

Holiday markets set

The third of six holiday markets in South Belt will be Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event features local vendor and yard sale booths and is open to the public. Vendor space and yard sale spaces are available. Booths start at \$10 each. Future market dates are Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 15. For information, call or text Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Children's items needed

Friends of the Parker William Branch Library needs donations of children's books, gently used softback novels and CDs. They can be dropped off at 10851 Scarsdale, Suite 501, during normal library hours. Donations will help the library better serve the community.

Hughes/Sabo closure set

At least one southbound lane on Hughes/Sabo will be closed continuously at Beltway 8 until further notice. The closure is associated with an ongoing City of Houston project to replace a force water main at the intersection.

Telephone closure planned

At least one northbound and one southbound lane on SH 35/Telephone Road will be closed from Airport Boulevard to Bellfort Avenue daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (excluding Sundays) until further notice.

Beltway 8 closure planned

At least one northbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed from Greenshadow to SH 225 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until further notice. The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

COVID cases reported

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

As of Tuesday, Oct. 15, there were 295 active cases in 77089, no change from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week. In ZIP code 77075, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week. In 77034, there were six active cases, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

Statistics are updated weekly and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulativedata.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one northbound and one southbound main lanes and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/Brittany Bay to FM-519/Main Street daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 31. The U-turn lane on the northbound Gulf Freeway frontage road (north to south) at FM-519/Main Street in La Marque will be closed until further notice. The U-turn lane on the southbound Gulf Freeway frontage road (south to north) at FM-519/Main in La Marque will be closed until further notice.

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

New food distribution times

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have new food distribution dates. The church will have a food distribution on the first and third Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies last. The purpose of the distribution is to provide food to people in need in the surrounding community. For information, contact the church at 281-484-4230.

Sagemeadow meets Oct. 17

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. The meeting is open to the public. All Sagemeadow residents are encouraged to attend. For additional information, visit sagemeadow.org.

Partnership meets Oct. 24

The next South Belt Community Partnership meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Sageglen Community Center, 11610 Sageyork Drive. All member communities and any communities not already represented by the Partnership are highly encouraged to attend. Current and prospective stakeholders are also welcome. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, visit southbeltcp.org.

Pasadena ISD's Powell announces retirement

Superintendent to serve through end of year; School district seeks replacement

Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell announced this past week she will be retiring from her position at the end of this year after serving the district for more than three decades.

Powell has held many leadership positions over her 33-year career with Pasadena ISD. Before being named superintendent, Powell began her career as a history teacher at Jackson Intermediate and quickly advanced in leadership, serving as campus peer facilitator, assistant principal and principal. In 2005, Powell assumed the role of associate superintendent of Campus Development and later was asked to serve as deputy superintendent before making history as the first Pasadena ISD graduate and the first female to be named superintendent of Pasadena ISD in November 2015.

As superintendent, her collaborative leadership style and unwavering commitment to student excellence has fostered a positive climate throughout Pasadena ISD, resulting in many district accomplishments. Just a few of these include the expansion of a districtwide full-day pre-K program at each elementary campus, a K-12 Dual Language program, expanded Early College High School opportunities and the implementation of a nationally recognized Personalized Learning program.

Pasadena ISD has been recognized at the regional, state and national levels for academic excellence and support of the arts. Last year, Pasadena ISD graduated one of the largest groups of Early College High School students in the state of Texas; was named a Model Professional Learning Community (PLC) District by Solution Tree; and awarded the Texas Art Educators Association (TAEA) District of Distinction and repeatedly acclaimed as one of the Best Communities for Music Education.

Along with excellence in the classroom, PISD's district Business Department has also been recognized for excellence in business practices by earning a Superior Achievement rating on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) each year of Powell's tenure.

Powell has been recognized often for her outstanding leadership during her career. In 2018, she was named a Hurricane Harvey Hero, leading the district and helping the South Belt and surrounding communities in the aftermath of the hurricane. She also received the 2018 Learning for Texas Award for Outstanding Support from a Superintendent for Professional Learning. In addition,

as a member of the Team of Eight, Powell and the board of trustees were recognized as the Region 4 Board of the Year and selected as one of five Honor Boards recognized by TASA/TASB in 2019.

Powell holds an undergraduate degree in psychology and history from Sam Houston State University, a master's degree in educational management and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

She and her husband, Lance, a police sergeant with the Pasadena Police Department, call the South Belt home. Together they have four children: Andrew and wife Mary; Mason and wife Lindsey; Dawson, Caitlyn; and two granddaughters, Abigail and Caroline. All three sons served in the U.S. military.

A search is currently underway for Powell's replacement. Powell is scheduled to stay for a period of time and work as Superintendent Emeritus with her replacement to ensure a smooth transition.

The following is a list of some of the Pasadena ISD accomplishments and challenges during Powell's leadership:

2016

A total of 132 TEA distinctions earned by Pasadena ISD schools, an increase from the previous year. Eight Pasadena ISD schools earned all possible TEA distinction designations in the 2016 state accountability system; achieving a Met Standard rating and earning upward of seven distinction designations.

Pasadena ranked No. 9 best city for high performance on the national Education Equality Index list for academic performance on state standardized tests among low-income students.

PISD received a \$500,000 blended learning grant from Raise Your Hand Texas.

Lomax, Thompson and Dobie were chosen to join 19 total schools across the nation to participate in the Personalized Learning pilot program.

The district earned multiple state and international business awards.

2016 graduation rate was 90.9 percent.

2017

On Aug. 26, 2017, Hurricane Harvey devastated the Houston and Pasadena ISD community impacting several schools and their neighborhoods. This led to multiple efforts of community support and rebuilding. The damage at Thompson Intermediate was severe, displacing more than 973 students and 100+ faculty.

On Nov. 7, voters passed the 2017 Bond/TRE that approved the construction projects of a new Red Bluff Elementary, Transportation Building, and Maintenance & Operations Facility. This also approved the purchase of new buses, performing arts instruments, technology, and safety upgrades. Further, the Tax Ratification Election maximized dollars allocated by the state to the district.

Pasadena ISD received the Houston A+ Challenge Strengthen award for the Personalized Learning program.

Pasadena ISD was one of 28 Texas school districts named to the College Board's eighth Annual AP® District Honor Roll for 2017.

Mental Health America: 2017-2018 Center for School Behavioral Health Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

Dobie 9 opened.

The Dobie Longhorn boys' soccer team became the 2017 Region III Champions and reached the 6A State Semifinals.

2017 graduation rate was 89.9 percent.

2018

On May 31, 2018, several Pasadena PMHS students on their way to graduation suffered minor injuries after a crash involving multiple school buses. This led to the delay of graduation as they waited for students who were treated and released from the hospital to arrive at NRG Stadium. Nine of the 11 students made it to graduation on time to walk the stage. A special graduation ceremony was held in the summer for the remaining 2 students.

Powell was honored as the 2018 Outstanding Support from a Superintendent for Professional Learning award recipient for the state of Texas. She was recognized by Learning Forward at the annual Texas Association of School Administrators' mid-winter conference.

Bush and Meador elementary schools were named to the 2017-18 Educational Results Partnership (ERP) Honor Roll for outstanding academic achievements.

The Mental Health America grant in the amount of \$50,000 allowed Pasadena ISD to

provide services to students experiencing mental health issues through the use of technology.

CTE certifications continued to rise with 3502 earned, up 37 percent from the previous year.

371 Pasadena ISD students earned Advanced Placement Scholar Awards.

2018 graduation rate was 89.9 percent.

2019

On March 17, 2019, a fire broke out at the Intercontinental Terminals Company's Deer Park facility, causing the closing of school.

Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees was recognized as the Region 4 Board of the Year and was selected as one of the top five Honor Boards in the state of Texas at the annual TASA/TASB Conference in Dallas.

Pasadena ISD was among four school districts to receive the Department of Justice Southern District of Texas grant to bolster school safety and support first responders.

Dobie, Rayburn and South Houston become founding members of the Harris County Promise Program with San Jacinto College.

A total of 13 Pasadena ISD campuses were named Gold Ribbon Schools by the Children At Risk organization.

2019 graduation rate was 90.4 percent.

2020

In March of 2020, school was closed indefinitely due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Pasadena ISD is one of only two school districts in the state of Texas to be recognized as a Model Professional Learning Community at Work.

Six Pasadena ISD schools received the CREST Award.

Pasadena ISD was awarded the Model Magic Grant by BridgeUp at Menninger in the amount of \$56,750.

Pasadena ISD ranked No. 1 in the Houston Kroger School Food Program for Large Districts.

2020 graduation rate was 90.5 percent.

2021

The Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees won the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) 2020-2021 School Board of the Year award.

As Texas faced record-low temperatures in February 2021 and snow and ice made roads impassable, the state's electric grid operator lost control of the power supply, leaving millions without access to electricity. This led to the closure of schools until conditions improved.

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Dr. DeeAnn Powell

Multiple local plays/musicals set to make debuts

One local production "The Pits" loosely based on Brio Superfund site

There are multiple plays making their local debuts for theater lovers in the South Belt community to enjoy in the coming weeks.

San Jacinto College

San Jacinto College South Theatre and Film is proud to present the world premiere of the immersive experience "The Pits," with a script and creative direction by local artist Sarah Welch.

The live performance will play Thursday, Oct. 24, through Saturday, Nov. 2, with the scenic installation and audio version of the play open to the public through Friday, Nov. 22.

"The Pits" is a fictional account based in part on the infamous environmental crimes committed by Monsanto and other petrochemical enterprises at the Dixie Oil Processors and Brio Refinery Site located directly across from the San Jacinto College South campus.

"The Pits" takes its name from the unlined, open-air, chemical pits on the site which ultimately contaminated the earth, water and air of surrounding homes, particularly the neighborhood of South Bend.

"The Pits" is also a subtle nod to local protest signage from the late 80s and early 90s, which featured such slogans as "Brio is the pits!"

The production tells the story of the Brio site in a 360-degree, immersive environment that blends reality with speculative fiction. The story follows a fictional South Bend family affected by Brio through past, present and future generations; and features a cameo appearance

by Brio advocate and San Jacinto College Board of Trustees Chair and *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger.

While the world displayed in the production reflects Welch's personal artistic vision, its themes are relevant to the entire region, the playwright/creative director said.

"The Pits" is a cautionary tale from the Texas Coast about the long-term consequences of short-term gains, the need to preserve local histories and recognizing the sacred, unconventional beauty of our coastal ecology," said Welch.

Welch was joined in the production by sound designer Robert Leslie Meek.

"I'm thrilled to be working on such an exciting and original project," said Meek. "The world that Sarah has created through both the text and the visuals has established quite the sonic playground for me to exist in. As someone that grew up in Clear Lake in the late 90s, the Brio site is infamous. I had friends whose families had been moved from their houses and were dealing with the long-lasting effects of the chemicals that had been dumped there, but many people coming to the area now aren't as informed of the history of that part of town. To be able to reflect on the past, present, and potential future for the site is a real gift. I'm incredibly excited to sonically bring this important story to life, and to be working with such a dedicated team."

Tickets to "The Pits" are \$1 for San Jacinto College students, faculty and staff; and \$5 for the

rest of the community. They are available now at shorturl.at/L5p1n. Due to the nature of this performance, late ticketholders will not be admitted

entry. Attendees should plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to entry time.

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Women's wellness event set for Oct. 24

Methodist Hospital promotes women's health

Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital will host its Women's Health and Wellness Event Thursday, Oct. 24, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the University of Houston-Clear Lake Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

Attendees will have the chance to engage with leading health care professionals on topics such as the following:

– Breast care and breast cancer: Understanding prevention, early detection and treatment options.

– Gynecology and reproductive health: Addressing women's health issues at every stage of life.

– Heart health: Tips and information for main-

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Campbell sisters perform musical



Three adult sisters and former longtime area residents return to the South Belt community Oct. 18-19 to perform an original musical at San Jacinto South. Titled "A Night in BoBo," the production is an ode to their father, world renowned musician Gene "Boo" Campbell. The uncle of musician Glen Campbell, Gene Campbell has been recognized by the Musician's Hall of Fame for his contributions toward the Wrecking Crew collective of studio musicians responsible for performing on dozens of chart-topping hits. Campbell sisters shown above are, left to right, Anita, Rita and Tammy. For show information on tickets and times, see jump for "musicals set to make debut" continuation on Page 2.

Early voting set to begin Oct. 21

Early voting for the Nov. 5 general election will begin Oct. 21 and continue through Nov. 1.

In addition to the highly publicized U.S. presidential race, voters will decide who will fill other positions at the federal, state and county levels.

At the federal level, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz is being challenged by Democratic candidate Colin Allred. Libertarian candidate Chase Oliver is also on the ballot.

Competing to fill the U.S. House District 18 seat formerly held by U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee are former Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on the Democratic side and Lana Centonze on the Republican side.

Republican incumbent Troy Nehls will try to maintain his U.S. House District 22 seat, facing Democratic challenger Marquette Greene-

Scott.

In the contest for the U.S. House District 29 seat, Democratic incumbent Sylvia Garcia is being challenged by Republican candidate Alan Garza.

U.S. House District 36 incumbent, Republican Brian Babin, is facing Democratic challenger Dayna Steele, a former well-known radio host in Houston.

At the state level, Democratic incumbent Carol Alvarado is being challenged by Republican candidate Martha Fierro for her District 6 senate seat.

Republican incumbent Dennis Paul is facing Democratic challenger Doug Peterson for his state House District 129 seat.

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Elected officials share their words

State Representative Dennis Paul updates Dist. 129 constituents

It's been a busy start to Fall 2024. Over the past few months, I have continued attending and speaking at numerous events throughout District 129. Connecting with so many of my constituents has been incredibly rewarding as we discuss the critical issues that matter most to our community.

With summer behind us, my team and I are preparing for the 89th Legislative Session, which begins in January 2025. We are reviewing interim charges and beginning work on legislation that will best serve the people of District 129 and all of Texas.

This week, we solemnly mark 1 year since the horrific terrorist attacks of Oct. 7, when over 1,200 innocent Israeli civilians lost their lives in a series of brutal attacks.

My heart goes out to the families who lost loved ones, to those who survived this unspeakable tragedy, and to our Jewish neighbors here in Texas who continue to grieve. The images and stories from that day remind us that we must stand united against terrorism and hatred in all its forms.

Today, we reaffirm our unwavering support for Israel and its right to defend its citizens. We also recommit ourselves to fighting antisemitism here at home and ensuring that all our communities can live in peace and security.

In August, I stood alongside 23 fellow Coastal Legislators to strongly urge the TWIA board not to increase rates on policyholders. Unfortunately, the board chose to disregard our request and is now seeking approval from the Texas Department of Insurance to raise premiums.

Fighting for lower insurance rates has

always been one of my top priorities as a legislator, and I remain committed to advocating for more affordable rates for both TWIA and non-TWIA residents alike.

As a member of the Texas House Insurance Committee, I had the opportunity to question the Texas Insurance Commissioner about the rising insurance costs. Like many of you, I've felt the impact on my own home and car insurance. During her testimony she laid out multiple factors driving these increases include:

- Inflation and supply chain disruptions have increased cost of supplies and labor.
- Texas experiences frequent and severe weather events, causing significant losses.
- Home and vehicle values have risen sharply, leading to higher premiums.
- Increased vehicle collisions and risky driver behavior have driven up auto insurance costs.
- Fraudulent activities add to overall expenses that insurers pass on to consumers.
- Last year's rise in reinsurance costs impacted insurance rates, although they are now stabilizing.
- Geographic variations mean some areas face higher risks, influencing regional insurance rates.

Rest assured, I am committed to thoroughly understanding these factors and to eliminating any legislative barriers that contribute to higher costs. Your concerns are my priority, and I am dedicated to finding solutions that benefit us all.

Dennis Paul

City Council Member Flickinger urges voting, announces town halls

Dear District E Residents,

The upcoming election is important for the residents of District E. All election-related information can be found at <http://www.harrisvotes.com>. Early voting for this election will take place from Monday, Oct. 21 to Friday, Nov. 1 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. This extended period allows voters to cast their ballots ahead of the official election day, which is set for Tuesday, Nov. 5, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Harrisvotes.com provides information on additional resources and services related to the election, such as voter registration and sample ballots. The website serves as a centralized hub for election information, ensuring that voters have all the necessary information to participate in the democratic process.

At the Oct. 9 City Council Meeting, Council voted to keep the City's tax rate at \$0.519190 on each \$100 of taxable value which is the same as 2023. This decision ensures that we can maintain City services such as fire protection, police enforcement, road maintenance, and solid waste collection without increasing the tax burden on our residents.

In addition to these efforts, Mayor Whitmire announced that the State of Texas has allocated \$50 million in disaster recovery funds to Houston. These funds will be used to aid the city in rebuilding and improving infrastructure that was affected by the May Derecho and Hurricane Beryl disasters, ensuring that our community remains resilient and prepared for future emergencies. I

understand there is still debris left to clean up and I am working with Solid Waste and the Mayor's Office to have that addressed.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who came out to the Kingwood Town Hall. It was a packed house and I hope it was informative for all that attended. If you missed the Kingwood Town Hall you can watch it here: <https://houstontx.newswagit.com/videos/315711>. I want to remind residents in the south about the upcoming town halls.

Edgebrook - Tuesday, Oct. 22; from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at OneMovement Bible Church, 10120 Hartsook St.

Clear Lake - Thursday, Oct. 24; from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, 1150 Gemini St.

We have invited CenterPoint to attend the town hall meetings to be able to speak about what they are doing in each area of the district to strengthen the resiliency of their infrastructure. I have also extended invitations to several city departments, including Houston Public Works and Houston Parks and Recreation, as well as a range of community speakers and elected officials. In addition to various information tables for residents to peruse before the meetings begin, I look forward to everyone hearing these updates and addressing community questions, comments, and concerns. This is the perfect opportunity to engage with your community and have your questions answered. We hope you will join us. Please feel free to invite a neighbor, friend or colleague! Everyone is welcome to attend. Sincerely,

Fred Flickinger

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, Oct. 17, 3 - 4 p.m. Family story time.
Thursday, Oct. 17, 3 - 4 p.m. Open Lab - computer class.
Thursday, Oct. 17, 5 - 6 p.m. English language learning at the library.
Monday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m. - noon. Open Lab - computer class.
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 5 - 6 p.m. Kids craft.

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> 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, Oct. 17, 2 - 4 p.m. Cyber security basics for seniors and adults.
Monday, Oct. 21, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Conversation club.
Monday, Oct. 21, 2 - 4 p.m. Pathway to citizenship.
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Conversation club with Ed.
Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6 - 8 p.m. Pathway to citizenship.

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.
- 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>.

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In My Opinion

Knight: October: bully prevention month

We have all heard the stories of bullied teens taking their own lives. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for youth ages 10-18. It is also the 5th leading cause of death for children ages 6-12, and, in many cases, bullying can be a catalyst. Studies have shown that bullying aggravates depression and increases suicide risk for both the victim and the perpetrator. When kids who are at risk for suicide because of depression or other mental health issues experience bullying, the results can be disastrous.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey takes place annually every two years in middle and high schools nationwide. The latest results on bullying have come out for 2023. 21% of female students and 12% of male students reported cyberbullying in the past year. 22% of females and 17% of males endured bullying at school. Nearly 3 in 10 LGBTQ+ students encountered bullying at school.

Cyberbullying happens via technology and can be just as devastating as in-person bullying. It is repetitive aggressive behavior that targets a victim. Often, this can lead a victim to a feeling of negative self-worth. Since the bullies are usually anonymous, the victim has no idea of who

is behind all the threats. This bullying can create low self-esteem, loneliness, and a drop in school grades.

Parents can help prevent cyberbullying by opening a dialogue about it, limiting data access, knowing their children's passwords, and enforcing internet rules. New research done by The Journal of Child and Family Studies identifies that certain positive parenting practices have a profound effect on both school bullying and cyberbullying. This includes a surplus of warmth, autonomy/support, and structure.

If your child has been the victim of bullying and you have noticed a change in their mental health as a result, get help now. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline is a free resource available 24 hours a day. Call or text 988 if you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis.

The Jason Foundation is another valuable resource. JFI is dedicated to the awareness and prevention of youth suicide through educational programs that equip youth, parents, educators, and the community with the tools and resources to identify and assist at-risk youth. Visit www.jasonfoundation.com to learn more about youth suicide, the warning signs, and how you can make a difference.

Scott Knight
Education Specialist

Women's wellness event set for Oct. 24

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taining cardiovascular wellness.

- Weight management Strategies for achieving and maintaining a healthy weight.

The event is designed to empower women with knowledge and resources to help them make informed health

decisions. During a Q&A discussion, participants can speak with a panel including the following medical experts on women's health:

- Micheline Scarlata, M.D., FACS: breast surgical oncologist, Houston Methodist Neal Cancer Center at Clear Lake.

- Chinemelum Oriza, M.D.: obstetrician and gynecologist, Houston Methodist

- Ahmed Ali, M.D.: bariatric

surgeon, Houston Methodist Department of General and Bariatric Surgery at Clear Lake.

- Luna Liu, D.O.: cardiologist, Houston Methodist DeBakey Cardiology Associates at Clear Lake.

- Chinemelum Oriza, M.D.: obstetrician and gynecologist, Houston Methodist

Obstetrics and Gynecology Associates at Clear Lake.

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend. Admission is free and open to the public but seating is limited and registration is required.

For information or to reserve a spot, visit join.houstonmethodist.org/womens-clear-lake.

City HPW to replace lead pipes

The city of Houston is taking action to replace lead pipes in the city as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. This requires utilities to identify and replace lead pipes within 10 years, to ensure communities have access to clean drinking water.

Houston Public Works (HPW) is working to identify

type of materials used in both the city's water service lines and each customer's private water service lines. A private service line connects a customer's water pipes to the city's water main. If the material of a

service line is unknown, there is a possibility that it may be made of lead or galvanized pipe. People living or working in properties with lead or galvanized pipes previously connected to lead are at an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.

Currently, HPW has not found any lead pipes in their service lines.

As part of its ongoing program to identify and replace lead pipes, HPW is sending notices to 429,662 customers in their water bills to inform them that their water service line is made of unknown materials. Because the city does not have information about these private service lines, there is a possibility that they may be made of lead or galvanized pipe that was at one point connected to lead. Anyone with a service line of unknown material will receive this notification letter by mail no later than Nov. 15.

HPW has created a water service line inventory map that allows the public to search their addresses and view current records of the material used in their water service line.

Although it is not mandatory, customers with unknown

water service line materials are encouraged to follow the step-by-step instructions on the website and self-report with photographs to help HPW identify their water service line materials. If their water service line remains unknown, the city may follow up as part of their test hole program or other water service line material investigation.

HPW has compiled information and guidelines from the EPA, TCEQ and CDC on how to reduce the risk of lead in your drinking water. Visit <https://bit.ly/HouLeadRe> sources for more information.

Local plays/musicals make debut

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Showtimes for "The Pits" are as follows:

- Thursday, Oct. 24, and Friday, Oct. 25: 7 p.m.

- Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26: 1:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 31, and Friday, Nov. 1: 7 p.m.

- Saturday, Nov. 2: 1:30 p.m.

For additional information, visit sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/arts/theatre-film/south or email Jonelle Walker at jonelle.walker@sjcd.edu.

Dobie High School
J. Frank Dobie High School Theater Department

Early voting begins

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Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado (Democrat); Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia (Democrat); Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin (Republican) are all running unopposed.

Voters will also decide on whether or not to approve a new Harris County Flood Control District tax increase. If approved by county voters, Proposition A would increase the HCFCD tax rate by nearly 60 percent to 4.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value, costing the average homeowner approximately \$60 per year.

County officials said the proposal, which has broad bipartisan support, is necessary to maintain the district's aging flood infrastructure.

According to Harris County officials, Proposition A would provide approximately \$100 million annually toward the maintenance of the Flood Control District's infrastructure.

Nearly early voting locations include the following:
- El Franco Lee Community Center, 9500 Hall Road.
- Freeman Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane.
- MultiCultural Center, 951 Tristar Drive in Webster.
- BakerRipley Pasadena Campus, 720 Fairmont Parkway in Pasadena.
- East Harris County Activity Center, 7340 Spencer Highway in Pasadena.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Approximately 450 voting locations will be open on Election Day.

To see a complete list of polling locations and a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

Pasadena ISD's Powell retires

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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recognized Pasadena ISD for achieving its energy savings goal as a partner in the Better Buildings Challenge. Through the challenge, the district achieved an energy savings of 28 percent due to greater efficiency efforts.

Red Bluff and Sparks elementary earned first-ever national distinctions for engaging families.

The district received the Truancy Prevention and Intervention Grant in the amount of \$125,000.

PISD continued to employ two juvenile case managers to provide support services to students attending Sam Rayburn and Pasadena high schools. The juvenile case managers focus on students who struggle with attendance issues.

2021 graduation rate was 90.9 percent.

2022

On May 6, 2022, passengers aboard a small plane experienced a close call af-

ter crashing behind Dobie 9. No students were outside during the incident and dismissal was only pushed back slightly.

On May 7, 2022, Pasadena voters passed the \$305 million bond that approved the construction of four replacement campuses and upgrades to multiple buildings. The bond also included enhancements to safety and security, technology, and athletic facilities.

Pasadena ISD was among the first 14 districts across the state invited to take part in the Holdsworth Leadership program, which was designed to help district leaders create systems that ensure a strong pool of aspiring principals who are truly ready to step into the role when a position arises.

Pasadena ISD was one of five finalists selected for recognition by H-E-B in the Large District division for Texas and one of only two districts selected as a finalist in Harris County.

Ritu Gandhi, a teacher at Morales Elementary, was awarded the statewide H-E-B Leadership Elementary Award.

TEA gave Pasadena ISD a "A" rating (90 percent) in Academic Growth, an improvement from its 2019 score of "C" (79 percent) and a "B" (86 percent) overall. 66 percent of Pasadena ISD campuses earned a total of 124 distinctions. 14 campuses earned an "A" overall and 36 campuses earned a "B" overall.

A total of 34 Pasadena ISD schools received CREST Awards.

The district received the Truancy Prevention and Intervention Grant in the amount of \$100,000 (Year 2).

2022 graduation rate was 91.3 percent.

2023

On Jan. 24, 2023, Deer Park and Pasadena ISDs were impacted by a string of tornadoes that devastated nearby schools and communities. Volunteer initiatives immediately took place across the district.

Out of 200 schools, Kruse

Elementary won second place in the NCAA Read to Final Four competition.

Pasadena ISD Finance Department was recognized as one of only 23 school districts in Texas to earn the prestigious Award of Excellence in Financial Management. The Purchasing Department received the Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations.

Pomeroy, Kruse, Sullivan and Southmore were recognized for the first time by Solution Tree for their sustained success in raising student achievement. Other Pasadena ISD Model PLC schools from previous years included Sam Rayburn, Milstead, Morris, Miller, and Lomax.

Teague Elementary and Roberts Middle School were two of the sixteen schools across the nation to be awarded with the Student Council Schools of Excellence by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP).

San Jacinto Intermediate and Nelda Sullivan Middle School were two of six schools nationwide to receive the Gradient Learning 2023 Rise Award.

More than 100 parents graduated from the Raising Highly Capable Kids program. The 13-week course focused on empowering parents with the tools, skills, and confidence to raise caring, healthy and responsible children.

A total of 36 Pasadena ISD schools received CREST Awards.

The district was awarded the Truancy Prevention and Intervention Grant in the amount of \$75,000 (Year 3).

Pasadena ISD opened its new administration building.

2023 graduation rate was 90.1 percent. 89% of annual graduates met College, Career, or Military Readiness standards.

2024

Pasadena Independent School District was a finalist for the 2024 H-E-B Excellence in Education School District award.

The total of 5,918 CTE certifications was a 21-percent increase.

A total of 43 counselors received Crest Awards.

General

More than \$700 million in facility improvements were secured through bonds, local funds, grants and federal dollars.

Since 2016, PISD saved taxpayers over 70 million dollars in interest payments from bond refunding and prepayment of existing bonds.

Raises were given for staff every year.

Other successes - only to name a few

One to One Technology PK-12.

Early College High School expanded to all five high schools.

Pre-K full-day was implemented districtwide.

Additional crisis counselors, social workers and mental health support.

One Way Dual Language. Graduation rate consistently higher than state average.

Deaf Education program began.

Extensive safety and security improvements.

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Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
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Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*
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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)	
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All proceeds will go to the Post Rebuilding Fund.

J. Frank Dobie High School announces 1st 2024-2025 six-weeks honor roll

Officials of J. Frank Dobie High School have announced the first six-weeks honor roll for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ninth grade

Yaslin Esmeralda Acosta, Lilah Samantha Aguayo, Abigail Lucia Aguilar, Alondra Aguilar, Jaylen Isaac Aguilar, Marahi Lolita Aguilar, Coraline Larimar Alcalá, Afan Kamran Alem, Zoe Valentina Alfaro Nataren, Alexander Alvarez Hurtado, Daniel Alberto Alvarez, Giovanni Elijah Alvear Alejo, Jordana Renee Aquino Rico and Tesli Araujo.

Nathan Isaiah Arizpe, Andrea Natalia Arredondo, Yaritza Auroles, Jesiah Derek Avendano, Julian Andraes Avila, Yindianadi Ayala Hernandez, Elijah Azcona, Yosselin Yudith Banegas, Daniel Barboza, Joshua Barboza, Angelica Jaylynn Barragan, Manuel Enrique Barrios, Zadie Layne Battarbee, Maycol Josue Bautista Guzman, Damaris Melissa Benitez and Beatriz Betancourt.

Nicholas Leland Black, Anabella Cancel, Ashby Belle Caniff, Javanni Rene Capuchino, Jesus Julian Carrillo, Aileen Reina Castillo, Brianna Allison Castillo, De'andre Demarkus Ceasar, Rileigh Patrice Ceasar, Sasha Nicole Cepeda, Dareli Osvelia Cervantes, Dalila Anahi Chapa, Annalise Chavez, Damian Jesus Chavez, Jackson Miles Chavez, Tamara Denise Chavez and Diana Gabriela Chicas Lopez.

Emiliano Colunga, Ingrid Johana Contreras Garcia, Kyle Gabriel Contreras, Danyean Jareise Copeland, Estevan Corona, Brendan Austen Cortez, Jose Manuel Junior Cortez, Zairie Amiyah-Symone Creeks, Martir David Cruz Avelar, Alondra Itzel Cruz, Johnjon Cruz and Jordan Anthony Cruz.

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Parade committee honors Dobie student council



Students from the J. Frank Dobie High School student council who supported the Pasadena Livestock Show & Rodeo parade were honored by Parade General Chairman Seth Webb on behalf of the rodeo's parade committee. Each of the students received a certificate and a rodeo ticket for serving as banner carriers for the parade's sponsors and grand marshal. Shown, left to right, are Will Joiner, Juliana Salazar, Gabriella Ramirez, Seth Webb, Ani Randolph, Ameliah Rodriguez and Diego Colon.

Meador celebrates Hello Week



Crazy about making friends, fourth-grader Yaneli Martinez (left) and third-grader Anahi Martinez styled crazy hair.



First-graders Josiah Short (left) and Milan Nguyen matched to each other and then gave each other compliments.

Methodist recognized nationally for quality

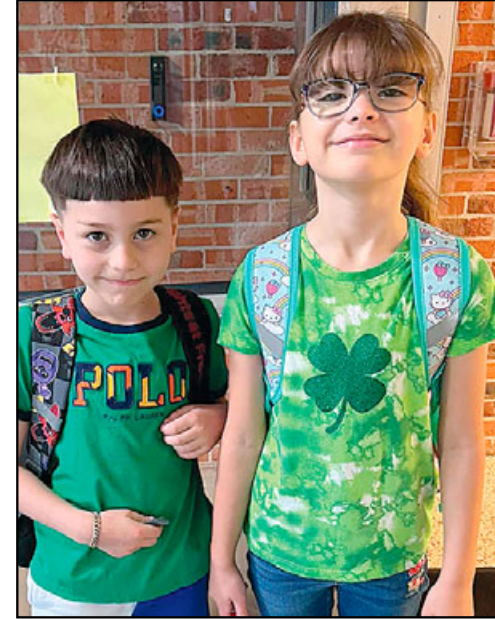


Houston Methodist leaders attended the 2024 VIZIENT Quality Ranking award ceremony in Las Vegas on Sept. 17 to accept an award on behalf of Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital. The hospital ranked as a top performer in the Bernard A. Birnbaum, MD, Quality Leadership annual rankings. Houston Methodist Clear Lake ranked No. 14 out of 364 VIZIENT members in the nationwide community hospital cohort for safety, mortality, effectiveness, efficiency, patient centeredness and equity of care. Accepting the award, left to right, were Houston Methodist leaders Gwen West, Dr. Shawn Tittle, Rebel Heasley, Dr. Shlomit Schaal, Andrea Harrow, Carl Little, Heidi Reigel, Charles Lapsley, Dr. Mark Savrick, Myrna Turner, Traci Graham, Chris Siebenaler and Dr. Marc Boom.

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First-graders King Oaks (left) and Emma Gama found they complemented and give each other compliments.



Second-grader Ricardo Lugo (left) and fourth-grader Isabelle De La Cruz wore green (the color of Start with Hello) to smile and say hello.



Annabella Loupe, pre-K student, wore her athletic clothes to work out problems.

Remember When

45 years ago (1979)

A study of the cost of burglary and vandalism to school property in the Pasadena Independent School District revealed a whopping cost of \$90,339.38 to the district during the period of a year.

State Rep. Bill Caraway, District 100, was the guest of honor at a reception given by professors at San Jacinto College.

40 years ago (1984)

The name of Choate Road was officially changed to Dixie Farm Road.

Joe Sink was re-elected chairman of the United Sports Association at its annual membership meeting.

35 years ago (1989)

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Oak Haven Apartments were scheduled.

Dobie High School's Scott Hulin, Rosetta Khan, Joseph Koniczka, Robert Moore, Michael Scheschuk, Jason Spurgeon and Judy Tran were named National Merit Commended Students.

30 years ago (1994)

It was announced that the Beltway 8 exit on the north-bound lanes of the Gulf Freeway would close permanently.

Trooper Ismael Gomez of the Texas Department of Public Safety was named Officer of the Month by the South Belt-Ellington Rotary Club.

25 years ago (1999)

The United States Environmental Protection Agency mandated that technical information be sent by all providers of drinking water including cities, utility districts, etc.

Pearland City Council tabled annexation of proposed property slated to become a gated community at the end of Seardsdale Boulevard until a solution for anticipated increased traffic could be found.

20 years ago (2004)

Rep. Tom DeLay met with Col. Lanny McNeely, commander of the 147th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard, to discuss Ellington Field. The two talked about recent legislation which would allow the creation of a joint reserve base.

Safety concerns prompted Kirkglan Drive to be closed where it intersected the beltway feeder. Many serious traffic accidents had occurred there due to its close proxim-

ity to an exit off the beltway and drivers cutting too close to make the turn.

A 4-foot inflatable Tigger character and other Halloween decorations were stolen from the front yard of a residence in the 11500 block of Sagelink Drive.

15 years ago (2009)

Jose Sepulveda died from H1N1 influenza. Sepulveda, 16, was a junior at Dobie High School and the first official casualty of the virus in the Pasadena Independent School District. A longtime South Belt resident, Sepulveda had also attended Atkinson Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate.

The South Belt Girls

Softball Association honored Gabby Romero by naming a softball field after her. Field No. 1 at El Franco Lee Park officially became Gabby Romero Memorial Field. Romero, who began her standout softball career in the SBGSA, died after a 15-month battle with cancer. A fundraising tournament coincided with the opening ceremony.

10 years ago (2014)

A suspected murder-suicide took place in the 9500 block of Garden Bridge. According to police, Maribel Cruz, 43, was killed in her home, and investigators believed her husband, Raul Cruz, 44, fatally shot her before turning the gun on himself. The two were discovered at roughly 7 a.m. Both were longtime South Belt residents. Maribel Cruz's two daughters, ages 15 and 19, were at home at the time of the shooting.

Longtime Dobie teacher Cathy Haney died Oct. 22 after a long battle with illness. Haney taught history for 34 years at Dobie and also served as department head.

She additionally served as a coach on Dobie's Academic Decathlon team for nine years, earning a national championship in 1992. Haney also organized the Trailmixers, a group of

former Dobie staff members who kept in touch via email and met for lunch each month. Before arriving at Dobie, Haney also taught at South Houston and Miller intermediate schools.

5 years ago (2019)

Former Dobie student Kenneth A. Howerly assumed the position of U.S. ambassador to Sweden. Howerly attended Stuchbery Elementary and Beverly Hills Intermediate, before entering Dobie High School, where he graduated in 1994. While at Dobie, Howerly earned the titles of valedictorian and drum major, among many other honors. In 2013, Howerly resigned

from his position at Founders Fund after taking on his new role as ambassador. The role had been vacant since Donald Trump became president in January 2017. The absence of such a diplomat is somewhat historic, as Sweden has not been without a U.S. ambassador in the last century.

1 year ago (2023)

A man was fatally shot around 1:25 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at a business at the corner of Beamer and Fuqua. Daniel Abdelmalak, 25, was pronounced dead at the scene after being shot multiple times. According to Houston police officials, the shooting stemmed from an argument over a business transaction.

A physical altercation escalated into a shooting, investigators said. All three nearby schools - Meador Elementary, Morris Middle School and Beverly Hills Intermediate - were placed on lockdown for approximately 1.5 hours as a safety precaution until deemed safe by police. Malcolm Jakob Lewis, 20, later turned himself in to police for the killing and was subsequently charged with murder.

Over The Back Fence by Natalie



TRACY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Tracy Giles enjoys a birthday Thursday, Oct. 17. Birthday greetings are sent from husband Jim, sons Cody and Aaron and wife Ashley and daughter Kristen; and mother Bobby Griffin (Leader staff member).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KIMBERLY!
Kimberly Lipina celebrates a birthday Thursday, Oct. 17. Happy birthday wishes are sent from her husband Matthew Lipina; mom Leslie and dad Fred Flickinger; grandparents Marie (Leader owner) and David Flickinger and Olive Falkowski; uncle David (Leader president) and wife Ellie Flickinger; sister Courtney and children Abigail, Jackson and Penelope Durham.

BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR KAY
Best wishes for a wonderful birthday are sent Oct. 21, to active community member and business owner Kay Barbour, former South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce president/CEO and current Sagemont Civic Club president, from friends and staff at the Leader.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SANDRA!
South Belt resident and longtime business owner Sandra Yandell celebrates a birthday Wednesday, Oct. 23. She is wished a wonderful day from her family, community members and from friends at the South Belt Leader.

FRED CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Fred Flickinger celebrates a memorable birthday Oct. 23. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent by wife Leslie Flickinger; daughter Kimberly and husband Matt Lipino; daughter Courtney and children, Abigail, Jackson Penelope Durham; brother David (Leader president), wife Ellie Flickinger, and their daughter, Natalie and her husband Jose Abarca and children Kelvin Lopez, Noah, Eliana Abarca; parents Marie (Leader owner) and David Flickinger.

PENELOPE TURNS 5!

Best wishes for a happy birthday Wednesday, Oct. 23, are sent to Penelope Durham who celebrates her fifth birthday from parents Courtney and Chris Durham, sister Abigail and brother Jackson; aunt Kimberly Lipino and husband Matt; grandparents Fred and Leslie Flickinger; great-grandmother Olive Falkowski; great-grandfather John Fairchild; great-grandparents Marie (Leader owner) and David Flickinger; and great-uncle David Flickinger (Leader president) and his wife Ellie.

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 17 through Oct. 23.

Atkinson Elementary
Oct. 17 is a day of celebration for Christopher Williams' birthday. Asia Alvarez-Hernandez celebrates a birthday Oct. 23.

Burnett Elementary
Light the birthday candles on a cake for Megan Taylor Oct. 22.

Bush Elementary
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to Laurentina Saucedo Oct. 20.

Frazier Elementary
Send a birthday greeting Oct. 20 to Jessica Noriega.

Genoa Elementary
Light the birthday candles Oct. 22 on a cake for Cassidy Horton.

Hancock Elementary
Remember to wish Angie-Marie Zepeda Jimenez a happy birthday Oct. 17.

Meador Elementary
A special birthday wish is sent to Ashley Jasso Oct. 19.

Moore Elementary
Blow out the birthday candles for George Robeson Oct. 23.

Stuchbery Elementary
Oct. 17 is the day for a fun celebration

for Ana Sanchez-Cortes. Cara Wilson celebrates a birthday Oct. 22.

Melillo Middle School
Kelli Schauer celebrates a special birthday Oct. 17. The day for a party for Heather Wheeler is Oct. 18.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
Birthday greetings go out to Ashley White Oct. 17. Anastasia Payne celebrates a birthday Oct. 20.

Thompson Intermediate
Remember to wish Manuel Reyna a happy birthday Oct. 22.

Dobie High
Best wishes for a special birthday Oct. 17 are sent to Brandy Castillo. Remember to wish Krystal Wilcox a happy birthday Oct. 18. Best wishes for a special birthday Oct. 19 are sent to Paul Sinski. Oct. 21 is the day for a birthday celebration for Lydia Duncan.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Oct. 17: Beverly Bolton, Joe Bennett, Susan Scott and Stephanie Garza; Friday, Oct. 18: Michael Harris III, Stephanie Morton, Kassie Schmidt and Michelle Cripps; Saturday, Oct. 19: Craig Stephens, Don Whited, Pat Perez and Jesse Salazar; Sunday, Oct. 20: Trina Gibson, Jennifer Chavez and Trey Sanchez; Monday, Oct. 21: Mindy Homann, Craig Funni, Eddie Youngs and Robert Fortson; Tuesday, Oct. 22: Craig Tyer, Jamie Nevarez, Stacey Glass, Kimberly Gale and Jonny Heitman; Wednesday, Oct. 23: Mike Jimenez, Jennifer Garcia, Kelly Kasselman, Johnny Smithers, Melissa Guerrero, Ruben Salazar, Rosanna Luna and Janna Horst.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
For birthdays, "Friends Celebrate Birthdays" or announcements email to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

NASA Aglow sets meeting

Pastor Michelle Di Somma will be ministering at the NASA Aglow Lighthouse meeting, Thursday, Nov. 21, beginning at 10 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 18516 SH 3, Webster.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

JFD tops 22-6A cross-country with outstanding 1-2-3-4 finish

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

With a freshman star leading the way, the Dobie varsity boys' cross-country team put together one of the most dazzling mornings in program history, winning the District 22-6A Championships for the first time in the Class 6A division.

For the history buffs, it's also the Longhorns' first team crown since the 2004 season.

Next up, Dobie will represent 22-6A at the Region III Championships Oct. 21 in Huntsville, making its second consecutive trip to regionals as a team after finishing second to eventual state meet qualifier Deer Park a season ago.

Cruz Jasso made a name for himself over the previous two seasons as he set Pasadena ISD records in both the seventh and eighth-grade divisions while running for the Beverly Hills Bears.

Less than a calendar year later, Jasso will lead Dobie to the Region III Championships Oct. 21 in Huntsville as the 22-6A individual gold medalist.

Jasso was the lone athlete to break the 16-minute mark Oct. 10 on the 5,000-meter course at Dobie main, finishing at 15 minutes, 55.24 seconds for the title.

He was the first of four in the burnt orange to the line as senior Chris Lopez, freshman Jordan Roman and junior Johan Villavicencio went 2-3-4.

Lopez, who entered the program as a freshman the same year that Cross took over as head coach, was second in a time of 16:06.11, while Roman

finished at 16:29.35 for third place.

Villavicencio, a quarter-miler on the track and field scene, started fast and was able to maintain his effort en route to fourth place in a time of 16:35.14.

Dobie head coach Steven Cross also stressed the importance of stand-out performances from Carlos Salazar, the all-important fifth qualifier for the Longhorns, as well as freshman Angel Montiel and Orlando Depaz.

"Cruz and Chris have gone back and forth this season as our top two guys," Cross said.

"We felt really good about those two as well as Jordan and Johan. But to have all four of those guys run personal bests was simply fantastic."

"It was really important for Carlos, Angel and Orlando to do what they did as well. It was truly a team effort on our part, and we are so proud of the guys for what they were able to achieve."

This 2024 season is the

first of a 2-year alignment cycle featuring Dobie, the other four Pasadena ISD programs as well as Alvin, Dawson, Manvel, Pearland and Shadow Creek. Programs within the same district do not typically make a big habit of competing against one another during the regular season.

That aside, Cross admitted he had a good idea that the Pearland Oilers would represent the largest possible roadblock to a district championship.

As it turned out, there was nothing that could have slowed down Dobie on this day.

Salazar (17:42.40) and Montiel (17:42.51) finished 26th and 27th overall, respectively, with Depaz 38th at 18:19.53.

With the five top qualifiers from each program combining for team scores, the Longhorns were crowned district champions with a score of 36.

Pearland finished a distant second with 66.

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The Dobie varsity boys' cross-country team captured its first district team championship in 20 years Oct. 10 at Dobie main, using a 1-2-3-4 finish at the top to claim the 22-6A title. Freshman Cruz Jasso was the champion, with senior

Chris Lopez second, freshman Jordan Roman third and junior Johan Villavicencio fourth. With head coach Stephen Cross (far right) is Villavicencio, Jasso, Lopez, Angel Montiel, Carlos Salazar, Orlando Depaz and Roman.

Garza builds on her legacy

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Perhaps Lauren The Legend is a bit much. Then again, there's no discounting the lasting legacy that senior Lauren Garza has established within the Dobie girls' cross-country program.

Already Dobie's first-ever 5,000-meter state qualifier, Garza on Oct. 10 became the back-to-back District 22-6A overall gold medalist, winning top honors at Dobie main in a program-record time of 18 minutes, 39.44 seconds.

It's just the first step toward what Garza and her ever-growing list of supporters hope is a return trip to Round Rock for the University Interscholastic League's 6A state championships Nov. 1. Next up is the Region III meet Oct. 21 in Huntsville.

"We are not looking past regionals at all, but Lauren's goal is to get back to state," Dobie girls' cross-country head coach Mo Hickman said.

"Lauren has really rounded into form over the last several weeks, so we feel good about where we are."

Garza is the last remaining holdover from an outstanding era within the Dobie girls' program that delivered three straight district championship team titles from 2020 through 2022, followed by a runner-up finish behind Deer Park a season ago.

"I think the key for me has always been to try to keep it fun and not be too serious about it all," Garza said.

"The training runs can

run together, and when you're mixing it all in with your school work it can take a lot of your time. I just try to stay focused on what the end goal is and do the very best that I can."

While Garza repeated as the 22-6A gold medalist, the Dobie girls wound up fifth in the team standings and missed out on a chance to head back to regionals as a group.

Sophomore Aracely Alvarado was 16th best in a time of 21:14.58, with junior Isaura Correa in at 21:30.18 for 20th place.

At 22:01.37, sophomore Skyler Mendiola placed 27th, and sophomore Christina Rodriguez was Dobie's fifth official qualifier, 34th at 22:40.96.

Seniors Mariah Medina and Leyla Martinez closed out their cross-country careers as Medina was at 22:48.47 for 36th place, with Martinez a slot behind at 23:04.86.

A season ago, Garza won her first 22-6A gold medal at 19:38.01 as she kick-started an incredible postseason run. At the Region III Championships, Garza grabbed the 10th and final at-large ticket to the state meet.

At 19 minutes, 01.73 seconds, Garza went on to become Dobie's first female cross-country runner to qualify for the Class 6A State Championships at the 5,000-meter distance, placing 19th overall.

With that experience in her pocket, Garza believes she will be able to stay relaxed and run her race at regionals. For her, it's all about individual

performance and running her strategic race the way that she and Hickman have planned it out.

Her finishing time will be what it is, and Garza certainly hopes that it's enough to get back to state.

Garza has been in the Early College High School program at San Jacinto College while at Dobie and will earn her associate degree in business next May.

Collegiate, she plans to continue her running career while pursuing a bachelor's degree in business. She plans to then get into cosmetology, with a focus on one day owning a hair studio.

Grace Castaneda was the district runner-up in 2020 to lead Dobie's first championship squad, and Izza Padilla was the runner-up at district a year later to lead the Longhorns

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Dobie senior Lauren Garza (left) celebrates with head coach Mo Hickman after setting a school record while winning the 22-6A girls' cross-country crown for the second straight season.



At left, Dobie senior defensive back Terrence Brown (1) and linebacker Michael Williams (9) are ready to lead the Longhorns against the South Houston Trojans Oct. 18 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Both programs are still battling for a spot in the postseason, but a loss would be damaging at this point. The Trojans have split four district contests to date, while the Longhorns are 1-3.

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Oilers take down Dobie football 49-7

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Beginning Oct. 18 against South Houston at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, the Dobie Longhorn varsity football team will enter must-win territory as the regular season within District 22-6A hits the final stretch.

A 42-7 loss to the Pearland Oilers Oct. 11 has left the Longhorns at 1-3 in league play with the critical four-game stretch beginning against the Trojans Oct. 18. The way things

stand in the district, Shadow Creek and Pearland are both playoff locks at 5-0 atop the standings and will go head-to-head Oct. 25 at Freedom Field for the league title.

Dawson is in third place at 3-2 and has the benefit of a victory over the Longhorns. Simply put, Dobie, 2-4 overall, will need to win out down the stretch in order to reach the postseason.

Courtesy of the University Interscholastic League's biannual realignment that began this season, the 22-6A field of competitors be-

came both deeper and perhaps much more talented than in previous seasons.

Pearland and Shadow Creek were co-champions of 23-6A a season ago along with Dawson, and both the Oilers and Sharks have simply taken care of business to this point in the season with identical 6-1 overall records.

Following their 42-7 victory over the Longhorns, the Oilers have scored 283 points for the season while allowing just 73.

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BAFL Weekly Standings

Peewee Division

Team	W	L	T
Cowboys	8	0	0
Pear. Patriots	8	0	0
Manvel Texans	8	1	0
49ers	6	2	0
Stingrays	6	2	0
Red Raiders	5	3	0
Ang. Wildcats	5	3	0
Pear. Texans	5	4	0
S.E. Wildcats	4	4	0
Buccaneers	3	5	0
Gators	3	5	0
Panthers	3	5	0
Eagles	2	6	0
Longhorns	2	6	0
La Porte Texans	1	7	0
Raiders	0	8	0
Sharks	0	8	0

Freshman Division

Team	W	L	T
Manvel Texans	8	1	0
49ers	7	1	0
Buccaneers	7	1	0
Panthers	7	1	0
Pear. Patriots	7	1	0
Gators	5	3	0
Red Raiders	5	3	0
Cowboys	4	4	0
Stingrays	4	4	0
Sharks	3	5	0
Ang. Wildcats	3	5	0
S.E. Wildcats	3	5	0
Eagles	2	6	0
Pear. Texans	2	7	0
Longhorns	1	7	0
Raiders	1	7	0
La Porte Texans	0	8	0

Sophomore Division

Team	W	L	T
Buccaneers	8	0	0
La Porte Texans	7	1	0
Ang. Wildcats	7	1	0
Cowboys	6	2	0
Pear. Patriots	6	2	0
Red Raiders	6	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	6	2	0
49ers	4	4	0
Gators	4	4	0
Manvel Texans	4	5	0
Pear. Texans	3	6	0
Longhorns	2	6	0
Panthers	2	6	0
Stingrays	2	6	0
Raiders	1	7	0
Sharks	1	7	0
Eagles	0	8	0

Junior Division

Team	W	L	T
Pear. Texans	8	1	0
Buccaneers	7	1	0
Red Raiders	7	1	0
Ang. Wildcats	7	1	0
Pear. Patriots	6	2	0
S.E. Wildcats	6	2	0
49ers	5	3	0
Gators	4	3	0
Eagles	4	4	0
Manvel Texans	4	4	0
La Porte Texans	3	5	0
Longhorns	2	6	0
Raiders	2	6	0
Cowboys	1	7	0
Panthers	1	7	0
Sharks	1	7	0
Stingrays	0	8	0

Senior Division

Team	W	L	T
Stingrays	8	0	0
49ers	7	1	0
Red Raiders	7	0	0
Manvel Texans	7	1	0
Cowboys	5	3	0
Sharks	5	3	0
Panthers	5	3	0
Pear. Texans	5	4	0
Longhorns	4	4	0
Ang. Wildcats	4	4	0
Gators	3	4	0
Eagles	3	5	0
Pear. Patriots	2	6	0
Buccaneers	1	7	0
La Porte Texans	1	7	0
S.E. Wildcats	1	7	0
Raiders	0	8	0

BAFL Week 9
Sat., Oct. 12 Results

Cowboys' Peewee 27
Texans 12

Texans 33
Cowboys' Freshmen 0

Cowboys' Sophomores 31
Texans 20

Texans 36
Cowboys' Juniors 14

Manvel 49
Cowboys' Seniors 7

Week 10 Schedule
Sat., Oct. 19

Cowboys' Peewee
at Angleton, 8 a.m.






Cowboys' Freshmen
at Angleton 9 a.m.

Cowboys' Sophomores
at Angleton, 11 a.m.

Cowboys' Juniors
at Angleton, 1 p.m.

Cowboys' Seniors
at Angleton, 3 p.m.

South Belt football predictions

	 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Troy Leland	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn
Dobie vs. South Houston	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook vs. Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	Clear Lake
Clear Falls vs. Clear Springs	Clear Falls	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs
C.E. King at Humble	Humble	C. E. King	C. E. King	Humble	Humble
La Porte at Porter	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Kempner at Crosby	Crosby	Crosby	Crosby	Crosby	Crosby
Dawson at Rayburn	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson	Dawson
Clear Lake at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Beaumont Kelly at Lutheran South	Lutheran South	Lutheran South	Lutheran South	Lutheran South	Lutheran South
Second Baptist at Woodlands Christian	Second Baptist	Second Baptist	Second Baptist	Second Baptist	Second Baptist
Last Week's Results	9-1	9-1	10-0	8-2	10-0
Season record	52-18	54-16	56-14	52-18	59-11

District 24-6A football leaders chase crown

There is a month ago in the 24-6A regular season, yet really all there is left to determine is just which team will walk away with the league championship. Deer Park, Clear Springs and Dickinson all head into the final stretch run at 3-0, with fourth place Clear Falls a game back at 2-1.

The rest of the field includes Clear Lake at 1-2, while Clear Brook, Clear Creek and Brazoswood all entered the final month at 0-3.

The fun begins Oct. 18 as Clear Springs meets Clear Falls. Over the following two weeks, Clear Springs hosts Dickinson Oct. 25, then travels to Deer Park Nov. 1.

If things fall right into place for the two programs, Deer Park will take on Dickinson at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson Nov.

8 in a game that could be for the district title. With four games to go in the schedule, the top performers within the league have emerged. Dickinson, which pace is the league with more than 400 yards of total offense per game, is led by junior running back Malachi Gamble, who leads the league in rushing with 742 yards and 11 touchdowns while averaging nearly 10 yards per carry.

Clear lake junior Calab Benjamin is second in rushing with 656 yards and has scored nine times, while Brazoswood's Jose Trevino ranks third in the league with 611 yards rushing to go with seven touchdowns.

Jacob Champagne of Clear Falls is leading the district and passing with 1,320 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Landon Kieselhorst of Deer Park is not far behind as he has passed for 1,053 yards and 12 touchdowns. Two receivers have been far away the leaders in the district to this point, including Clear Falls' Zach Greer.

The junior has a league-high 26 grabs for 448 yards and four touchdowns. Clear Lake's Talandis Cotton has 25 catches for 420 yards and four scores. Clear Springs has the top-ranked defense in the league and is led by junior Logan Maxcey, who has 91 total tackles.

Dylan Cervantes of Clear Springs and Preston Pitts of Clear Falls share the district lead with five quarterback sacks. Andre Jackson of Deer Park has blocked three kicks and has intercepted seven passes through his team's first six games.

District 24-6A Varsity Football Standings

Team	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Deer Park	3	0	0	5	1	0
Clear Springs	3	0	0	5	1	0
Dickinson	3	0	0	4	2	0
Clear Falls	2	1	0	4	2	0
Clear Lake	1	2	0	2	4	0
Clear Creek	0	3	0	1	5	0
Clear Brook	0	3	0	1	5	0
Brazoswood	0	3	0	0	6	0

Dobie FB to host Trojans at Veterans

At right, Dobie special teams player Tristen Baptiste (23) heads down field during the Longhorns' Oct. 11 game against Pearland at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Following a 42-7 loss to the Oilers, the Longhorns now face a crucial four-game stretch to wrap up the regular season. It all starts Oct. 18 as the Longhorns take on South Houston back at Veterans Stadium. The Longhorns and Trojans are both pushing for a better playoff position as the playoff race intensifies. Baptiste and his teammates are currently 2-4 overall, including 1-3 in league play and will look to turn their fortunes around against South Houston.

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Clear Lake vs. Clear Creek Oct. 24, 6 p.m. Challenger Stadium	Clear Falls vs. Clear Brook Oct. 25, 7 p.m. CCISD Veterans Stadium
Deer Park at Brazoswood Oct. 25, 7 p.m. Hopper Field	Dickinson at Clear Springs Oct. 25, 7 p.m. Challenger Stadium

Dobie football faces critical stretch

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While not entirely at the root of the team's 2-4 mark, the Dobie defense has had trouble slowing some of the league's top offenses.

En route to the district championship in 22-6A season ago, Dobie was led by a standout defense that featured several top seniors now playing collegiately.

The Longhorns reloaded on the defensive side in the offseason, particularly in the defensive secondary, and have now allowed 259 points over six games.

If the past is any indication of the future, the Longhorns should be able to climb back into the race for a playoff berth down the stretch with an eye on hosting the Manvel Mavericks in that regular season finale.

It all starts this week against the Trojans. Both programs are currently in the mix for a playoff berth, but another loss by either team will almost assuredly

make the quest much more difficult. Dobie will likely continue to feature star running back Cameron Mathews, who has now rushed for

more than 1,000 yards in three different seasons. South Houston sophomore quarterback La'Kee Baker is also the Trojans' leading rusher.

District 22-6A Varsity Football Standings

Team	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Pearland	5	0	0	6	1	0
Shadow Creek	5	0	0	6	1	0
Dawson	3	2	0	4	3	0
Manvel	3	2	0	3	4	0
S. Houston	2	2	0	2	4	0
Dobie	1	3	0	2	4	0
Alvin	1	3	0	2	4	0
Rayburn	0	4	0	2	4	0
Memorial	0	4	0	2	4	0



Markel Terry (75) and Jaden Quiroz (79) guided the Dobie varsity football team onto the field for the start of a big game against the Pearland Oilers Oct. 11 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. While the Oilers won the game

49-7 to stay undefeated in district play, Dobie, currently 1-3 in league play, will look to get back into the win column Oct. 18 back at Veterans Stadium against the South Houston Trojans.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
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, OCTOBER 18
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.
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 or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
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Alcoholics Anonymous - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19
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** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series, and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20
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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from noon 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 3:00 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, ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.
5 p.m. - **New Directions Singles Social Group** is a singles group for those 55+. Meetings are the first and third Monday held in the community room at Maplewood Crossing, 600 Hobbs Road, League City. There will be a potluck dinner and may include group activities. For further information, call Carol at 281-508-1663. See their Facebook page: New Directions Singles Social Group.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email huff_reunion@juno.com for info.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at 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.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays,

in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
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 sehoustontostmastersclubs.org and in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or call Karen Nunn at 832-722-9061 for information.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23
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** - See Monday's notice.
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.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar or call 832-293-9860.
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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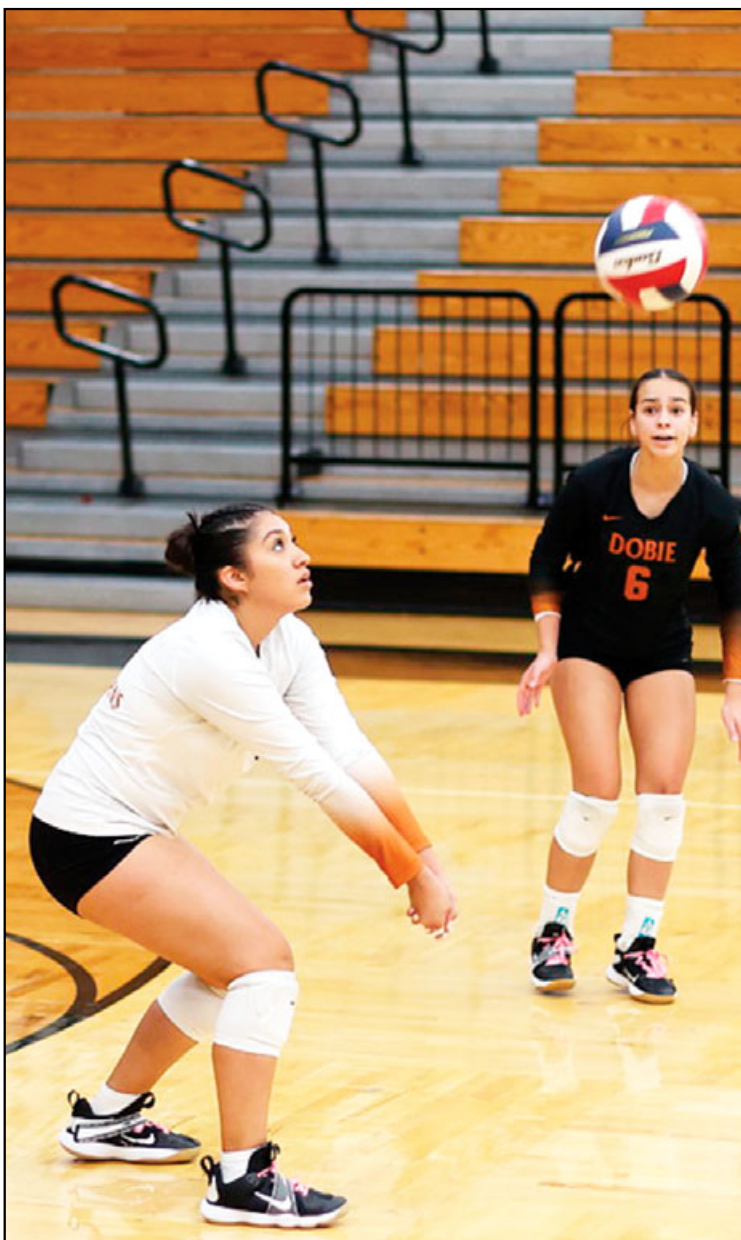
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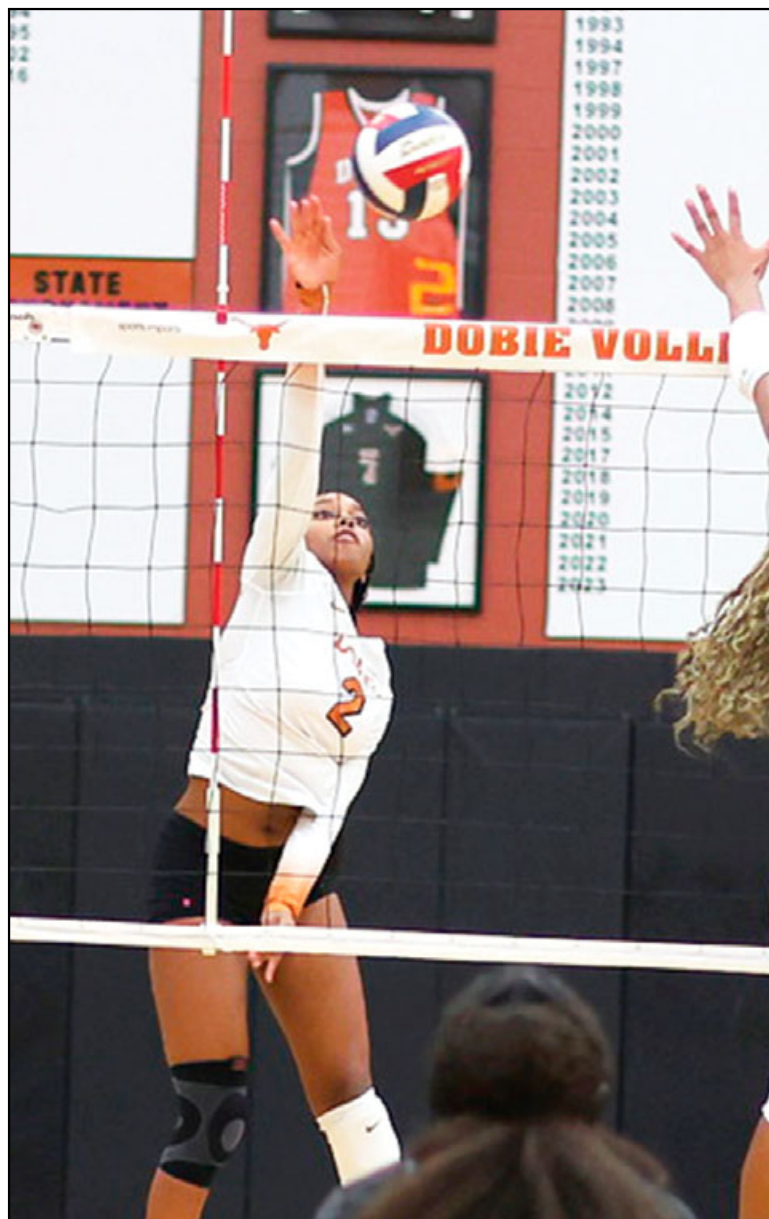
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Dobie varsity volleyball continues final stretch in District 22-6A race as season winds down



Dobie senior Adalee Garcia (10) plays a shot from the back row during her team's loss to Shadow Creek Oct. 11 at Dobie main. At right is Dobie senior Hope Ortiz (6).



Dobie junior Jessica Moise (2) smashes down a kill against Shadow Creek during the Longhorns 22-6A matchup with the Sharks Oct. 11 at Dobie main. Moise and her teammates are looking to finish the regular season strong with five matches remaining.



Dobie sophomore Alyssa Espinoza (1) goes high for a kill against the Shadow Creek Sharks Oct. 11. While the Longhorns are currently sitting outside of the playoff picture in 22-6A, Espinoza and her teammates are looking to finish strong.
Photos by Gloria Wallace

At right, Dobie senior Lauren Garza has been a huge contributor to the varsity girls' cross-country program during her four-year stay. She joined her teammates for district championship team titles in 2021 in 2022. As a junior a season ago, Garza was the first female athlete in program history to advance to state at the Class 6A 5,000-meter distance. Now a two-time district champion, Garza is headed back to the Region 3 meet Oct. 21, where she again hopes to qualify for state.



Garza is two-time 22-6A gold medalist

Continued from Page 5 to their second straight crown. Senior Ashlee Garcia was the district champion in 2022 as the Longhorns again won the team crown. Now a two-time district champion and a previous state qualifier, Garza, while aware of her achievements, has only ever wanted to be part of the team.

the leadership of some of the girls before me and follow the plan that coach Hickman has," Garza said. "I'm proud of what I've achieved and hopefully can finish strong." Regardless of the finish of the Dobie boys' program or how Garza fares moving forward, Hickman can't help but smile as she recalls just how far the Longhorns have come since she joined the cross

country program prior to the 2017 season. One of Dobie's longest tenured coaches at the school regardless of sport, and she's played a role in many sports over the years, Hickman said she has shared office space with many other of the program's coaches who have achieved a great deal of success over the years. "It's all about setting high - expectations for

these student athletes, providing them with the support and encouragement they need but also pushing them to achieve," Hickman said. "We've been fortunate enough to have some great athletes in our program, and they just want to be coached and put in a position to be at their best when it matters the most. It's really been rewarding to see."

Dobie boys win 22-6A cross-country crown

Continued from Page 5 David Chollette, who enjoyed a decades-long career at Dobie as a coach of multiple sports, was on hand to watch the Longhorns deliver the best performance in program history in many years, as were several top former

runners. Lopez was third at district a season ago at 16:41.34, while Villavicencio was ninth. For Lopez, the infusion of the freshmen into the 2024 lineup has been a true difference maker. "Cross-country is a

team sport, and having those freshmen come in and add the competitiveness that they have to our program has been great," Lopez said. "The bar, and the expectations for our program was really raised this year. We knew that we had a chance to win this week and we all just tried to do our part to get to the finish line in the best shape that we could. Having the top four finishers was something we can all be proud of, and everybody within the program just did a terrific job."

Lopez, who said he plans to study criminology in college, will add the 800 distance to the 1,600 and 3,200 events during the 2025 track and field season. but he's not finished with cross-country quite yet. "We think we can be a top-five program at re-

Stuchbery recognizes its PPK champions



Stuchbery Elementary has honored third-grade student Elizabeth Ramirez (above) and fourth-grade students (pictured at right) Gilberto Reyes (left) and Macie Salinas as its schoolwide Punt, Pass and Kick winners for the 2024-2025 school year. The trio went on to represent the Owls at the Pasadena ISD PPK Championships earlier this month at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.



Meador honors Punt, Pass and Kick champions



Meador Elementary honored its 2024-2025 Punt and Kick winners, from left, fourth-graders Angela Nunez and Jaiden Jackson as well as third-graders Daniel Bustos and Serenity Williams. Bustos placed sixth at the Pasadena ISD districtwide championships Oct. 9 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena, while Williams was 12th.

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