



# South Belt-Ellington Leader

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### Sagemeadow HOA to meet

Sagemeadow subdivision's monthly HOA meeting will be at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer Thursday, Oct. 19, at 7:15 p.m. This month's guest speakers are Judge Jo Ann Delgado and Jeremy Ratcliffe, Harris County Flood Control. The meetings are open to the public. For the agenda or more information, visit www.sagemeadow.org.

### Sagemeadow seeks vendors

Sagemeadow is seeking local vendors with hand-made/homemade items for its second annual fall festival, set to take place Nov. 4 at Sagemeadow Park. Local businesses are also welcome. If interested, email events@sagemeadow.org.

### New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, will distribute food the second and fourth Saturday monthly from noon to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out. The purpose is to provide food to community people in need. For information, call 281-484-4230.

### Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. The next event will be Thursday, Oct. 19, with another event happening the following Thursday, Oct. 26. For more information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### Local COVID cases reported

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community has slightly dropped overall compared to the previous week, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 17, there were 138 active cases in 77089, up two from the previous week. To date, 138 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 139 deaths the previous week.)

In ZIP code 77075, there were seven active cases, down six from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034, there were six active cases, down 14 from the previous week. To date, 93 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

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

### Kirkwood to meet Oct. 30

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road near Beltway 8. Meetings are now scheduled for the last Monday of the month, rather than the last Thursday. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCruteon at 281-989-9990.

### Beltway 8 closure planned

At least one northbound frontage road lane on Beltway 8 will be closed from Fairmont Parkway to Spencer Highway continuously through 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. No detour will be needed but drivers should expect delays.

### 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 Street in La Marque will be closed until further notice.

The northbound Gulf Freeway exit ramp to SH-6/SH-146 in La Marque will close permanently at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 5. Traffic must exit FM-519 and U-turn. Traffic will merge onto the Gulf Freeway southbound main lanes at 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.

### Martin holds town hall Oct. 19

On Thursday, Oct. 19, City of Houston Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin will hold a public town hall meeting - the last for the term-limited city council member.

The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Space Center Houston, located at 1601 NASA Parkway.

Representatives from multiple city departments will be on hand to discuss various ongoing projects in District E and throughout the city.

For additional information, contact Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or districte@houstontx.gov.

See related story on Page 2.

# South Belters celebrate Halloween, fall

Fall has arrived, and with the cooler temperatures comes a variety of local activities for South Belt residents to enjoy.

- St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road will host Trunk or Treat from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27.

- South Belt Church (formerly Easthaven Baptist Church), 13100 Beamer Road, will host a Boo-Nanza! trick-or-treat event on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This event will be held indoors and will take place rain or shine. The event is free and open to the public.

- Almeda Mall will host its annual trick-or-treating event Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 6 p.m. until supplies run out. Children are encouraged to wear costumes and go from store to store, but no masks are allowed for adults.

- South Belt Elementary, 1801 Riverstone Ranch, will host its annual Trunk or Treat event on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 26, from 5 to 7 p.m.

- Frazier Elementary, 10503 Hughes Road, will

host its Fright Night Friday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m.

- Meador Elementary, 10701 Seaford, will host its Trunk-or-Trot event Thursday, Oct. 26, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The event will feature trick or treating, laps on the track, games and community vendors. Attendees should park in the front parking lot or field and walk to the track. (Back parking lot reserved is for vendors only.)

- Atkinson Elementary, 9602 Kingspoint, will host its fall carnival Friday, Oct. 20, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

- Burnett Elementary, 11825 Teaneck, will host its Beaver on the Bog event Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The event will feature trick or treating, a haunted house and other fun activities.

- American Legion Post 490, 11702 SH 3/Old Galveston Road, will host its Trunk or Treat event Friday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will feature a costume contest at 7:30 p.m. with first-, second- and third-place prizes.

- Sagemeadow HOA will host its second annual fall festival Nov. 4 at Sagemeadow Park, 11219 Sageyork. See related sidebar entry on this page.

Once again, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department will not host its annual Halloween party due to lack of space.

## Man fatally shot at Fuqua car lot

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man that took place around 1:25 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16. The victim was identified as 25-year-old Daniel Abdelmalak. According to Houston police officials, officers responded to a shooting call in the parking lot of a business at the corner of Beamer and Fuqua. They found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced Abdelmalak dead at the scene.

Officers learned the victim and both his parents, owners of the facility, were confronted by two suspects, described only as two black males, argued about a business transaction. The suspects assaulted the victim and the family member before one sus-

pect produced a firearm and shot the victim multiple times. According to police, the suspects then fled the scene in a vehicle.

All three nearby schools went on lockdown. Morris Middle School, is located directly across the street from the incident. Meador Elementary is one business location away to the north and Beverly Hills Intermediate is a block south. All three schools were placed on lockdown for approximately 1.5 hours until police deemed it was safe.

The suspects remained at large at press time. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## Man murdered near 3 schools



An argument over a used-car transaction reportedly escalated into the murder of the lot owner's son around 1:25 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, in the 10600 block of Fuqua at Beamer. The shooter and a second suspect remained at large at press time. The incident took place across the street from Morris Middle School, near Meador Elementary and down the street from Beverly Hills Intermediate placing them into lockdown for roughly 1.5 hours. Photo by David Flickinger

## Scarsdale's Burger King, Chase are crime victims

Precinct 2 deputies are investigating two major crimes that happened in just two days at the intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer.

An armed robbery took place at the Burger King on the corner around 9:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. According to investigators, two black males entered the store, with one of the suspects producing a pistol and demanding money, firing off one round inside the store.

The crooks left the store with approximately \$1,000 and ran on foot to Chickwood Drive, where they got into a newer silver model Ford Mustang, drove down Olivewood to Beamer, then drove north to Beltway 8. No injuries were reported.

The following day around 3 a.m. Monday, Oct.

16, deputies responded to an in-progress call at the Chase Bank at the same strip center, where two black men in a gray Dodge Ram truck (later determined to be stolen) were using the vehicle to break into the business' ATM.

Once the crooks got the cash from the ATM, they drove down Chickwood to Pigeonwood, where they dumped the truck and got into either a white Chevy Suburban or Tahoe, then fled north on Beamer to Beltway 8.

Due to the similarities in the crimes, investigators have not ruled out that the same suspects were involved with both incidents. Anyone with information on these crimes is urged to call the Precinct 2 constable's office at 713-477-2766.

## Early voting to begin Oct. 23

Early voting for the Nov. 7 election will begin Oct. 23 and continue through Nov. 3. Voters will decide who will fill the positions of mayor, city controller and multiple city council seats, as well as the fate of 14 proposed amendments to the state constitution and two amendments to the Houston city charter.

In the City of Houston's contest to replace term-limited Sylvester Turner, the crowded 18-candidate race will likely head to a runoff between front-runners state Sen. John Whitmire and U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee.

Other candidates vying for the mayoral position include (in alphabetical order) Gaylon S. Caldwell, Jack Christie, Robert Gallegos, Annie "Mama" Garcia, Gilbert Garcia, M. "Griff" Griffin, Naoufal Houjani, B. Ivy, Lee Kaplan, M. J. Khan, David C. Lowy, Julian "Berner" Martinez, Chanel Mbala, Kathy Lee Tatum, Roy Vasquez and Robin Williams (write-in candidate).

Also term-limited, current District E City Council Member Dave Martin is seeking the position of city controller. Others vying for the position include (in alphabetical order) Chris Hollins, Shannan Nobles and former mayoral candidate Orlando Sanchez. Competing for Martin's District E seat are Martina Lemond Dixon and Fred Flickinger, Dobie graduate and son of Leader publisher Marie Flickinger and husband David.

District D incumbent City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz is competing against (in alphabetical order) Lloyd Ford, Travis McGee, Georgia Provost and Debra A. Rose.

City of Houston voters will also vote on two amendments to the city charter, Proposition A and

Proposition B.

Proposition A involves who can place an item on the city council agenda, while Proposition B is a wonky amendment dealing with the city's representation in the Houston-Galveston Area Council.

The following are the propositions as they appear on the ballot:

- **Proposition A:** Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended to enable three or more council members, by written request, to have item(s) placed on the agenda of a regular city council meeting and to have such item(s) considered by council?

- **Proposition B:** Shall the City Charter of the City of Houston be amended: to require that membership by the City of Houston in a Council of Government or Metropolitan Planning Organization shall be contingent on the votes of the governing board for such council or organization being apportioned proportionately on the basis of population, not with standing statutory voting members, and that members representing local governments shall have at least 90 percent of the total votes; and to require the City of Houston to withdraw its membership from any non-compliant Council of Government or Metropolitan Planning Organization if the voting system is not corrected within 60 days of the effective date of adoption of the Charter provision?

Early voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nearby early voting locations are San Jacinto College South, 13735 Beamer, Jones Technical Building; and the El Franco Lee Community Center 9500 Hall Road. For additional information or to see a complete list of polling locations and sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

## Woman killed in motorcycle crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place about 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in the 9200 block of the Gulf Freeway between Edgebrook and College/Airport

The identity of the female victim, 45, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the victim was a passenger on a motorcycle

traveling north on the freeway at the above address when the operator lost control, crossed multiple lanes of traffic and then laid down the bike. The operator and passenger both fell off the motorcycle.

Paramedics pronounced the female passenger dead at the scene. The male operator, 55, was transported to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation was continuing at press time.

## City, county offer updated COVID vax

With a COVID-19 spike being reported across many parts of the county, both the City of Houston and Harris County have renewed their push to keep the public vaccinated against the disease.

**City of Houston**  
The Houston Health Department is now offering free updated 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccines to adults and children lacking health insurance or enrolled in health plans that don't cover all vaccination costs.

The department's four health centers and weekly mobile vaccination clinics across

Houston are providing the updated Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech shots.

"Getting an updated vaccine is the best way people can ensure they develop defenses against the COVID-19 virus," said Dr. David Perse, chief medical officer for the City of Houston. "It's best to secure protection offered by a COVID-19 shot before our area begins grappling with the spike in cases in November or the peak in December as we've experienced during the pandemic these last few years."

It is recommended that everyone 6 months

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## Delgado to host petition event Nov. 4

To help ensure a spot on the 2024 ballot, Harris County Precinct 2, Place 1 Justice of the Peace Jo Ann Delgado will hold a petition signature event in the Leader parking lot, 11555 Beamer, Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 to 11 a.m.

A longtime Sagegen resident, Delgado made history in 2001 by being elected the first Hispanic female justice of the peace in Harris County.

Born in San Antonio, Delgado is a third-generation Texan. She has resided in Houston for more than 45 years.

Delgado graduated from Milby High School, before attending Houston Community College, where she earned an associate degree, and later LeTourneau University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Married to Danny Puente, Delgado is active in Sagemont Church and the Sagegen HOA.

The following is a list of Delgado's award and achievements:

- Outstanding Leader award, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto.
- Latinas taking the Lead, recognition.
- Women Trailblazer award, San Jacinto College South.
- Leadership Award, Houston Community College.
- Citizen of the Year award, South Belt Ellington



Jo Ann Delgado

## Juggling suspect sentenced to 30 years

A man was recently sentenced to 30 years in prison for his role in three robberies, including a Feb. 13 juggling incident that left victim Nhung Truong, 41, paralyzed from the waist down.

Joseph Harrell, 18, must serve at least half of his sentence for aggravated robbery causing serious bodily injury before being eligible for parole, according to Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg's office.

Houston police said Harrell followed Truong approximately 25 miles to a Bellaire shopping center to rob her after she made a large cash withdrawal from the Bank of America on Blackhawk and Beltway 8.

## SoHo celebrates homecoming



South Houston High School named its homecoming king and queen at its varsity football game Friday, Oct. 13. David Villarreal was crowned king, while Rebeca Alvarez was crowned queen. The school's Hall of Honor inductees, including Emory Gadd (inset), were also recognized at the event by South Houston Principal Andrea Wenke (inset). Photos by David Flickinger

# Elected officials share their words

## Dave Martin holds farewell townhall

City of Houston Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin would like for District E residents to know he will hold a farewell town hall on Thursday, Oct. 19, program starting at 6:30 p.m. at Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Parkway.

Director Mark Wilfalk from the Solid Waste Department will take the stage to address any concerns or issues regarding missed trash pickups. This will be an opportunity for residents to receive updates and seek resolutions regarding waste management in their area.

Deputy Director Michael Ereti from Houston Public Works will present the Arlington Heights Project, highlighting the progress and future plans for the stormwater drainage project. This presentation will showcase the development and improvements that have taken place, providing valuable insights for the attendees.

Commander Claudia Cruz from the Houston Police Department (HPD) will provide a

comprehensive update on crime statistics, helping residents stay informed and aware of any notable trends or areas of concern. This update will promote community safety and engagement.

Jimmy Spence from the Houston Space Port Corporation will present the Space Port Master Plan, unveiling the vision and objectives for this innovative project. This presentation will offer attendees insights into the exciting possibilities and potential economic benefits associated with the space port.

During these meetings, residents will hear from Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin and other city representatives about ongoing and future District E projects. There will also be information tables hosted by City of Houston Departments, available for those that arrive early, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For information, contact Mayor Pro Tem Martin's office at 832-393-3008 or via email at [districte@houstontx.gov](mailto:districte@houstontx.gov).

## U.S. senators give Hamas warning

U.S. Senator John Cornyn, along with Senators Chuck Grassley, Ted Cruz, Lindsey Graham, Mike Lee, Josh Hawley, Tom Cotton, John Kennedy, Thom Tillis, and Marsha Blackburn, issued the following statement warning potential perpetrators against making any domestic threats precipitated by Hamas' attacks in Israel:

"The Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel are despicable and depraved. As we mourn the hundreds of lives lost, including at least 27 U.S. citizens, we must also remain vigilant in our efforts to safeguard our communities at home. The first duty of government is to protect the national security of our citizens and keep Americans safe."

"To any bad actors who dare cross onto American soil seeking to exploit the crisis in Israel and wreak havoc domestically, our message is clear: Any threat to the United States will be pursued and suppressed swiftly, forcefully and to the fullest extent of U.S. justice. Your vile and hateful acts have no place here. The United States will relentlessly defend against domestic threats while supporting Israel as it fights to eradicate Hamas' campaign of evil."

## In My Opinion

### Grateful for publicity, from Jess Johnson

Good Afternoon,  
My name is Jess Johnson and I am the Harris County Master Gardener Print Media liaison. Thank you so much for publishing the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Master Gardeners events and activities in your publications. We absolutely love meeting and helping the public expand their gardening knowledge and that wouldn't be possible without all of you!

If you ever have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again and have a wonderful week.  
-Jess Johnson

### King on Houston sales tax receipts

After seven years of mostly flat sales tax receipts, the City of Houston saw double digit increases over the last two years. However, the sales tax receipts have begun to cool and appear to be returning to historical patterns.

Sales tax receipts by a local government generally track very closely with its population and inflation. When the City's population began to flatline around 2015, so did its sales tax receipts. From 2015 through 2019, the City's sales taxes increased by only about 1% annually, less than the increase in inflation over that period.

When the pandemic arrived, there was a fear that sales tax receipts would collapse across the country as businesses shuttered. And initially that was the case. The taxes collected on sales in April 2020, fell an unprecedented 17% from a year earlier. For the year 2020, sales taxes were down by about 8%.

However, sales quickly rebounded beginning early 2021, as Houstonians, like many other Americans, went on online shopping binges since they were mostly stuck at home. As a result, sales taxes the first six months of 2021 were up by 22%.

In 2021, sales tax receipts topped \$800

million for the first time in the City's history, jumping almost \$120 million from 2020. The receipts for 2022 were up another \$75 million, taking total receipts to \$838 million.

Early in 2021, Congress authorized payments to local governments to compensate them for what was an expected loss of revenues. But most local governments, including Houston, did not lose nearly as much revenue as was expected and the federal aid turned out to be a bonanza.

However, the monthly year-over-year increases have been rapidly decelerating in the last few months. So far in 2023, receipts are up this year by a little over 6%, compared to the same time last year. Over the last four months, the year-over-year increase has averaged 3.5%, basically inline in inflation.

Future sales tax revenues are notoriously hard to predict. However, the City is facing some significant headwinds. Its population growth continues to flatline and the Federal Reserve appears intent on slowing the national economy. At least in the short term, our expectations should probably be on the cautious side.  
Bill King

### Muecke thanks local law enforcement

I-45S at Edgebrook is recognized for their high crime rate in Houston as reported by the Clear Lake HPD monthly PIP meetings. Mainly due to the apartments and homeless people.

This afternoon (Oct. 10) on the 5 PM Channel 13 news cast the first story reported was that the Redford Apartments was beginning to evict tenants that cause many problems; several murders, burglary, robbery, vehicles stolen or damaged. They are finally doing something to stop this criminal activity. This past Thursday a man was stabbed 4 times here and now is in the hospital recovering.

We want to thank HPD Clear Lake Commander Cruz and her staff (Redford Apartments) and Harris County Pct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia and his deputies (homeless) for their help and effort to reduce crime in our community. Thank you. **Jim Muecke**

### Local library events set

In case of storms or adverse weather, refer to library website for details.

#### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. 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. Closed Sundays.

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors storytime for all ages. Plan to enjoy a good story at Bracewell in the fresh outdoors, weather permitting.

#### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is located at 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit the website at <https://www.hepl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> or call 832-927-7870.

The book drop is open. No late fees will be charged during the library closure. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

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

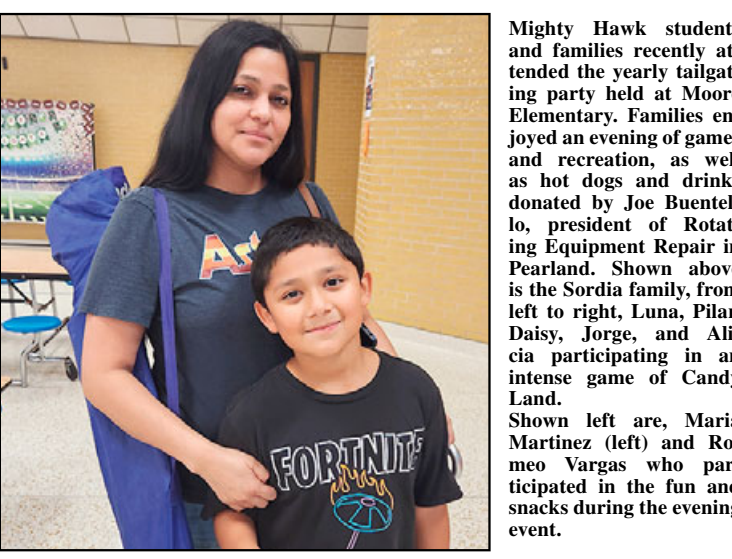
# Reeds celebrating 60 years



Larry (left) and Sue Reed married on Sept. 23, 1963, and just recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Larry and Sue moved to the South Belt area in 1967 and have been here ever since, with both daughters, Shannon and Stephanie Reed, graduating from J. Frank Dobie High School. Sue worked for more than 40 years in anesthesiology at Memorial Hermann Southeast, while Larry worked in chemical companies before going into business for himself. They have enjoyed raising their family and being part of the community here in South Belt.



## Moore hosts tailgate party



Mighty Hawk students and families recently attended the yearly tailgating party held at Moore Elementary. Families enjoyed an evening of games and recreation, as well as hot dogs and drinks donated by Joe Buentello, president of Rotating Equipment Repair in Pearland. Shown above is the Sordia family, from left to right, Luna, Pilar, Daisy, Jorge, and Alicia participating in an intense game of Candy Land. Shown left are, Maria Martinez (left) and Romeo Vargas who participated in the fun and snacks during the evening event.

## Lions walk upcoming

The Pasadena Lions Club invites all PISD students, staff, families and locals to join in their Walk for Sight, set for Oct. 28 at 8 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Those participating are encouraged to arrive early, check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. Elementary schoolers and their families check in on the home side, while middle and high schoolers and their families check in on the visitors side of the stadium.

This fundraising event supports various PISD health services such as nurse memberships and eyeglass vouchers. See to Succeed Transportation, vision screeners, Excellence in Wellness Award support, PE/Health Memberships/fees and PE/Wellness equipment.

To register for the Walk for Sight and to donate, visit <https://secure.gqv.com/event/walkforsight2023/> or text WFS2023 to 50155.

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2. El Franco Lee Community Center  
Auditorium  
9500 Hall Rd.

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# Deaths

## Adam Thomas Joyce



Adam Thomas Joyce, 35, born Aug. 22, 1988, in Webster went to sleep on this earth to awake in the gates of heaven Oct. 11, 2023. Adam spent his life traveling as an Advanced NDE Technician facing a new opportunity every day. Along his journeys, Adam traveled to places of which many would dream - Alaska, Norway, Australia, New York, Trinidad and multiple other locations including offshore adventures. While on the road, Adam gained much knowledge in his field and numerous friends who loved and enjoyed his presence and that of his furry companions, Zoey and Maya.

At home, Adam was a father of four - Colton, Addison, Kye and Ali Joyce. Spending time with his children was Adam's top priority in life. Numerous hours of road trips, RV stays, music blaring and swimsuits was how Adam most enjoyed spending their time together, devoting countless hours driving home just to make it back in town for a baseball game, football game, dance lesson, etc. He will be deeply missed.

Adam had a sense of humor that would make people laugh nonstop until one fell over in belly pain. The photos and videos that family holds of Adam will be a constant reminder that his personality is one that will never be matched.

Adam is preceded in death by his sister, Kimberly Dawn Joyce and beloved dog, Sadie. He is survived by parents Tom and Janet Joyce; children Colton, Addisyn (mother Candance Tope), Kye "Punky" and Ali Louise (mother Emily Joyce); aunts Hope Orlando, Barbara Hubbard; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, 2023, at Peevey Funeral Home, with a visi-

tion beforehand at 1 p.m. An interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery, 21620 Gulf Freeway, Webster, TX 77598.

## Adrian Gerald Vargas



Adrian Gerald Vargas passed Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. following his longtime bout with liver cancer.

He is survived by his mother Lorraine Johnson and brothers Bruce Vargas, Les Vargas and Carlos Johnson.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at 11 a.m., 11011 Hall Road, Houston, TX 77089.

## Dobie presents "Romeo and Juliet"

The Dobie Theater Department recently announced William Shakespeare's timeless classic "Romeo and Juliet" will be its opening production for the 2023-2024 season.

Verona's Montague and Capulet families have been feuding for ages, and whenever they meet, violence breaks out. But when Romeo glimpses Juliet across a crowded dance

floor, something different happens. Can star-crossed love survive in a world of rivalry and rage?

With a plot featuring a masked ball, sleeping potions and all-out brawling in the street, wrapped in a text full of soaring poetry, it's no wonder "Romeo and Juliet" has inspired countless adaptations, from ballets to movies to mus-

icals like "West Side Story."

Young love has never been as dangerous or delightful as it is in Shakespeare's romantic masterpiece, brought to vivid life by a cast and crew of more than 50 students on the campus's auditorium stage.

Performances are Oct. 19, 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

### Freeway Manor Civic Club meeting set

The Freeway Manor Civic Club, for residents of Freeway Manor, Sun Valley and Gulfway Terrace, will meet at Stephens Presbyterian Church at 2217 Theta, in the fellowship hall. Attendees are encouraged to bring their neighbors and enjoy refreshments at 6:30 p.m., before the meeting starts at 7 p.m. The dues are \$15.

## 2023 Educator of the Year SJC's own theater director

San Jacinto College theater artistic director Dr. Jerry Ivins was named the 2023 Higher Education Educator of the Year by the Texas Education Theater Association.

"I am deeply honored by the award," said Ivins. "Seeing the past recipients, I am humbled to be included with these theater educational giants."

This prestigious recognition honors theater educators who have made meaningful contributions to their field. "Dr. Ivins' dedication and passion for teaching have not only informed and inspired his colleagues but have also nurtured the creativity and talent of countless students, setting the stage for the cultivation of the next generation of outstanding theater artists and educators," said Travis Springfield, Texas Education Theater Association president.

Ivins has taught at San Jac for 28 years. He is not only the artistic director for the college's central campus theater program but he is also heavily involved in the University Interscholastic League one-act play competition as a judge, an adjudicator and a licensed contest manager. He runs two area and two regional contests and the state one-act play contest each year for 4A, 5A and 6A schools. He has served the Texas Education-

al Theater Association since 2006 as convention director for thirteen years and served on the board of directors for five years.

"My colleague at the University of Houston once said, 'If something is happening in theater education in Texas, Ivins either knows about it or is running it,'" he said. "I can't help it — it's my passion."

He received his associate degree from Paris Ju-

nior College, bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Houston, and his doctorate from Texas Tech University. Besides being an accomplished actor and stage director, Ivins has directed and cast more than 400 films, commercials and plays.

Ivins was honored at an awards ceremony Sept. 29 at the Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston.



Dr. Jerry Ivins, Higher Education Educator of the Year

## New Covenant Christian Church Day Care



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# Meador Elementary Mustang masters summer reading challenge

Meador Elementary fourth-grader Alana Rivas Lopez was recently recognized at the PISD Board Meeting for earning the highest points in the district's elementary Summer Challenge for Accelerated Reader and Beanstalk. Alana also earned this recognition for Accelerated Reader in Summer 2022. Meador staff and faculty encourage her to keep up the good work.



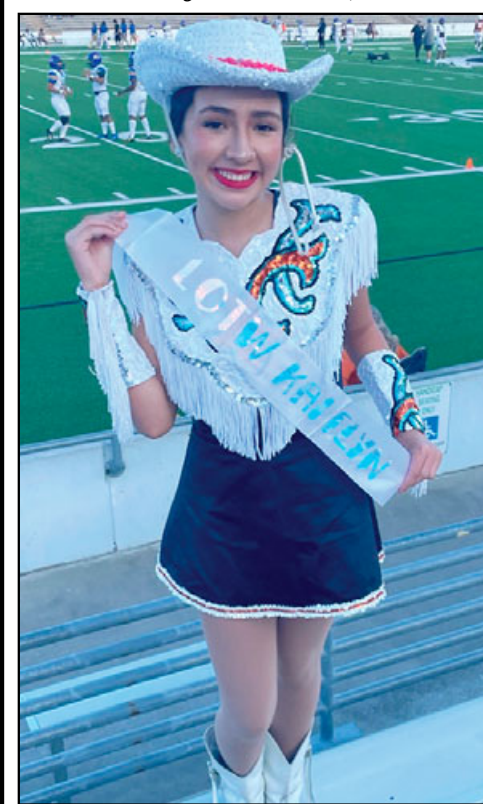
Above, Alana Rivas Lopez (left) shakes the hand of Kenny Fernandez (PISD board member) while Crystal Davila (PISD board member) watches.



Above, left to right, are Tara Merida (Meador counselor), Alana, Jennifer Chavez (principal) and Kevin Fox (assistant principal). Shown right is the Rivas Lopez family, left to right, Kenia (mother), Alana, Alan (father) and Alan (brother).

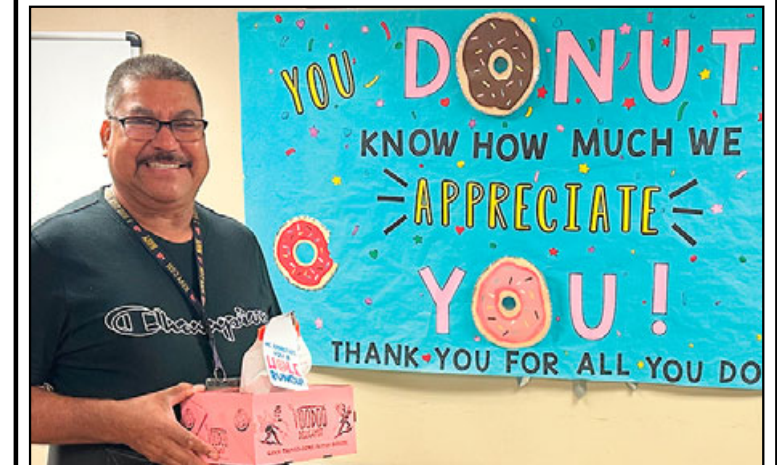


## Lariaette of the Week, Oct. 12



The J. Frank Dobie Lariaette of the week of Oct. 12 is sophomore Kaitlyn Resendez, a first-year line member.

## Appreciation shown for custodians



Meador Elementary celebrated National Custodian Day with sweets and treats for the custodial staff whom are considered to be wonderful and hardworking. Pictured with his dessert in hand is head custodian Felipe Saucedo.

## Laura Bush teachers, staff cool off with Italian ice at training

On a very hot day, the staff at Laura Bush Elementary enjoyed the cold treat provided by Pastor Richard Vega from Community Transformation Church and Italian Ice Life.

Laura Bush staff and administrators extend their gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Community Transformation Church and Italian Ice Life for the sweet treats. The treats were enjoyed by teachers and staff members during training.



At right, Sam Ali (left) and Stephanie Miller (principal) smile alongside the Italian ice truck.



Shown, left to right, are Erica Owens, Kimberly Rivas and Vicki Sheppard enjoying their Italian ice.



Left to right, Nely Maicher, Roxie Diaz, Maria Murillo and Sam Ali show off their sweet treats as Ali looks on from the ice truck.



Consuelo Patino de Alvarado (left) and Ruben Caro also partake in the refreshing desserts offered during training.



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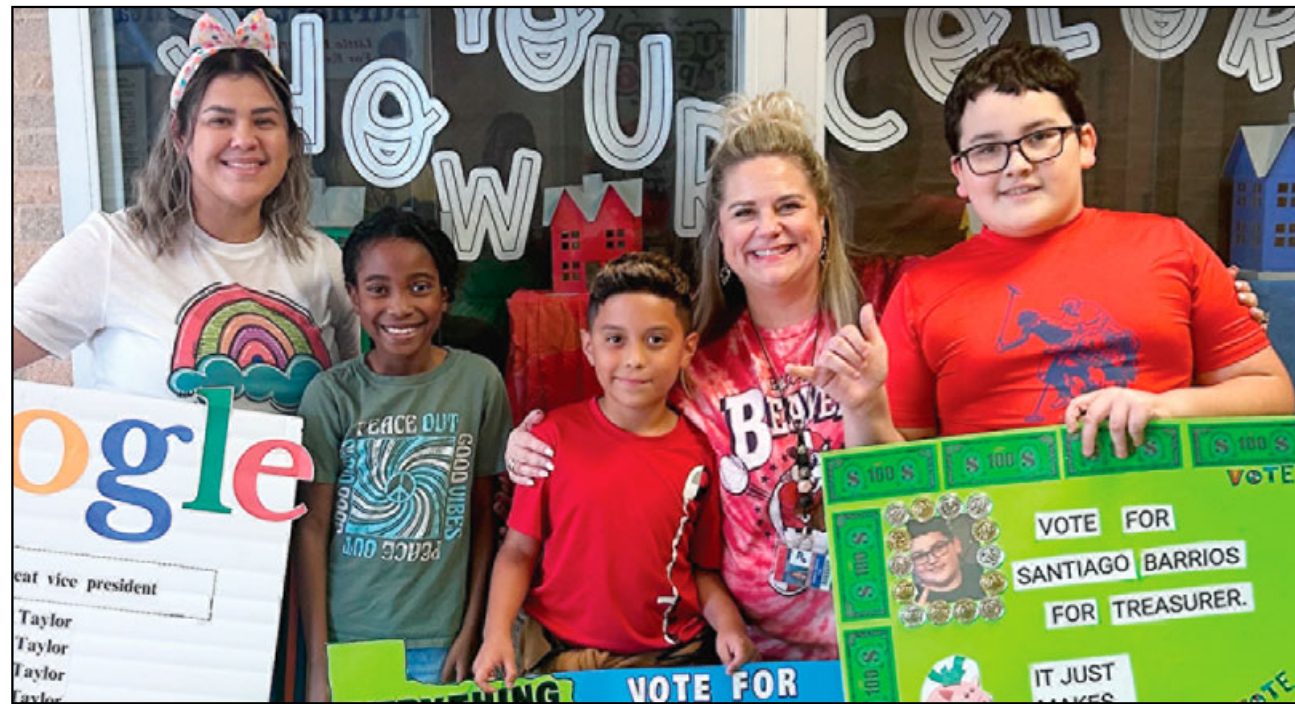
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# Burnett Elementary students elect student council officers



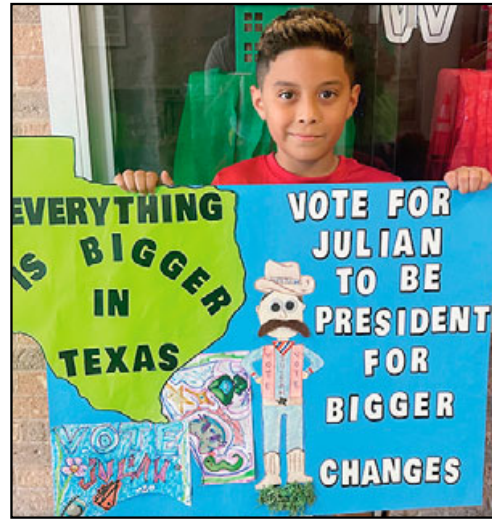
Congratulations are in order from Burnett Elementary staff and faculty to the winning officers for student council for the 2023-2024 school year. Shown are, left to right, left to right, Karina Diaz (counselor); Peyton Taylor, Julian Hernandez, Jessica Arnold and Santiago Barrios. Diaz said they are, "Excited for all the great things ahead," with their student council officers, who were voted into office by their peers.



Search no further, Peyton Taylor will decidedly "make a great vice president."



It "makes cents" to have Santiago Barrios as treasurer.



Students look forward to "bigger changes" under Julian Hernandez's presidency.



Burnett can perhaps expect further proactive measures from student council with July Nguyen as secretary.

## City, county offer updated COVID vax

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 and older receive an updated vaccine by the end of October to reduce their risk of developing severe illness, hospitalization, long COVID and death. The updated vaccines target the XBB lineage of the Omicron variant and are better able to fight currently circulating variants. Disease monitoring by the health department indicates that nearly 5,000 people in Houston have died due to complications from COVID-19 infection since the start of the pandemic. The federal government in previous years provided free COVID-19 vaccines for everyone, but distribution changed in September when the shots moved to the commercial market. The vaccines are still free for most people through their private health insurance. People with insurance may need to use an approved, in-network pharmacy or health care facility. The department offers the updated shots to uninsured and underinsured adults through the Bridge Access program, launched by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention two months ago to provide free COVID-19 vaccines through December of 2024. It offers the shots to children who are either uninsured, underinsured, enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP or eligible for the Vaccines For Children program. Department health centers can be found at the following locations:  
 - La Nueva Casa De Amigos Health Center, 1809 N. Main Street.  
 - Northside Health Center, 8504 Schuller Road.  
 - Sharpstown Health Services, 6201 Bonhomme Road.  
 - Sunnyside Health Center, 4410 Reed Road.  
 One can get the updated COVID-19 vaccine at least two months after their last COVID-19 shot. They also need to wait three months after having a COVID-19 infection before getting the updated shot. Uninsured and underinsured adults can also opt to get a free COVID-19 vaccine at retail pharmacies participating in Bridge Access program including, CVS, Walgreens and the smaller and independent pharmacies participating under the eTrueNorth umbrella. For more information, One can call the department's call center at 832-393-4220 or visit HoustonHealth.org.

## Delgado seeks help on petition event

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 the level of the court system that most citizens would come in contact with. And because of this the Justice of the Peace could be in a position to help citizens in many ways. Along with my 23 years of court administration I rolled up my sleeves and went to work. "This is why I make it a priority to speak to Civic groups, HOAs and PIP meetings. It is a very effective way to help citizens understand the court system. Every two years the Legislators enact new laws and it is important to educate the citizens on the changes. During the pandemic the court worked close with the District Attorney's and the Constables to continue to provide Access to Justice for all Citizens in precinct two. I was honored to be asked to sit on the Texas Supreme Court Task Force to help implement solutions with Landlord/Tenant issues during this difficult time. The goal was to find the best possible outcome for all concerned. "My greatest commitment has been working with our youth/parents with school related issues such as truancy, and behavior issues. Helping students get back on track and meeting graduation requirements has always been our goal. "During my 23 years as the Presiding Judge in Precinct 2-1 I have served in many leadership roles within the justice courts system. I have served as co-presiding judge, presiding judge, Harris County Juvenile Board, Joint City/County Commission for Children Board, Education Committee and have served on Faculty for the Texas Justice Court Training Center. "As the Justice Court continue to evolve we face so many challenges ahead. Administering the Justice of the Peace Court effectively and to provide fair and equal justice continues to be my commitment. I would be honored to continue to serve the citizens of precinct two."

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) now offers the updated Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines. The updated vaccines are free at HCPH for community members age 6 months and older without health insurance or whose insurance does not cover all COVID-19 vaccine costs. In September 2023, the Food and Drug Administration and the CDC and Prevention approved the updated Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines. The updated vaccines (or boosters) are recommended for everyone age 6 months and older who have completed their primary vaccine series. They are designed to protect against the Omicron variant and other circulating virus strains. "With the cool weather approaching this fall and winter, as well as the holidays, it is important for families to stay up to date with their COVID-19 and flu vaccines," said Ericka Brown, M.D., Local Health Authority for HCPH. "The updated COVID-19 vaccines provide the best protection against the most recent strains of the virus, and they are safe and effective for people of all ages." To schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at HCPH locations, visit vaccines.hctx.net or call 832-927-8787. HCPH offers flu shots at its health clinics and sites. People can receive the flu and COVID-19 shots simultaneously. The COVID-19 vaccines are provided to eligible participants through the enrollment of the Texas Vaccines for Children Program and the CDC's Bridge Access Program to adults 18 and over. In addition, people with health insurance can receive their flu and COVID-19 vaccines from local health care providers, health centers and pharmacies. To find a nearby location, visit vaccines.gov.

## Clear Brook debate advancing to state

The Wolverine speech and debate team attended Bellaire High School's annual tournament and returned to Clear Brook with a first place finish in Domestic Extemporeaneous Speaking and the team's first Texas Forensic State qualification by Greg Stuart. Greg was joined in the final round of Domestic Extemporeaneous by fellow sophomore teammate Emily Joseph who placed fifth and earned one more point toward her state total. In Informative Speaking, team members Stephen Wiggins and Abiha Altaf placed fourth and sixth respectively, earning two points and one point respectively. Rounding out the team's successes was team Vice President Isabelle Wills who advanced to the final round of her event, Original Oratory and placed fifth overall which earned her one more point toward her state total. Competitors Zaid Asad, Khang Ngo and Isabella Tripoli advanced to the semifinal rounds of their events, Extemporeaneous Speaking and Original Oratory respectively. The team will head off to Atascocita High School in a few weeks to continue their quest for more state qualifiers. Shown above are the victorious Clear Brook High Wolverine debaters who won first place in the Bellaire annual tournament, left to right, (front row) Emily Joseph, Greg Stuart, Stephen Wiggins, (back row) Isabelle Wills and Abiha Altaf.

# Remember When

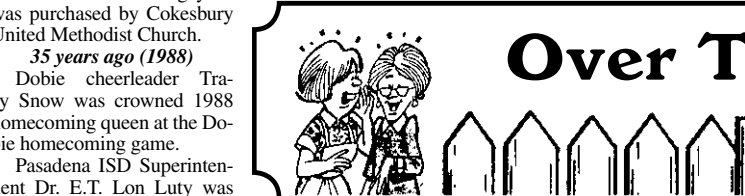
**45 years ago (1978)**  
 A study of the cost of burglary and vandalism to school property in the Pasadena Independent School District revealed a whopping cost of \$90,339.38 to the district during the period of a year. State Rep. Bill Caraway, District 100, was guest of honor at a reception given by San Jacinto College professors. **40 years ago (1983)**  
 The South Belt Security Alliance patrolmen arrested a 16-year-old male wanted for capital murder in Austin. Nearly seven acres of land at the corner of Scarsdale Boulevard and Sagebury was purchased by Cokesbury United Methodist Church. **35 years ago (1988)**  
 Dobbie cheerleader Tracy Snow was crowned 1988 homecoming queen at the Dobbie homecoming game. Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. E.T. Lon Luty was named Citizen of the Year at the annual South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Residences, celebrated her 101st birthday. **15 years ago (2008)**  
 U.S. Rep. Nick Lampson hosted a town hall meeting at San Jacinto College South. Sponsored by the South Belt-Ellington Leader and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, the meeting also featured debates between local candidates running in the general elections. The Sagemont Civic Club proposed a revised set of deed restrictions for the longstanding subdivision. The existing restrictions were, "too weak, too ambiguous, and virtually impossible to enforce," according to Sagemont Civic Club President Julius Schindler. Schindler further proposed the Sagemont Maintenance Committee and Sagemont Civic Club merge into one entity and become a homeowners association, giving the group more power of enforcement. The proposed changes required annual fees to increase. To pass, 51 percent of residents in the subdivision would have to vote to adopt the new restrictions. The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce held its 11th annual Evening of Cuisine and Car Fling giving attendees a chance to sample food from a wide variety of local restaurants and businesses. The event is the organization's largest fundraiser of the year. **10 years ago (2013)**  
 The Harris County Improvement District No. 9 held a meeting to discuss a plan to promote economic development in the Hobby area. Funding for projects would come from assessments levied on commercial property owners within the district's boundaries. The assessment for each year of the 10-year plan would be \$0.15 for each \$100

**30 years ago (1993)**  
 A reunion celebrating the 100th anniversary of Genoa Elementary was being planned. Off-site air monitoring, evacuation plans and an alert siren were all part of the new procedures being put in place to assure community safety during remediation of the Brio toxic waste site. Federal health agency representatives vowed to make the remediation of the site safe. South Belt resident Mary Engel Moses, 33, was charged with arson in an August fire at a Pasadena driving school where she was employed. The fire at the Gulf Coast Driving School, 1701 Shaver, caused an estimated \$500,000 in damages. A variety of Halloween-oriented activities were being planned in the South Belt and surrounding areas. **25 years ago (1998)**  
 Former Dobbie quarterback and singer/songwriter, John Evans was named "Houston's Next Rising Star" by ABC's

and David Flickinger; and great-uncle David Flickinger (Leader president) and his wife Ellie. **SCHOOL DAZE**  
 The following staff and personnel of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 19 through Oct. 25.  
**Atkinson Elementary**  
 Sing a happy birthday song to **Nora Freeman** Oct. 25.  
**Hancock Elementary**  
 Send a birthday greeting Oct. 22 to **Rosalinda Rey**.  
**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 **Cassy Horton**.  
**Meador Elementary**  
 A special birthday wish is sent to **Damon Schwerdtfeger** Oct. 23.  
**Moore Elementary**  
 Blow out the birthday candles for **George Robeson** Oct. 23. Send a birthday greeting Oct. 25 to **Jayna Cruz**.  
**Melillo Middle School**  
 Join in the birthday fun Oct. 24 for **Stephen Rios**.  
**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
**Anastasia Payne** celebrates a birthday Oct. 20.  
**Thompson Intermediate**  
**Edward Ashmawee** and **Naoreen Tibbals**

celebrate a birthday Oct. 20. Remember to wish **Manuel Reyna** a happy birthday Oct. 22. Best wishes for a special birthday Oct. 23 are sent to **Jeanne Thibodeaux**, **Tanis Griffin**, principal, and **Aaron Kutra** celebrate with a double-layer cake Oct. 25.  
**Dobbie High**  
 The day for a triple-layer cake for **Rakiem Rowland**, **Dorothy Simmons** and **Paul Sinski** is Oct. 19. Oct. 22 is the day for a celebration for **Christopher Ferguson**. The day for a party for **Zach Whitt** is Oct. 24. **Lanita Simmons** and **Gregory Steen** share a birthday Oct. 25.  
**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
 Thursday, Oct. 19: **Craig Stephens**, **Don Whited**, **Pat Perez** and **Jesse Salazar**; Friday, Oct. 20: **Trina Gibson**, **Jennifer Chavez** and **Trey Sanchez**; Saturday, Oct. 21: **Mindy Homann**, **Craig Funni**, **Eddie Youngs** and **Robert Fortson**; Sunday, Oct. 22: **Craig Tyer**, **Jamie Nevarez**, **Stacey Glass**, **Kimberly Gale** and **Jonny Heitman**; Monday, Oct. 23: **Mike Jimenez**, **Jennifer Garcia**, **Kelly Kasselman**, **Johnny Smithers**, **Melissa Guerrero**, **Ruben Salazar**, **Rosanna Luna** and **Janna Horst**; Tuesday, Oct. 24: **Stacey Lindsey**, **Tyra Chopa**, **Rolf Michelson**, **Barry Fuller**, **Marilyn Ramirez**; and Wednesday, Oct. 25: **Kim Clardy**, **Sybil Scott**, **Chloe Cantu** and **Michael Crawford**.  
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## Over The Back Fence by Natalie

**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 Monday, 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 husband **Chris Durham** and their children, **Abigail** and **Jackson**; brother **David** (Leader president), wife **Ellie Flickinger**, and their daughter, **Natalie** and her husband **Jose Abarca** and children **Kelvin Lopez**, **Noah**, **Eliana** and **Isabella Abarca**; parents **Marie** (Leader owner) and **David Flickinger**; and aunt **Alexis Lochner**.  
**PENELOPE TURNS 4!**  
 Best wishes for a happy birthday Monday, Oct. 23, are sent to **Penelope Durham** who celebrates her second 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)

of value based on the taxable property value as certified by the Harris County Appraisal District.  
**5 years ago (2018)**  
 The Dobbie Longhorn Band won the Class 6A championship at the Channelview Marching Contest, held Oct. 13, at Ray Maddy Stadium, advancing them to the UIL Region 19 Marching Contest. The 230-member Dobbie Longhorn Band and Colorguard were led by Dobbie band director Kevin Erickson. John Morgan, senior pastor at Sagemont Church, married Kathie Reimer at a private ceremony in Dallas on Saturday, Oct. 13. The couple held a public reception on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Sagemont Church, where they renewed their wedding vows. The second ceremony was streamed live online. Reimer is the widow of Dr. Jim Reimer, who pastored in multiple areas including Texas.  
**1 year ago (2022)**  
 The previously unknown female driver involved in the fatal Sept. 26 hit-and-run crash in the 9500 block of Clearwood Drive near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, killing a pedestrian, was identified and charged. The suspect, **Chantay Solano-Saldana**, 26, was charged with failure to stop and render aid. She was charged for her role in the death of **Evelina Chanel McKenzie**, 37. No immediate arrests were made.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Overtime thriller has Dobie football thinking title

**By John Bechtle Sports Editor**  
An epic overtime win over Channelview has the Dobie varsity football team a win away from the District 22-6A championship as the Longhorns pursue their first crown since 2020.

The Longhorns will be the visiting team as they go against Sam Rayburn Oct. 19, at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

Dobie, currently leading the 22-6A field at 4-0, improved to 6-2 overall with the 41-40 overtime win over Channelview Oct. 14 at Veterans Stadium.

The game was originally set for Oct. 12 but was postponed due to a power outage in the Pasadena area that rendered Veterans Stadium dark. Once the game played out, there was nonstop action throughout. Channelview struck first, getting a 59-yard touchdown

run from Tyrone Scyrus on the game's first offensive play as the Falcons led 7-0 just 19 seconds into the game. The Longhorns bounced back with a big play of their own on their opening series as quarterback Juan Huerta lofted a deep ball down the seam

for 61 yards and a touchdown to Ethan Nguyen. Dobie was stopped short on the two-point conversion run try but got within 7-6. The Falcons took advantage of a short field later in the quarter, going 46 yards on six plays, with quarterback Jason Wheelock plunging two yards for a touchdown. With 4:31 left in the opening quarter, Channelview led 14-6. But Dobie, which produced three straight drives to open the game, would answer. Sophomore Demarcus Hodges forced his way

into the end zone on a 4-yard run with 1:59 left in the first. The conversion run from Cameron Mathews tied the game at 14-14. Mathews, the leading rusher in the District 22-6A ranks, put together a performance for the recordbooks, rushing for 265 yards on 28 totes and scoring three times. Hodges and Mathews teamed on Dobie's go-ahead drive, with the locals making it three-for-three on touchdown drives as Mathews went 8 yards for a 21-14 Longhorn lead at the 11:11 mark of the

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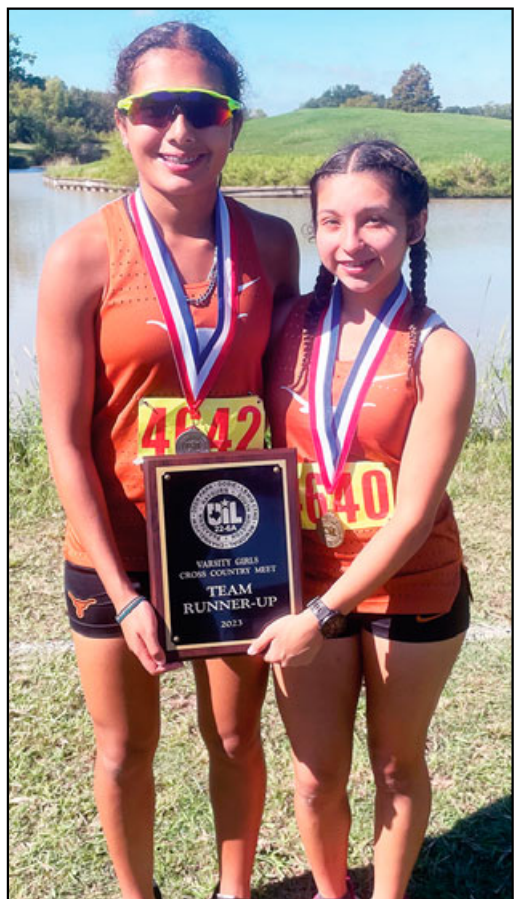
Dobie's Cameron Mathews (2), the leading rusher in the District 22-6A ranks, put together a performance for the recordbooks, rushing for 265 yards

on 28 totes and scoring three times. His 25-yard touchdown run on the first play of the first overtime gave his team the lead. Photo by David Flickinger

## JFD runners qualify to regional meet

Champions never give in, so it is easy to understand how it was Lauren Garza and Kyla Lobo leading the way as the Dobie varsity girls' team pursued a fourth straight district cross-country team crown Oct. 12 at the Jimmy Burke Center in Deer Park. Garza won top overall medalist honors in a time of 19 minutes, 38.01 seconds, a win of more than a minute, 20 seconds over the rest of the field for the

combined five district championship team contributions between them entering this season, dominated the 5,000-meter field this time around. Garza won top overall medalist honors in a time of 19 minutes, 38.01 seconds, a win of more than a minute, 20 seconds over the rest of the field for the



At left, Kyla Lobo (left) and Lauren Garza hoist Dobie's team runner-up trophy at the District 22-6A Cross-Country Championships Oct. 12 in Deer Park. Lobo was the individual runner-up for the second straight season while Garza won the 5,000-meter event at 19 minutes, 38.01 seconds.

refused to give in easily. The Longhorns also got terrific performances from scorers Mariah Medina and Leyla Martinez. The junior duo came up with a great effort when it mattered most as Medina's

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Haley Precella (4) and Ariana Garza (8) try to block a kill try against the Pasadena Eagles during an Oct. 5 win. With a remaining league match coming Oct. 20 at South Houston, Dobie will represent District 22-6A as the No. 2 playoff seed.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## Dobie volleyball grabs two seed; playoff picture is still developing

Senior Lexie Gonzalez had 12 kills and 16 assists as the Dobie varsity volleyball team assured itself of at least the No. 2 post-season seed out of District 22-6A with a 25-15, 25-22, 25-20 sweep of Memorial Oct. 10 at Dobie. The team's senior class, nine in all, enjoyed Senior Night pre-match festivities before finishing off a series sweep of third-place Memorial.

The Longhorns went on to score a 25-12, 25-18, 25-15 win at Channelview Oct. 13, getting to 29 wins overall, a program record, and 8-2 in league play. Deer Park has continued its dominance in district play and will win the 22-6A championship, with Dobie assured of the No. 2 seed. Dobie will finish its 22-6A schedule Oct. 20 at South Houston in a 5:30

p.m. match and will play at Episcopal Oct. 23 in a playoff tune-up. The bidistrict playoffs will be held Oct. 30-31. Things still need to shake out in the District 21-6A ranks, but the Longhorns very well could be headed toward a first-round playoff match-up against Kingwood, which is third at present in that district. Things will soon shake out.



Dobie's Haley DeHoyos (13) was one of the team's honorees as the program hosted Senior Night Oct. 10 at home against Memorial in a key win for playoff seeding. DeHoyos, who as a junior was the 22-6A Blocker of the Year, has a career high in kills this season with nearly 150. At left is Pasadena's Jazmin Morales (12).

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## Brook's Trevino makes third straight regional run



At left, Clear Brook senior Joseph Trevino is on his way back to the Region III Cross-Country Championships for the third consecutive season after qualifying as the fourth-place finisher out of District 24-6A Oct. 12 at the postseason began at Hometown Heroes Park in League City. Clear Lake was the boys' team champion by a wide margin. Sam Golla of Clear Lake was the 24-6A top overall boys' medalist as he won by more than 13 seconds in a time of 15 minutes, 02.8 seconds on the 5,000-meter course. Chris Creedon of Clear Creek was in at 15:16.0 for second place, with Clear Lake's Anthony Roberts third in a time of 16:00.5. Trevino clocked in at 16:03.4 for fourth place. In the girls' championship run, Clear Falls' Katherine Valentine was the top overall medalist at 18:00.4, and the Knights finished 1-2-3-4 to easily claim the team crown. Clear Brook's Leslie Garcia was in at 21:48.0 for 28th place, with Azayla Smith 33rd in a time of 22:01.9. In the two-mile junior varsity girls' event, Clear Brook sophomore Destiny Maldonado was a top-10 finisher with a clocking of 13:57.2. The Region III Championships return to Kate Barr Ross Memorial Park in Huntsville Oct. 24.

## Rayburn hosts Dobie Thurs., Oct. 19, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium, Pasadena

Dobie (6-2, 4-0): With its 41-40 overtime win over defending league champion and wins over Deer Park and Memorial in pocket, the Longhorns need just one win to claim the district championship, the program's first since 2020. Junior tailback Cameron Mathews has 1,362 yards rushing to lead the district and has scored 11 touchdowns, including three against Channelview.

Rayburn (3-4, 0-3): The Texans were 3-1 following nondistrict action but have struggled midway through league play. Sophomore H'Rei Jones leads the Texans in both rushing and passing through seven games.



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# Dobie leads 11-6A football race; Dickinson, Creek pace 24-6As

Three critical weeks remain in the varsity football season, yet while some of the final Division I and Division II playoff positions are still to be filled, much of the heavy lifting has been done by the leaders of both District 22-6A and District 24-6A.

Yes, the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* is the home newspaper of Dobie High School, but the fact is the Longhorns have not only made the postseason but have positioned themselves to win the district championship.

A win over the Sam Rayburn Texans Oct. 19 or a week later against South Houston will secure the top seed in the Division I playoff bracket and deliver the program's first league title since 2020.

Despite surrendering a 14-point fourth-quarter lead, the Longhorns got a career-best 300-plus yards rushing, three touchdown game from junior tailback Cameron Mathews to beat Channelview 41-40 Oct. 14 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The win keeps the

Longhorns a league-best 4-0, which includes wins over each of the three current top postseason contenders (Deer Park, Memorial and Channelview).

Barring unforeseen developments, both Pasadena and Sam Rayburn, winless at 0-3 in district play, will miss the postseason. That leaves five teams for four spots.

While South Houston defeated both Memorial and Dobie a season ago to grab third place, the Trojans have already lost to Memorial, sit at 2-2 heading into a bye week, then close the regular season against Deer Park and Dobie.

Should the Trojans falter down the stretch, Dobie, Deer Park, Channelview and Memorial will advance to the postseason, with Dobie and Deer Park in Division I and Memorial and Channelview headed to Division II.

In District 24-6A, Dickinson and upstart Clear Creek could very well be headed for a one-on-one battle for the District 24-

6A title. That game is set for Oct. 27 at Sam Vitanza Stadium in Dickinson.

Dickinson has looked every bit the league front-runner while winning six of seven game overall, including three straight in league play.

And with Bryson Drake running the show at Clear Creek, the Wildcats are enjoying their finest season in several.

An earlier win over Clear Lake was a huge boost for the Wildcats, and the team then punished Clear Brook 43-6 to get to 3-0.

And while the Wildcats have far and away the toughest remaining schedule with games against postseason contenders Clear Springs, Dickinson and Clear Falls, the Wildcats have likely done enough to make the Division II playoff bracket-moving forward.

Clear Lake and Brazoswood are out of the mix for a playoff berth. As for Clear Brook, the Wolverines sure could use a win over Clear Springs Oct. 27.

## South Belt football predictions



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Dobie vs. Rayburn	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Lutheran South at Second Baptist	Second Baptist	Second Baptist	Second Baptist	Second Baptist	Second Baptist
Deer Park at Channelview	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
C.E. King at Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Shadow Creek at Dawson	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Baytown Sterling at La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte	La Porte
Magnolia at Manvel	Manvel	Magnolia	Magnolia	Magnolia	Magnolia
Clear Creek vs. Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Creek	Clear Springs	Clear Springs	Clear Springs
Angleton at Friendswood	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Friendswood	Angleton
Barbers Hill at Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill	Barbers Hill
Last Week's Results	9-1	9-1	9-1	9-1	9-1
Season record	59-21	60-20	61-19	55-25	62-18

### District 22-6A Football Standings

Team	District			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Dobie	4	0	0	6	2	0
Deer Park	2	1	0	6	1	0
Channelview	2	1	0	3	4	0
Memorial	2	2	0	4	4	0
South Houston	2	2	0	4	4	0
Rayburn	0	3	0	2	5	0
Pasadena	0	3	0	3	4	0

### District 24-6A Football Standings

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

### Atascocita 10, Dobie 3

#### Boys' doubles

- 1) Anderson Causey/Joshua Li (A) def. Nestor Garza/Ryan Le, 6-0, 6-1.
- 2) Gabriel Lopez/Nicholas Mateu (A) def. Rigo Alanis/Nolan Tran, 6-3, 6-2.
- 3) Luke French/Thomas Taylor (A) def. Vince Bui/Tre Ramirez, 6-3, 4-6, 10-5.

#### Girls' doubles

- 1) Leslie Figueroa/Hailey Maldonado (D) def. Nylah Daniels/Cassidy Hotman, 6-0, 6-1.
- 2) Leena Pham/Kayla Tran (D) def. Sophie Agirre/Jenna Watson, 6-2, 6-1.
- 3) Abby Panza/Hallie Vu (D) def. Ajdd Mulla/Meredith Onyeme, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-3).

#### Mixed doubles

- 1) Devyn Shaw/Harrison Phipps (A) def. Amalia Reyes/Pitou So, 6-1, 6-0.

#### Boys' singles

- 1) Anderson Causey (A) def. Ryan Le, 6-0, 6-2.
- 2) Joshua Li (A) def. Nolan Tran, 6-0, 6-1.
- 3) Gabriel Lopez (A) def. Nestor Garza, 6-0, 6-4.
- 4) Nicholas Mateu (A) def. Pitou So, 6-4, 6-0.
- 5) Harrison Phipps (A) def. Rigo Alanis, 6-0, 6-1.
- 6) Tre Ramirez (D) vs. Thomas Taylor, DNF (0-0).

#### Girls' singles

- 1) Devyn Shaw (A) def. Hailey Maldonado, 6-1, 6-3.
- 2) Leena Pham (D) vs. Jenna Watson, DNF (6-1, 1-6, 8-8).
- 3) Kayla Tran (D) vs. Meredith Onyeme, DNF (1-6).
- 4) Leslie Figueroa (D) vs. Ajdd Mulla, DNF (3-2).
- 5) Amalia Reyes (D) vs. Sophie Agirre, DNF (0-0).
- 6) Abby Panza (D) vs. Nylah Daniels, DNF (0-0).

Dobie, prior to Tuesday's District 22-6A match with Channelview, is 6-15 overall, 2-1 district.

## Dobie's team tennis season ends as Atascocita nets 10-3 victory

An extremely strong boys' lineup proved to be the difference as Atascocita, the No. 3 seed out of District 21-6A, eliminated Dobie by a 10-3 count in the bidistrict team tennis playoffs Oct. 10 at Dobie.

An ineligibility issue forced the Longhorns to shuffle their lineup essentially 24 hours before the playoffs began, but Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno made no excuses in the end.

His team had chances to change the trajectory of the match, but the Eagles were able to do what was needed to come away with the necessary 10 wins.

"We knew going in to the match that Atascocita was

strong on the boys' side, and losing such a key player for us hurt," Moreno said.

"Tre Ramirez and Vince Bui stepped up and played well for us, and really, the kids gave it their all. We gave ourselves a chance to win entering the singles, and that's what we always want to try to do.

"Whether it's 10-3, 10-9 or 19-0, a loss is a loss, but I'm very proud of our kids not only for their effort in the playoffs but the entire season.

"Aside from Hailey (Maldonado) playing at No. 1, we had youth and inexperience to deal with. A lot of the kids had to step up and play roles that they weren't

necessarily accustomed to, but did a great job.

"I'm very proud of the kids for the season they put together. We finished 10-17, and were in position to win a good number of those matches with a swing of a game here and there. The kids gave their all, and that's all you can ask for as a coach."

For next fall, Moreno knows that five of the top six boys' on that side of things will return, but each of his top seven girls are seniors and will exit the program.

In fact, Moreno said the player who was at No. 8 on the girls' ladder will in fact ascend to the top spot.



Dobie senior Ethan Nguyen (3) reeled in a 61-yard scoring pass from quarterback Juan Huerta as the Longhorns started a back-and-forth scoring affair with Channelview Oct. 14 in Pasadena. Photos by David Flickinger



Dobie came away with a 41-40 win over Channelview Oct. 14 in Pasadena as the respective defenses struggled to make stops, but on this play, the Longhorns' Roderick Drumgo stopped Falcon quarterback Jason Wheelock.

## Dobie controls its destiny in 22-6A football title hunt

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second quarter.

That score upheld at halftime, and Mathews came up with a brilliant 39-yard scoring run at the 10-minute mark of the third quarter as Dobie suddenly led 28-14.

The Falcons got a 2-yard scoring run from Skyrus late in the third quarter but had the extra point try blocked.

Mathews then dazzled the home crowd again with a 40-yard touchdown run on the final play of the third quarter.

Dobie led 34-20 after three quarters but watched the Falcons net the game at 34-34. Skyrus got loose for 70 yards down to the Dobie one-yard line, and

Wheelock's plunge made it 34-27 at 11:03 of the fourth quarter.

A 44-yard strike from Wheelock to David Watson with 8:22 to play tied the game at 34-34, and the Falcons had a chance to steal the win with 20 seconds left in regulation.

Channelview made its way inside the Dobie 10-yard line in the final minute but couldn't finish the deal as Kevin Torres missed a 23-yard field goal with 20 seconds remaining.

In the overtime, Dobie's Mathews scored on a 25-yard burst on the opening snap, and senior kicker Daniel Campero provided the eventual difference-making conver-

sion kick as the locals led 41-34.

Channelview responded with a touchdown of its own, and Falcons' head

coach Avion Hurts elected to go for the win via the two-point conversion. On the play, Wheelock rolled to his right, but Dobie's

Desmond Talib kept containment and nearly tackled Wheelock for a loss.

Instead, Wheelock's desperation pitch was

intercepted by senior Terrance Thomas as the Longhorns made the big play to win. Next up for Dobie is Rayburn.

### Brook grad Newsome surpasses 1,000 career kills at SLU

At right, Kailin Newsome is having a terrific senior volleyball season at Southeastern Louisiana University as she and her teammates have put together a 13-match winning streak heading into play Oct. 19. The Lions defeated Northwestern State in three games Oct. 14 as Newsome, a Clear Brook High School graduate, had a match-high 21 kills. At 18-4 overall and 9-1 in Southland Conference action, the Lions have been on a roll. Already a two-time All-Conference performer, Newsome earlier this month eclipsed 1,000 career kills with the Lions. Thus far in 2023, Newsome has a team-best 287 kills over 78 sets played. She is Clear Brook's all-time leader in kills with 2,053. A season ago, Newsome was the postseason tournament Most Valuable Player after leading the Lions to the Southland Conference tournament title and an NCAA tournament berth.



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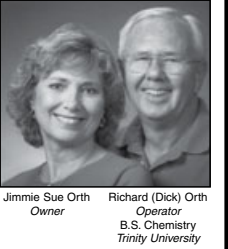
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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19**  
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.  
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St. or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce website or call 281-485-3634.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for tours.  
6 p.m. **Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter** - A social group. Meets at Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
1 - 3 p.m. **Parker Williams Genealogy Group** - meets at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Meetings are free and open to the public. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net for details.  
3:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Bay Area Singles Club** - at the VFW Lodge Post 6378, 5204 Hwy. 3, in Dickinson. For information, call 281-470-2750 or 281-337-3112.  
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.  
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd.

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8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.  
11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787 or visit https://www.houstonalanon.org/.  
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 beforehand.  
Jam-3:30/ Bands-6:30 p.m. **Bay Area Bluegrass Association** - bluegrass music show and jam session at Webster Civic Center, 311 Pennsylvania Ave. Visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**  
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship and Bible study programs at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.  
2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - Meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. Call 713-944-9186.  
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.  
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets at IHOP,

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7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.  
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 chapter meets at the Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24**  
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **American Begonia Society** - Houston Satellite meets at Helen Hall Library, 300 W. Walker in League City. Call 281-481-2458.  
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - Club #05324194 meets virtually in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd (SB Chamber of Commerce) for a hybrid meeting. Visit sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org. or call 832-722-9061 for information.  
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25**  
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park. Casual ballroom dancing offered. Call 281-554-1180 for details.  
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.

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# Dobie's Garza, Garcia, Lobo boast Region III hype



Teammates Lauren Garza (left) and Kyla Lobo were the class of the field at the District 22-6A Cross-Country Championships Oct. 12 in Deer

Park, with Garza, a junior, winning top overall medalist honors at 19 minutes, 38.01 seconds over 5,000-meters. Lobo was second in a time of 20:58.08.

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 time of 22:48.54 placed her 13th, and a time of 23:38.78 placed Martinez 20th.

Dobie's five official scorers led to a district runner-up total of 36, qualifying the locals for the Class 6A Region III Championships Oct. 24 at Kate Barr Ross Memorial Park in Huntsville.

In the varsity boys' division, a standout Deer Park squad coasted to the team title as overall champion Manuel Garza and runner-up Julian Andrade, both seniors, led the Deer to the crown.

Overall, the Deer were able to land their five qualifiers within the top seven.

Garza claimed top overall medalist honors with his time of 16:25.61, and a time of 16:31.18 had Andrade second. Dobie junior Christopher Lopez was third-best as he was in at 16:41.64.

From there, the Dobie group came up big to reach regionals as the team runner-up.

Sophomore Johan Villavicencio was ninth overall in a time of 17:30.96, which would have qualified him for regionals individually.

From there, senior Damian Rosas used his time of 17:52.20 to place 12th overall. A time of 18:10.97 placed Dobie's Jose Munoz 16th, with junior Conner Torres the team's fifth official qualifier, 18th in a time of 18:15.09.

Dobie boys' coach Stephen Cross acknowledged prior to the meet that Deer

Park might in fact be a bit too talented to overcome, yet he was hopeful his team could make it back-to-back regional qualifications. The Longhorns delivered.

"I am very proud of these young men," Cross said. "They worked very hard in the summer and early morning practices to reach their goal as regional qualifiers. They are a great group and through their hard work and groundwork they are helping build up Dobie's cross-country program."

"Being a coach of football for 16 years and basketball for 23 years, coaching these guys for the last three years, they are definitely the toughest young men. They do things that other kids couldn't or wouldn't do. I am super proud of them."

Francisco Dunn came up with a time of 18:26.48 for 21st place, and teammate Simon Sepulveda finished 30th-best at 19:01.18 to round things out for the Longhorns.

Rosas, Dunn, Munoz and Sepulveda are seniors and have extended their runs to regionals. Elsewhere, the boys' program appears to have plenty of competitors ready to step in next season at higher levels.

The Dobie freshman boys finished the season strong as they were second as a team as a trio of runners made the top 15.

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In the freshman boys' 3,200-meter run, Dobie's Wilfredo Chinchilla took fourth overall in a time of 12:57.05, with teammate Ruben Vasquez in at 13:17.80 for 10th place.

The Longhorns' Deshawn Singleton was 12th with a solid effort of 13:24.53. A time of 13:50.93 placed Dobie's Jaedon Sinclair 17th.

Dobie's run to third place as a team in the junior varsity boys' division was paced by junior Pedro Acevedo as he placed sixth, navigating the 5,000-meter course at 19:18.35.

Dobie sophomores Diego Paz and Janiel Lebron went back-to-back, taking the 14th and 15th overall spots, Paz at 20:02.43 and Lebron at 20:10.36.

Jorge Jasso and Maximiliano Delgado were the Longhorns' final two official qualifiers, with Jasso 20th at 20:20.94 and Delgado 21st with his time of 20:21.92.

The Longhorn girls' program will have some big shoes to fill as Lobo, a senior, was one of the top performers when it mattered most.

But the program will reload as the junior varsity girls were second as a team at district.

Juniors Madison Puente (16:10.01), Ashley Hernandez (16:11.82) and Daisa Ram (16:13.47) finished eighth, ninth and 10th, respectively while covering the 3,200-meter course in the subvarsity season finale.



Dobie junior Christopher Lopez was third-best at the District 22-6A Cross-Country Championships as he finished at 16 minutes, 41.64 seconds to lead the Longhorns to second as a team.



Sophomore Johan Villavicencio was ninth overall in a time of 17:30.96, which would have qualified him for regionals individually. He will be joined by his Dobie teammates at regionals Oct. 24.

## Bay Area Football League Regular Season Standings (Through Oct. 14 Play)

Pee Wee Division			
Team	W	L	T
Sagemont	9	0	0
Angleton	7	2	0
Bay Area	7	2	0
League City	7	2	0
Hitchcock	6	2	1
Manvel	6	2	1
Pear. Pats	6	3	0
Brazosport	5	3	1
Pasadena	4	4	1
SE Houston	4	5	0
Pear. Texans	2	7	0
Alvin	2	8	0
La Porte	1	8	0
Magnolia	0	9	0
East End	0	9	0
Freshman Division			
Angleton	8	1	0
Bay Area	8	1	0
La Porte	8	1	0
League City	7	2	0
Hitchcock	7	2	0
Sagemont	6	3	0
Manvel	5	4	0
Pear. Pats	4	5	0
Magnolia	4	5	0
Brazosport	4	5	0
Pear. Texans	2	6	0
Pasadena	2	7	0
Alvin	2	8	0
SE Houston	2	7	0
East End	0	9	0
Sophomore Division			
Hitchcock	9	0	0
SE Houston	8	1	0
League City	8	1	0
Brazosport	7	2	0
Angleton	6	3	0
Pear. Pats	6	3	0
Bay Area	5	4	0
La Porte	4	5	0
Magnolia	4	5	0
Alvin	4	6	0
Pear. Texans	3	6	0
East End	2	7	0
Pasadena	1	8	0
Sagemont	1	8	0
Manvel	0	9	0
Junior Division			
Hitchcock	9	0	0
Angleton	8	1	0
Sagemont	8	1	0
League City	7	2	0
Magnolia	6	3	0
Bay Area	5	4	0
Pear. Pats	5	4	0
SE Houston	5	4	0
La Porte	4	5	0
Pear. Texans	3	6	0
Alvin	3	7	0
Brazosport	2	7	0
Pasadena	1	8	0
Manvel	1	8	0
East End	1	8	0
Senior Division			
Pasadena	9	0	0
La Porte	8	1	0
Pear. Pats	7	2	0
League City	7	2	0
Hitchcock	6	3	0
Magnolia	5	4	0
Manvel	5	4	0
Sagemont	5	4	0
Pear. Texans	4	5	0
East End	3	6	0
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