

T-Ball title decided April 20

The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League T-Ball Division championship will be on the line April 20, at noon, as the Astros and Yankees meet at the league facility at El Franco Lee Park.

Partnership meeting April 23

The next formational meeting of the South Belt Community Partnership will be held at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer Road on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm.

All newly appointed members are expected to be in attendance. Any communities not already represented by the partnership are highly encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, visit <https://southbeltcp.org>.

Library donations sought

The Friends of Parker Williams Branch Library group is seeking donated materials from the South Belt community. Items sought include DVDs, CDs, gently used children's books and adult fiction.

Donations can be dropped off during library hours at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Local COVID cases reported

The number of reported COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community remains roughly on par with the previous week, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Thursday, April 11, there were 274 active cases in 77089, up four from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were between zero and five active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 81 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were eight active cases, up one from the previous week. To date, 93 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

Statistics are updated weekly and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County.

To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lanes and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay to FM-519/Main Street daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice. The U-turn lane on the northbound Gulf Freeway frontage road (north to south) at FM-519/Main Street in La Marque will be closed until further notice.

The U-turn lane on the southbound Gulf Freeway frontage road (south to north) at FM-519/Main Street in La Marque will be closed until further notice.

The northbound Gulf Freeway exit ramp to SH-6/SH-146 in La Marque will close permanently at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 5. Traffic must exit FM-519 and U-turn. Traffic will merge onto the Gulf Freeway southbound main lanes at the next available entrance ramp. The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place, May 11 at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 311.

Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series.

For more information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, distributes food the second and fourth Saturday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out.

The purpose is to provide food for community people in need. The next event is April 27. For information, call 281-484-4230.

St. Luke closer to new home



Touring the old Thompson Intermediate gym to evaluate its possible use of it as a temporary home for the parish of St. Luke Catholic Church after the church complex is sold and before the new facility at Riverstone will be completed, was the church's leadership committee that is searching for a temporary location. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Guadalupe Saiz, the Rev. Douglas Guthrie, Donna Viramontes, Erika Alvarez, (back row) Troy McCarley and Robert Sayavedra (both of PISD). When the church first started in South Belt, the congregation gathered for services at Thompson Intermediate on Sagedowne. Photo by Marie Flickinger

St. Luke one step closer to moving

Parishoners of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church are taking another step toward moving to their future campus in Riverstone Ranch, as they are in the process of selling their campus on Hall Road. If the current contract is finalized, they will be looking for a building to hold their weekend Masses, liturgical services and storage while their new Family Life Center is being constructed.

A committee was formed to help the parish

leadership locate a space and it seems that their most promising option may be to rent the external gym at the old Thompson Intermediate School. They recently toured the facility and it seems to fit all of their needs. This would be full circle for St. Luke, as their parish started out using the school prior to their campus being built in 1975. The congregation affectionately would refer to the school as "St. Thompson."

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Man shot in Woodmeadow incident



On April 10, Jamisson Wilson, 25, of 11400 Poplarwood, was charged with felony aggravated assault after police were called to the home. He was involved in a family domestic disturbance with his stepfather, who was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Early voting begins April 22

Early voting for the upcoming May 4 elections will begin Monday, April 22, and continue through Tuesday, April 30.

This voting session will require some voters to vote in three different locations.

Board elections will be held for Clear Creek ISD, the Harris County Appraisal District and multiple local utility districts.

In the CCISD election, District 4 incumbent Jeff Larson is being challenged by Albert Wittliff.

District 5 incumbent Jay Cunningham and At-Large Position A incumbent Jonathan Cottrell are both running unopposed.

Pasadena ISD will not hold an election this cycle.

In the inaugural HCAD board elections, there are three separate contests.

Candidates in the Place 1 contest include Ramsey Isa Ankar, Katherine Ballard Blueford-Daniels, Era N. Ford and William Reinhardt Frazier.

Place 2 candidates include Jevon German, Janice W. Hines, Melissa Louise Noriega, Austin Ryan Pooley and Kyle Anthony Scott.

Competing for the Place 3 position are Oluwapelumi Adebola Adeleke, James J. Bill, Melody Genneane Ellis, Mark V. Goloby, Amy Ngo Lacy and longtime South Belt resident Ericka McCutcheon, who currently serves as president of the Kirkwood Civic Club.

In the Clear Brook City MUD election, candidate Yen Rabe filed to challenge incumbent Chris Clark. Incumbents David Flickinger and

Chuck Tylka are both running unopposed.

In the Sagemeadow MUD election, candidates Chuck Miracle and Rene Benavides filed to challenge incumbents David Montgomery and Glenn Williams. Unlike the Clear Brook City MUD, candidates in the Sagemeadow election don't challenge a specific incumbent, as the two open positions will go to the two candidates who receive the most votes.

There will be no Kirkmont MUD election, as incumbents Lonnie Piquet and Jean Ann Williams are also running unopposed.

Nearby early voting locations include the Harris County Scarsdale Annex, 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, and the Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane in the Clear Lake area.

To vote in the county, the closest location is the Scarsdale County Annex; EFL is apparently not open for voting.

For CCISD, Main Early Voting Location is CCISD ESC Boardroom, 2425 E. Main St., League City, TX 77573; Clear Brook High School, Gym 3 Annex, 4607 FM 2351; and CCISD Learner Support Center, RM 1040, 2903 Falcon Pass, Houston, TX 77062.

Clear Brook City MUD votes at the MUD, 11911 Blackhawk Blvd.; Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South vote at the Sagemeadow MUD, 10755 Hall Road.

For additional information on the May 4 elections or to see a complete list of early polling locations, visit harrisvotes.org.

Community group works to clean up squatter home

For the last few months, Council Member Fred Flickinger has been working with Freeway Manor Civic Club Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia, the Houston Police Department, and the City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods to help clean up a vacant house, squatters had taken over.

The problem began last summer when the resident of the home passed away without a last will and testament. Soon after that, the home was inhabited by homeless individuals. Over the last six to eight months the property started overflowing

with trash and became a haven for illegal dumping while several individuals lived on the premises.

Garcia's office was able to locate a relative of the deceased property owner and receive a signed "No Trespassing" affidavit. On Tuesday, April 9, the Department of Neighborhoods completed their abatement of the property. Garcia enforced the no trespassing affidavit, recently filed for the property, and had the squatters removed.

Garcia has been very involved and proactive in

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Water bill of deceased couple reaches \$3616

The home of a Sagemont deceased couple continues to run up their City of Houston water bill in spite of numerous threats to "interrupt" the service.

The issue first came to the attention of neighbor of a Sageview home when the yard fell into disrepair.

Caring neighbors cut the grass and found an old water bill with a balance of \$1416.77 past due.

The Leader learned last week that the bill is now \$3616.54 and the last payment was made September 2020.

Neighbors remember it was around 2020 when the owner of the house, Robert Stephenson passed away. He was preceded in death by his wife.

According to neighbors, the house has visitors including a bike rider who arrived there Monday.

Constable Jerry Garcia's officers are checking into the home and the possibility squatters are living in the house. The water bill of August 2023 showed no use of water, but in July 2023, it showed a usage of 8,000 gallons.

Neighbors are concerned about squatters in the home, because it appears it is very close to a bus stop for school buses.

The issue of squatters in vacant homes has become more prevalent in recent years.

Another issue is the Texas law which

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Water still connected



Sandy Robb, a Sagemont resident is concerned about a vacant home in the neighborhood. It appears a squatter who rides a bike may be living there. The water, in spite of a \$3616.54 bill, is still turned on as witnessed by the outside running faucet. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Robert Avery, sports writer dies

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

What a rewarding career Robert Avery built for himself.

Robert's first exposure to high school athletics in far southeast Houston was as special as it gets. In the mid 70s, he was a student manager for the Clear Lake High School boys' basketball program, where he took direction from legendary head coach Bill Krueger.

The exposure to the thrills involved with

working within one of the state's very best basketball programs surely paved the way for Robert's lifelong career.

In 1992, he went on to become the lead sports-writer for the Pasadena Citizen, a role he held for 30 years. He became the sports editor at the Baytown Sun last year, and his final story surrounded the Goose Creek Memorial boys' soccer team reaching the state tournament.

The news of Robert Avery's sudden death

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County trio responds to Paxton lawsuit

By Gerardo Galarza

The Harris County Attorney's Office held a press conference this week in response to the recent lawsuit filed by Ken Paxton. Paxton, who filed this lawsuit on April 9, has criticized the upcoming "Uplift Harris" program, deeming it in violation of the Texas Constitution. Paxton claims that the program is "unconstitutional," stating the constitution directly forbids "any county, city, town or other political organization or subdivision of the State...to grant public money or thing of value in aid of or to any individual" and says the selection of the participants is inherently arbitrary.

Uplift Harris is a guaranteed income assistance program that was introduced and passed last year to help poverty stricken families in need. Uplift Harris dispenses \$9,000 of federal funds amongst nearly 2,000 people in monthly payments of \$500 for the next 18 months.

These participants are randomly selected from applicants from the top 10 poverty stricken ZIP codes in Harris County. Applicants must meet certain financial characteristics such as being below the poverty line, being a citizen or lawful permanent resident and provide proper documentation aligning with these requirements.

Harris County Commissioner Rodney Ellis,

Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo joined to refute Paxton's lawsuit and motives.

Menefee argues that local governments across the country have adopted a guaranteed basic income programs including San Antonio and El

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Lucy Peterson, longtime resident dies

By Cheryl Bolen

Longtime Sagemont resident Lucy Peterson, 81, died Saturday at a Houston-area facility where she had been living because of health challenges.

Peterson was a 1961 graduate of Austin High School, where she was a member of the Scottish Brigade.

The mother of three was active in the South Belt community for half a century. In 1974, she was elected president of the Stuchbery Elementary School Parent Teacher Association. More recently, she had served as a receptionist at the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

"Lucy was our entertainment and leader of the pack for all our events," said Linda Botkin, a longtime Sagemont resident who was friends with Lucy for more than 50 years. Her sentiment was echoed by all those who knew Peterson.

Peterson's daughter, Julie, a Lariaette during her Dobie years, had been an early participant in the local softball program, and Peterson's sons, Kevin and Steve, not only played in the Sagemont-Beverly Hill Little League, but they also played football for the Sagemont Cowboys. The boys continued playing football at Thompson and Dobie.

Peterson's memorial service is scheduled for next month at Forest Park The Woodlands, from 2-3 p.m. May 19, with a reception immediately following.

Peterson is survived by her daughter, Julie Combs of Spring; son Kevin Peterson of Huntsville; son Steve Peterson of New Braunfels; and nine adored grandchildren.

In My Opinion

Chamber endorses Chris for CBCMUD

On behalf of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I am submitting this letter to the South Belt-Ellington Leader in support of Chris Clark and his candidacy for the Clear Brook City MUD Board of Directors.

I am writing to endorse Chris Clark, a dedicated candidate running for the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District (MUD) position in Houston. Having closely observed Chris's commitment to public service and community welfare, I am confident in recommending him for this crucial role.

Chris Clark brings a wealth of experience and a genuine passion for serving the people of our community. His unwavering dedication to ensuring efficient utility services, maintaining infrastructure, and fostering positive relationships with residents is commendable. Chris's background in utility management and his understanding of the unique challenges faced by our district make him an ideal candidate.

Here are some key qualities that set Chris apart: Integrity: Chris has consistently demonstrated honesty, transparency, and ethical conduct. He understands the importance of maintaining public trust and accountability.

Community Engagement: Chris actively engages with residents, listening to their concerns and working collaboratively to find solutions. His approachability and willingness to address issues head-on make him an effective leader.

Experience: Chris's experience in utility management equips him with the knowledge needed to handle various situations effectively. His commitment to staying informed about industry best practices ensures that he can make informed decisions.

Leadership: Chris has a natural ability to lead and inspire others. Even in challenging circumstances, his calm demeanor reflects his strong leadership skills.

Infrastructure Advocacy: Chris is passionate about maintaining and improving our district's infrastructure. He believes in proactive planning, cost-effective solutions, and sustainable practices.

I am confident that Chris Clark will serve our community with dedication, compassion, and professionalism. His vision for a well-maintained and resilient utility system aligns with the values we hold dear.

I wholeheartedly endorse Chris Clark for the Clear Brook City MUD position. Let us support his campaign and elect a leader who will work tirelessly to better our community.

Sincerely, **Noble J. Alix, Jr.**
South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board

Fire board endorses Chris for CBCMUD

The Southeast Volunteer Fire Department strongly endorses Mr. Chris Clark for re-election to the Clear Brook City MUD Board of Directors this May. He has been a long standing member of the CBC board and one of the most valuable with his long term knowledge of our district and it's needs as we approach the many challenges of 2024 and beyond. Mr Clark has also been a strong advocate for our citizen's needs and working to keep our costs as low as possible to make our district affordable, up to date and responsive to our neighbors and the citizens of Clearbrook City MUD.

Just some of Mr. Clark's accomplishments for our residents and our Fire Department: When our organization needed a new fire station to better serve our growing population, it was Chris who organized and executed the bond election so that we could afford to build it.

Chris then represented Clear Brook City MUD on our building committee. He was the vital asset in working with SVFD to assure our needs were met with the design and features of the facilities. Chris was essential in assuring our fire department had the fire engines, ladder truck and ambulances required to meet the growing requirements of our district.

In contrast, Chris' opponent has had no input or interaction with the CBC MUD board nor with our organization in the years that she has resided in the community.

We need the experience and leadership Mr. Clark has generously brought to our community and residents!

We urge you to re-elect Chris Clark. Early voting begins April 22-26, 29 and 30 (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.). Election day is May 4 (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) at the Clear Brook City MUD building located at 11911 Blackhawk. YOUR vote counts and is needed! It will only take a minute or so to vote!

David Cino - Chief; **Jerry Terrell**, Chief, Fire Marshall; **Ross Schreck**, Chief Operations; **Robert Zolan**, Chief EMS; **Dr. Nadim Islam**, EMS Director
Assistant Chief Satterwhite,

Ganje; no opponents then no election

Clear Brook City MUD is holding an election for Position 3 on the Board of Directors. They have elections scheduled every two years. There has been NO election required for the past 8 years as there have been no challengers. When you have a well-functioning board that has made every effort to keep your community SAFE and your taxes low, you usually do not have an election challenger. After all, what would that challenger have to offer - especially since they have attended only 3 board meetings in 20+ years of living in the District.

CBC MUD has NOT hidden the announcements for an election. It is required by law to post each election publicly for all area residents. Each election year, a notice is posted on the CBC MUD website,

the Administration front door and drive thru window. The information is also printed on the FRONT page of the *South Belt Ellington Leader*. Quite simply again, When you have a well-functioning board, there will be NO challengers. To imply that CBC MUD has "hidden" or not "told" anyone about the election each year is against the law!

Promising area residents amenities that cannot be provided by CBC MUD is also a huge problem. If a community has NO HOA, there are no street lights or sidewalks due to the residents NOT paying for them. These are funded from HOA monies paid by residents. Chris Clark and I worked for many years with residents of Wood Meadow 1 to start an HOA. Sadly, residents did not want to pay a fee.

When you go to vote for the CBC MUD Board Election, remember or ask about the FACTS before deciding who you are going to vote for. Chris Clark has dedicated his time and energies to make this District one of the strongest in the State of Texas. This benefits every single resident with property values that continue to stay strong along with the safety of your home and family's with police and fire protection - just to name a few. These community parks that are enjoyed by residents was also the brain child of Chris Clark. He deserves your vote.

Cecelia Ganje Tamijani remembers Robert Avery

There are two people synonymous with Pasadena-area sports coverage: *South Belt Leader* Sports Editor John Bechtle, Jr. and longtime Pasadena Citizen Sports Editor Robert Avery.

Avery passed away last week after covering the latest in high school soccer playoffs and district baseball action, just as he's done in all sports week in week out since the 80s.

If you were an athlete or coach in PISD during this time, chances are he covered some of your matches or meets. His mere presence at your event made it matter that much more in the public eye when no other outlet would cover it.

I speak from experience when I say if he interviewed you as an athlete, you felt ten feet tall. He got to know my dad closely during his 25 years as the Sam Rayburn boys soccer coach, extensively covering their historic regional final four run in 1996 in only their second year in the playoffs and sixth year as a program.

He covered my siblings and I in multiple sports at both Thompson and Rayburn. His journalistic dedication influenced me on my own career path, even.

Above all, his kindness and cordiality was unmatched. Anyone who met him would agree.

I hope fellow former South Belt-area athletes and readers alike will join me in sending our most condolences and appreciation to his family for his contribution to Pasadena ISD athletics, as well as the countless memories he has kept intact with his articles through the years - many of which are likely clipped and saved in home attics.

Lastly, PISD should name the Veterans Memorial Stadium press box after him, as many have already called for. It's the right thing to do.

Samson Tamijani Bishop: Please make the right choice

While my "official" job is president of Clear Brook City MUD, I am writing this letter on a personal note.

Chris Clark is running to retain his seat on the Clear Brook City MUD Board of Directors. I have known Chris for well over 43 years.

Some people are never productive in life. Some people lose their drive at 50 and some people like Chris are the "Energizer Bunny" that never stop going.

Chris, during his time with the CBC MUD district, has produced more new ideas, reform and legislation at the state level than any other director.

In contrast, his opponent has only sat through two (2) MUD board meetings before she signed up to run for a position.

Yen Rabe is running for her fourth office in the last six years. She ran for PISD school board twice and after being expelled for two years for violating school district security, she received only 27% of the vote on her second attempt. She ran for her own HOA and was rejected by those that know her best. This person is looking for a position - not to serve in an area of expertise. She is the least qualified of anyone ever running to serve on the Clear Brook City MUD board.

Twelve others have run for the board in the last six MUD elections in the last 22 years. She did not vote in any of those elections.

In her public comments before the board at those few meetings, she talked about over-seas issues that do not pertain to this community and that the District should pump it's drinking water from the Gulf to save money. She was surprised to learn that we could and do pump water out of the ground.

Accusations have been made that District elections have been hidden. All elections are mandated by state law on how they are to take place. Clear Brook City MUD follows all recommendations by legal council on election protocol. Voting information on how to vote and how an election is held are available online and via a 1-800 telephone number and in the *South Belt - Ellington Leader*.

Sadly, there has never been such an unqualified candidate run for this board. This is your money and community. Please make the right choice and vote for Chris Clark.

Respectfully, **Jim Bishop**

Publisher's Opinion

Vote, but carefully, in MUDs

Early voting starts this week for elections in the MUD districts of both Clear Brook City and Sagemeadow Utility Districts. The Kirkmont MUD board members are unopposed. The importance of MUD has increased in past years. When Kingwood was annexed, state legislation was passed which made it nearly impossible for annexation of areas opposed to annexation.

Consequently the longtime existence of MUDs makes the running of these districts much more important.

Currently districts in our area may handle budgets up to \$10 million annually.

The role of MUD directors is very important. That is why it is so important to get truly qualified members. And I would have to say currently, the best qualified are the incumbents. Not that the opposition are not good people, but there is so much to learn.

I have been attending meetings of both boards since they began in the 1970s. I use to go to every meeting, but frankly in the past couple of decades, I have not attended as often. I truly believe if one is interested in running for boards such as MUDs, and even school boards, that they should attend at least a year's worth of meetings - especially small boards such as MUDs. When there are only five members on a board each vote is extremely important.

While attending a recent CBC MUD meeting I visited with Yen Rabe who is running for the CBC MUD. She has previously unsuccessfully run twice for the PISD board and most recently her HOA. She was questioning why the water has increased in cost. I explained that Houston, from where the water comes, increased their price. Yen suggested getting water from the Gulf. With the desalination, transporting would greatly increase the cost. She asked about other sources of water. I explained that years ago, well water was largely used. She seemed shocked that there could be such a source of water available under the ground and then questioned why we did not go back to well water. I tried to explain the problem with subsidence and regulations which govern use of well water. She didn't seem to understand. I believe she

has a good heart, she wants to help run important community groups. Unfortunately she has been sharing a lot of information that is incorrect. I want to believe she is just not willing to listen to the facts. (See In My Opinion, Cecelia Ganje)

She is implying that the Wood Meadow Section 1, which has no street lights and problem streets and has flooded, is the fault of the MUD. When in fact, the MUD tried hard to get the problem fixed. The problem is, that it is one of the few subdivisions that does not have an HOA, and opted not to have one. The developer and residents who refused to pay HOA fees are responsible, not the MUD district. As far as the streets go, that is a county problem, not a MUD problem. She really does not understand what agencies do what jobs. She would like the MUD district to get the school times changed so students can get more sleep.

For example, she has implied the board has opted to only run one board election in the past eight years. When in fact the board is required, by State law to schedule an election every two years, but if there is only one candidate per position, an election is not held. She has also implied that notice of the election is not made public. This also is false. Not only does the board make the elections known, but the *South Belt Leader* always runs the election information on the front page.

Both boards hold public meetings monthly. Anybody can attend. You do not have to live in the district to attend the meeting.

With all the problems in today's world, especially financial, I believe people who want to be elected owe it to those they will represent to become knowledgeable before being elected. I especially believe it with our local MUDs. These boards are so important for people to learn about while serving. The meetings are held in the community. If you are really interested, spend one evening a month for the better part of a year to learn what the board is about.

We have good knowledgeable candidates on our board. I hope we keep them.

Marie Flickinger,
Publisher

Constable leadership aids in squatter issue

Continued from Page 1 working with the homeless and trying to facilitate better living conditions for them.

This was an incredible display of collaboration across multiple agencies and departments spearheaded by the Freeway Manor Civic Club. A special thank you to Garcia for his leadership with this problem, the Houston Police Department and the Department of Neighborhoods for their assistance in resolving this issue and making the community safer.

This issue also highlights the importance of maintaining a last will and testament that will help to erase ambiguity surrounding property rights after the owner has passed away.

Flickinger is working with the Department of Neighborhoods to provide wills clinics throughout the communities in District E to ensure access to necessary resources.

There will be more information coming soon once the dates and locations have been finalized.

If residents are aware of a

home in a District E neighborhood that is occupied by squatters they are asked to contact the District E office. This will enable District E staff to assure the appropriate departments

are working to resolve the issue and help track the status.

For more information, contact the District E office at 832-393-3008 or email at districte@houstontx.gov.

Water bill . . .

Continued from Page 1 allows residents not to pay property taxes on city and county property if the owner is 65 or older does not apparently have a good process for collecting the taxes once the property is sold, or the owners are deceased.

The law for deferring taxes for those 65 and older requires property owners who have taken advantage of the tax savings to pay the tax bill if the house is sold, or if the owner is deceased. The time limit is 181 days from time of death or sale of the property.

The *Leader* has learned that many of the deferred accounts are not being paid at time of death and many are becoming house with squatters.

Popular sports writer dies

Continued from Page 1 as equally stunning as it was unbelievable. Some things, some people, seemingly live on forever yet they don't. Robert was 66 years of age at the time of his death, and probably penned 30,000 or more stories through the years.

The Memorial Mavericks, Pasadena Eagles, Sam Rayburn Texans and South Houston Trojans garnered much of Robert's attention for decades, and he also spent a great deal of time at Anders Gymnasium in Pasadena covering the volleyball and men's basketball programs before the college administration chose to end four of the then existing six programs.

Robert was single and lived alone with no children of his own, yet he spent his life making a positive difference in the lives of generations of young student athletes through both his words and photographs. There will forever be a void that simply cannot be filled fully.

Phillips Field House. Veterans Memorial Stadium. Maguire Field. Pasadena ISD

(softball, subvarsity baseball) Complex, Pal Gym, any of the area's local high schools and intermediate schools - Robert visited them all hundreds if not thousands of times. There will be voids at those facilities as well.

There are calls for various Pasadena ISD sports facilities to be named in Robert Avery's honor. Those are decisions that can be made at a later date.

What is known for now is that the single greatest promoter of local athletics is gone too soon, and his absence is heavy.

Peterson announces candidacy

Doug Peterson, a longtime public servant and civic activist in the Bay Area, is announcing his candidacy for Texas House District 129 at a campaign kick-off event Saturday, April 20, for the 2024 election. Congressman Nick Lampson, candidate Peterson and others will speak at the 4 p.m. event at Luka's BBQ Steakhouse at 17052 Saturn Lane in Clear Lake. A

\$25 donation is requested to participate and enjoy barbecue. One may donate at actblue.com/donate/help/dougwin or at the door with check, cash or card. An email RSVP is appreciated. Peterson is a 40-year resident of the Bay Area, NASA retiree and former Bay Area liaison for Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

After a NASA career at

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 Kingsport. 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://houstontxlibrary.org>. For online learning, visit <https://houstontxlibrary.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.

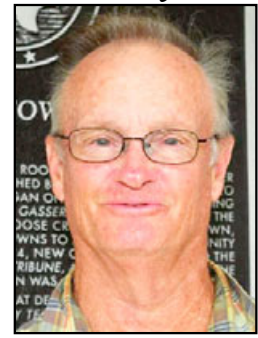
Thursday, April 18, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Family story time.
Thursday, April 18, 3 - 4 p.m. Open Lap - computer class. Registration required.
Monday, April 20, noon - 1 p.m. Kids craft: Autism acceptance month.
Monday, April 22, 11 a.m. - noon. Open Lap - computer class. Registration required.
Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Children's Museum of Houston: The Basics Fun Shop. Visit <https://houstontxlibrary.libcal.com/calenda/events> for more library events.

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 18, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Conversation club.
Thursday, April 18, 2 - 4 p.m. Tech help.
Friday, April 19, 1 - 2 p.m. Genealogy.
Monday, April 22, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Book buddies.
Tuesday, April 23, 1 - 2 p.m. Citizenship 101.
Wednesday, April 24, 2 - 3 p.m. Pop culture club.
Wednesday, April 24, 4 - 5:30 p.m. 3D printer orientation.
Wednesday, April 24, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

Robert Edward Avery



Robert Edward Avery, 66, was born July 24, 1957, in Paterson, N.J., and passed away April 10, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Cecelia Avery and his sister, Judith Mayes.

Robert is survived by his brother, Randy Avery and wife, Charlene Avery; nieces Heather Mayes, Kelley Neschich, Hayden Ahner; great-nephews, Zachary and Kieran Neschich; and great-nieces, Ansley and Luna Ahner.

Robert loved his family, his work, and all sports. He loved animals especially his cats, Miss Daisy, Parker and Taffy. Robert was loved by many for many reasons.

He loved his job because he was able to cover all types of sports, for all ages. Robert dedicated his life to covering youth sports from Little League all the way through college sports. Many will remember his constant presence at the Little League parks from Houston to Galveston.

He believed strongly in covering that area because he was convinced that it was important to give all athletes a voice.

Throughout his career, he won many awards and accolades but his favorite compliment to hear was, "There's the newspaper guy."

There will be a celebration of Robert Avery's life held May 18, noon, at East Southmore Park, Gardner Field, 1405 Starkey Street, Pasadena.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Pasadena Animal Shelter (<https://www.pasadenatx.gov/615/Donations>) and/or any animal rescue organization.

Call Heather Mayes at 832-409-9799 for more information.

Trio responds to lawsuit

Continued from Page 1 Paso and also hearkening back to federal stimulus checks distributed in the pandemic. Ellis continues on in support for Uplift Harris, "Uplift Harris is about helping struggling families make ends meet, our food on the table, and keep the lights on," Ellis refers back to his previous statements on Ken Paxton's lawsuit.

Hidalgo goes on to reiterate the long-standing plan of instilling Uplift Harris, pointing out the program's establishment last June. Hidalgo goes on to state that guaranteed income has been an established anti-poverty program. Hidalgo clarifies the specific requirements to applying for Uplift Harris, rebutting Paxton's previous claims by pointing out the benefits of Uplift Harris and combating Paxton's legal case against the county.

Uplift Harris is scheduled to begin dispersing payments at the end of April.

St. Luke church to move

Continued from Page 1 Although, parishioners have mixed feelings about leaving a campus that served them well for almost 50 years, they understand that as they may be leaving behind the buildings, they are taking the most important part that is St. Luke, their people.

Details for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Family Life Center will be communicated in the coming months. The current address is 11011 Hall Road and all are invited to join.

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The family will receive friends Wednesday, April 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer Road.

The committal service will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster.

Genealogical speaker at Baptist church

The guest speaker will be Melissa Hayes, presenting "Cemetery Removal: Where Did It Go?"

Hayes holds an MLIS degree and is the assistant branch manager at the Clayton Library Center for genealogical research. Many years later, she is still looking for

Deaths

Richard "Dick" Hart



Richard "Dick" Robson Hart, 82, passed away in Houston April 5, 2024. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. on June 2, 1941, to Jay Curtis Hart and Doris (Robson) Hart and grew up in York, Pa. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A proud alumnus of William Penn Sr. High School in York, he graduated in 1959 and was dedicated to continuing his education in electronics at Penn State Extension in York and the University of Houston.

His love of electronics paved the way for him to embark on his first job at York television station WSWA, further instilling in him a lifelong interest in technology.

Dick served in the United States Air Force from 1960-1964, supporting the armed forces as an aircraft maintenance technician. His tours of duty as an airman first class took him to air force bases at Lackland, Laughlin, and Keesler before being honorably discharged at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Following his service, he had a long career as an electronics technician for Texas Instruments, Raytheon, Welx, Haliburton Division and Lockheed Electronics at NASA before retiring after 25 years at Schlumberger.

At the heart of Dick's world was his family, whom he truly cherished.

He is survived by his wife Mary Hart; daughters Holly Moran and Robin Prouse; sons-in-law Todd Moran and Richard Prouse; grandchildren Ross Moran and his wife Kathleen Lindsey Moran, Price Moran, Emila Prouse; and sister Linda (Hart) Dingham and her husband Charles Dingham.

He always looked forward to spending time with his family, sharing his hobbies and entertaining them with stories of his experiences.

Dick's love of Lionel trains was legendary. When he was a little boy, his grandfather gifted him with his first set of Lionel trains which sparked a lifelong passion. He had a vast collection of trains and train accessories. He also enjoyed tinkering with his collection of John Deere toy tractors and flying remote-controlled airplanes.

Dick was well known for his love of deviled eggs. He could often be found sneaking into the kitchen to pick up a few extra.

He loved Italian food, especially spaghetti, sweet bologna, meatloaf, corn fritters, chicken-fried steak, his parents' home-made lemon velvet ice cream, Luling City Market sausage, and was always on the search for the best tuna sandwich.

Over the years he would say he greatly missed the restaurant at Woolworth's department store, where he would get a table in the picture windows overlooking the mall and enjoy their sandwiches.

He loved the joys of Christmas, from the warmth of family gatherings and the twinkle of holiday lights, to the festiveness in the air and the train layouts he enjoyed arranging under the tree each year.

Dick was known to all as a kindhearted gentleman who leaves behind a legacy of love for his family and friends.

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While the family lost their beloved dad and grandfather, many have lost a true friend. He loved to laugh but more important to him was making others laugh.

He had a quick and sharp wit, a wonderful sense of humor, and was a great at telling jokes.

He was generous to a fault and was always ready to help in whatever way he could. He truly cherished his wife, his children and grandchildren. He will be very missed by all.

The service honoring his life will be held Thursday, April 18, at 10 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer.

Interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, 1354 County Road 2626, Wells, Texas.

James William "Jim" Lott



James William "Jim" Lott 93, passed away on April 9, 2024, in Houston. Son of Thomas Jefferson Lott and Emma Olivia Brewer Lott he was born Nov. 28, 1930, in Wells. He graduated Wells High School in 1948. He bragged that he graduated in the top 10 of his class but would then mention that there were only 11 total members.

He met and married the love of his life, Dorothy Ruth Hamilton in 1950. Shortly after they married, Jim got a job offer from Phillips Refinery in Old Ocean, Texas, where they welcomed their first child, Anita Belinda in 1951. They moved to Houston in 1953 and bought a home in "Lottville," a neighborhood where three other family members had homes.

In 1954, their daughter Teresa Beth was born. James Kevin came along in 1959, completing their family.

Jim began working for Humble Oil (later Exxon) in 1957 and due to his exceptional rapport with people was quickly promoted to the marketing department where he drew the attention of supervisors for his strong ability to draw and retain good relationships with his clients. Jim remained with Exxon for 31 years earning many accolades, promotions and awards.

Dorothy was hired by Delta Airlines in 1968 and the traveling began. Every chance they got, Jim and Dorothy traveled to many states and countries and literally went around the world a few times. Their favorite spot was Hawaii where they made and kept many friends. They loved traveling but Jim always looked forward to getting back home where he could have as much buttermilk as he wanted.

He retired from Exxon in

BHI honor roll named

Beverly Hills Intermediate officials announced the fourth six-weeks honor roll for the 2023-2024 school year.

Seventh grade
Sophia Isabel Acatilan, Andrew Amezcua, Cecilia Elise Anthony, Angel Aragon Ramirez, Jade Nicole Arceneaux, Rick Chidubem Azinge, Allison Guissel Baca, Matthew Antonio Baragan, Natalie Ariel Bazan, Xavier Alexander Benavidez, Tahj Jesus Bernardez, Jeremy Alberto Beteta and Chloe Annmarie Bizzarri.

Adrian Alonso Gonzalez, Damian Elias Gutierrez, Rebekah Grace Hale, Alexis Joanne Hernandez, Luna Alejandra Hernandez, Mia Gabriela Hernandez, Natalia Hernandez, Llayney Abigail Herrera Cacho, Ineke Lillian Hicks, Lizbeth Anahi Hinojosa, Huyen Thi Ngoc Hoang, Angela Huynh and Carden Thinh Huynh.

Huy Nguyen, Avery Simone Payne, Martin Nin Peng, Joseline Perales, Luis Alfonso Perez, Susan Plata Garcia, Alex Prashad and Andrew Jake Quinteros.

Andrew Jaramillo Zamora, Cruz Alexander Jasso, Jason Daniel Jasso, Karmen Alexis Jasso, Zaria Ne'shell Johnson, Andrea Lara, Nhu Thi Y Le, Jesus Leon, Tiana Rena Leonard, Alexander Hernandez, Miguel Enrique Lored, Cesar Edgardo Lue Hernandez, Monica Luna, Luis Manuel Lupian and Ashley Ly.

Janelle Diana Ramos, Harsh Rama, Alyah Paola Rangel, Elisa Maria Reyes, Rubi Reyes, Reyna Renee Rivera, Je'licia Danielle Rivet, Mikayla Riley Rodriguez, Yareli Alexandra Rodriguez, Kailani Rose Rudd, Bella Jordin Sherwood, Destiny Rhyann Sidropoulos, Ariel Elizabeth Sierra and Natalie Yvette Soto.

Emmery Jayne Lynn, Anthony Ray Maldonado, Karely Jasin Maldonado, Isaias Edubert Martinez Gamze, Adam Martinez, Kainoa Leon Martinez, Hammad Matin, Matthew Christopher Mellott, Liandis Mercado Solano, Julianna Danielle Mikulski, Ty Shaun Momon and Angel Rose Myles.

Sanaa Jeanette Mykiah Stephens, Melayssia Sheree Sykes, Shelby Nicole Talavera, Genesis Mikaela Tamez, Jordyn Marquis Thomas, Enrique Alvarez Torres, Mikaela Ann Torres, Yael Torres, Dawson Tran, Kahlan Nhu-Y Tran, Kathleen Mai Tran, Tammy Nguyen Tran and Yen Hoang Tran.

Natalia Contreras, Anna Nguyen Dao, Tyler Phan Dao, Aurease Delfante, Ruby Bella Delgado, Angel Diaz Mendoza, Carolyn Elizabeth Eraso, Isabella Emma Espinoza, Alexis Esquivel, Loralie Adele Eubanks, Alessandro Ferruffino, Antonio Emmanuel Flores, Ava Marie Flores and Jonathan Noah Fonseca.

Gabriel Trevino, Olivia Trevino, Steve Alexander Vasquez, Omar Alexis Vega, Idalys Nitzel Villegas, Kiet Tuan Vo, Victoria Hoang-Anh Vu, Sophia Rose Yanez, Eithyn James Ybarra, Gregory Anthony Zamora, Zaiden Joseph Zaragoza, Emilio Cruz Zavala, Angelo E Zuniga and Candi Selene Zuniga.

Alexander Angel Garcia, Elida Sarahi Garcia, Evany Garcia, Layla Maribel Garcia, Anasofia Garibay, Antonio Garza, Carlos Eduardo Garza, Lianna Grethel Gomez, Malachi Jesse Gonzales, Giovanni Gonzalez, Sebastian Gonzalez, Xitlali Gonzalez, Kennady Denise Grice and Arleen Guadalupe Grimaldo.

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Melanie Guerrero, Alexa Yumari Guevara, Rolando Cody Guzman, Valeria Marlen Hernandez, Han Ngoc Ho, Alaya M Jasso, Isela Nicole Jimenez, Aasia Denise Johnson, Kenberly De'asia Jones, Shavon Ann Lamb, Regina Guadalupe Leal, Jonathan Leon and Diego Nicholas Majano.

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Dobie "Lariaettes Night Live" dance, spring show



Lariaettes from Dobie High School will be holding their annual spring show, "Lariaettes Night Live" on April 19 and 20, at 7 p.m. in Dobie's auditorium. Admission is \$10. Shown left to right, (front row) are Leyla Torres, Lilli Ramirez, Emily Grimaldo, Angel Rhodes, Frida Monreal, Kiana McCombs, (middle row) Ava Hernandez, Mia Lozano, Esbeidy Fonseca, Arlett Gonzales, Daniella Gonzales, Justice Garcia, Brianna Garza, Kaitlyn Re-

Thompson fourth sixth-weeks student honor roll named

Thompson Intermediate School officials have announced fourth six weeks honor rolls for the 2023-2024 school year.

Seventh grade
Salma Emad Abdallah, Oluwatomilola Ayomikun Adeyinka, Zayden Ray Aguilar, Me'shai Adeen Alexander, Kamaliyah Alah-Miliariopova, Jay Isaac Amaya, Christ Emmanuel Eyram Anaglate, Mya Mercedes Andrepoint, Crystal Antunez Vargas and Alexandria Gabrielle Anne Arnes.

Garza, Victoria Garza, Mia Alejandra Gonzalez, Mikayla Astrid Gonzalez, Emma Gurrusquieta and Hannah Jihad Harmouch.

Dario Luis Harrison, Alexander Carlos Hernandez, Elijah Lee Hernandez, Sophia Isabella Hernandez, Durriyah Monae Hill, Alexis Claire Hodges, Allison Quynh Ngoc Hua, Ngoc My Le Huynh, Ava Marie Jackson, Jordan Oluwasemilore Jegede, Bradley Zane Jones, Luke Israel Kearbey, Alice Hong Lam and Jayda Rayne Lasker.

ly Evette Ortiz, Artemio Vidal Ortiz, Ava Justine Ortiz, Rhema Abigail Palma and Riley Dee Perez.

Jordana Renee Aquino Rico, Jesiah Derek Avendano, Eliyah Azcona, Emily Rose Barrera, Nicholas Leland Black, Riley Thomas Blakeley, Kayla Ann Briscoe and Jayden Alexander Cabrera.

Nathalia Baca Cepeda, Mason Thomas Baca, Jaiila Alana Bandy, Jonathan Joharris Barber, Samantha Barraza, Alexandra Adamari Betancourt, Edmund Ezekiel Bravo, Alexis Taylor Brown, Nevaeh Mackenzie Bumgarner, Alexander Chai Buntaer, Brandon Isaiyah Castro, Sabrina Xitlaly Cavazos and Francine Desideria Borja Cooley.

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March Aviators named



Fred Roberts Middle School announced the March Aviators of the month, exhibiting perseverance by learning from their mistakes, working toward a goal and never giving up. Shown above, left to right, are Karen Pena (assistant principal), Barbara Bermudez, Colton Tang, Sergio Maciel, Mia Flores and Chrissy Higham (counselor).

South Houston High School names fourth nine-weeks honor roll

Officials of South Houston High School have announced the fourth six-weeks honor roll for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Dylan Martinez, Gerardo Martinez, Yair Martinez and Valarie Nicole Meadows.

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Ninth grade
Gustavo Adrian Acosta, Emerson Eduardo Aguilar Perdomo, Jesus Alejandro Aguilera Arana, Roel Rolando Alanis, Emanuel Elizandro Amaya-Urias, Marlein Andrade, Gabriella Ngozi Anowey, Jocelyn Lynette Arevalo, Yelson Joel Argueta Carranza, Delilah Sanmise Bailey, Oliver Barragan and Sergio Jeronimo Barreto Ramirez.

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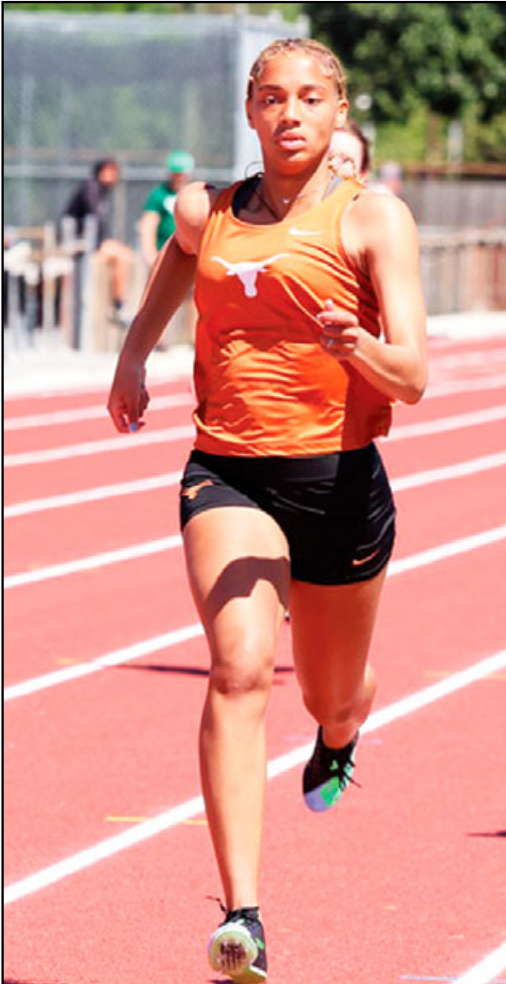
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Melillo places third in area competition



Melillo Middle School announced the third place finish for this year's Name That Book Reading Challenge. Students read sixteen books and competed against 10 Pasadena ISD middle school teams on Saturday, April 6. Shown above, left to right, (front row) are Mia Martinez, Alexavier (A.J.) Rodriguez, Emma Rios, Viviana Salazar, (back row) Megan Medina (RLA instructional coach), Jennifer Wiest (fifth grade RLA), Debra Yokum (librarian), Ava Ahmad and Kristin Konzelman (fifth-grade resource RLA).

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES



Dobie's Drumgo, Harris head to regional track

Dobie junior Stacie Harris will make a return trip to the Region III Track and Field Championships in the long jump as she joins senior thrower Roderick Drumgo in representing the Longhorns April 19-20 at Humble ISD's Turner Stadium.

Also an accomplished sprinter over her three varsity seasons at Dobie, Harris has again enjoyed a stellar season in the long jump, where a second-place, silver-medal winning effort of 18 feet, 4 1/4 inches has her in the field at regionals.

Drumgo, a senior, used a shot throw of 52 feet, 3/4 inches for his silver-medal win as he picked up his invitation to Humble for regionals.

The Sul Ross State Uni-

versity football signee also competed in the discus, finishing fifth at 140-10.

Led by boys' team champion Atascocita's 183 points and another 101 points from runner-up North Shore, a dominant performance by the 21-6A ranks left little room for advancement elsewhere.

While champion Deer Park and runner-up Dobie were the two clear-cut leaders at the district round, both varsity boys' teams found the going much more challenging with regional berths at stake.

An otherwise solid run by the Longhorns ended quickly in Deer Park as Drumgo was Dobie's lone Region III qualifier from the 21/22 area championships.

Elsewhere, the Longhorns were fifth in each of the three relays.

In the 4x100 sprint, Dobie posted a time of 43.056 behind the effort of Marcus Jones, Titus Randle, Ke'lijah Jackson and Jacobi Booker.

Dobie's 4x200 re-

lay featured Jones, Jaylon Broussard, Jackson and Booker in a time of 1:31.551.

Also fifth at 3:31.587, the Longhorns' 4x400 relay group included Deshaun Singleton, Francisco Dunn, Johan Villavencio and Tariq Riley.

A time of 10.794 placed the Longhorns' Juan Booker fifth in the 100, with Jones in a tie for sixth at 10.849.

In the 400, Riley went 50.472 for fifth place, and

a time of 2:01.565 had Villavencio fifth in the 800. Dobie's Malachai Hobbs went 19-8 for sixth in the long jump, and Broussard took sixth in the 200 with a time of 22.722.

The footing was equally unsteady for Dobie in the girls' division as 21-6A foes Summer Creek (171) and Atascocita (159) combined for 330 points in finishing first and second, respectively.

Harris was also part of Dobie's fifth-place run-

ning in the 4x400 relay at 4:19.500 as she was joined by Aniya Menefee, Lillian Herte and Christina Rodriguez. A time of 1:02.377 had Harris fifth in the 400.

A clocking of 1:50.154 had the foursome of Herte, Tailin Curtis, Izelliah Williams and Kylar Joseph sixth in the 4x200 relay.

Dobie's Lauren Garza, the top distance runner this season, took fifth place in the 3,200 at 12:29.029 as she concluded a stellar junior season.

At left, Dobie junior Stacie Harris is headed back to the Region III Track and Field Championships April 19-20 at Turner Stadium in Humble as she will be part of the field in the long jump.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Region III Track and Field April 19-20, Turner Stadium

April 19 – 6A boys' 4x100 prelims, 5 p.m.; 6A boys' 100 prelims, 5:40 p.m.; 6A boys' 400 prelims, 6:10 p.m.; 6A boys' 200 prelims, 6:40 p.m.; 6A girls' 4x400 prelims, 7:20 p.m.

April 20 – 6A boys' shot, 8:30 a.m.; 6A girls' long jump, 11:30 a.m.

JFD softball cruises to wins



Dobie's Vanessa de la Fuente (7) threw a one-hit shutout and Lilli Sepulveda homered in the Longhorns' 8-0 win over Rayburn April 12 as the locals improved to 17-12 overall. With the No. 2 playoff seed assured, Dobie will host Ridge Point in a playoff tuneup April 19 at Dobie main at 4:30 p.m.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

Brook's Owens leads Wolverines to Region II meet

Clear Brook track and field athletes remain very much in play as the regional round arrives statewide, with the ultimate goal of reaching the University Interscholastic League's all classes State Championships May 2-4 at Mike A. Myers Stadium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

Several Wolverines stood out among the best of the best at the District 23-6A/District 24-6A Area Championships April 10 at Dickinson ISD's Sam Vitanza Stadium, qualifying for the April 19-20 Region III Championships in Humble.

At each of the four area round meets, the top four finishers in both individual and team events now advance to the Region III Championships in Humble. The Wolverines have several athletes still in the mix for possible state berths.

Clear Brook sprinter

Jaylon Owens will continue his postseason push as he heads to the Region III Championships in the 100 and 200 gold medalist at first the District 24-6A and then the 23/24 area round levels.

Going against the top sprinters from 23-6A and 24-6A at Dickinson April 10, Owens was first to the tape in the 100 at 10.51 seconds, then completed the sprint sweep at 21.73 for double golds as he continued his remarkable senior season.

While Owens has rolled through 2024 as one of the state's elite sprinters, sophomore teammate Joshua Shelton has reached regionals for the second straight season in the 400.

A time of 49.38 had Shelton on the stand as the area gold medalist, and he will also be in the field in the 200 as his bronze-medal time of 22.16 was good for a regional berth.

Owens and Shelton were joined by Joshua Akino-la and Thurston Roberson in winning the 4x100

area title at 42.20 as the Brook foursome earned the right to go against nationally ranked groups

from Atascocita and North Shore, as well as other qualifiers, at regionals.

Darwin Bolden, a ju-

nior who saw his junior weights season delayed while he finished the basketball season, will be at

regionals in the discus as he was second for a silver medal, coming up with a toss of 166-5.

Bolden, like Owens and Shelton, has simply delivered at a high level when it matters most.

Aailsyn Blanks kept her standout sophomore season alive with a silver-medal win in the discus at 129-6 as she heads to the Region III meet, and she was fifth in the shot with a throw of 36-9.

Clear Brook junior Kamryn McLaurin is the

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Clear Brook junior Kamryn McLaurin is the 23/24 area high jump champion as she cleared 5 feet, 7 inches for the gold medal, snagging a regional invitation along the way.



Wolverine junior Darwin Bolden qualified for the Region III championships in the discus as he was second for a silver medal, coming up with a toss of 166 feet, 5 inches.

First-place SJC softball hits final push

The Region 14 South Division race has all but narrowed to a two-team

race as frontrunning San Jacinto College aims to hold off No. 13 nationally

ranked Galveston as the conference season hits the home stretch.

San Jacinto, 11-3 through 14 of 24 scheduled league games, has bounced back nicely from a series sweep against Blinn and is tied in the loss column with the Whitecaps, who entered play

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San Jacinto College softball head coach Kelly Saenz has her team atop the South Division standings with a final stretch of 10 conference games in 12 days set to begin April 18 at Coastal Bend.

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San Jacinto College softball team aims to extend current slim edge

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April 16 after press time at 9-3.
Beginning April 18 at Coastal Bend for a pair of games, San Jacinto College will play 10 conference games in 12 days. Realistically, the Ravens' eventual finish in the standings will be determined over the season's final three days, when a home series against Blinn comes April 27 before an April 29 two-game set on the island against the Whitecaps.
Winning a conference

regular season title would be nice, but the Ravens know that won't mean much once the 2024 Region 14 Championships play out in May at San Jacinto College South.
In 2023, the Ravens ceded the South Division title to Galveston but then ended the Whitecaps' season with a 4-0 win in an elimination game at the regional tournament.
The Ravens were then one win away from what would have been a third consecutive trip to nationals before a loss to Bossier

Parish.
At 32-18 overall, San Jacinto College has a reasonable shot at a 40-win regular season as sophomore and returning All-American Arriana Wright has again delivered a huge offensive season to this point.
Through 46 games of reported stats, Wright was hitting .515 with 55 runs batted in, including 21 doubles and 11 home runs out of the leadoff spot. The .515 batting average is 10th nationally.
Outside of Wright, the

Ravens don't hit for a ton of pop, but sophomore Chloe Foster was at .348 with 43 runs batted in and 17 extra-base hits, and freshman Madison Carr was at .413 with 37 runs batted in.
As important as offense is in today's game, the Ravens will need to perform better overall in the circle down the stretch.
Three sophomores, including Gianna Carrion, Kristina Nash and Wright, join freshman Ashleigh Heiderscheit as the primary arms in terms of usage.



San Jacinto College softball players Vivien Thames (8), Maggie Evans (6) and Izzy Farmer (18) draw congratulations from assistant coach Kelsey Walters (right) following a big rally earlier this season. The Ravens are at 32-18 overall thus far in 2024 with an important stretch of games upcoming.

SJC softball leads league in final days

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SJC communications



Clear Brook girls' 4x400 to regionals

At left, Clear Brook High School's girls' 4x400 relay team of, left to right, Journey Wilson, Azayla Smith, Patricia Barnes and Jizzale Davis advanced to regionals as a fourth-place qualifier in a time of 4 minutes, 1.21 seconds. Barnes, a sophomore, had a season to build upon as she concluded her season with an eighth-place run in the 400 in a time of 1:01.11. At the Region III meet April 19-20 at Turner Stadium in Humble, the top two finishers in each event will qualify for the state championship meet at the University of Texas at Austin early next month.

Wolverine tracksters still in running at regionals

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23/24 area high jump champion as she cleared 5-7 for the gold medal, snagging a regional invitation along the way.
Wolverine sophomore Camdyn Barnett was also in the area round field of competitors, winding up seventh at 128-4.
Clear Brook's Cedric Barnes, a senior, was eighth in the triple jump

at 40-6 3/4. Kyra Freeman placed seventh in the triple jump at 33-3 1/4.
Clear Brook junior Jalen Erskine continued his run in the 300 hurdles as his fourth-place clocking of 40.21 sent him to regionals.
Jizzale Davis was fourth in the girls' 100 at 11.88 to reach the regional round, but was fifth in the 200 at 24.95, missing out

on regionals by one slot.
The Wolverines' 4x400 relay team has advanced to regionals as a fourth-place qualifier in a time of 4:01.21 as the group included Davis, Azayla Smith, Patricia Barnes and Journey Wilson.
Coming off a terrific run at the District 24-6A meet, Akinola just missed out in the 100 and 200, going 10.85 for fifth in the

100 and 23.04 for seventh at the 200 distance.
Akinola, the 24-6A champion in the long jump, was at 20-2 3/4 for fifth place in that event as he saw his season as an individual competitor come to an end.
Senior Joseph Trevino wound up his successful career as a distance runner with the Wolverines, finishing fifth in the 1,600 in

a time of 10:02.54.
Senior Azayla Smith was in at 2:22.08 in the 800, which was fifth best.
Patricia Barnes, a sophomore, had a season to build upon as she concluded her season with an eighth-place run in the 400 in a time of 1:01.11.
The bottom line is that the Wolverines still have several solid opportunities to reach state.



Above, Clear Brook's Jizzale Davis reached regionals in the 100 with a time of 11.88 seconds, fourth-best at the area round. She was also fifth in the 200. At right, Wolverine sophomore Aailsyn Blanks kept her standout sophomore season alive with a silver-medal win in the discus at 129 feet, 6 inches as she heads to the Region III meet.



Clear Brook's Norl, Dobie's Cisneros and Jackson to bounce among GHBCA All-Stars May 8



Clear Brook senior Zion Norl (left) will join Dobie seniors Julio Cisneros and Dylan Jackson on the rosters for the Houston Area Basketball Coaches Association's annual All-Star Game May 8 at St. Thomas University in Houston.



Norl was a 24-6A first team All-District performer last season and was voted as the Wolverines' Most Valuable Player. Norl has committed to playing collegiately at Midland University in Fremont, Neb. Cisneros (center) and Jackson



(right) were 22-6A first team All-District performers as seniors for the Longhorns, both surpassing 1,000 career points scored last season. Jackson has signed to play collegiately at St. Thomas University in Houston.

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7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill," Hope Community United Methodist, 2838 Lily St., Pasadena. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce calendar or call 281-485-3634.
9:30 a.m. **NASA Aglow Community Light-house** - 18516 Hwy. 3 in Webster. The public is welcome and encouraged to bring others. Call 281-910-1971 or visit aglownet.org.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

MONDAY, APRIL 22
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. 1:30 - 3 p.m. 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Volunteers will teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for details.
7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's 12 Step Recovery open meeting in the education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 chapter meets at the Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 23
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10:00 a.m. **CCART** - Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway. Annual dues are \$50.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - Club #05324194 meets in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit seahouston.toastmastersclub.org or call 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Casual ballroom dancing offered. Call 281-554-1180.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill," Hope United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St., Pasadena. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, online on Zoom or call 281-485-3634.
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Dobie baseball delivers winning streak as District 22-6A play nears end



The Dobie varsity baseball team will finish the regular season against South Houston and then await the completion of the Deer Park/Memorial series as playoff seedings remained undecided as of press time April 16. Juelz Martinez (31) has helped lead the Longhorns to five straight wins.



Dobie defeated Sam Rayburn 14-0 in a run-rule shortened game as junior right-hander Cruz Torres tossed a no-hitter. Isaiah Jones was 2 for 3 with a double, knocked in three runs and scored a run. Junior Orozco (1) doubled and knocked in two runs.

Photos by Gloria Wallace

Pleasants to play in Japan AS series



USA Softball has released its 16-player Womens Elite Team roster for this summer's Japan All-Star Series July 4-8 in three cities across Japan, and Dobie graduate and current Louisiana State University senior Taylor Pleasants will be part of the fun. The WET will go against Team Japan in a best-of-three series in the cities of Nagoya, Fujinomiya and Yokohama. An award-winning career already established at LSU, Pleasants has thus far in 2024 helped lead the Tigers to a No. 6 national ranking while hitting nearly .300 with seven home runs and 35 runs batted in.

Dobie tennis players pocket bronze at 22-6As



The Dobie varsity tennis team closed out its spring season by winning bronze medals in several brackets during the April 1-12 District 22-6A Championships at Deer Park High School. Those winning medals included, left to right, Rigo Alanis and Ryan Le (boys' doubles), Nestor Garza (boys' singles), Jacob Kostikoglou and Amalia Reyes (mixed doubles) and Abby Panza and Hallie Vu (girls' doubles). At far right is Dobie tennis head coach Manuel Moreno Jr.

JFD subvarsity netters earn awards

JV players earn bronze at 22-6As

At right, Dobie's junior varsity division bronze medalists from the District 22-6A Championships included, left to right, Evan Nguyen and Eric Perez (boys' doubles), Chloe Estes (girls' singles), Tre Ramirez (boys' singles) and Vyvy Do and Vince Bui (mixed doubles).



Freshmen get bronze at district

At right, Dobie's freshman division bronze medalists from the District 22-6A Championships in boys' and girls' doubles included, left to right, Vivian Hang, Kelvin Nguyen, Angelina Vu and Trjah Smith.



8U S.W.A.T softball wins Ring Hunt



The S.W.A.T 8-under softball team went extra innings to defeat the Deer Park Dirt Divas for the age group tournament championship at the South Belt Ring Hunt event that featured 10 teams in all. Down 8-2 and then 10-8 late in the game, S.W.A.T. tied the action, again, at 15-15 in the eighth inning. Trailing 19-15 in the bottom of the ninth inning, Lynette Hodges circled the bases for a walk-off three-run home run as her S.W.A.T. teammates celebrated the victory. Members of the S.W.A.T. championship team are, left to right, (front row) Aliza May Jimenez, Selena Molina, Ruby Salinas, Mia Deleon, Lynette Hodges, Rylee Thomas, (middle row) Isabella Garza, Aiyanna Reynolds, Eliza Garza, Nayeli DeLaCruz, Ellye Jenkins, (back row) coaches Jessica Salinas, Xavier Garcia, Leonilo Casares, Ashley Deleon and Damian Deleon.

Dobie's Leblanc to Lee College VB



Dobie senior volleyball player Naima Leblanc has announced that she will continue her education and playing career at Lee College in Baytown. Over two varsity seasons at Dobie, Leblanc had 389 kills. She was a first team All-District honoree as a player and also was part of the 22-6A All-Academic Team as a senior in 2023.

Williams reaches TSHOF

Softball legend Christa Williams, a two-time state champion, two-time Olympic gold medalist and current Kingwood High School head coach, was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame during its 2024 induction ceremony April 13 in Waco. One of the most dominant pitchers of all time, Williams pitched Dobie to the University Interscholastic League's first-ever state championship in 1993 and then again in 1995. As a high school senior graduate, Williams won a gold medal with Team USA in Atlanta in 1996 and was also part of Team USA gold medal win in 2000. She is a member of both the Dobie Hall of Honor and the Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame both as an individual and as a member of the 1993 state champions. Now in her first season as head softball coach at Kingwood, she has guided the Mustangs to the District 22-6A championship, with the postseason set to begin later this month. The Texas Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2024 also includes Jamaal Charles, Andy Cooper, Roy Hofheinz, Barbara Jacket, Mike Leach, Colt McCoy, Jackie Sherrill and Bubba Thornton.

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