support  
Collaborative community partnerships with Representative Shelia Jackson Lee  
Campaign canvassing for Mayor Sylvester Turner, 2016-2020  
Obesity Conference coordination with US Surgeon General Dr. Regina Benjamin, 2010  
Juneteenth Staff Assistant for Texas State Representative Al Edwards, 2008

**What makes you best qualified to serve the residents of the Clear Brook City MUD?**  
I am best qualified to serve Clear Brook City MUD residents because:  
I am a skilled communicator, ready, listen, care, inform and advocate for everyone.  
I am an African American female and representative of Clear Brook City's diverse residents who are mostly unaware of our MUD's functions.  
I have a strong history of uniting communities, offering solutions that increase engagement  
My diverse administrative experiences will help identify real-world and fiscal priorities to avoid waste.  
I am teachable and will bring fresh ideas and perspectives to our MUD to keep us relevant to the interests of our growing community.

**What is one main project you would like to accomplish if elected?**  
I would like to increase awareness and involvement of our MUD by utilizing multiple media platforms as added communication methods for residents. Through signage, direct engagement, and virtual messaging, I aim to increase transparency by increasing visibility of meeting notices, MUD goals, accomplishments, and opportunities. I believe if citizens receive text messaging, social

media notices and reminders about meetings, elections, and other activities, they are more likely to participate in the process. And if they come to meetings, they will understand how their taxes are allocated and why. This will increase knowledge and community pride.

**How often do you attend the Clear Brook City board meetings?**  
I became aware of Clear Brook City meetings in January 2026; attended one meeting in March 2026, and two meetings in April 2026. I will continue to attend CBC meetings moving forward.

**How are you active in your community or HOA?**  
As parent and grandparent in 2006-2018, I volunteered at Dobie, Thompson, and Melillo schools. As Lone Star Legal Aid coordinator, I provided disaster, eviction and legal support at El Franco Lee and Tom Bass Community Centers, and JP 2-1 Court in 2019-2026. As a US Census worker in 2020, I surveyed 77089 residents. Over the years, I attended Winter Wonderland, St. Luke and New Covenant Church activities, Neighbors Night Out, and voted in elections. During weather disasters, I shared our generator and fence rebuilding. In 2026, I'm knocking on neighbors' doors asking, "Do you know where you live?"

**What should Clear Brook City's role in public safety be?**  
Clear Brook City should be the leader in identifying, evaluating, securing, and communicating public safety of our 19,000+ residents. Considerations include:  
Evaluating and nurturing our Harris County Precinct 2 partnership and recruiting others  
Evaluating the efficacy of our Flock Security cameras.  
Enhancing the Annual Sidewalk Repair Program to include an annual walking/driving survey to identify and address new hazards.  
Educating and normalizing resident interaction with the MUD directly.  
Building residential pride to enact responsibility and support in uplifting our community.  
Creating social media pages, implementing SMS/Zoom/other messaging and targeted signage to communicate safety, danger, and resources

**What steps should be taken by Clear Brook City to prepare for natural disasters or power outages?**  
CBC should regularly test our Emergency Preparedness Plan that prepares for backup generators and staff at area water plants and lift stations to regulate water pressure and sewer systems during power outages. CBC should proactively encourage and train residents for volunteer roles, not wait until support is needed. CBC should develop our own direct communication methods to inform residents in addition to Harris County's ReadyHarris and Precinct 2 constable resources.  
Additional executable steps: Notify the public about potential disasters, boil water notices, and the 24-hour emergency line using the CBC social media page, virtual messaging, website, and MUD building.  
Encourage residents to register at ReadyHarris.org or download the app, check Harris County Flood Control website for flood and evacuation information.  
Partner with electric providers, Red Cross, Houston Food Bank, San Jacinto College, El Franco Lee Community Center, Dobie and Clear Creek High schools for plans for disaster kits, food, shelters, and volunteers.  
Provide Zoom/in-person Town Hall education on disaster preparedness. Partner with Lone Star Legal Aid. Encourage seniors and disabled to call 211 for STEAR vulnerable population support.  
Meet with Precinct 2 Commissioner Coordinator about Harris County Office of Emergency Management protocols for every disaster.

**How long have you lived in the district?**  
I have lived in CBC MUD since 1988. My wife and I chose the Sageglen subdivision for its location to great area schools and St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church where I was married to Susan in 1983.

**Do you have any political experience?**  
My volunteering and community experience started with the HOA's of both the Sageglen and Highland Meadow. In 2014, I ran for the CBC Board and won. I have always treated this position as a community "responsibility" as opposed to a political "prize." This critical position is about making our community safe while sustaining residents' property values and a sense of community.

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My ability to measure the many facets of our administrative, engineering, and financial issues has challenged me and led to significant achievements. One of my most proud and substantial achievements is the district tax rate reduction for homeowners. It has been reduced six times in the past 11 years. Being conscious of the ever-rising property values investigated by the Harris County Appraisal District, I have worked to reduce expenses for residents. The tax rate in 2026 was set at \$0.49/\$1000 value. The tax rate in 2014 was \$0.67/\$1000. This is a tax reduction of 37% in twelve years.

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I take immense pride being on the MUD board - attending 142+ meetings. As a resident, I have attended 180 Sageglen HOA meetings along with numerous other HOA meetings. Additionally, I have prepared Sageglen's Non-Profit tax return, Form 990, for the last 30 years.

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I am an active member of my church, St Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, serving as its finance minister since 1996. Completing the future church location on Riverstone Ranch Dr. will be a great achievement for many of us who have worked tirelessly to maintain the church's presence in the Sagemont/Pearland Communities.

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1981 -1986: Oil & Gas Accountant

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**What should**

# Clear Brook City MUD candidates respond to *Leader* questionnaire

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to prepare for natural disasters or power outages?

Clear Brook City must take a proactive and responsible approach to disaster preparedness. This includes strengthening drainage systems to reduce flooding, maintaining water and sewer infrastructure, and ensuring backup systems are in place for essential services during power outages. Clear communication plans must also be established so residents receive timely and accurate updates during emergencies. Regular inspections and preventative maintenance are critical to avoiding failures when they matter most. The district should also coordinate closely with local agencies to ensure a fast and effective response. Educating residents on preparedness can further strengthen the community's ability to respond. Preparation starts with responsible spending. Funds must be prioritized toward infrastructure and emergency readiness, not unnecessary expenses. With proper planning and leadership, we can protect residents, reduce risks, and ensure our community is prepared for any emergency.

District Director for HD 129 (2017-current). I worked at the church and school while my children were young to support their educational needs and social development. During their school years, I was part of the PTO, Scouts, the National Junior Honor Society, and was a band mom. I then had the opportunity to continue public service in the legislative arena, where I actively volunteered in local campaigns.

**How long have you lived in the district?**  
My family moved to Sageglen in August of 1997. I grew up in Sageglen. My parents were the first homeowners on their street in 1977; they still reside there, and now my adult daughter lives across the street from them.

**Do you have any political experience?**  
I have worked for Representative Dennis Paul for nine years. I have also served as president of local political groups, a precinct chair, and a member of the RPT executive committee. I have had the opportunity to develop relationships with local, county, state, and federal officials while serving constituents.

**What makes you best qualified to serve the residents of the Clear Brook City MUD?**

My background in public policy and the opportunity to work alongside a civil engineer bring the legislative, infrastructure, and fiscal responsibility needed to serve our community. Rep. Paul is a civil engineer, and his passion for infrastructure has given me the opportunity to attend and serve on committees focused on flooding and water infrastructure, as well as economic, educational, and workforce development. HB 305 (86th Session) passed due to my advocacy for requiring taxing entities to post information online, creating transparency for constituents. It is my honor to serve the 200,000 constituents in HD 129 as the district's only employee.

**What is one main project you would like to accomplish if elected?**  
I have several ideas for community growth and stability. Water being the hottest topic for the legislature, I would like to promote the

Texas Water Development Board's resources for water conservation. The district does an amazing job of conserving water by responding immediately to water line breaks and resolving them quickly. The project should focus on community education about the importance of water and best practices for conservation and preventing water line breaks. We could also consider partnering with the county on a dog park and establishing HOAs in communities that need streetlights and sidewalks.

**How often do you attend the Clear Brook City board meetings?**  
I have routinely attended the board meetings since 2017. I have attended over 100 board meetings for Clear Brook City MUD, as well as meetings for Clear Lake City Water Authority, HCWCID #156, and WCID #50.

**How are you active in your community or HOA?**  
I am the current President of Sageglen HOA and have served on the HOA board since 2022. I have also served on numerous chamber committees, the Pasadena ISD Education Foundation, and The Longhorn Project, and am currently a member of CT Church Pasadena. In the past, I was actively involved in the local schools when my children were there, running parent organizations, participating in Scouts, and local sports. I look forward to doing the same with my young grandchildren.

**What should Clear Brook City's role in public safety be?**  
Clear Brook City currently has patrol contracts with Harris County Pet. 2 and has invested in the Flock camera system. The Southeast Fire Department, which is now becoming a fully paid department, is supported by all 3 water districts, with Clear Brook City managing the financial responsibility. If we did not have these services, there would be long delays with the sheriff's department responding to incidents, and the fire service would have to come from neighboring volunteer communities. The proximity to the fire station and first responders not only keeps our community safe but also keeps our insurance rates lower.

**What steps should be taken by Clear Brook City to prepare for natural disasters or power outages?**

Natural disaster preparedness begins at home. Educating residents about what supplies to have before a storm and what to expect afterward is essential. Just as important is ensuring that emergency backup systems and power generation equipment are fully operational. The district must also maintain strong relationships with local, state, and federal partners to support recovery efforts. Harris County's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) helps local officials monitor storms, coordinate response efforts, and deploy resources effectively. In the event of a major disaster, additional assistance can come from the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and partnerships with the General Land Office (GLO) and HUD through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. After the storm, clean-up begins. The district has a standing agreement with Texas Pride for expeditious debris removal and related services. However, recovery can be complicated when landfills are closed, and much of the debris is hazardous. The district has a contract with a disaster recovery agency for major disasters. Preparation, communication, and strong relationships are critical to protecting the community before, during, and after a disaster.

**Yen Huynh Rabe**



**Name:** Yen Huynh Rabe  
**Age:** 56  
**Education:** Bachelor's degree in Economics and Industrial Management from

Carnegie Mellon University and Master's degree in French from Middlebury College

**Occupation:** Math Teacher  
**Employment history:** I am a teacher with 25 years of experience. When students are well taken care of, the community is healthier. We need to ensure our students reach their full potential and be healthy. This means providing students with amenities like basketball courts and soccer fields for exercise so that they do not have to go to Friendswood and Pearland to play. Also, we need adequate streetlights, sidewalks and smooth streets for our children and senior citizens to be traveling safely. Growing up, I worked in my family's convenient store. Now I am a commercial property developer on the side.

**How long have you lived in the district?**  
I have lived in the district since 2004. But I always thought we lived in Houston since we have a Houston address, but we don't.

We can't vote in the Houston mayoral nor City Council elections. So that is why this election is so important because representation is important.

**Do you have any political experience?** I am on the HOA Board for Riverstone Ranch. I am currently assessing the impact of the trees in our neighborhood and how to take care of them. I am working with fellow Board members to maintain infrastructure to keep costs down and to organize community events.

**What makes you best qualified to serve the residents of the Clear Brook City MUD?**

I care about my community because as a refugee from the Vietnam War to this country in 1975, volunteers helped my family to integrate into the community. A Lutheran church sponsored my family to settle in Texas. They helped my parents find jobs, my siblings and I have a good education, and provided gifts and activities during holidays.

I am grateful for their services and want to give back. I pay attention to laws and elections. The current Board voted unanimously to appoint an elected official to be the Election Judge and that is against election laws.

**What is one main project you would like to accomplish if elected?**

I would like to provide more transparency about the work of the district by informing our citizens better of the monthly meetings which take place the third Wednesdays of the month at 7pm if you want to sign up to speak at the beginning of the meetings. I would like to listen to our constituents to hear their concerns, needs and ambitions. When our Board is more representative of our community, our administration and election workers will be too. In this election, no Vietnamese-American election clerk was hired even though we make up a large amount of the population.

**How often do you attend the Clear Brook City board meetings?**

I have been attending the district's board meetings since around 2010 when I first spoke to the Board about teen sleep deprivation when schools start at 7:15-7:30 am. I was very grateful that they decided to inform the community through a letter I penned in each household's water bill.

**How are you active in your community or HOA?**

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**What should Clear Brook City's role in public safety be?**

The role of Clear Brook City in public safety is to invest in it, which the Board does by partnering with the Constable for extra duty in

our area. We should evaluate to see how our investment is paying off. In addition, public safety starts with good policies like a healthier time school start time so that students and parents would not be racing down streets to get to school on time. And when students are let out of school as early as 2:30pm, many are left unsupervised until parents get home from work.

**What steps should be taken by Clear Brook City to prepare for natural disasters or power outages?**

We should continue to follow Harris County's protocol for natural disasters and power outages. We could do better by cleaning up responsibly after the storm. After Hurricane Beryl, massive amounts of tree limbs were picked up and disposed of by the garbage trucks. Why don't we use our natural resources by collecting then separately and making it into mulch and have it available for community use like they did in Pasadena?

**Dawn McDonald**



**Name:** Dawn McDonald  
**Age:** 54  
**Education:** Dobie HS (90), San Jacinto College (13), WGU (current). I am a lifelong learner.  
**Occupation:** District Director for State Representative Dennis Paul  
**Employment history:** Brookdale Animal Hospital, kennel technician (1990-1994); Sagemont Church Preschool Department (1995-2002); Pasadena ISD Substitute teacher for special education (2006-2016);

## Stuchbery recognizes Stallions for the month of March



Stuchbery Elementary School recently announced their Stallions for the month of March. The students were chosen for demonstrating perseverance. Left to right, are (first row) Theodore Le, Noah Rojas, Anna Nguyen, Eva Gonzalez, Sa'Rai Franklin, Cesar Rodriguez, Alec Alvarez, Jhavia Dorn, Dominic Teran, Gianni Garcia, Ramon Escamilla, (second row) school counselor Alyssa Valdez, Sebastian Zuniga, Asenath Marquez, Renata Nunez, Josiah Donham, Sophie Contreras, Brantley Pryer, Kenneth Rogers, Ivan Herrera, principal Jose Hernandez, (third row) Ethan Rodriguez, Arianna Allen, Elijah Resendiz, Ivan Velazquez, David Garza, Julius Sanchez, Leah Benford, (fourth row) Kennedy Lewis, Nathaly Flores, Quyen Nguyen, Ariana Morales, Liam Perez and Elias Zaid. Allison Maldonado is not pictured.

## Remember When

**50 years ago (1976)**

Kirkwood Civic Club held its first open meeting since reorganization of the group began. Interested citizens from the South Belt area participated in a unique experience called South Gulf Freeway Town Meeting '76, which was designed to improve the community life for area residents.

**45 years ago (1981)**

Pasadena School trustees awarded a contract for construction of five portable buildings at Thompson Intermediate. The low bid of \$188,005 was awarded to Rogers Bros. Construction, Inc.

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents purchased equipment for the South campus drafting and rental technology programs and started proceedings to annex a section of land at the intersection of Beamer Road and Scarsdale Boulevard.

**40 years ago (1986)**

The Brio site, which was expected to undergo the second phase of a cleanup study, would be dismantled of abandoned equipment if legal matters weren't involved.

The State Department of Highways and Public Transportation once again delayed the writing of contracts for improvements to the Fuqua and Scarsdale interchanges at I-45 which had been pulled from an overall I-45 improvements plan for more expedient completion.

**35 years ago (1991)**

The first step in a projected \$2.8 million capital improvement began with Houston City Council's approval of a contract for the planning and design of the extension of Blackhawk from Fuqua to Almeda Genoa.

Under a new state public school finance bill, PISD stood to gain state aid per student, while CCISD expected to lose \$20 million over four years.

**30 years ago (1996)**

The Dobie Academic Decathlon won the national title in Atlanta competition. Sagemont subdivision went on the city's curbside recycling program.

ic team's win of 42-38 over Snowcrest Junior High, Weber County, qualified the team for the final four of the National Academic tournament.

San Jacinto College honored more than 100 employees from South, Central, North and District for their years of service at the college.

Southeast Volunteer Fire Department attended training at the Harris County Fire Fighters Association field day held in College Station.

**20 years ago (2006)**

Cpl. Raymond Lomello of Precinct 2 Constable Gary

Freeman's office was credited with a traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of approximately 683 pounds of marijuana. The approximate street value was more than \$819,000.

Alyta Harrell was named the new principal at Beverly Hills Intermediate School. Harrell officially began her new duties in July and replaced Stephanie Wright, who retired after 30 years with PISD.

Pearland City Council approved an agreement with the developers of Riverstone Ranch which opened the door for future development of a

new residential area between the subdivision of Riverstone Ranch and Pearland Parkway.

**15 years ago (2011)**

With massive state budget cuts looming, Pasadena Independent School District officials identified which employee contracts would not be renewed for the 2011-2012 school year. Of the 340 layoffs, 180 were teacher positions, while the remaining 160 were administrative jobs and support staff. For the South Belt area, this meant the loss of 24 area teachers.

The J. Frank Dobie Lariatettes were named the National Grand Champions at

the Showtime Dance National Competition in Galveston. The drill team won first place in all four of their team routines - Team Jazz, Team Pom, Team Modern and Team Novelty. The Lariatettes also won the Applause Award for their Team Pom routine to "Born to be Wild." The Lariatette military officers were named National Champion Officers, and the Jazz Troupe was named runner-up National Champion Large Ensemble.

**10 years ago (2016)**

Two former Dobie baseball players were among the seven honorees inducted into

the Pasadena Independent School District's Athletics Hall of Fame at a banquet held Saturday, April 9. Representing Dobie were John Scheschuk (Class of 1995) and Shane Nance (Class of 1996).

**5 years ago (2021)**

Former Houston Gateway Academy Superintendent Richard Garza was sentenced to five years in prison for stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from the campus. In 2019, Garza was charged with one count of conspiracy, two counts of theft concerning programs receiving federal funds, three

counts of wire fraud and two counts of engaging in monetary transactions involving criminally acquired property. Houston Gateway Academy IT specialist Ahmad Bokaiyan faced one count of conspiracy and three counts of wire fraud. The pair were accused of stealing more than \$250,000. According to investigators, Garza awarded a \$280,841.85 no-bid contract in 2014 to a company owned by Bokaiyan called Hot Rod Systems to build an IT system at the new campus, even though construction at the school had yet to begin. Bokaiyan then allegedly wired \$164,381 into Garza's personal bank account. Investigators alleged that Garza used these funds to purchase a condominium and a vehicle and pay toward a home loan. In addition to his prison term, Garza must spend three years on supervised release and pay a \$20,000 fine, as well as \$191,292 in restitution to the Texas Education Agency. Bokaiyan was sentenced in 2019 to five years probation and ordered to pay more than \$150,000 in restitution.

Dobie graduate and aspiring R&B singer Jaelyn "Jaerene" Chapman was killed in an alleged drunk-driving crash early Wednesday, April 7, on the Westpark Tollway near Fondren.

Chapman had been a long-time resident of the community, going to local elementary and middle schools before attending Dobie. According to Harris County Precinct 5 deputies, Chapman, 19, was a passenger in a vehicle traveling on the tollway around 2 a.m. when she was struck by a wrong-way driver. Four other people were reportedly inside the car at the time of the accident, three of whom were transported to the hospital in critical condition. Investigators said the wrong-way driver, Bobby James Brown, was "highly intoxicated" at the time of the crash. Brown, 32, was charged with one count of intoxication manslaughter and three counts of intoxication assault. Chapman attended Dobie between 2016 and 2020, when she graduated from the area high school. Chapman released an album in 2019.

en others allegedly involved in the crime ring, including members of Ali's family. Investigators said Ali routinely hired undocumented immigrants to work in the game rooms, often as armed guards. ICE officials said 31 such workers were detained during the raids.

Sayed Ali, 59, and Stephanie Huerta, 35, were charged but not arrested and remained at large at press time.

Investigators said the illegal game rooms netted proceeds exceeding \$22 million. Ali allegedly attempted to launder the money through real estate and other high-value purchases.

According to investigators, roughly \$4.5 million in cash was seized during the raids, while millions more were digitally seized from multiple bank accounts. More than 2,000 slot machines, 100 Rolex watches and eight guns were also seized.

Investigators said this was one of the state's largest money laundering bust in recent history.

**1 year ago (2025)**

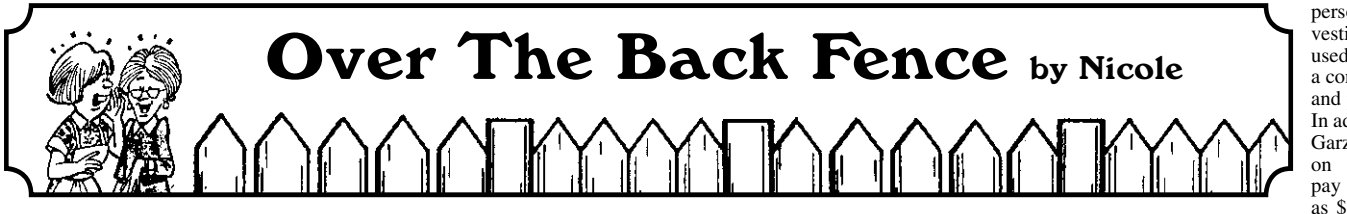
A game room located on Scarsdale at the Gulf Freeway was raided Wednesday, April 2, as part of a multi-agency operation that involved officers simultaneously executing search warrants on 40 such establishments across the Greater Houston area.

Investigators said the game rooms - all affiliated with each other - were part of an organized crime ring, led by Nizar Ali, a 61-year-old Pakistani national from Richmond.

In all, 720 law enforcement officers took part in the raids, representing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FBI, DEA, ICE, Houston Police Department, Harris County Precinct 1 and Precinct 4 constable offices.

Led by Homeland Security, the investigation spanned at least five years, federal officials said. The FBI also executed search warrants at three separate residences in Richmond and Rosenberg.

In addition to Ali, officers arrested more than a doz-



## Over The Back Fence by Nicole

**ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY, SALLY**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sally Mitchell**, former South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce executive director, who enjoys a birthday April 16, from her family, friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KELVIN**  
Best wishes for a great 17th birthday are sent April 16 to **Kelvin Lopez** from parents **Natalie and Jose Abarca** and **Kevin Lopez**; siblings **Noah** and **Eliana Abarca**; **Isabella** and husband **Sebastian Delgado**; niece **Esme Delgado**; grandparents **David and Ellie Flickinger**; and great-grandparent **David Flickinger** and **Kina Reyes**.

**SANDRA ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Sandra Williams** for her birthday April 18 from her former co-workers at Central Ace Hardware, family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

**CONGRATS TO ANGELA AND DAVID**  
Congratulations are sent April 19 to **Angela and David Griffin**, daughter-in-law and son of late *Leader* staffer **Bobby Griffin**, from friends and family, as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

**CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY, AARON!**  
Special birthday greetings are sent to **Aaron Giles** who enjoys a birthday April 20, from wife **Ashley** and sons **Jaxson** and **Jace**; parents **Jim and Tracy Giles**; sister **Kristen** and her husband **Tyler Prill**; and brother **Cody**. Aaron is a 2012 Dobie graduate.

**ANN MARKS A BIRTHDAY**  
Insurance business owner, former Dobie High journalism teacher and former longtime Sageglen resident, **Ann Brannen** celebrates her birthday April 20. Best wishes are sent

from her many friends and the staff at the *Leader*.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 16 through April 22.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Diehl Jhanet** April 22.

**Bush Elementary**  
**Ashley Meyer** enjoys a birthday April 17.

**Frazier Elementary**  
**Mary Zuniga** celebrates a birthday April 16. April 17 is the day for a fun celebration for **Ana Bustos**. April 22 is the day for a birthday cake for **Maria Davila**.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting April 17 to **Mary Richardson**. Light the birthday candles April 20 for **Coretta Conant**.

**Hancock Elementary**  
Join in the birthday celebration April 19 for **Stacey Gomez**. **Idalia Garza** and **Aylin Gomez** celebrate a birthday April 21.

**Meador Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Ian Morales** April 17. Remember to wish **Maria Lopez** a happy birthday April 21. Break out the birthday cake and ice cream April 22 for **Ana Moreno**.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a birthday party for **Denise Narvaez** is April 16. **Sara Saxon** and **Marisa Molinar** enjoy a double-layer birthday cake on April 20.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Remember to wish **Allison Sutton** a happy birthday April 17. Blow out the candles April 20 for **Christie Barron**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Best wishes for a great birthday April 17

are sent to **Silvia Ramirez**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Janet Daodu** April 22.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Send a birthday greeting April 17 to **Giovanna Andrade**. **Maria Urbina** celebrates a birthday April 18.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
April 21 marks a special birthday for **William Anders**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
**Jazmin Tabarez** enjoys a birthday April 17. Blow out the candles April 19 on a double-layer cake for **Christine Veltman** and **Kandace McMullin**. Special birthday greetings are sent to **Lilian Mejia** April 22.

**Dobie High**  
Send a happy birthday wish April 16 to **Josmar Garcia Rangel** and **Jekale Williams**. April 19 is the day for a party for **Carey Sink**.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, April 16: **Marissa Jones** and **April Carter-Akin**; Friday, April 17: **Tatiana Gonzalez**, **Allison Sutton**, **Danielle Goodrum** and **Jason Sherrill**; Saturday, April 18: **Allison Rogers** and **Tchad Taormina**; and Sunday, April 19: **Tiffany LeCompte**, **Tre McCrummen**, **Marisa Ramirez** and **Kristen Brockman**; Monday, April 20: **Andy Crawford** and **Shelly Nails**; Tuesday, April 21: **Michael Barlow** and **Carol Talbot**; and Wednesday, April 22: **Barbara Eikenburg**, **Jenny Nguyen** and **Dawne Goforth**.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Gold medalists Parker, Roman lead JFD track to areas

District champions D.K. Parker and Jordan Roman led their Dobie track and field teammates into action at the District 21-6A/22-6A Championships that began April 15 after press time at The Rig in Pearland and concludes with most of the running events April 16.

Roman advanced to the area round after a dominant performance at the 22-6A event April 6 at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena, where he was the gold medalist in the 3,200 with a time of 9 minutes, 58.55 seconds.

On the same day, Parker, a junior, easily captured gold-medal honors in the triple jump as he recorded a distance of 47 feet, 3 inches.

Teammate Da'Marcus Hodges also advanced to the area round as he was fourth with a final mark of 43-11, while senior Clayton Washington concluded his career as he placed fifth, going 42-3 in the event.

Hodges and senior teammate Marcus Jones were both silver medalists at district to make their way to the area round.

Jones, who has signed

to play football at Texas Lutheran University, finished second in the 100 at 10.62, with Taleik O'Guinn of Pasadena Memorial edging Jones at the finish line for the gold medal and time of 10.60.

Jones also competed in the 200, missing the area meet by one spot as he was fifth in a time of 21.97.

Kevin Jackson of Shadow Creek was the gold medalist in the long jump as he made his way to the 22-1 mark, just an inch ahead of Hodges, who finished second for the silver medal at 22-0.

Terrence Goldwire of Dobie was sixth as he completed his season with a leap of 20-4.

The JFD boys also qualified in two of the relays, moving on to the area round in both the 4x100 and 4x200 of that.

Senior Johan Villavicencio continued his season in the 800 as he was the bronze medalist at the district championships, finishing with the time of 1:58.74 in the event.

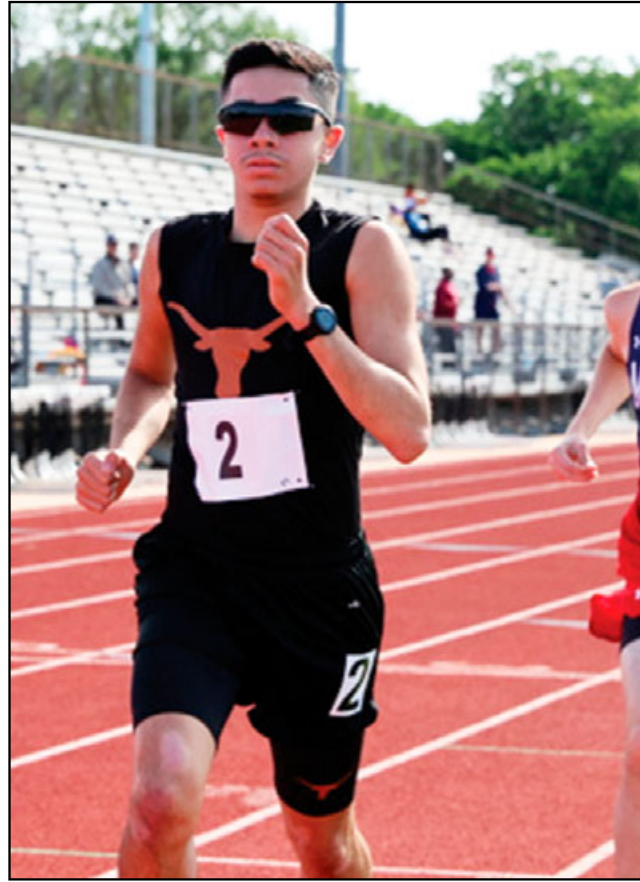
Roman was also set to compete in the 1,600 after he was fourth in the event at district, posting a time

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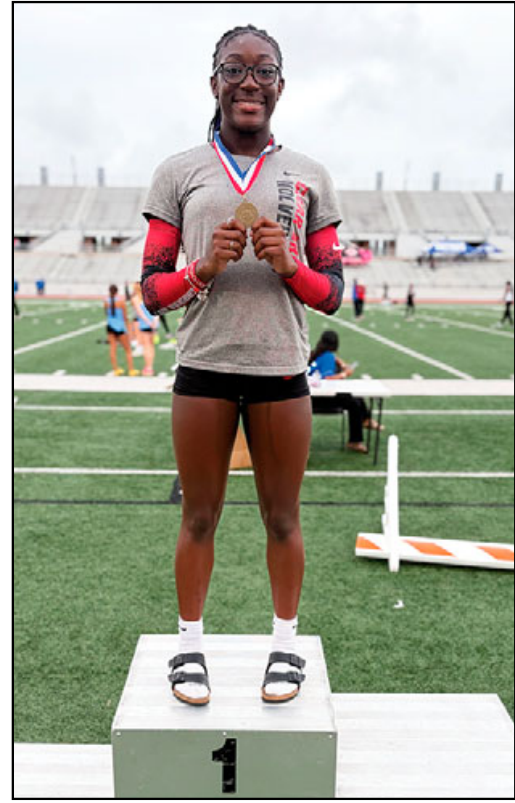


A best of 47 feet, 3 inches was plenty good enough for Dobie junior D.K. Parker to win the gold medal in the triple jump at the District 22-6A championships at Auxiliary Stadium in Pasadena.

Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Dobie sophomore Jordan Roman captured the 22-6A gold medal at the 3,200 distance with a time of 9 minutes, 58.55 seconds. He competed in the event at the area championships April 15 after press time at The Rig in Pearland.



Freshman Alannah Felton will represent the Clear Brook varsity girls' track and field team at the 23-6A/24-6A Area Championships after she was the gold medalist in the 100 hurdles in a time of 15.35 seconds. The area meet will be held April 17 at Sam Vitanza Stadium on the campus of Dickinson High School. Senior Patty Barnes (not pictured) finished up a solid career with the Wolverines as she was fifth in the 400 at 1:01.04. She was also sixth in the 800 in the time of 2:25.02.

## Longhorn baseball focused on strong finish to 22-6A play

The 10-2 second-place Dobie varsity baseball team basically began its postseason with the first of two games against Alvin coming April 14 after press time. The Longhorns will play at Alvin April 17 at 6 p.m. before playing a pair of games to close out the regular season against Manvel April 21 and April 24. With 19 overall victories against just six defeats, Dobie has strung together quite an impressive regular season but is certainly only focused on the here and now with the games to take on added importance as the schedule progresses not only through the end of the regular season but into the playoffs as well.

That, and the fact that the Longhorns are still very much in the mix for the 22-6A championship, and there is plenty to play for down the stretch. The locals had no problem getting past Sam Rayburn twice, including an April 7 win over the Texans, 6-0 at home. Then came a 14-1 triumph over the Texans at Maguire Field in Pasadena. In the 6-0 shutout victory, the Longhorns had a combined no-hitter as Abraham Martinez went the first four innings, with Julian Ricks pitching two innings before Gio Ramirez closed out the no-no with a 1-2-3 seventh inning. Offensively, Isaiah Jones continued his recent of-

fensive surge with two hits, two runs driven in and a run scored. Jayvian Chavez also scored two runs and drove in another, while Ramirez had two hits and scored twice. The Longhorns had a much easier time of things in the second game at Maguire, scoring runs in all but two innings to cruise past the Texans, who in this game had just two hits. For the Longhorns, Jones was again the catalyst as he had three hits, drove in three runs and scored three runs. Adrian Ortega had a pair of hits and scored twice. Jones smacked the home run and Ortega doubled in the game.

Now the Longhorns

face a challenging finishing stretch of games as they prepare for another

## JFD softball headed to postseason

Twenty-one overall victories and the 6A Division 1 No. 2 seed secured, the Dobie varsity softball team will host Manvel April 17 at Dobie main in the regular season finale before preparing for the postseason.

The first round of the playoffs will be held April 24-26, with the Longhorns likely to face either Ridge Point or Fort Bend Travis. Dobie defeated Ridge Point in the first round in 2025. Currently, it appears that either a tie-breaker

or head-to-head matchup will be needed to decide the 21-6A Division 1 playoff representatives.

As expected, Dobie secured easy wins over South Houston and Sam Rayburn heading into a matchup against Alvin April 14 after press time. In a 10-0 win over the Trojans, the Longhorns needed just five innings to close out the victory.

Taking on Rayburn April 9, Dobie scored 15 runs in the first inning and went on to win 19-0.

a terrific season while representing the burnt orange, but this group certainly ap-

pears to be far from done delivering excitement out on the field.

they will go against in the first round of the postseason, but at this point it's all about focusing on what they do on the field and what it will take to make it past the first round again and get a chance to push the envelope even further.



The success of the Dobie athletic program was on full display at the 2026 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony as either the inductees or their representatives were on hand for the special evening. From left, Linda Shippey and Scott Shippey were on hand to represent former longtime Dobie aquatics head coach Dennis Shippey; Sheryl Dotson represented inductee and her son, Lionel Dotson Jr.; and 1977 JFD graduate Keith Kveton was also inducted. The other 2026 inductees included two standout athletes from Sam Rayburn, Andrew Gonzalez and Amy Williams, in addition to sports journalist Al Carter, a 1970 graduate of South Houston High School.

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**Smith leads LSA soccer honors**

Lutheran South Academy's Addi Smith led the way for the Pioneers on the soccer field once again this season, and came away with Defensive Player of the Year honors within the district. Smith was also an Academic All-State honoree as well as a first team All-District selection. Additionally, Peyton Lawrence, a midfielder, was a first team All-District winner.

The Pioneers' goalkeeper, Skylar Catron, was a second team All-District selection and also received Academic All-State recognition. LSA's other second team AD selections included Gemma Riekert, Julia Cole and Jade Barefield. Evie Watkins was named an honorable mention All-District selection at defender. Defender Lily Chuoke was also an honorable mention All-District pick and an academic All-State honoree.

**Pioneer hoopsters pick up honors**

Several Lutheran South Academy varsity basketball players were recognized for their performance on the court during the 2025-2026 season. Varsity boys' standout Christian Andersen was a first team All-District selection, as was Jaylen Walker. Also for the boys, Cortez Taylor and Ralston Wagner were second team honorees. Cason Calvo and Aiden Craig were honorable mention choices along with Brayden Arceneaux.

For the Lutheran South girls, Natalie Browning was a second team All-district pick in addition to earning Academic All-State honors. LSA's Annie De La Pena was a second team AD and also an Academic All-State honoree. Sammie Browning was an All-District honorable mention pick, and the Pioneers' Olivia Varanaski and Elisabeth Hergenrader were honorable mention All-District selections.

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# Dobie tracksters head to area round

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of 4:36.61. Dobie high jumper Jordyn Thomas was fourth at district in the high jump after clearing 5-10 to qualify for the area championships. Dobie's varsity girls' team was led by senior Kylar Joseph as she advanced to the area round in both the long jump and triple jump. High jumper Savannah Jones, a sophomore, also advanced along with the Longhorns' 4x100 relay squad, which ultimately placed fourth at 48.58. Dobie senior Blessing Akinloye is also at the area meet as she was third for a bronze medal in district with a throw of 33-5 in the shot put. Junior Daisha Jackson of Dobie was fourth as she advanced to the area round in 200 with a time of 25.28. In other events for the Dobie boys, Jaedon Sin-

clair, a junior, wound up sixth in the 110 hurdles with a time of 16.61. Longhorn junior Kendrick Ramos continued to improve in the pole vault throughout the season and cleared 10-0 at the district championships, ultimately placing fifth in the event. In the discus, Leudy Matos of Dobie finished out his career as he was sixth with a throw of 135-9. Teammate Cedric Gillespie came up with a throw of 114-7 for ninth place. In the girls' events, Joseph ran the 100, where her time of 12.16 placed her fifth. Junior Aracely Alvarado was sixth in the 1,600 with a clocking of 5:37.11. Alvarado also competed in the 3200, coming up with a time of 12:14.22 for fifth place. Senior Isaura Correa finished her career as she was

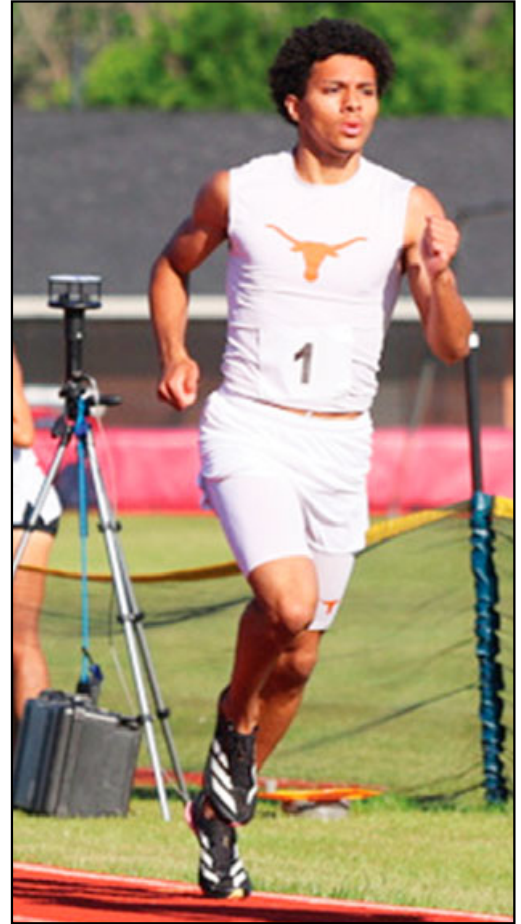
eighth at the 3,200 distance in a time of 13:26.67. Clearly, the competition only gets more challenging from here on out regardless of the school or individual involved along the way. How ever the Longhorns fare the rest of the way, both the boys' and girls' programs have had 2026 seasons of which to be proud Dobie boys' head coach Jacob Watson quipped that he only shuffles paperwork while giving most of the credit to the athletes and the programs assistant coaches. Regardless of how accurate that might be or not, everyone within the program deserves to take a bow after the Longhorns were team champions at three different meets while landing plenty of gold medals along the way. Individually, Parker and Hodges have been truly exceptional in the long jump and triple jump, while oth-

ers have also delivered terrific performances. Roman, already a cross-country district champion, has a bright future in front of himself with two seasons remaining after this one. Hodges, following an award-winning senior season on the football field, could have focused on preparing for college on the gridiron but has once again put together a fine effort for the Longhorns this spring. The girls' program lost several longtime point contributors to graduation following the 2025 season but nonetheless also has had a 2026 season to remember. Joseph is a two-sport standout for Dobie, and others have contributed along the way to help give head coach Charles Washington and his program plenty of reasons to be optimistic about not only the finish to this season but also well into the future.

At right, the Longhorn girls were fourth in the 4x100 relay in a time of 48.58 seconds to advance to the area round April 16 at The Rig in Pearland. From left, the Dobie group included Maleiyah Hoop, Daisha Jackson, Aniya Menefee and Kylar Joseph. Shadow Creek was the easy winner in the event at 46.17, followed by Manvel at 47.38. Dawson was third, and the Longhorns advanced with a top-four finish in the event. Jackson and Joseph also advanced to the area round in individual events, with Jackson in the 200 and Joseph in the long jump and triple jump.

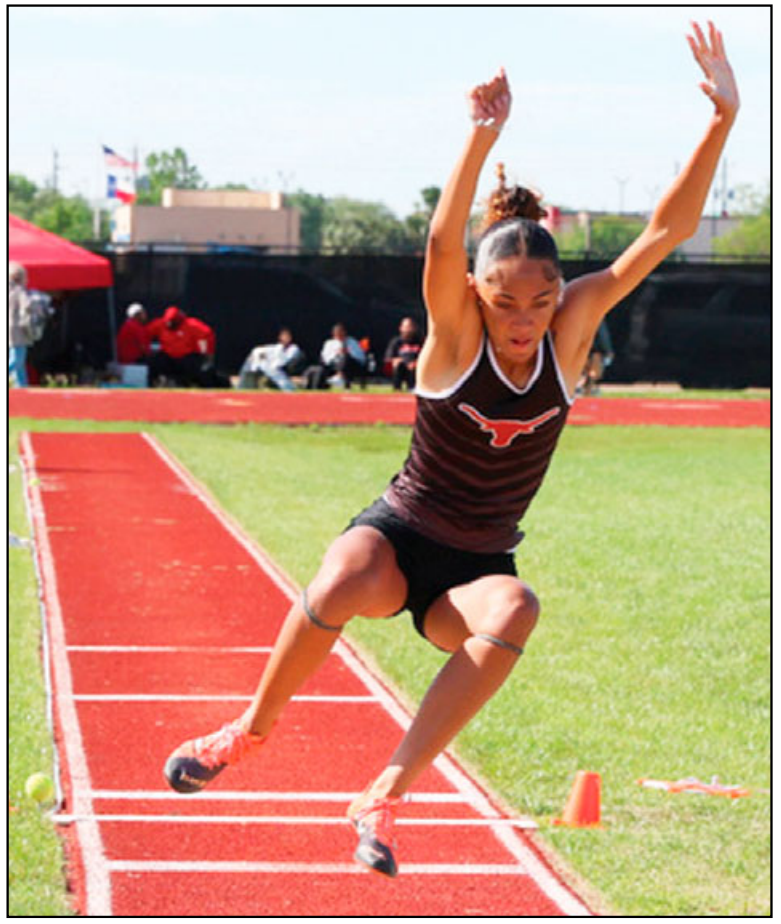
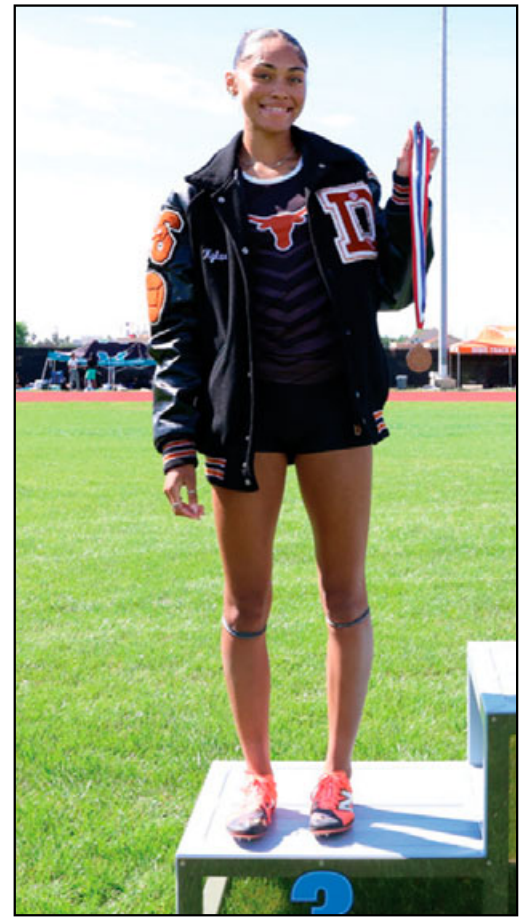


At left, the 22-6A boys' 4x100 relay event was hotly contested as the Longhorns pushed Shadow Creek to the finish. The Sharks came away with the gold medal at 41.53, with the Longhorns second for silver medals in a time of 41.73. From left, the Dobie foursome included Marcus Jones, Da'Marcus Hodges, Adrian Taylor and Titus Randle. Individually, Jones and Hodges also qualified to continue their seasons at the area championships April 16 at The Rig in Pearland.



Dobie senior Johan Villavicencio continued his season in the 800 as he was the bronze medalist at the district championships, finishing with the time of 1 minute, 58.74 seconds in the event.

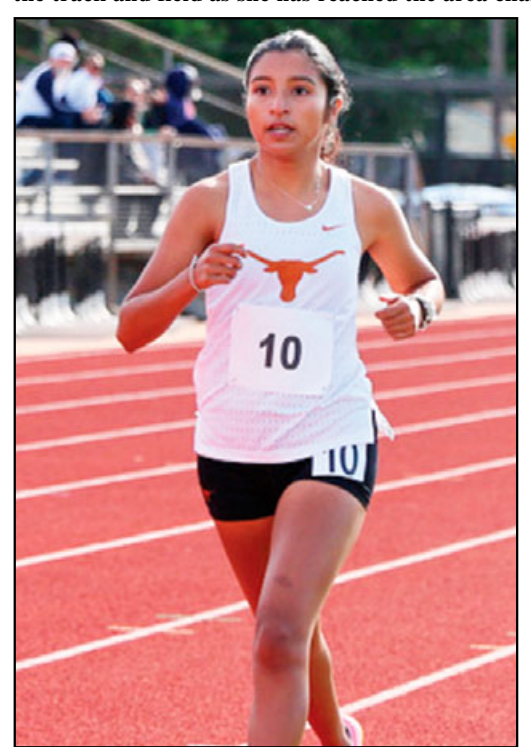
Dobie senior Blessing Akinloye (right) shown with coach Ashley Moore, is also at the area meet and she was third for a bronze medal in district with a throw of 33-5 in the shot put.



Dobie senior Kylar Joseph first had a terrific varsity volleyball season and has now put together a memorable final season on the track and field as she has reached the area championships

in both the long jump and triple jump events. She will also compete in the 4x100 relay with her teammates.

Dobie high jumper Jordyn Thomas was fourth at district in the high jump after clearing 5-10 to qualify for the area championships. Photos by Donna Alsdorf



Dobie senior Isaura Correa finished her career as she was eighth at the 3,200 distance in a time of 13:26.67

JFD's Marcus Jones (right) finished second in the 100 at 10.62 seconds, with Taleik O'Guinn of Pasadena Memorial edging Jones at the finish line for the gold medal and time of 10.60.

## JFD student trainers earn scholarship funds



Dobie student athletic trainers Kelsey Word above and Tiffany Contreras were both honored with academic scholarship awards during the 2026 Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony April 9 at Phillips Field House in Pasadena. Both Word and Contreras are part of an exceptionally gifted group of student trainers led by Longhorn head athletic trainer Jesse Lopez.

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
 7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
 7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.  
 9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**  
 7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
 Noon Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com) or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
 7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services or Judaism classes, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.  
 8 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at Cross Roads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, 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. Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Thursday's notice.  
 9:30 a.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**  
 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, APRIL 20**  
 Noon Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group. See Friday's notice.  
 5 p.m. New Directions Singles Social Group is a singles group for those 55+. Meetings are the first and third Monday held in the community room at Maplewood Crossing, 600 Hobbs Road, League City. There will a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.  
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 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA). See Friday's notice.  
 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.  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**  
 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

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Dobie's Dulce Mejia was crowned the girls' singles A division consolation champion after delivering three straight wins in super set play at the 38th Annual Beachcomber classic. Mejia, shown with Dobie tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr., lost to Erin Greif of Clear Springs in the opening round but then defeated opponents from Denton, CE King and Whitehouse to claim the consolation prize.



The Dobie girls' doubles duo of Angelina Vu (left) and Mia Nguyen placed fourth at the District 22-6A championships. Seeded fourth in the tournament, the Longhorn pair defeated Shadow Creek in the quarterfinals before losing to Dawson in the semifinals despite having a set point in the opening set. In the third-place match, the locals were defeated 7-5, 6-3 to close out their season.



Dobie's Nathalia Baca, shown with Longhorns' tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (right) had a spring season to remember as she was the District 22-6A runner-up in freshman girls' singles. Baca defeated a player from Shadow Creek to reach the title match before a loss to a player from Dawson.

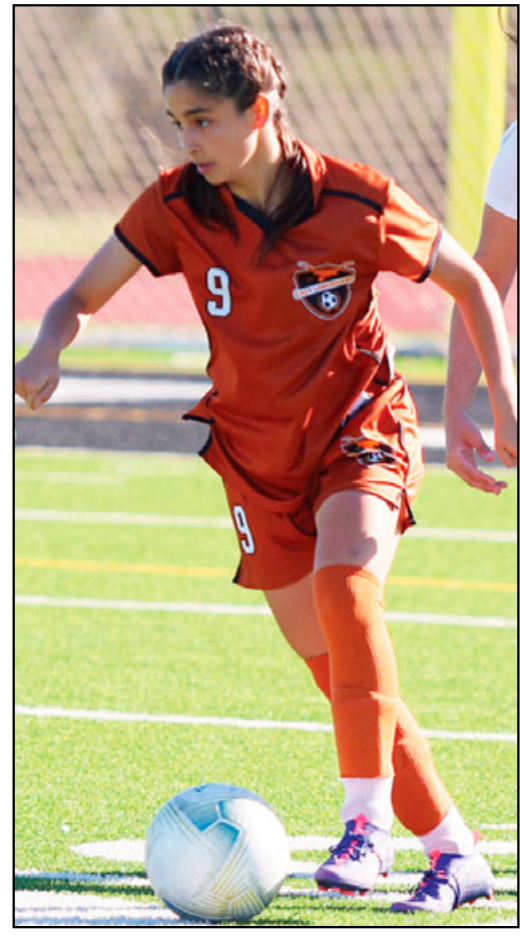


Trjah Smith (left) and Chloe Estes finished as the consolation champions in the mixed doubles B bracket at the Pasadena Eagles invitational. The Dobie pair lost to Dickinson in the first round but then rebounded with convincing victories over Spring Woods, Iowa Colony, Bellaire and La Porte in the final to finish strong.

# JFD girls' soccer lands All-District honors



Dobie's Genesis Roman was a first team All-District honoree within the District 22-6A ranks on the varsity girls' soccer field having had an outstanding season for the Longhorns. Roman was also an All-Academic Team honoree.



Dobie varsity girls' soccer player Misha Santana highlighted her final season with the Longhorns by being named to the 22-6A All-District first team. Santana has signed to continue her education at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan.



JFD's Isabella Byron, a 22-6A second team All-District honoree on the varsity girls' soccer field, has signed to attend Hollins University, an all-women's institution in Roanoke, Va., where she will play for the NCAA Division III program within the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.



Kamilah Estrada excelled on the field for the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team this season to the tune of second team 22-6A All-District accolades.

- All-Academic Team - Dobie**
- Misha Santana
  - Ana Reyes
  - Kamilah Estrada
  - Isabella Byron
  - Genesis Roman

- Honorable Mention All-District - Dobie**
- Sophia Saucedo
  - Allison Walker

## Stuchbery students excel at PISD's Get Fit Jog



At left, Stuchbery third-grade students who participated in the Pasadena ISD districtwide Get Fit Jog 1.2 mile race at Veterans Memorial Stadium late last month included, left to right, (first row) top Stuchbery runners Serenity Garcia and Mario Santiago, (second row) David Garza, Ayleen Garcia, Danielle Okoro, Sophia Gonzalez, Miah Citizen, Irving Rios, (third row) Eliana Ruiz, Kenneth Rodgers, Arianna Allen, Skylar Taylor, Izzabella Ross, Mateo Castanon, (fourth row) Noemi Lievanos and Roselivia Baca Cepeda.



At left, Stuchbery fourth-grade students who participated in the Pasadena ISD districtwide Get Fit Jog 1.2 mile race at Veterans Memorial Stadium late last month included, left to right, (first row) top Stuchbery runners Quyen Nguyen and Daniel Bui, (second row) Sophia Banda, Azariah Brito, Israel Sanchez, Abner Solano, Abigail Rangel, Ella Nevarez, Alana Gonzales, Angel Contreras, (third row) Madeline Jacuinde, Alexa Siliva, Bentley Arredondo, Ruben Benavides, Elizabeth Verdecia, Chris Castillo, Chris Cahee, (fourth row) Elizabeth Ramirez, Renatta Baca Cepeda, Alondra Flores, Auroa Avalos, Simon Matta, Ella Lackey, Natalia Sorto, Korra Phillips and (fifth row) Chloe Harris.

## SJC softball leads Region 14

With wins in three of their four previous regional contests, including a key split against nationally ranked Galveston, the San Jacinto College softball team has vaulted to the top of the Region 14 South division standings at 9-3.

An up and down first half of the season seems to be well behind the Ravens, who have put together some impressive performances against several of the region's top programs coming into the conference schedule. Now at 25-23 overall, the Ravens are riding a lengthy string of success of late.

Winning four straight games against nonconference opponent Baton Rouge and then against conference foe Coastal Bend might not have moved the needle much, but the Ravens then swept a pair from Angelina and split an April 11 pair of games against Galveston. Hosting Angelina April 8, San Jacinto College came away with 7-1 and 5-3

three runs in the top of the first inning and added five more in the top of the fourth inning. Ary Garcia homered for the Ravens, and Norman knocked in pair of runs to pace the offense.

Needing a victory to maintain its recent run of momentum, the Ravens led 10-0 after three innings and went on to

run-rule Galveston 10-2 over five innings. Perez smacked a home run in the game and drove in three runs, while Bree Winkelman, Norman and Terry also had outstanding offensive performances.

Hicks earned in the victory as she allowed three hits and two earned runs over five innings.

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