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From the Sports Desk with John Loven

CHS Boys Soccer Advances to Final Four!

The Castleberry boys soccer team has done what no other team has done in CHS history!

Despite many other very successful seasons, most notably the 2020 season (that was cheated out of their chance to go to state by Covid cancellation of all sports) the Lions have never made it to the final four in the UIL 4A playoffs.

On Tuesday, April 1m, Castleberry defeated Lake Dallas at Eagle Mountain Stadium. It was the third meeting of the season between the Lions and the Falcons.

The first two matches took place in District 8-4A competition. The first match ended in a 0-0 tie, and the second match ended in a 1-0 victory for the Lions. But the most important match was this third match which would result in the winner advancing to the final four in state. The Lions left little doubt as to who the best team was between these excellent squads when they defeated the Falcons 2-0.

Lions to Play for the 4A State Championship

On Saturday, April 5 the CHS boys soccer team's dream season lived on and stayed alive. They played the Community Braves from Nevada, Texas. A team who had not lost a game since Jan. 17 and entered the game with a 15-3-2 record.

Our Lions came into the game with a 21-1-3 record, with their only loss coming on Jan. 22. It had been over two months since either of these teams had tasted defeat. This semi-final game was played at McKinney ISD Stadium.

Many coaches, in any sport, will say "championships are won on defense." If this is true, and it usually is, then the Lions are certainly playing championship caliber defense. They had shut out their last nine opponents coming into this match, including all of their playoff games!

After Saturday night it became 10 consecutive shut-outs. They defeated the team from Nevada, 2-0.

Our Lions will now play for the 4A State Championship in soccer. They will play tonight Thursday, April 10 against Salado (23-3-3) in Georgetown at Birkelbach Field at 6:30 p.m. All Lion fans are encouraged to drive down I-35S to support Castleberry as they play for the first State Soccer Championship in school history.

From Castleberry ISD

Community Members Invited to School Board Candidates Forum April 15

All community members are invited to attend the School Board Candidates Forum at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, at Irma Marsh Middle School, located at 415 Hagg Drive.

The event will provide an opportunity to hear directly from the two candidates, Janice Carrell and Kevin Robles, who are running for Place 7 on Castleberry ISD's School Board in the May election.

Places 5 and 6 were also scheduled for election in May; however, the incumbents for both positions are unopposed.

Voting Information:

Early Voting: April 22 – April 29

Election Day: Saturday, May 3

Early Voting Location:

City of River Oaks Annex Building
4900 River Oaks Boulevard
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Election Day Voting Locations:

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It's the time of year for people to get outside more. Between the nice weather, beautiful flowers and extended daylight hours, people have more of an incentive to do something active in the spring.

North Texans may want to meet their friends at one of the many community festivals happening throughout the area. Or maybe they prefer to pack a picnic lunch for

the family to enjoy at the neighborhood park. Along the way, they may find a bicycle-pedestrian trail, and feel the urge to get their bike out of the garage and explore.

The [Rails to Trails Conservancy](#) invites people across the country to hit the trails on Saturday, April 26, for the annual [Celebrate Trails Day](#), a national event meant to highlight the importance of the nation's 42,000-plus miles of multiuse trails currently open. Across Dallas-Fort Worth, there are more than 1,000 miles of trails to explore, with thousands more funded or planned.

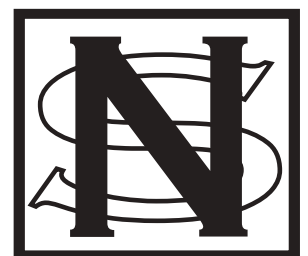
Whether you want to go for a morning jog on your neighborhood trail, find a new route for your family bike ride or take your bike out for the first time, it's likely Dallas-Fort Worth's growing trail system has what you are looking for.

To learn about the trails near you, visit NCTCOG's trails and on-street bikeways page. If you participate in Celebrate Trails Day, take a picture of your journey and post it on social media along with your choice of trails, and remember to tag us using [@nctcogtrans](#).



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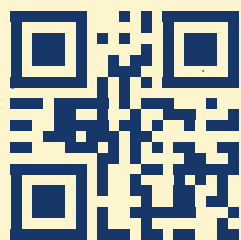
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From Statepoint

Three Ways to Celebrate and Enjoy National Parks This Spring

From the geysers of Yellowstone to the lush forests of the Great Smoky Mountains, the country's more than 400 National Parks are a national treasure. Here are three ways to celebrate and enjoy the parks this spring:

1. Celebrate National Park Week happening April 19 to April 27. Entrance fees will be waived on April 19 and the National Park Service parks, programs and partners will host events and activities all week. Follow National Park Week on social media and join the conversation online, or share your experiences, using #NationalParkWeek.

2. Listen to "My Park Story." On this podcast, which is hosted by the National Park Service, people share their unique connections to the parks and the National Park Service in their communities.

3. Help preserve the beauty, natural environments and recreational opportunities that the National Parks provide by supporting organizations like the Sierra Club and the National Parks Conservation Association, which are working to guard against the many threats the parks are currently facing.

From the City of River Oaks

City Hall Holiday Closures

City Hall, located at 4900 River Oaks Blvd., will be closed on Friday, April 18 in observance of Good Friday.

Regular trash routes will not be picked up on April 18.

From the City of River Oaks

Lions Club 52nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 19

The River Oaks Lions Club will hold their 52nd annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. at Inspiration Point at Marion Sansom Park located at Roberts Cut Off and Biway Street.

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Texas History Minute by Dr. Ken Bridges

Price Daniel: A Texas Legacy of Leadership Across All Branches of Government

Price Daniel was one of the few men in Texas History to serve in all three branches of state government: as governor, state legislator, and state Supreme Court justice. He was known for his sense of right and wrong, but his stands were sometimes controversial. In a political career that spanned decades, Daniel became one of the most well-known figures in the state.

Born Marion Price Daniel, Sr., in October 1910, he was the son of a rancher. He was born just outside the small Southeast Texas community of Dayton and was the oldest of three children. He was a conscientious, hard-working student. As a teenager, he moved briefly to Fort Worth, where he graduated high school.

After high school, he enrolled at Baylor University in Waco. To help pay for college, he worked as a reporter for the former *Waco News-Tribune* for a time. He graduated with a law degree in 1932 and returned to Liberty County to practice law.

He quickly became a respected attorney in the area and won fame in a series of high-profile local cases. He also briefly ran a local newspaper. In 1938, he was elected to the State House of Representatives as a Democrat. He served on the Judiciary Committee as well as the Oil, Gas, and Mining Committee and supported the oil and gas industry. Proposals for a state sales tax emerged, and Daniel became part of a group known as the "Immortal 56" in his outspoken opposition to it. Respected by his colleagues for his energy and integrity, he was elected Speaker of the House for the 1943 session.

The session took place in the midst of World War II. Though still the Speaker of the House, Daniel decided to serve his country in a new way and enlisted in the army at the end of the session in May 1943. He started as a private but was sent to train as an officer and became a lieutenant in the judge advocate general's office. He served mostly in the Pacific and was honorably discharged as a captain in May 1946.

Immediately upon his discharge, he ran for state attorney general for the July primary. Using his fame from his war record and speakership, he won easily. He worked to defeat organized gambling in the state. His office filed more than 5,000 lawsuits while he worked on dozens of committees and recommended hundreds of pieces of legislation to the state legislature. However, two cases in particular stood out in his time as attorney general.

In 1947, an African-American post office employee, Heman Sweatt, applied for admission to the University of Texas Law School. Similarly to cases erupting across the South, though Sweatt was qualified for admission, segregation kept him from attending because of skin color. As attorney general, Daniel had to defend the laws of the state at the time and took the case all the way to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled in 1950 that Sweatt deserved an equal education, and as a result was ordered enrolled in the law school.

The Tidelands Controversy became another explosive issue. In the late 1940s, Texas was trying to enforce its mineral rights in the Gulf of Mexico. Federal law claimed that the state had no jurisdiction in those areas and that any oil leases belonged to the federal government. Being an oil-rich state, the Texas public took a strong interest in the case. Daniel argued that Texas had an 11-mile claim dating to its time as an independent republic. This sparked a sharp controversy with President Harry S. Truman and his belief that federal law superseded any claim Texas might have had. The Supreme Court agreed.

As a result of the court fight, in 1952, Daniel refused to back the Democratic presidential nominee, Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, in favor of the Republican nominee, Texas native Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Daniel also announced his run for the U. S. Senate that year to replace the retiring Sen. Tom Connally. He ran as a "Texas Democrat" in defiance of the Truman administration's stands on the Tidelands issue. Daniel won easily, as did Eisenhower. In 1953, Eisenhower signed a bill sponsored by Daniel to recognize the Texas claim on the 11-mile limit. The result was that Texas was able to claim hundreds of millions of dollars in the coming years.

With his inauguration in January 1953, he jumped into his new position. He pushed through legislation giving coastal states the mineral rights to coastal waters, legislation he made a priority in his 1952 election. While in the Senate, he also pushed through strict new laws regarding illicit drug use.

In 1956, he decided to return to Texas and run for governor. It was a crowded field and a close contest, with Daniel challenged by liberal and conservative candidates. Daniel won the initial Democratic Primary and narrowly defeated former Judge Ralph Yarborough in the Democratic runoff. He resigned his (continued on page 6)

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Senate seat and began his tenure as governor in January 1957.

Daniel's years as governor were years of looking ahead. He worked to modernize the state in many ways. He approved new highway construction. He pushed ethics reforms for state officials and lobbyists, and with Lyndon Johnson, helped bring NASA's space center to Houston. History was one of his great passions, and he spearheaded an effort to create the State Library and Archives Building in Austin to house the state's important records and documents, dedicated in 1962. Looking at the growth of cities and the demands of farmers and ranchers, Daniel also moved to create more water projects to increase the state's supply. By the time he left office, dozens of reservoir projects were already planned.

In spite of the state's oil wealth, Texas faced serious money problems in Daniel's third term. In 1961, the legislature proposed a 2% sales tax to make up for the funding shortfalls. Daniel had fought the sales tax in his years in the legislature, but he realized that the state needed new sources of revenue to meet the demands of a modern state. The legislature passed the tax, and Daniel allowed it to become law without his signature. The sales tax was very unpopular. In 1962, Daniel lost the Democratic Primary in his bid for a fourth term to Secretary of the Navy John Connally, who went on to become governor.

In 1967, Lyndon Johnson, now president, still looked to Daniel for his expertise. He was named to a position on the National Security Council as head the Office of Emergency Preparedness. Johnson also named Daniel as a liaison between the White House and the nation's governors.

Daniel's family became deeply involved in politics as well. His younger brother, William, served three terms in the state legislature and later served as territorial governor of Guam from 1961 to 1963. His eldest son, Price Daniel, Jr., deeply admired his father. By the time he was 12 in the 1950s, he was making speeches and campaigning for his father. In 1968, he was elected to the same legislative seat his father held and eventually became Speaker of the House by 1976, just as his father had years before.

In 1971, Gov. Preston Smith named the former governor and Senator to an unexpired position on the Texas Supreme Court. With this, Daniel had now served in all three branches of state government. He was elected to a full term on the court in 1972 and re-elected in 1974. He decided not to seek re-election in 1978.

When he retired at the end of his term in January 1979, he capped a

remarkable four decades of elected service. He worked as a private attorney afterward, providing free service to the Alabama-Coushatta tribe. He hoped to enjoy a quiet, peaceful retirement at his ranch in his native Liberty County. But it was not to be.

In 1981, Price Daniel, Jr. – respected citizen, attorney, and father of three -- was shot and killed by his wife in a bizarre incident. The scandal shocked the entire state. And the entire Daniel Family was left in deep mourning.

The elder Daniel was deeply hurt by the loss, for the bond between a father and his son is unbreakable. His health declined in the years afterward. Price Daniel, Sr., died on his ranch of a stroke in 1988 at the age of 78.

Daniel was widely honored for his service. Baylor University named its public service award after the former governor and senator. A prison unit in Snyder is named after him. The Price Daniel State Office Building is located near the State Capitol in Austin. His home is now a museum.

From North Central Texas Council of Governments

April is Car Care Awareness Month

Are you Car Care Aware? April is spring National Car Care Awareness Month and that means taking a few extra steps to ensure your vehicle is in good working condition for the seasons ahead. Not only could preventative maintenance save you both time and money, but it could also keep the air we breathe clean and you and your passengers safe on the roadway.

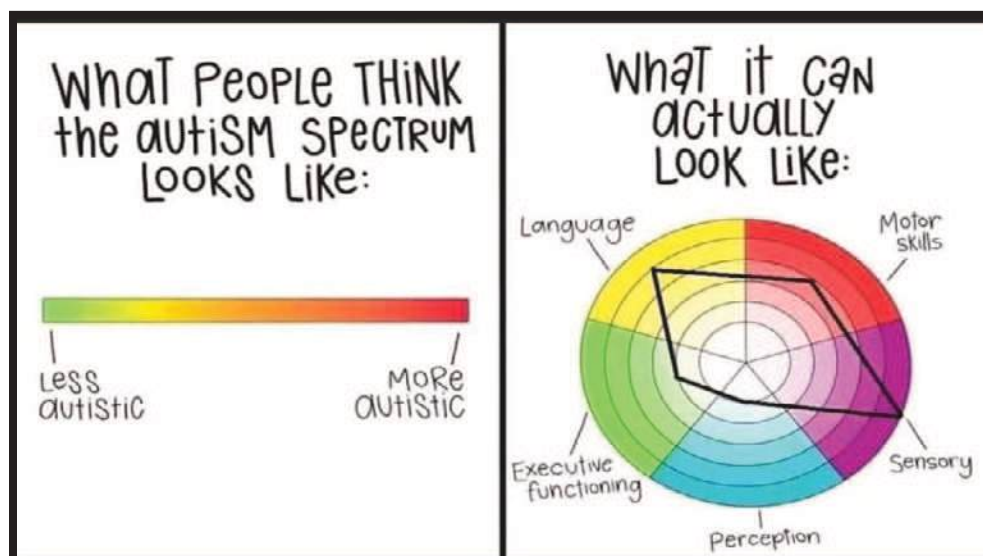
Vehicle preventative maintenance includes making sure your check engine light is not illuminated, tires are inflated properly and have plenty of tread depth left, windshield wipers aren't cracked or torn, and your fluids are all topped off. Discovering that your vehicle wasn't prepared for the springtime showers can be dangerous, so plan ahead.

As spring quickly gives way to more intense summertime temperatures, ensuring that your cooling system is up to the task is important, as well. An overheated engine could not only leave you stranded but cost you substantially in repairs. Luckily, an engine will generally give you warning before disaster strikes, so keep an eye on the coolant level as well as the temperature gauge.

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Friday, April 11:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 78. Northeast wind around 5 mph.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 53. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southeast after midnight.



Saturday, April 12:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 81. South wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
PM - Clear, with a low around 62. South southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



Sunday, April 13:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 90. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
PM - Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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