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### Leader seeks submissions

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

### HPD PIP changes day, venue

The Houston Police Department Clear Lake Division has changed the day and location of its monthly Positive Interaction Program meetings. Previously held the third Tuesday of each month at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, the meetings will now take place the third Monday of each month at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway Classroom No. 103. The meetings will also have a new start time, beginning at 6 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. The next event will take place Monday, June 16.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. HPD also now lists a new local contact for the program. To learn more about the Clear Lake Division PIP meetings, contact HPD Officer C. Castillo at 832-395-1777.

### Kirkmont I to meet June 11

Kirkmont I HOA will hold its board meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. All Kirkmont I homeowners and residents are encouraged to attend.

### Coffee with the Constable

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

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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

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

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

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

### Beltway closures planned

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

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

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

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

### Hughes/Sabo closures set

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

### Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, June 14, 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](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) or call 311.

## Campos named new Pasadena ISD trustee

### Pasadena native will replace Vickie Morgan, who died after serving 40 years

At its monthly meeting Tuesday, May 27, the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees announced Joe Campos will serve as the school district's newest trustee, filling the seat left vacant by Vickie Morgan who died late last year after serving nearly 40 years on the board.

A Pasadena native, Campos said it is great to come full circle and he hopes to provide local students the same opportunities he had growing up as a child.

"This community helped shape who I am," said Campos. "To have the opportunity to give back and help ensure every student has the same

strong foundation and opportunities I received is very important to me."

Campos grew up in a working-class household. His father retired from the City of Pasadena's maintenance department, and his mother was a homemaker dedicated to raising their family. Community service runs in the family. His brother Daniel serves as a Pasadena police officer; his sister Derenda is a reading coach at Meador Elementary; and his younger brother Michael manages a site at Pemex Deer Park for Turner Industries. Campos also honors the legacy of his grandmother, Dora Castillo, a former

lead custodian for the district during the 1980s.

A product of Pasadena ISD, Campos attended Richey Elementary, Jackson Intermediate and Pasadena High School, graduating in 1992. He went on to study at San Jacinto Junior College, balancing his education with two part-time jobs – selling electronics at Sears and working as a teller for NationsBank.

With more than 30 years in the financial services industry, Campos has built an impressive career. He currently serves as a relationship manager and vice president with the Commercial Banking Solutions team at Regions Bank.

His journey in finance began at NationsBank and includes leadership roles at Bank of America, where he rose through the ranks and earned the prestigious Spirit of Excellence Award. At Regions, he's been honored with the Chairman's Club Award and co-chairs the Houston Workforce Subcommittee for the bank's Impact Network.

Campos' leadership extends beyond banking. He's facilitated employee development sessions like "Table Talks with Joe" and has played an integral role in onboarding new hires – mentorship

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### Campos sworn in as trustee

On Tuesday, May 27, Joe Campos was sworn in as the newest member of the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees. A Pasadena native, Campos will fill the seat vacated by longtime board member Vickie Morgan who died late last year after serving nearly 40 years on the board. The new trustee is a product of Pasadena ISD himself, attending Richey Elementary, Jackson Intermediate and Pasadena High School, graduating in 1992. Campos is shown to the left being sworn in by PISD attorney David Hodgins at the school district's recent board meeting. See related photo on Page 2.

## SJC runoff election set for June 3

### Voters to decide who will fill former Flickinger seat

San Jacinto College will hold a runoff election Saturday, June 7, to determine who will fill the Position 3 seat formerly held by *Leader* co-founder Marie Flickinger.

Flickinger retired from the position just weeks before her death in November 2024, after serving the district for nearly 30 years.

Competing for the position are incumbent Salvador Serrano Jr., who had been appointed to serve out the remainder of Flickinger's term following her death, and longtime SJC staff member Judy Harrison.

Both candidates received just over 41 percent of the vote in May's four-candidate race, well shy of the 50 percent needed to avoid a runoff.

The winner will serve a six-year term.

Nearby Election Day polling locations include the following sites:

- Harris County Annex, 10851 Scarsdale.
- Stuchbery Elementary, 11210 Hughes Road.

- San Jacinto College South, 13735 Beamer Road.

- Beverly Hills Intermediate, 11111 Beamer Road.

- Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd.

- South Belt Elementary, 1801 Riverstone Ranch Road.

- Beverly Hills Community Center, 10201 Kingsport Road.

- Fred Roberts Middle School, 13402 Conklin Lane.

- Laura Welch Bush Elementary, 9100 Blackhawk Blvd.

- Genoa Staff Development Center, 12900 Alameda Genoa Road.

- Garfield Elementary, 10301 Hartsook Street.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. To see a complete list of polling locations, visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

## Pineloch car crash kills 1, injures 2

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that killed a man around 10 a.m. Saturday, May 24, in the 800 block of Pineloch Drive near SH 3/Old Galveston Road.

The dead male was identified as Nazrul Islam, 64.

According to Houston Police Department officials, a blue Audi Q5 traveling east on Minor Hill Drive and a white Honda Accord traveling north on Pineloch Drive collided at the intersection. Preliminary investigation indicates the

Honda failed to yield the right of way at a stop sign.

Paramedics transported the male driver and female passenger of the Honda to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake. Doctors pronounced the male dead. The female, 60, was in stable condition at press time.

Paramedics transported the female driver of the Audi, 66, to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in stable condition.

The investigation was ongoing at press time.

## Lawmakers pass "historic" property tax relief bills

### Legislation could save homeowners \$10B/year; voters must still approve measures

State lawmakers gathered Friday, May 30, to celebrate the passage of a pair of property tax relief bills that Gov. Greg Abbott described as "historic."

If approved by voters this November, these measures could save Texas homeowners \$10 billion a year, according to Republican Sen. Paul Bettencourt, who authored Senate Bill 4 and Senate Bill 23.

Passed with bipartisan support in both chambers of the state legislature, the two bills will now go to Abbott's desk for signature.

"Property tax relief isn't red; it isn't blue; it's green," said Democratic Sen. Carol Alvarado. "It's green because it's going to save everyday Texans money. It's going to save some of our most vulnerable people, our seniors and our disabled. If you aren't a senior, someday you will be. We all will be. So we're investing in our future."

SB 4 would increase the homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000. According to Bettencourt, this would impact more than 5.7 million Texas homeowners and save the average Texas homeowner approximately \$500 per year.

SB 23 would increase the homestead ex-

emption for seniors and disabled Texans from \$10,000 to \$60,000. When coupled with SB 4, this would bring the total exemption for elderly and disabled homeowners to \$200,000. Bettencourt said this would save affected homeowners around \$1,000 per year.

Abbott – who had declared property tax relief a top priority this session – signaled he will sign the legislation.

"Never before has the Texas Legislature allocated more funds to provide property tax relief than they did this session," Abbott said at Friday's press conference, where he was joined by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dustin Burrows. "I thank Lt. Gov. Patrick, Speaker Burrows and the members of the Texas House and Senate for providing Texans with badly needed property tax reductions. I will sign these bills into law to deliver lasting relief for Texans and their families, and I urge Texans to approve the new increases in the homestead and business property tax exemptions this November."

Patrick shared Abbott's exuberance in the passage of the bills.

"When I became lieutenant governor in 2015, the homestead exemption was a tiny \$15,000,"

said Patrick. "Since then, we have increased it to \$100,000, and with the passage of Senate Bill 4 and Senate Bill 23, it is now \$200,000 for seniors and \$140,000 for nonseniors. The average senior homeowner will no longer pay any school property taxes for the rest of their life as long as they live in their home. Homeowners under 65 years old will now see almost 50 percent of our all state funds budget this year is going to property tax relief. We have come a long way in the last 10 years, when only a small percentage of our budget went to property tax relief."

Burrows joined his Senate counterparts in praising the legislation.

"With the Legislature's overwhelming passage of additional property tax relief, Texas home and business owners are on their way to

keeping more of their hard-earned money," said Burrows. "Texas House members worked with our Senate counterparts to deliver these savings. I want to thank House members for coming together to pass this priority legislation, and I look forward to Texas voters approving these measures on the ballot this fall."

The legislation builds on an \$18 billion tax cut plan passed during the previous legislative session and approved by voters in November 2023.

In May 2022, lawmakers first raised the homestead exemption to \$40,000 and began reducing over-65 tax bills each year. In November 2023, lawmakers passed a \$22.7 billion tax cut.

As with all legislation concerning property tax rates or changes to the state constitution, the measures must now be approved by voters.

## City pool plans remain unknown

With local students entering their second week of summer vacation, the city of Houston had yet to announce its 2025 swimming pool schedule at press time.

"Currently, all municipal pools are closed," a post on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's website reads. "2025 summer schedule to be determined."

Citing a national lifeguard shortage, the city has had limited pool hours since the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020. Since reopening the swimming pools the summer of 2022, HPARD has staggered the swimming pool openings, prioritizing the parks with the highest attendance in previous years.

The past three years, the city pools were opened in three separate phases. For the South Belt community, the swimming pool at Wilson Memorial Park on Gilpin near Edgebrook and SH 3/Old Galveston Road was the nearest city facility to open during the first phase. The pools at Sagemont Park and Beverly Hills Park didn't open until the third phase toward the end of the summer.

In recent years, however, once the swimming pools were opened, they operated on limited hours, with each park being open only 2-3 days per week.

An announcement from the city about its 2025 swimming schedule is expected to be posted on the HPARD website in the coming days at [www.houstontx.gov/parks/swimming.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/swimming.html).

The city is offering a \$500 incentive to potential lifeguards. All lifeguards must be 16 years of age or older. While all lifeguards must be strong swimmers, previous lifeguard experience is not necessary.

For more information on applying to become a city lifeguard, visit [www.houstontx.gov/parks/pdfs/2025/AquaticsHiringProcess\\_2025.pdf](http://www.houstontx.gov/parks/pdfs/2025/AquaticsHiringProcess_2025.pdf) or contact the HPARD's Aquatics Office at 832-395-7129.

Despite the national lifeguard shortage, all community swimming pools located in the South Belt area are open and operating on normal hours. For a complete listing of local swimming pool hours, see the May 22 edition of the *Leader*.



## LSA grad wins big on Jeopardy!

Lutheran South Academy alumni Geoff Barnes recently appeared as a contestant on *Jeopardy!*, winning three consecutive days from Thursday, May 29, through Monday, June 2. Now an analyst living in Washington D.C., Barnes was defeated on his fourth appearance on the game show Tuesday, June 3, by a fellow contestant from Houston. As a three-day *Jeopardy!* champion, Barnes' total winnings equaled \$44,800.

# In My Opinion

## King: Are Houstonians undertaxed?

In 2003, Houstonians amended their city charter to provide that the City Council could not raise the total amount it collected in property taxes by more than the sum of inflation and population growth, without getting their permission. Since then, a succession of mayors and council members have chaffed at the idea that voters were not willing to give them unfettered discretion to raise taxes by as much as they want.

Every time the City gets into financial exigency, which is pretty much every year, City officials blame the 2003 charter amendment, deliberately mischaracterizing it as a "revenue cap" and calling for its repeal.

One of the arguments regularly floated to support repeal is that Houstonians pay lower property taxes than other major cities in Texas. For example, this slide from a recent presentation by the City's finance department compares the tax rates of the other five largest cities in Texas, showing that Houston has the second-lowest property tax rate.

Of course, the property tax rate is just one of the numbers that determines the actual property tax amount. The other is the appraised value of the property. In addition, many other factors must be considered when comparing the property tax burden these cities have placed

on their residents.

At the Baker Institute, we examined the relative property tax burdens on the residents of Texas' five largest cities. We did so by taking the total property taxes assessed by each city and dividing them by the population to derive the per capita property tax burden imposed by each city. That analysis showed that Houston's per capita property tax burden was only about 10 percent below the average for the other Texas cities.

We then calculated the per capita property tax burden as a percentage of the per capita personal income for each city, as shown in U.S. Census data. This showed that Houstonians pay approximately 1.7 percent of their income in property taxes, which, again, is only slightly lower than the average for the other cities.

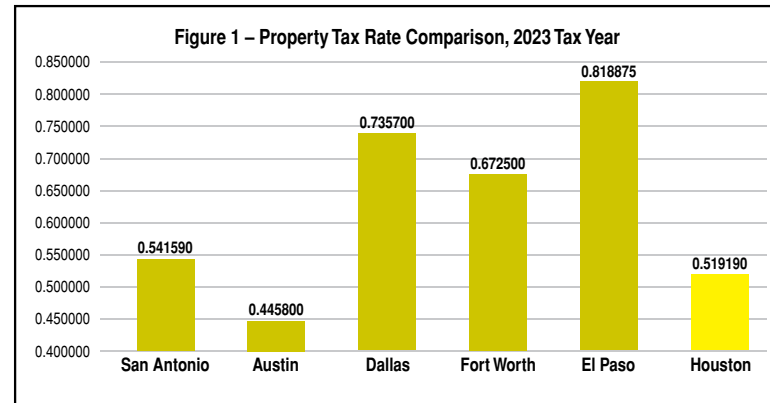
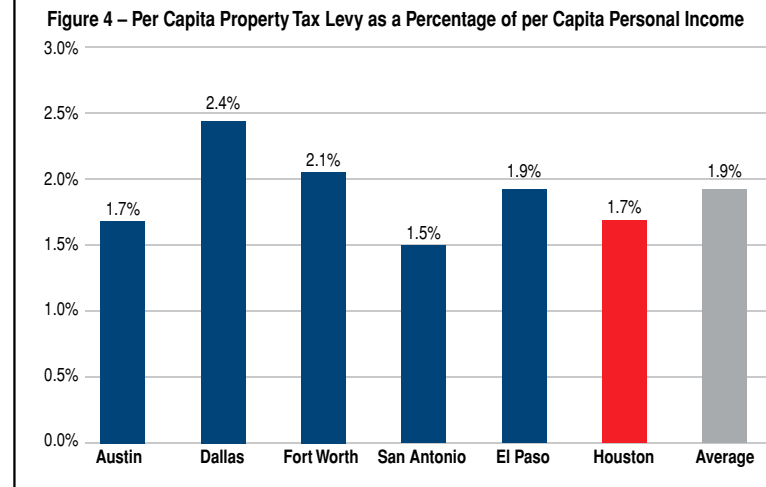
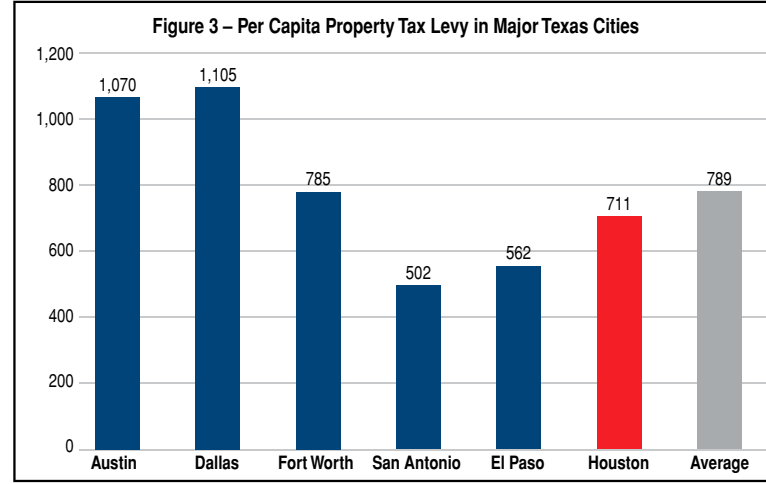
The City recently released a dire five-year financial projection, which showed general fund deficits ballooning to over \$400 million annually by 2030 (see p. 38). And that is after the savings the City hopes to realize from the recent Efficiency Study. Frankly, even that bleak assessment probably does not capture the true financial challenges the City faces, with likely stagnating population growth and badly deteriorated infrastructure.

However, the poor financial condition of the City is not due to Houstonians being under taxed. It is because the City gives away half of its sales tax revenue

each year to public transit; it continues to give its employees antiquated and financially crippling defined-benefit pension plans; and it gives away almost 15 percent of its property taxes to tax increment zones that mostly goes to benefit wealthy neighborhoods and to support a TIRZ cottage industry of consultants, attorneys and bureaucrats. Houstonians

may be forced to approve high property taxes for the City to work its way out of its fiscal mess. However, it would require an increase of staggering proportions to solve its problems with just higher property taxes. It would be an increase so large that it would send even more Houstonians running for the exits.

Bill King



## 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, June 5, 2 - 3 p.m. Texas snakes and more. Registration required.

Thursday, June 5, 3 - 4 p.m. Open lab computer help. Registration required.

Thursday, June 5, 4 - 5 p.m. Family Storytime. Registration required.

Monday, June 9, 11 a.m. - noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.

Monday, June 9, 1 - 5 p.m. HPL get lit summer 2025.

Tuesday, June 10, 1 - 5 p.m. HPL get lit summer 2025.

Tuesday, June 10, 4 - 5 p.m. Board games at the library.

Wednesday, June 11, 1 - 5 p.m. HPL get lit summer 2025.

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, June 5, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Friday, June 6, 1 - 3 p.m. Genealogy.

Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. - noon. Tai Chi.

Monday, June 9, 1 - 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.

Monday, June 9, 4 - 5:30 p.m. 3D printer orientation.

Monday, June 9, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Container gardening. Registration required.

Tuesday, June 10, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.

Tuesday, June 10, 4 - 5 p.m. Tie dye bandanna craft.

Tuesday, June 10, 4 - 5 p.m. Bob Ross paint along.

Wednesday, June 11, 10 - 11 a.m. Senior coloring club.

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 - 7 p.m. DogMan movie and popcorn.

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.

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

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.

- Have a library card number and PIN handy.

- A pickup time and instructions will be given.

- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.

- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.;

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

### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.

- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](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>.

## PISD board members welcome Campos



At its monthly meeting Tuesday, May 27, the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees welcomed Joe Campos (right) as its newest member. A Pasadena native and product of Pasadena ISD schools himself, Campos now works in the financial services industry, where he has served for more than 30 years. An active member of Sagemont Church, Campos will replace the late Vickie Morgan, who died last year after serving nearly 30 years as a trustee. PISD board members shown above with Campos at the meeting are, left to right, Toni Lopez (superintendent), Casey Phelan, Nelda Sullivan, Crystal Dávila and Paola Gonzalez. See related photo on Page 1.

## Pasadena ISD names Campos newest trustee

Campos to replace longtime trustee Vickie Morgan, who died last year

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that mirrors his passion for uplifting the next generation.

His commitment to Pasadena shines in his volunteer work. Campos is an active member of Sagemont Church, where he serves in the men's ministry and at community events. For nearly a decade, he's volunteered at the McDonald's Invitational Basketball Tournament and has represented the district at Navidad En El Barrio, a Christmas outreach program at NRG Stadium. He's also a familiar face at Career Day at Teague Elementary.

Campos and his high school sweetheart, Amy - now the support counselor at Teague Elementary - have built a life centered around family, education, and service. Their four children - Kara, Kaleb, Kaitlyn and Kylie - have all attended Pasadena ISD schools and are pursuing careers in communication, finance, nursing, and sonography, respectively. Each has followed in their parents' footsteps, giving back to the district as substitute teachers.

When he's not working or volunteering, Campos enjoys time with family around the barbecue pit, early-morning workouts

and playing pickleball. He's a passionate supporter of Houston sports and counts Michael Jordan as the greatest of all time.

Campos acknowledged that he has big shoes to fill in replacing Morgan but said he plans to give it his all.

"You don't just replace a Vickie Morgan," said Campos. "She is a legend. I hope to honor her legacy by committing to serve with the same passion and

dedication that Vickie displayed. As I ramp up and learn the framework, I plan on leaning into my passion for people. Real progress happens when we come together."

Campos said he is grateful for the opportunity to serve and intends to do so in a selfless manner.

"My heart is overflowed with gratitude," said Campos. "I have no ego. I'm here to learn, contribute and serve."

# Death

## Jay Lamar French



Jay Lamar French was born on Dec. 19, 1984, at Bayshore Medical Hospital in Pasadena. He was the first-born child of Jimmy French and Terri Ezell.

Jay was raised in the South Belt area in Southeast Houston, where he built a childhood full of adventure and deep family ties. He attended Dobie High School and later graduated from a private school in July 2004. For the past 10 years he lived in Conroe.

As a young boy, Jay had a love for wheels—starting with riding his bicycle through the neighborhood, and then graduating to a go-kart, which quickly became a favorite after his father gifted it to him. At age ten, his dad bought him a dirt bike, and the two shared a special bond riding together, creating memories full of fun and freedom.

After high school, Jay continued his passion for riding by purchasing his first Yamaha sport bike. In time, his love for the open road led him to Harley-Davidson motorcycle riding. It wasn't just a hobby for Jay; it was a part of who he was.

In October 2008, Jay married Victoria Valentine. Together, they built a life centered around love, raising two sons, Dayton and Dallas French and a daughter, Macie Valentine whom Jay adored. He spoke of his children with immense pride and deep affection. His family was his heart—being a father, was his greatest joy, and he cherished every moment in that role.

Athletic and full of energy, Jay thrived in the great outdoors and especially loved camping. He had a brilliant mind, full of hope and ambition. When he set his sights on something, he was incredibly resourceful—always finding a way to get the job done. Sometimes that meant becoming a "quick YouTube study," diving into videos to teach himself new skills. His creativity and determination came through in his woodworking pieces and welding projects, each one a reflection of his hands-on talent and drive.

Jay also had a deep love for the older generation and formed lasting, meaningful connections with them. He also held a soft spot for animals and children, always showing them gentle kindness. His special bond with so many friends is a true testament to how much he cared—he never failed to reach out and stay connected over the years.

Jay's tenderness and loving smile brought comfort and warmth to everyone around him. According to his family, his presence will be missed but his memory will forever live on in their hearts.

Jay is survived by his wife; sons; daughter; father, Jimmy French and wife, Kathy French; mother, Terri Ezell Billingsley; brother, Warren Billingsley (Ashley) and maternal grandmother, Doris Ezell. Jay is also survived by an aunt, several cousins and friends.

Jay was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Frank French and Nanny Barbara V. French; maternal grandfather, Mason Henry Ezell; and his stepfather, Warren Billingsley Sr.

A celebration of life and fundraising will take place at Beamer's Bar, 12057 Beamer Road, on July 19, from 2 to 8 p.m.

## 7MHD searches for volunteers

The 7 Marines Honor Detail (7MHD) is a nonprofit organization of Marines who serve veterans of all branches in the United States military. The group provides casket guard, rifle salute, taps, folding of the flag, color guards, local parades, Houston National Cemetery functions, Honor Flight receptions, VA hospital events and more.

Founded in December 2024 7MHD has completed all 72 assignments which were delegated to them. Based in the South Belt area, the group serves local funeral homes and cemeteries.

The group is seeking fellow Marines to join their team in providing final honors salutes for veterans' families. They outfit any Marine with a uniform and welcome both men and women, as well as associates who wish to help.

For more information about volunteering, call 832-329-7250 or 281-793-9811 and leave name and return number.

## Pct. 2 cycling death June 5

An off-duty sergeant with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office was killed in a cycling accident the morning of Tuesday, June 3, in the Katy area when his bicycle was struck by a box truck in a hit-and-run crash allegedly involving an intoxicated driver.

According to Precinct 2 officials, Sgt. Manuel Edwards, 55, was riding his bicycle around 8:15 a.m. on Gaston Road near Katy Flewlen Road when he was hit by a U-Haul truck driven by Earlie Gibbs, 63, who fled the scene.

Edwards was transported by helicopter to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he later died from his injuries.

Gibbs was charged with failure to stop and render aid and intoxication manslaughter.

Edwards began his law enforcement career in 2006 as a detention officer with the Harris County Sheriff's Office. In 2008, Edwards took a job with the Harris County Precinct 5 Constable's office, where he worked until transferring to the Precinct 2 office in May 2021.

In 2023, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. While at Precinct 2, Edwards was assigned to the Toll Road Division.

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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)  
Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.

Parish Office: 281-481-6816  
Children's Faith Formation: 281-481-4251  
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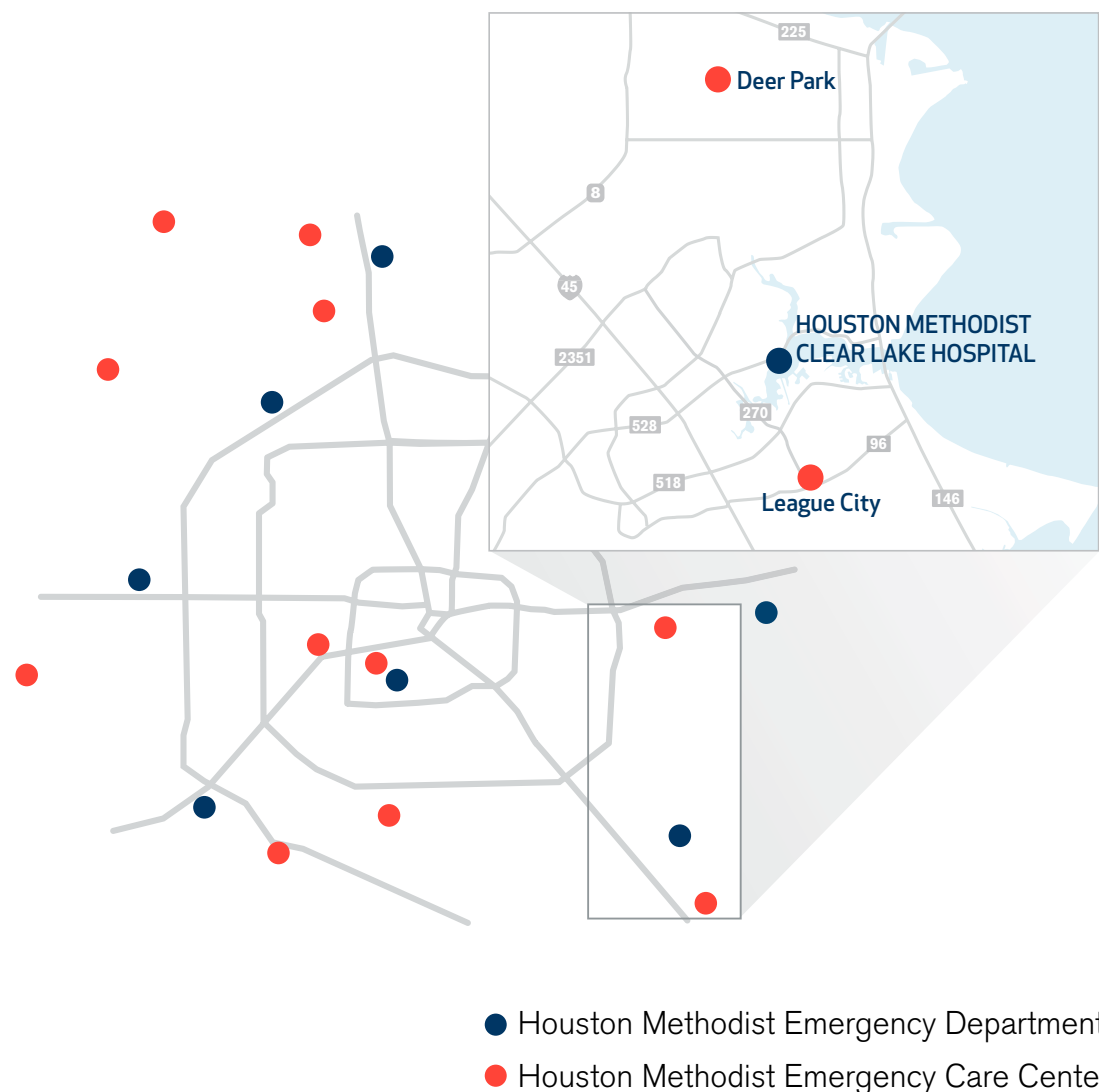


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# South Houston High School announces fifth six-weeks honor roll

Officials of South Houston High School recently announced the fifth six-weeks honor roll for the 2024-2025 school year.

## **Ninth grade**

Kaylee Danahy Arceo, Joshua Arredondo Garcia, Bruce Avila, Ashley Bernal, Harmony Giselle Blakely, Zaykawan Deon Bonner, Samantha Briagas, Nicole Bustamante, Andrew Isaih Caballero, Luis Miguel Cabrera Vazquez, Christian Jesus Cacique Luna, Eduardo Calderon, Geliz Eldai Cantillano Pavon, Jason Manuel Cantillano and Arturo Carrillo.

Kevin Alexander Chaires, Hailey Marylee Chavero, Adriana Marlene Chavez, D'andre Malik Coleman, Priscilla Jane Torres Corona, Joseph Cortez, Ma'kayla Averi Davis, Emily Judith Dominguez Zavala, Saida Paola Enrique Agustin, Charlyn Aysa Escalante, Jose Fernando Escobar Escobar, Adriana Yaquelein Espericueta, Mercedes Da'starr Evans and Iaylin Franco.

Kamilia Franco, Anette Ximena Galeana Ramirez, Christian Alberto Garcia Ortega, Adrian Geovannie Garcia, Carlos Uriel Garcia, Jazlyn Skye Garcia, Yarexy Garza Santos, Lorenzo Garza, Julian Gonzalez, Karla Gutierrez Reyes, Desiree Lee Hamblin, Giselle Hernandez, Michelle Hernandez, Natalia Naveah Herrera, Mia Sky Hinojosa and Karen Infante Guzman.

Allison Rubi Jarez, Miranda Jarez, Sarah Aubre Jarez, Julissa Leah Jurado, Catherine An-Vui' Le, Ivan Claudio Lemus, Analy Lira, Jordan Maddox Lorenz, Alexandra Loyola, Jayden Madrigal, Fabian Alejandro Marcano Pineda, Isabella Marquez, Alisson Michell Martinez Vasquez, Neyra Alisse Martinez, Diego Mendez and Yeison Sleider Merchan Zerpa.

Saioire Reina Molina, Oswaldo De Jesus Montecinos-Molina, Breyling Samir Moreno Herrera, Jasson Atlai Navarro, Nicholas Bao-Tristan Nguyen, Jasmin Sofia Nunez Xiloi, Elisha Abigail Olivares,

Haylee Brianna Owens, Jacqueline Penaloza, Janeiry Patricia Perdomo Rivera, Aaron Josue Perez, Arnez Raydon Perry and Britney Perry.

Oscar Angel Peterson, Thuong Ngoc Minh Pham, Dairaly Pruneda, Mia Lizeth Ramirez Rios, Christopher Gaej Rangel, Elias Jose Realejo Morataya, Dionni Rodriguez Caldero, Itzel Rodriguez Castillo, Brytzia Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Samuel Valeriano Rodriguez, Yaritza Rodriguez, Azul Nicole Roman Pina, Kristen Rosales Vazquez and Angel Xavier Salas.

Giselle Rachel Smith, Lexie Marie Suarez, Daira Naomi Tamayo Argueta, Joshua Tejada, Alexander Benito Torres, Keyla De La Caridad Turro Torres, Ifechukwudi Amechi Uwaka, Isabella Marie Vara, Ashley Vilchis, Adam Villacorta, Aubrii Isabella Yanez, Sofia Yepez Almanza, Daylen Joseph Young, Angel Lynn Zamora, Daniel Alexander Zelaya Hernandez and Lilian Idaly Zeremeno.

**10th grade**  
Jesus Alejandro Aguilera Arana, Sariah Jane Albert Motley, Alexis Michelle Allen, Arriana Alvarado, Dibenhi Paulina Alvarez Alvarez, Emanuel Elizandro Amaya-Urias, Marelin Andrade, Gabriella Ngozi Anowey, Jocelyn Lynette Arevalo, Yeison Joel Argueta Carranza, Cherish Ifunanya Armstrong-Ekezie, Delilah Sammie Bailey and Oliver Baragan.

Sergio Jeronimo Barreto Ramirez, Josue Enrique Benavidez, Ricardo Antonio Bravo, Sebastian Bravo, Aliana Marie Campos, Elizabeth Campuzano, Jazelle Naveah Cardona, Natalie Angelyn Castillo, Allison Marieth Castro Bonilla, Katia Valeria Ceron Guaveara, Britany Cerritos, Diana Guadalupe Chavez Casillas, Damian Angel Chavez, Jonathan Chavez and Leah Chavez.

Marlen Milagros Colmenero, Daniela Sarai Coreas Rivas, Ivan Cruz, Madecson Ann Davis, Camila Victoria Del Villar

Ramirez, Evanie Ruby Diaz, Joshua Steve Duran, Anthony Michael Durant, Samantha Elias, Abigail Anah Escobar, Reynaldo Espinoza, Jose Jonathan Falcon Cardenas, Natalie Victoria Flores, Emerson Xavier Funes and Sergio Garcia.

Wendy Garcia, Rafael Garza, Alyssa Nicole Gonzalez Rodriguez, Karen Haydee Gonzalez, Melissa Alejandra Gonzalez-Moz, Marcus J'wan Green, Rafael Angel Guerra, Diego Alexis Guillen, Gracie Leeanne Gusman, Javier Guadalupe Gutierrez Reyes, Alessandra Guzman, Ruben Isaias Hernandez Zavala, Cesar Hernandez, Cynthia Hernandez and Stephanie Ann Hernandez.

Stephanie Ann Hernandez, Juan Daniel Hinojosa, Anne Tresor Hounmetin, Giselle Alessandra Ibarra, Enrique Izaguire, Johana Iveth Jaime Fraga, Zanaa Elizabeth Johnson, Yasmine Simone Joseph, Alexander Juarez, Luis Quiulermo Labrador Lucena, Karla Azucena Leiva Torres, Oscar Alexander Lemus, Keilani Licon and Camilla Lisseth Loera.

Christian Daniel Lopez Fuentes, Yael Josef Lopez Pineda, Leydy Stephany Lopez Rivas, Adamari Edith Lopez, Diana Lopez, Sara Lopez, Nicholas Anthony Majano, Roman Dario Mar, Emily Lizeth Mares, Gladis Yosselin Marquez Rodriguez, Jesus Antonio Martinez Delgado, Andrea Aalizah Martinez, Arturo Mendoza, Naveah Marie Mendoza and Chelsea Menezes.

Jose Angel Meza, Osiel Mojica Zeferino, Andrea Regina Mizhelle Montero Avila, Belen Morales, Abril Moreno, Priscilla Moreno, Xavier Alexander Muhammad, Sonia Gabriela Murcia Reyes, Emely Rose Orduño, Divanny Alexandra Orellana, Elmer Alexander Padilla, Jesus Javier Palomec, Ernesto Alexander Palomo Medina, Jacob Abraham Pena and Isaih Geovanni Perez.

Fernando Pina, Axel Jesus Pompa Wenses, Alexander Portillo, Abigail Lynn Ramirez, Mariana Rebolloso,

Yamilet Reyes, Amy Belen Rivera Jimenez, Mario Alberto Rivera, Mauricio Robles, Dante Maximiliano Rocha, Cecilia Rodriguez, Christian Jaime Rodriguez, Nancy Carolina Ruano, Anthony Alexander Ruiz and Marilyn Diana Salazar.

Aaron Guadalupe Salinas, Alexander Juiyil Sandoval, Azul Serrato, Stephanie Michelle Soto, Aniya Liana Spacek, Kate Xochitl Tello, Julian Antonio Terrones, Carolina Torres Barron, Sofia Torres, Zeferino Tovar, Ricardo Dario Vargas, Hanna Vazquez, Jayleen Ximena Villarreal and Cynthia Villada.

Lyndon B Warner, Brayden Louis Watkins, Aaliyah Rasique Williams, Vivian Zamarrin, Uriah Amari Zamora, Jacqueline Katherine Zapata, Somary Itzel Zavala and Melanie Aide Zendejo.

**11th grade**  
Melody Ajcane Acosta, Za'niyah Jerschelle Acosta, Mariely Isabel Aguirre, Ludvin Alejandro Aleman Retana, Annabelle Almaguer, Jocelyn Desiree Alvarez, Jose Alberto Angulo, Erik Josue Arana, Audel Arellano Duarte, Yefferson Eliseo Argueta Argueta, Manuel Arredondo Garcia, Christopher Harold Avila, Sara Noemi Balderas and Kenia Jamileth Beltran Chevez.

Liliana Crysler Benavides, Cesar Briagas, Jesse Camacho, Alejandro Castillo, Arelyn Castillo, Keisy Juliza Castro, Sonia Chavez Ortega, Katia Chavez, Andres Cruz, Efrén Cruz, Kristal Anahi Delacruz, Kenia Yakeline Diaz-Rivas, Nicole Escobar, Guillermo Edmilton Flores, Gideon Mekhi Fowler, Diego Alejandro Franco Morales and Anthony Dario Funez.

Alejandro Galindo, Andy Garcia, Angel Adrian Garcia, Angela Garcia, Dayana Guadalupe Garcia, Gianna Maria Garcia, Lizzy Garcia, Mia Janelle Garza, Ladarius Lamont Glover, Jose Rodrigo Godoy, Carlos Elias Gomez, George Jesus Gonzalez Agulla, Joel Gonzalez, Raul Ivan Gonzalez, Meagan Danielle Grays,

Brianna Gisel Grimaldo and Sumayah Alure Guadalupe. Ainez Angelin Guinilla Quiala, Gervyn David Gutierrez Guillen, Joe Israel Gutierrez, Dayanis Araceli Hinojosa, Ann Precieuse Hounmetin, Roman Huerta, Janette Hurtado, Mariela Angelica Ico Ojom, Anthony Bryan Jaime Fraga, Mayra Jaime Jaime, Teyana La'ny Jenkins, Marcus Anthony Kern, Averie Renee Lasalle, Anahi Ledesma, Axel Javier Lopez Carbajal and Jaqueline Lopez.

Jennifer Lopez, Anahi Lule, Helen Marisol Maradiga Munoz, Diego Guadalupe Martinez, Dylan Martinez, Gerardo Martinez, Yair Martinez, Amanda Marie Medina, Maxim Christopher Mendoza, Kinereth Grissel Meraz Zelaya, Beatriz Victoria Meza, Adam Ray Mize, Sophia Paola Morales Rodriguez, Isai Emanuel Morales, Juan Jesus Morales and Nahum Jose Morales.

Obed Julian Morales, Keyvin Adrian Ochoa Arce, Madelaine Samantha Palma, Ria T Pandya, Noelia Berenice Pardo, Andrea Veronica Patino, Jayden Alexander Pena, Juan Pedro Perez, Alexa Paola Pineda, Gabriela Estefany Portillo, Michel Azucena Prado Cabrera, Ernesto Quiroz, Johana Ramirez, Maretzi Yamilet Ramirez and Reggie Habib Rangel Quinones.

Alexis Omar Rangel, Cesar Gerardo Rasso, Yasmine Reyes, Luis Antonio Rico Parea, Valerie Rodriguez, Alexia Giselle Romero, Jade Ruiz, Evelyn Faith Sainz, Yamilet Salinas, Freddy David Sanchez Lopez, Sheryl Fernanda Sanchez Ortiz, Alexandra Santiago, Sophia Saucedo, Gabriel Serrato, Shannon Dominique Shaw, Vanessa Sierra and Andrea Nicole Silva.

Julio Alberto Soledad Rivera, Grace Elizabeth Sommer, Edgar Moses Sorto Sorto, Jhonatan Elias Sorto Sorto, Kayla Marie Suarez, Sarah Suarez, Filiberto Isaias Tamayo, Erendira Dayanara Torres, Hayden Tinh Tran, Valery Trevino, Joseph Anthony Urdiales, Jayden Adonias Vasquez,

Bryan Steve Velasquez Chavez, Markevia D'nea Willis, Annethe Valleria Zacarias Trevizo, Luis Gerardo Zacarias Trevizo, Armando Zavala and Estrella Zavala.

## **12th grade**

Benjamin Josue Acosta, Dalilah Acosta, Agustín Jaime Aguilard, Isaela Monique Aguilard, Jazlyn Ong Aguilard, Ghisel Danae Agurto Toapanita, Omar Alfaro, Ashley Yamilet Alvarez, Carolina Alvarez, Kevin Excel Alvarez, Anderson Jose Amaya Urias, Emilio Anaya, Anastasia Chiamaka Anowey, Jose Guadalupe Aragon and Jocelyn Maree Aranda.

Johnny Enrique Argueta, Issac Astudillo, Galia Barbosa, Yamilet Becerril, Aryanna Benitez, Jazmin Bocanegra, Suany Jissel Bonilla Acosta, Alyssa Ann Bowshier, Reginald Ti'andre Brooks, Jordan Corey Buckner, Carlos Rodery Burgos Reyes, Benito Cadena, Michelle Cano, Emiliano Castilleja, Adamari Castillo, Elaodio Cervantes and Selina Marisol Chamorro.

Melanie Estrella Chaverria, Da'jonee Latrice Citizen, Perla Elizabeth Colmenero, Rosa Contreras, Victoria Raengel Contreras, Nataly Coto-Chong, Emanuel Cruz Mont, Jeady Cruz, Valerie Del Valle, Jaime Yadiel Delgado Sanchez, Krystal Delgado, Lorenzo Delgado, Nathan Alexander Diaz, Valeria Danahe Duran Iracheta, Ailen Sarahi Duran, Elizabeth Marie Erwin and Kayleen Lupe Erwin.

Sharon Milhuska Escalante, Aaron Alexander Escareno, Fausto Espinoza, Erick Javier Estrada Guity, Edna Michelle Fernandez, Andres Flores, Jennifer Flores, Ariana Franco, Jaziel Galvan, Jöheli Emmanuel Garcia Gonzalez, Isbery Abigail Garcia Romero, Cesia Marai Garcia Velasquez, Briahna Lynkfeer Sherrie Garcia, Brittany Yamilet Garcia and Carla Andrea Garcia.

Diego Eli Garcia, Joey Lopez Garcia, Lupita Garcia, Xzaviana Garcia, Rogelio Garibay, Tania Garza De Leon, Aldemy Joselin Garza, Alinna

Zenett Garza, Brizeida Yaris Garza, Giselle Alexis Garza, Mia Jazmin Gaytan, Deborah Deabush Getu, Fabian Gomez Pegueros, Cecilia Regina Gomez, Christopher Joel Gomez, Freddie Gonzales and Diana Lee Gracia.

Yenny Granados, Aldo Guajardo, Amy Marie Guerra, David Emmanuel Guerra, Karina Lorraine Guillen, Rayne Marie Hale, Perla Berenice Hernandez Luna, Jason Hernandez, Jocelyn Hernandez, Kendy Denise Hernandez, Moises Hernandez, Ana Celia Herrera, Thanh Truc Huynh, Aniya Cyann Johnson, Marina Gissell Joya Campos and Allison Lopez.

Antonio Rodriguez Lopez, Jazmin Lopez, Juan Ramon Lopez, Patricia Norely Luna Argueta, Zariah Amori Madison, Evonny Madrigal, Carol Marie Magana, Raquel Janae Malbro, Alonso Marquez, Amanda Mae Martinez, Brianna Elyssa Martinez, Cymora Giselle Martinez, Daniel Vladimir Martinez, Eduardo Isaias Martinez and Giselle Victoria Martinez.

Joanith Yasureth Martinez, Louis Ray Martinez, Ramiro Martinez, Raphael J. Martinez, Ricardo Ivan Martinez, William Darwin Martinez, Ximena Rosalia Martinez, Robert McKinney, Cecilia Abigail Molina, Cindy Giselle Molina, Adriana Montemayor, Javier Isaias Montenegro, Kayden Micheal Montez, Sonia Stefanya Morales Cordon and Jonathan Jahaziel Morales.

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Kelly Kamleshkumar Patel, Kesly Pedraza, Annaly

Itzel Perez, Edwin Joel Perla, Victoria Elizabeth Perret, Thien Phuc Pham, Jack Gui Phu, Isabel Pinedo, Jovanny Enrique Portillo, Valerie Michelle Portillo, Christy Chris Ram, Camila Yumalai Ramirez, Xiomara Sophia Ramirez, Caitlin Alyssa Ramos, Tatyana Reyzel Ramos, Aliyana Marie Rangel and Hugo Sebastian Rangel.

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Luis Angel Rosales, Aylín Salinas Trevino, Deevanie Gizzelle Sanchez, Jeilyn Sanchez and Lindsey Alize Sanchez.

Diego Fabian Santillan, Rodolfo Sarmiento, Jonathan Yahir Saucedo, Madison Dereon Scott, Natalie Terrones, Jakeya Nashae Toliver, Xiomara Berenice Torres, Nancy Georgina Trevino, Betzabet Trinidad Yepez, Aaliyah Mona Valyanon, Joaquin Vargas, Jonathan Alonzo Vargas, Ruby Vences, Pamela Melina Viera, Sairah Ivania Villalobos, Annalisa Villarreal, Antha' najia Lynn Zamora, Yeira Arlyn Zavalija Garcia and Ruby Maritza Zuviiri.

## SHSU announces spring 2025 graduates

The following area students received degrees during the 2025 spring semester at Sam Houston State University:

- Stephanie Alvarez, Bachelor of Science, criminal justice.
- Payton Barkman, Bachelor of Science, forensic chemistry, summa cum laude, highest honors/honors College, academic distinction.
- Roy Caloca, Bachelor of Business Administration, international business.
- Kaden Fernandez, Bachelor of Business Administration, entrepreneurship.
- Kamryn Green, Bachelor of Science, psychology.
- Alexander Reyna, Bachelor of Science, criminal justice.
- Ricardo Santamaría Uceda, Bachelor of Business Administration, business administration.

**Genoa Friendship Garden hosts tour**  
Genoa Friendship Garden will host a free tour on Monday, June 16, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at 1210 Genoa Red Bluff Road. One can tour a variety of planting exhibits and meet and talk with Harris County Master Gardeners. For more information, visit txmg.org/hcmga.

**Houston Methodist Clear Lake hosts "Summer Safety Fair"**  
Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital invites families to a Summer Safety Fair — a fun, free, and informative event designed to help the community stay safe during the hottest months of the year. Experts will host booths and information on swim safety, heat exhaustion, bike safety, CPR and skin protection awareness. Kids can enjoy popsicles and giveaways while learning real-world safety tips. The event will take place Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to noon at Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital Medical Office Building 4, Outdoor Turf Field, 18123 Upper Bay Road, Houston, TX 77058. For questions, contact Imfrankart@houstonmethodist.org

## AARP Webster sets meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 is welcoming one to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 12 at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook 77586. They meet in the large building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. One is invited to come to meetings and to enjoy coffee, cookies, and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Each month there is an entertainment or a speaker on various topics of interest to seniors, followed by a social activity.

The speaker for this event will be from the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD). The social event will be sponsored by Brookdale Clear Lake. They will have brunch and bingo.

AARP Chapter 199 is hosting a bus trip on Friday, June 20. They will tour the City by the Sea Museum in Palacios. Lunch will be at the Hotel Blessing. One may register for this trip at the June 12 AARP meeting. One must be a member of our local chapter to participate in our bus trips.

If one is interested in joining AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show one's current national membership card to join any local chapter. AARP Chapters are separately incorporated affiliates of AARP. For more information, contact President Veronica Stanford at 409-256-1195 or at veronica\_stfrd46@aarp.org.



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# Remember When

**45 years ago (1980)**  
Eight major accidents resulting in the deaths of two drivers and the hospitalization of approximately 10 others since September 1979 marked Choate Road as one of the most dangerous thoroughfares in the area.

The Houston Water Quality Control Division continued to work to clear the rust from the South Belt area's water. The water became tinted with rust when an excessive amount of chlorine in the water began corroding the rust in the water pipes.

Quick action of two Sagemont pool employees, lifeguard Bobby Richmond and assistant manager Bobby Carlton, averted a tragedy when they rescued a 1-year-old girl who fell into the deep end of the pool.

**40 years ago (1985)**  
Directors of MUD 13 would hold another election concerning the \$14.5 million bond issue if response to a questionnaire was favorable.

Pasadena Independent School District trustees hired Dexter Joiner to be the district's delinquent tax attorney effective July 1.

A right turn lane was added on Fuqua at the eastbound approach to the bridge over I-45. This was the result of a joint project between the city and the South Belt Chamber of Commerce.

Maintenance and cleanup crews from Harris County Flood Control began working on ditches in the Sagemont area.

**35 Years ago (1990)**  
Spilled diesel fuel caused several wrecks on the Gulf Freeway between Scarsdale and FM 2351 within a matter of two minutes.

A 20-year-old man drowned while swimming at Windmill Lakes.

Dr. Allison Cambre was named the new pastor at Cokesbury United Methodist Church.

South Belt resident Hilda Rios was named the 1990-91 Teacher of the Year of the Deer Park Independent School District.

**30 years ago (1995)**  
A light pole stood in the way of the freeway connector completing the south-bound lanes of the Gulf Freeway to the east side of the beltway.

The San Jacinto College system began searching for a new chancellor to replace outgoing chancellor Tom Sewell.

The Miss South Belt pageant expanded to include entrants from outside the South Belt area.

J. Frank Dobie sopho-

more Devin Mitchell was selected the Outstanding Female Ambassador at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation seminar.

**25 years ago (2000)**  
South Belt area taxpayers, and their counterparts throughout Harris County, were to begin paying considerably more in property taxes when tax bills arrived. Most properties in the South Belt area would see an increase of value set near 10 percent, the maximum allowed by Texas law.

Dick Mills retired after 34 years with Pasadena Independent School District.

Woody Owens, a Green Tee resident, was elected to the Pearlland City Council in a run-off election. His victory and the election of Larry Marcott appeared to give support to the extension of Scarsdale Boulevard.

Jamie Barrica began projects to keep a promise to Jonathan Barrica. He prom-

ised to work hard for the safety of Texas teenagers by forming a Citizen's Petition for no purchase or possession of handguns in the state.

**20 years ago (2005)**  
Three of the Breedlove identical quadruplets were home. The fourth, Adelle Felicia, remained in the hospital due to a heart valve problem. The quads were born to Dobie graduates Eric and Shelley Breedlove.

Ellington Field was named on the Base Realignment and Closure committee's list to be downsized, but the fight was not over. Both Texas senators and all local congressmen joined with members of the community in the attempt to build a case at the federal level to keep the base open.

The extension of Blackhawk was finally accepted by the county and opened allowing access to Dixie Farm Road.

Houston Mayor Bill

White agreed to participate in the annual Fourth of July parade. It was his fourth consecutive appearance in the parade.

**15 years ago (2010)**  
The First Convenience Bank inside the Kroger at the intersection of Beltway 8 and Sabo was robbed at roughly 9:15 a.m. According to police, two suspects were involved in the robbery. No weapons were used, and no one was injured, police said. The suspects reportedly fled the scene in an unidentified vehicle. This was not the first time the bank had been robbed. The previous October, the bank was robbed by someone the FBI dubbed the "Billy Goat Bandit." No immediate arrests were made.

Former South Belt resident Leonard "Kirk" Narcisse retired from the Houston Fire Department after serving more than 30 years. Narcisse worked his

entire HFD career serving the South Belt community. After completing the Houston Fire Department Training Academy, Narcisse was initially assigned to Fire Station No. 61, located on Monroe Road near Almeda Genoa Road, where he worked from March 1980 until May 1991. He then transferred to Fire Station No. 70, located on Beamer Road near Beltway 8, where he served the last 19 years on the "B" shift until his retirement. After retiring, Narcisse said he intended to travel and spend more time with his family.

**10 years ago (2015)**  
A decision by the Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee to remove a mother's memorial in the 11400 block of Blackhawk marking where her son was hit and killed by a car garnered citywide media attention and drew the ire of many community members.

Abraham "Bubba" Garza, 8, was killed in May 2012 when he was struck by a vehicle as he was attempting to cross the street. Since his death, Garza's mother, Crystal Garza, has maintained a memorial at the site with wooden crosses and flowers to remember her son.

Following the outcry, the maintenance committee agreed to let Garza leave the memorial up, provided she keep it clean.

**5 years ago (2020)**  
Three top employees in Harris County Constable Precinct 2 Chris Diaz's office were suspended from duty Wednesday, June 10, for alleged misconduct. The incident in question took place Jan. 29, when Precinct 2 officers allegedly removed tenants from a property in South Houston without due process.

**1 year ago (2024)**  
Daniel Fitzmorris was named the new Dobie varsity

football coach by Pasadena ISD officials at a board meeting held Tuesday, May 28. A former Dobie student, Fitzmorris most recently served as a coach at Pasadena Memorial. Prior to that, Fitzmorris held various coaching positions with Goose Creek and Texas City ISDs.

A lightning strike caused a house to catch fire around 8:45 a.m. Friday, May 31, in the 10200 block of Clear tide Lane, located near the southeast corner of the intersection of Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway. According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters arrived on scene to find fire and smoke coming from a two-story house and made an offensive attack. A primary search was completed, and the utilities were secured. Crews opened the ceiling to access and extinguish the fire in the attic. The attic suffered severe damage and firefighters were unable to cover the roof due to the compromised trusses. The fire caused approximately \$200,000 in damage. Firefighters were able to save around \$200,000 in property from being damaged. No injuries were reported. The cause of the fire was determined to be an act of nature (lightning). In all, 32 HFD personnel responded to this incident, including crews from stations 52, 70, 71, 61, 93 and 36.



## Over The Back Fence

by Nicole

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**ENJOY YOUR DAY, LAURA**  
Birthday greetings are sent to former *Leader* staffer **Laura Aguilar** on June 7 from her former co-workers.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. CAMPBELL-FOX**  
**Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox** of Campbell Family Practice and Ghebranonius Internal Medicine is wished a happy birthday Sunday, June 9, from her family and friends.

**SAMANTHA HAS A BIRTHDAY**  
**Samantha Guerra**, former *Leader* staff member, celebrates her birthday Monday, June 9. Wishes for a happy birthday are sent from her former co-workers.

**VIRGINIA CELEBRATES 80 YEARS**  
Longtime South Belt resident Virginia Simon celebrates her 80th birthday June 9. Birthday wishes are sent from her son Nick Simon and the *Leader* staff.

**GILES MARK 36TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**Tracy and Jim Giles** of Kirkwood South celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary June 10. Congratulations and best wishes are sent from sons Aaron Giles and wife, **Ashley**; Cody Giles and wife **Liz**; daughter **Kristen Giles**; grandchildren **Jaxon, Jace** and **Braelyn Giles**; nephews **Robert Griffin**; other family members and friends; and the *Leader* staff.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LESLIE!**  
**Leslie Flickinger** celebrates a birthday June 11. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent by her husband **Fred**; daughter **Kimberly** and husband **Matt Lipina** and child **William Lipina**; daughter **Courtney** and children **Abigail, Jackson** and **Penelope**; father-in-law **David Flickinger**; and brother-in-law **David Flickinger** (Leader president) and wife **Ellie Flickinger**.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays

June 5 through June 11.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday June 8 to **Jessica Carlos**.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Remember to wish **Araceli Sosa** a happy birthday June 6. Send a birthday greeting June 8 to **Ana Jimenez**.

**Bush Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Guillermo Willis-White** June 9. Light the birthday candles June 11 for **Felicia Olivia**.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Send a happy birthday wish June 5 to **Cinthia Herrera**. **Elsa Martinez** celebrates a birthday June 7. June 8 is the day of celebration for **Denisse Saldivar**. Birthday greetings go out to **Adriana Cortez** June 9.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Esmeralda Mayorga** June 6. Enjoying a memorable birthday June 11 is **Alije Kivijav**.

**Hancock Elementary**  
**Ariana Guerra** celebrates a birthday June 6. Birthday greetings go out to **Lizet Turcios** June 8.

**Meador Elementary**  
Remember to wish **Mallory Villanasana** a happy birthday June 9. The day of celebration for **Holly Nelson** is June 10. Blow out the candles June 11 for **Alexandrea Richardson**.

**Moore Elementary**  
June 9 is the day for a fun celebration for **Tania Cantu**. Light the candles on a birthday cake for **Laura Rodriguez** June 11.

**Melillo Middle School**  
June 5 is the day to break out the balloons and birthday cake with ice cream for **Gabriel Busch** and **Elizabeth Soto**. Celebrating a memorable birthday June 8 is **Lilliana Monita**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
**Abby Gonzalez** celebrates a birthday June 6.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
June 5 is the day of celebration for **Sara Panetski**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Jessica Krustchinsky** June 6. **Kaylyn Harlan** enjoys a birthday June 11.

**Dobie High**  
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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Clear Brook girls' basketball trio leaves incredible legacy

By John Bechtle  
Sports Editor

The greatest four-year run in the already storied history of the Clear Brook varsity girls' program came to an end Feb. 18 as Alief Taylor defeated the Wolverines 59-58 in a Class 6A Division II third-round playoff game, with the star trio of Rezia Castillo, Kamryn McLaurin and Chardel Terrell playing in their final high school outings.

Dozens of teammates deserve a share of the credit that comes with winning 105 total games and a pair of 12-0 undefeated district championships while resetting the school record for single-season victories twice since 2021-2022, yet there is little doubt that the class of 2025 graduate trio will be remembered among the best individual talents in program history.

Class of 1996 graduate Teri Hunter Bolden was inducted into the Clear Creek ISD Athletics Hall of Honor in 2023, the first year that Clear Brook athletes were eligible, largely based on her own success on the hardwood as part of a brilliant four-year varsity career.

The late Chameka Scott, a 2006 graduate, was a McDonald's All American with the Wolverines and later went on to win an NCAA National Championship with Baylor before briefly playing in the WNBA. She was inducted in 2024.

Now is certainly not the time to debate just where Castillo, McLaurin and Terrell rank among the all-time greats in program history, but there's no question that the trio has left the lasting impression for future players and teams to strive for.

Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball head coach Mileka Loydrake has been there, and done that.

A standout high school player at Clear Springs, Loydrake battled through three different knee inju-

ries to play collegiately. Loydrake was the Wolverines' top varsity assistant in 2021-2022 when Castillo by way of Brookside Intermediate, McLaurin from Westbrook Intermediate and Thompson Intermediate's Terrell arrived on campus.

"Oh, for sure you could see the talent," Loydrake recalled. "Rezia was somebody that we knew could come in right away and help us at the varsity level."

"We had eight seniors that first year they were here, so we had great leadership in place. To be able to add that level of young talent was special."

"Kamryn has the physical tools and also just an unbelievable desire to get better, which she did. Chardel was a bit more of an unknown to us because she had come from Pasadena ISD, but here we had this sharpshooter who was also a gifted athlete."

"She also played volleyball her freshman season here, so seeing her on the basketball court the first couple of times was a revelation."

Then Clear Brook head coach Warren Brooks had taken over the program prior to the 2020-2021 season and had guided the Wolverines to an 8-13 overall record in his debut season, which included four wins in 12 games within District 24-6A play.

The Wolverines already had talented high school senior and future collegiate players Alyssa Berry, Tamia Moody and Ashlee Seymore returning as veteran varsity performers among the eight seniors.

When the three incoming freshmen were inserted into summer pickup game workouts, Loydrake said she could sense the possibilities.

"The athleticism was unbelievable at that time," Loydrake said. "Rezia was clearly gifted with her ability to get to the rim and to manage the game as a point guard, but also just talking the game with

her and realizing what her basketball IQ was made it intriguing as to what we could do."

McLaurin and Terrell began their freshman seasons with Loydrake at the junior varsity level.

McLaurin even resisted the first invitation to join the varsity team that first year, but Loydrake managed to change her mind.

"With Kamryn, she came in as a freshman with great length and the ability to play tremendous defense, and her coordination for a freshman while growing was equally as special."

"We didn't know as much about Chardel coming in that first year, but once we saw her shoot the basketball it was pretty clear that she was going to be able to help out right away, also."

The results were immediate during the 2021-2022 season as Clear Brook established a single season all time program record of 31 victories to go against just five losses in winning a district championship (12-0) for the first time at the 6A level.

Castillo was named the Most Valuable Player of the district that season as Clear Brook got past Alief

Hastings, 59-50, in the bidistrict round that first year but then fell, 68-62, in the area round to North Shore.

Castillo probably knew in the back of her mind that she was pretty talented when she showed up at Clear Brook, but even she didn't realize what the Wolverines were capable of doing until it started happening.

"Based on my results at Brookside I felt like I was pretty good, but then again you never really know what you're going into at the high school level. It can be intimidating," Cas-

tillo said. "When you are a freshman, it's all new to you and it takes a while to get used to the speed of the game, the bigger size of the players and all of the various abilities around you."

"Winning Most Valuable Player and putting together the kind of season that we did as a team was rewarding. You are always disappointed to lose that last game of the season, but we felt like we were off to a pretty good start in our careers."

Brooks exited Clear Brook following that first championship and took the varsity girls' basketball head coaching role at Deer Park.

With Loydrake taking over as head coach, the good times continued. Loydrake led the Wolverines to a 26-9 overall record in her debut season of 2022-2023, with Castillo and crew putting together a second consecutive 12-0 run through 24-6A play.

The Wolverines first defeated Alief Taylor and then Beaumont Westbrook on the way to the regional quarterfinals before a 53-46 loss to Pearland.

Castillo was again named Most Valuable Player of the district, while McLaurin captured the first of consecutive Defensive Player of the Year honors.

The summer of 2023 saw Castillo go down with an ACL injury in a TABC Showcase game as she was robbed of her junior season. With Castillo out of the lineup due to her injury, McLaurin stepped up in a larger role offensively and felt as though she did enough to be the MVP in the district.

Instead, the award went elsewhere as Dickinson went undefeated at 12-0 to take the league title away from the Wolverines.

This past season, McLaurin averaged 19.5 points per game and contributed with all phases of the game at a high level.

She continued to play her trademark tough-minded defense on her way to being named Most Valuable Player within the 24-6A rank this season.

Clearly, the heavily decorated trio have earned the chance to compete collegiately.

Castillo, who said she plans to study kinesiology, is headed to Texas A&M Commerce.

"I'm very excited for the next chapter of my basketball career and college education," Castillo said.

"When I went on my visit, Commerce just felt like the right place for me. Not only was the coaching staff welcoming and had a plan for me in their program, but the players took me under their wing and really made me feel a part of the team family. It should be exciting to see

## Dobie volleyball offers camps

Dobie varsity volleyball coach Dawn Sexton and her staff are excited to offer a pair of summer camps aimed at both helping younger players develop their skills within the sport as well as preparing incoming high school aged players for the upcoming 2025 season.

Students entering the first through eighth grades are invited to attend the Longhorns' developmental camp July 21-23 at Beverly Hills Intermediate.

Incoming first- and second-grade students will attend the camp from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at a cost of \$35 per participant. Incoming third- through sixth-grade students will attend from 9 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$50 per participant, while incoming seventh and eighth grade students will attend from noon to 2 p.m. at a cost of \$50 per student. To register, visit the link at <https://square.link/u/5GddvXYw>.

Players ages 14 through 18 may attend the Longhorns July 28-30 camp, to be held at Dobie main at \$60 per participant. Dawn Sexton and other experienced volleyball coaches will direct participants in skill development, team building exercises, strategy sessions, fitness and conditioning drills as well as friendly match play.

Incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors will attend the camp from 9 a.m. to noon, while incoming freshmen will attend from 1 to 4 p.m.

Visit the Dobie High School website issued link at <https://square.link/u/5GddvXYw> to register. For any questions, direct email to Sexton at [ds Sexton@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:ds Sexton@pasadenaisd.org).

## Free youth FB camp at JFD

Coaches from the Sagemont Cowboys youth football organization as well as Dobie High School will host a free-of-charge Matt Bergeron Memorial youth football skills camp to area fifth- through eighth-grade boys' and girls' students June 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Dobie main.

To register, visit the Sagemont Cowboys and Cowboys Facebook page and scan the QR code.



The Wolverines' varsity girls' basketball program was well-represented at Clear Creek ISD's annual student-athlete scholarship honors program. From left, Kamryn McLaurin (Houston Christian), Rezia Castillo (Texas A&M Commerce), Clear Brook varsity girls' basketball head coach Mileka Loydrake and Chardel Terrell (Murray State College) were among those recognized.

## Mayberry to lead SoHo football



Following his official introduction as the incoming South Houston High School varsity football head coach, Lamont Mayberry (bottom, holding jersey) celebrated with a large contingent of his support staff from South Houston High School after the former Trojan defensive coordinator received official Pasadena ISD school board approval of his hiring at the administration building in Pasadena. Those supporting Mayberry included, left to right, (first row) April Mayberry, Jennifer Stewart, (second row) Christina Reyna, Gabriela Ortega, Myrna Alanis, Allison O'Brien, (third row) Skylee Ortega, Larri Hicks, Justin Wingard, (fourth row) Braden Mayberry, Kimbra Ortega, Jacobly Mayberry, Danny Lozano, Joe Horton, (fifth row) Steven Jackson, Aaron Smith, Mary Clifford and Patrick McCoy.

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## Whaley earns master's degree



Yvonne Whaley, a Class of 2018 Dobie High School graduate, last month earned her master's degree in sports management from the University of Tennessee. Whaley, a lifelong youth player in the South Belt Girls Softball Association, went on to become a four-year varsity letter winner with the Longhorns' program at Dobie, winning Most Valuable Player honors as a senior in 2018. Whaley first went on to play collegiate softball at Texas Tech for three seasons and Pittsburgh for two more before a graduating with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Pitt. Whaley also played professional softball briefly following college. Having earned her master's degree from the University of Tennessee, Whaley is now working within the Volunteers' player development department on campus in Knoxville. "We are most proud of her because Yvonne has always been willing to do whatever it takes, has really been able to flourish on her own and get things done no matter the challenge," her father, Terrance Whaley said. "She scored an internship at the University of Tennessee on her own, put in the hard work to earn her master's degree and now certainly appears to have a great opportunity within the athletic department there."

Clear Creek ISD officials held the end-of-the-year scholarship recognition event at Challenger Columbia Stadium in Webster as student athletes from Clear Brook High School as well as the district's other four high schools were recognized for earning athletic scholarships. Those earning scholarships among the Wolverines included, left to right, Trenton Flores, Logan Sariga, Matthew Halter, Jayveon Johnson, Darwin Bolding II, Abigail Lowman, Estrella Rowe, Kamryn McLaurin, Chardel Terrell and Rezia Castillo.



## Dickson, Texas A&M teammates reach NCAA track nationals



Clear Brook High School Class of 2022 graduate Camryn Dickson and 10 of her Texas A&M University women's track and field teammates punched their tickets for the NCAA Outdoor Nationals June 11-14 at the prestigious Hayward Field on the campus of the University of Oregon. Dickson and teammate Jasmine Montgomery, who also went head-to-head at the UIL state championships during the 2021 season in the sprints, are now headed to nationals in both the 100 and 200 as well as the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. At the NCAA West First Round at College Station, Montgomery was second in her heat with a time of 11.02 seconds, a personal best and the fourth fastest time

in TAMU history. In a separate heat, Dickson qualified for nationals with the time of 11.17. In the 200, Montgomery posted a career best of 22.26, the fastest time in TAMU program history in the last 10 years, while Dickson also reached nationals at 22.69. It was Jasmine Harmon, Dickson, Bria Bullard and Montgomery first to the line in the 4x100 in their heat for a nationals berth as Montgomery closed the gap on two others in the final 100 to give the Aggies the win. In the 4x400, the Aggies again qualified for nationals as it was Clear Falls High School graduate Kennedy Wade, Dickson, Montgomery and Jaydan Wood third in their heat at 3:27.67 for a nationals qualification.

## Mejia to Builders



Dobie Class of 2025 graduate and varsity boys' soccer standout Jesus Mejia has signed with Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan. and will join the Moundbuilders for play beginning this fall. Southwestern is a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program competing within the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

## Nelson lands De La Torre



Jesus De La Torre, a Class of 2025 Dobie high school graduate and varsity boys' soccer standout, will join National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics program Nelson University beginning this fall. The Lions compete in the Sooner Athletic Conference.

## Salazar to TAMU-Int.



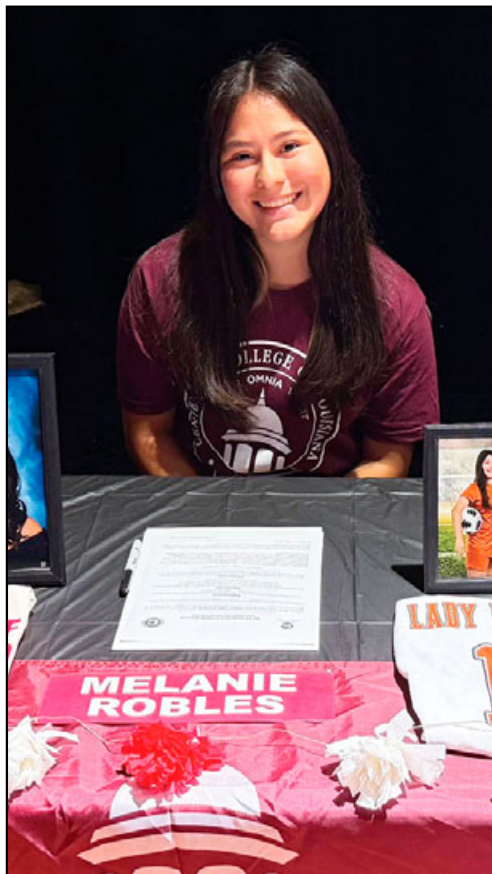
Dobie Class of 2025 graduate and varsity boys' cross-country standout Carlos Salazar will continue his education and running career at Texas A&M International in Laredo, Texas, after signing with the Dustdevils. TAMU-International has developed a successful cross-country program within the NCAA Division II ranks.

## Joiner awarded TASO honor



Dobie Class of 2025 graduate Williard Joiner III (left) and Longhorn varsity football head coach Danny Fitzmorris attended the Texas Association of Sport Officials end-of-school scholarship reception as Joiner received the TASO Norman Richardson Memorial Scholarship. Joiner, an All-District honoree on both the varsity football and baseball fields as a senior, plans to study mechanical engineering at Prairie View A&M University in Houston.

## Robles to CC-La.



Dobie Class of 2025 graduate and varsity girls' soccer standout Melanie Robles will continue her education and collegiate playing career at NCAA Division III program Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport, where she will play under the direction of head coach Morgan Dorsey beginning this fall.

## Evans picks Ouchita



Dobie Class of 2025 graduate and All-District running back Bryce Evans will continue his education and playing career at Ouchita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. after signing with the Tigers. Evans burst onto the scene in his final season with the Longhorns, rushing for 825 yards and 10 touchdowns on just 75 totes this season to pave his way to a collegiate opportunity.

## Spivey to Nelson FB



James Spivey, a Class of 2025 senior graduate and varsity football standout, turned an exceptional final season with the Longhorns into an opportunity to continue his education and playing career at Nelson University in Waxahachie, Texas. The Lions compete within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

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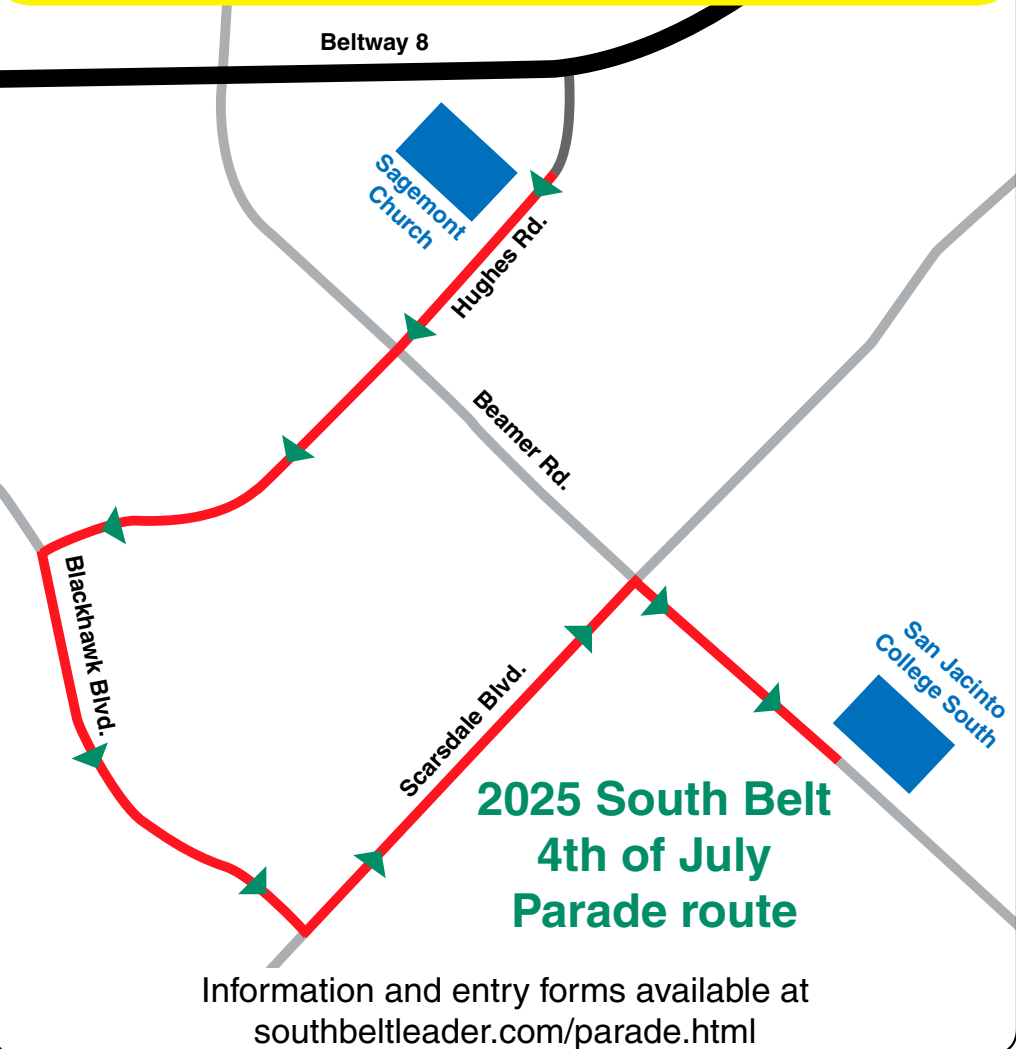
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 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m., Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
 7:30 a.m. **Rotary 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, JUNE 6**  
 7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.  
 Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA**, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com) or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
 8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at CrossRoads 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, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 7**  
 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, JUNE 8**  
 8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.  
 5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.  
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.  
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**MONDAY, JUNE 9**  
 5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets the first and third Mondays for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at 600 Hobbs Road, League City, TX 77573, (community room). For further information, call Jill at 646-489-4367.  
 6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email [huff\\_reunion@juno.com](mailto:huff_reunion@juno.com) for details.  
 7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.  
**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 10**  
 Join Wise Owls on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For companionship and games at United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings Drive. Call Shirley at 713-449-9959.  
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 10 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, Sept.-May, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.  
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
 10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$20. Exact cash or a check requested. To RSVP, visit [www.tricountyrw.club/](http://www.tricountyrw.club/).  
 11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
 6:30-7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn, at 832-722-9061 for information.  
 7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**  
 7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
 9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
**Carmelites** - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.  
**Noon Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.  
 7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.  
 8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - See Friday's notice.  
 8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 12**  
 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/>.  
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# July 4th Parade Detour



# Wolverine basketball trio sets championship tone during storied careers



Chardel Terrell played parts of four seasons at the varsity level for the Clear Brook girls' basketball program and completed her career by being named a first-team All-District selection. She will play collegiately at Murray State College in Oklahoma, perennially a nationally ranked program within the National Junior College Athletic Association.



Kamryn McLaurin of Clear Brook was the Defensive Player of the Year in District 24-6A as both a sophomore and junior before adding district Most Valuable Player accolades as a senior while averaging 19.5 points per game and playing her usual stellar defense. Choosing to play close to home, she will play collegiate basketball at Houston Christian University.

**Continued from Page 5** ball and track and field at Thompson Intermediate. Along with her standout basketball career with the Wolverines, she also set the school record in the 1,600 as a sophomore on the track.

Left-handed, Terrell said she has been working on her game using the right hand and is excited to join the program at nationally ranked Murray State.

"I'm excited about where I am as a player, but I think I can be better," she said. "I'm excited about a pretty good run at Clear Brook and I really owe a lot to my teammates and coach Lo for helping me get where I'm at. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to play college basketball."

Loydrake played high school basketball under the guidance of former Clear Brook head coach Pamela Crawford, who went on to finish a legendary career at Clear Springs. She knows that graduating star players is part of the game.

"These three, as well as so many others, have contributed greatly to our program over the years," Loydrake said.

"We owe it to them to excel in volleyball, basket-



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**SATURDAY NIGHTS AT PALM BEACH**  
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Clear Brook star guard Rezia Castillo was named the Most Valuable Player in the District 24-6A ranks as both a freshman and sophomore as she guided the Wolverines to consecutive 12-0 league championships. After missing her junior season due to injury, Castillo returned as a senior to land first-team All-District honors. She will play collegiately at Texas A&M Commerce.

### Summer basketball camps upcoming

Local youths will have their choice of a pair of summer basketball camps hosted by high schools later this month.

Clear Brook varsity boys' basketball head coach Nathan Janak and his staff will host a youth boys' summer camp/clinic June 23-26 at the high school as participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game. Boys entering the fourth through sixth grades as of the 2025-2026 school year will attend from 9 a.m. to noon at \$125 per student. Boys and girls entering kindergarten through third grade will attend from 9 a.m. to noon at \$85 per student, and seventh- through ninth-grade students will attend from 1 to 4 p.m. at \$125 per student.

Visit ClearBrookHoops on X (Twitter) to register via QR code.

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Rachel Flores and her staff are now accepting registration for the 2025 Longhorn Youth Basketball Clinic June 23-25 at Dobie main as incoming first-through ninth-grade boys' and girls' students will be eligible to attend the fun-filled, three-day event at \$60 per participant.

Participants will receive instruction in all phases of the game, including shooting, passing, dribbling, rebounding, offensive and defensive team concepts and more.

Visit DoBiEGBB on X, then scan the QR code to begin registration or direct email to Flores at RRodriguezFlores@PasadenaISD.org.

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