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Verizon installs 5G towers

Verizon recently began installing 5G towers throughout the South Belt community, upsetting many residents who see the structures as eyesores or possible safety threats.

E-recycling rescheduled

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event, originally scheduled to take place Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport, has been postponed due to traffic associated with the Wings Over Houston Airshow (see related story on this page). The event has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events normally take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houstonsolidwaste.org or call 311.

COVID cases down

As of Wednesday, Oct. 6, there were 209 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up one from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 7,564 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 458 remain active, down 75 from the previous week. To date, 83 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 489 of the 5,772 confirmed cases remain active, down 76 from the previous week. A total of 60 from the ZIP code have died (Harris County published 62 deaths the previous week).

Of the 5,834 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 529 468 remain active, down 61 from the previous week. To date, 66 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

According to Harris County Public Health officials, the vast majority of the fatalities suffered from pre-existing health issues.

Countywide, there have been 559,950 total confirmed cases. Of those, 515,618 have recovered from the disease, while 38,510 cases remain active, down 6,568 from the previous week. A total of 5,789 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Reources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

The eastbound Beltway 8 entrance ramp located just east of Hughes Road/Sabo will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, through 5 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10.

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Nov. 7.

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31.

Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Blvd. ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

At least one northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until Thursday, March 31, 2022.

At least one northbound lane and one southbound lane on the Gulf Freeway frontage road will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. until Thursday, March 31, 2022.

SMF seeking volunteer

The Sagmont Maintenance Fund was created in the original deed restrictions and currently requires an annual fee of \$50 per property. The Sagmont Maintenance Fund Committee is comprised of three individuals who reside in Sagmont and is responsible for the invoicing and collection of the annual fee and deciding where such funds are to be spent for neighborhood maintenance. The duties of committee members include attending periodic meetings, ensuring the annual fee is billed and collected and deciding the best use of the funds. They also oversee the filing of any required government reports. An election to fill a position on the committee will be held during their general meeting on Nov. 16 at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer Road, at 7 p.m. One may forward any questions to sagmont@att.net.

Heavy trash dates set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Oct. 14 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Oct. 8 (second Friday of the month). October is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

County denies Garcia's Pct. 2 budget request

A request from Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia to Harris County Commissioners Court seeking additional funding tanked Tuesday, Sept. 28, when fellow Democrats on the court declined to bring the measure to a vote.

"As many people already know, Precinct 2 has historically been ignored, neglected and underfunded," Garcia said before the court.

Garcia was asking for 30 more deputies, five more dispatchers and 81 new body cameras. Precinct 2 currently has 16 cameras, and they are outdated, the constable said.

There has long been a large disparity in the amount of annual funds received by each of the eight constable precincts, with Precinct 2 and Precinct 8 (which also covers much of the South

Belt area) being the lowest two in the county.

In the 2021 county budget, Precinct 2 received \$10.2 million, and Precinct 8 received \$9.5 million. On the other end of the spectrum, Precinct 4 received \$59 million.

In 2016, Precinct 2 had a population of 343,514 and covered 108 square miles, bringing funding levels to \$29 per person and \$93,518 per

square mile. Conversely Precinct 4 had a population of 981,369 in 2016 and covered 472 square miles, bringing funding levels to \$59 per person and \$124,576 per square mile. Precinct 6, which has less people and less land area, received \$75 per person.

Precincts 2 and 8 have 81 deputies each, while Precinct 4 has 100. **Continued on Page 4**

Bridge now closed for months

The much-awaited closing of the Scarsdale Bridge was again delayed Wednesday morning. While a dozen or so employees were standing and waiting, the placing of the barrels which was to be at 10 a.m. did not occur until considerably later that day. After multiple delays, Harris County completely closed the Scarsdale bridge over Beamer Wednesday, Oct. 6, so that channel-improvement work may be done below the bridge. What was originally promoted as being a four- to six-week closure may now be a four- to six-month closure, officials said, with a new predicted completion date of early spring 2022. Motorists will be routed to either Sagedowne or Astoria.

Photo by Marie Flickinger



Mixed messages on Scarsdale closure

The planned closure of the Scarsdale bridge over Beamer to make necessary channel improvements under the crossing has caused confusion among South Belt residents due to a series of mixed messages from Harris County officials.

According to a Sept. 13 press release from the Harris County Flood Control District, the bridge was originally scheduled to close Friday, Sept. 17, and remain closed for four to six weeks. At that time, officials said the stoplights at the intersection of Beamer and Scarsdale were to be blinking red for the duration of the closure.

A Sept. 17 press release, however, pushed back the closing date to Friday, Oct. 1. Signage was also placed at the intersection telling drivers the bridge would close Oct. 1.

The Harris County Flood Control District issued another press release Sept. 29, merely saying the bridge would close sometime in early October and remain closed through late fall. Oct. 1 came and went with no closure.

In its latest press release, issued Oct. 5, the district said the bridge was to close at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, and is now scheduled to remain closed until early spring 2022, nearly quadrupling the length of the endeavor.

The release further stated the stoplights at the intersection will now maintain normal green-yellow-red operations throughout the duration of the project.

For more information on the project and the traffic control plan, visit www.hcfd.org/Mud-Gully.

County nears deal on lower tax rate

Harris County Commissioners Court is one step closer to setting a new lower property tax rate, with members signaling a deal has been reached.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia has offered to further compromise on a proposed Harris County tax rate with his Republican colleagues on Commissioners Court, Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey.

After getting assurance Cagle and Ramsey would attend court and not break quorum, Garcia's new proposal means the overall Harris County Property Tax Rate would be reduced by 3 percent. This results in a rate of 0.58135 per \$100 of taxable value, down from the 2020 rate of 0.59920 per \$100 of assessed value. If Cagle and Ramsey honor their promise to not break quorum thus allowing the "Garcia Compromise Rate" to be adopted, this would be the third straight year of reduced property tax rates in Harris County, after rates had previously re-

mained flat going back a decade.

Residents should be aware, however, that overall property taxes might still be higher than in previous years despite the tax rate decrease, due to higher appraisal values.

"I am thankful of my fellow Commissioners Court colleagues for their willingness to work toward getting a responsible tax rate decrease one step closer to the finish line," said Garcia. "Commissioners Cagle and Ramsey realized their previous posturing of considering not showing up next week and breaking quorum would wreak havoc on county operations. As a result, they committed to allow a vote on my responsible compromise rate. We can feel confident that infrastructure improvements, public safety, and caring for those in our hospital system will not be hurt. Commissioners Court works best when we compromise, and while no one is getting everything they want, this will serve the county." **Continued on Page 4**

HPD arrests 5 during "street takeover"

Five people were arrested the night of Sunday, Oct. 3, during what police described as a "street takeover" at the intersection of Dixie Farm Road and Beamer.

According to officials from the Houston Police Department, officers responded to the incident at approximately 9 p.m. to find that a group of drivers had completely blocked off the intersection by parking their vehicles and leaving them unoccupied, allowing other drivers to do donuts and perform other stunts.

As police arrived at the scene, the drivers in the parked cars attempted to run to their vehicles and flee but were detained instead.

Joseph Metcalf; Knoel Martin; Tavi Poche; James Robinson; and Julio Reyes were all apprehended and charged with obstructing a highway/passageway. At press time, it was unclear if any of the men were from the South Belt area.

While the *Leader* heard reports from residents of gunfire, police said no gunfire was reported. Celebratory gunfire and fireworks, however, are commonly associated with such events, police said.

At least one participant posted a video of the takeover to YouTube.

Annual airshow takes flight Oct. 9-10

The 37th annual Wings Over Houston Airshow will take flight Oct. 9-10 at Ellington Airport.

One of Houston's largest yearly events, this year's airshow will feature performances by two headliners: the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds.

"We are thrilled to return this year, not only with our traditional-style show, but with two jet teams - the Thunderbirds and Snowbirds," said Bill Roach, executive director of Wings Over Houston. "Between the hours of aerial performances, displays of vintage aviation, a classic car show featuring up to 100 vehicles, interactive areas for children and adults, live music and opportunities for guests to give back to the community, we have no doubt this year's event will be filled with fun and entertainment for families and guests of all ages."

Col. John Caldwell, commander/leader of

the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds said the team used last year's COVID-related downtime to focus on new elements to the show.

"We were able to spend the time gained back from last year's canceled airshows on enhancing our aerial demonstration and ground show performances," said Caldwell. "One of our main goals was to enhance the show sequence with the crowd experience in mind, and we're very excited to debut these changes at the Wings Over Houston event."

The Thunderbirds' new show sequence now follows seven distinct themes focused on evoking crowd emotion, as well as gradually showcasing the complexity of the maneuvers. Fans can also expect to see a new maneuver, Rapid Recovery, along with other modified maneuvers showcasing precision flying and combat capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon. **Continued on Page 4**

Crashes kill 2 pedestrians in 2 days

Two fatal auto-pedestrian crashes took place within blocks of each other in a two-day period near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

The first accident took place about 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, in the 9200 block of Clearwood Drive. The identity of the male victim, 56, is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, the victim was crossing

the street in the intersection at Ledge Street at the above address when he was struck by a white Toyota Tacoma pickup truck traveling south on Clearwood.

Paramedics pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

A witness had stated the truck was traveling at a high rate of speed with its headlights off. **Continued on Page 2**

City continues \$150 vaccine incentive

While Harris County recently closed its successful vaccine incentive program, at press time, the City of Houston was continuing its plan to incentivize more residents to get vaccinated against COVID-19 by paying them up to \$150.

The Houston Health Department is providing \$100 gift cards with first doses and \$50 gift cards with second doses of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine administered at its health centers and multi-service centers.

People who get the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will receive \$100. "With the more contagious Delta variant rap-

idly spreading and cases surging, it is critically urgent that we vaccinate more people in our community," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "It is in everyone's best interest that all eligible Houstonians get vaccinated to save lives. If an incentive will motivate those who are not yet vaccinated to get their shots, it's an investment that benefits everyone."

The incentive program is funded by \$3.125 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and will provide \$150 worth of Mastercard gift cards to 20,000 people who get fully vaccinated. **Continued on Page 4**

House catches fire near Edgebrook

Houston firefighters responded to a house fire around 9:35 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, in the 8100 block of Minnesota near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

Firefighters arrived on scene within five minutes to find heavy smoke coming from the attic of a one-story house.

Crews made an interior attack and ventilated the home.

A primary search was completed with no one found, and the utilities were secured. The fire was extinguished, and CenterPoint was notified to remove the meter.

The fire caused an estimated \$30,000 in damage. One firefighter suffered a minor injury battling the fire.

HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The cause of the blaze remained under investigation at press time.

Firefighters from stations 23, 70, 71, 36, 52, 61, 24, Rescue 42 and Rehab 17 responded to this incident.

City encourages residents to get flu shot

The Houston Health Department encourages everyone ages six months and older to protect themselves, their family and community by getting a flu shot now.

Flu outbreaks can occur as early as October and last as late as May.

"The protection offered by flu shots is more important than ever, not just for Houstonians but also for our local health care systems," said Dr. David Perse, chief medical officer for the City of Houston. "COVID-19 has stressed area hospitals for weeks. When people receive their flu shots, they will protect themselves and at the same time reduce the demand that our already burdened hospitals are likely to face from the upcoming rise in patients with flu-related complications during the flu season."

The health department on Monday, Sept. 27, began offering flu shots at its health centers to uninsured and underinsured people on a sliding scale that ranges from free to \$15.

To find the nearest health center and set a flu shot appointment, residents can call 832-393-5427. Health center locations and hours of operation are also available at HoustonHealth.org or through the City of Houston's 311 Help and Info line.

People can visit their doctor, neighborhood pharmacy or local health department to get a flu shot. Many grocery stores also offer the vaccine. Residents can receive flu and COVID-19 vac-

Trucks, trailers anger residents



A line trucks and trailers on Kirkholm Drive near Beamer, across from Beverly Hills Intermediate, is angering residents who complain the large vehicles impede traffic near the area school, as well as cause an eyesore and safety hazard. At least one of the trailers (shown above) is open, allowing students to enter. While parking the vehicles, sometimes up to seven deep, on the street during daylight hours is illegal, city workers have failed to enforce the ordinance, and county workers are prohibited from doing so. The *Leader* is reaching out to Pasadena ISD police for assistance.

In My Opinion

Thankful for the Edgebrook corridor

Director Haddock,
 We on the Edgebrook corridor want to thank the Public Works for re striping Frey road from Edgebrook to Hartsok Street.
 For the most part Frey road has no sidewalk, just a white strip on both lanes for pedestrians to walk or ride bikes. This is where PISD picks up and drops off school children so not much room between the vehicle or people walking.
 The striping just gives more safety to those that walk this street. Again Thanks
James E. Muecke

with vaccinations and casualties from the separate domestic issues in our culture is confusing. As far as I can tell without being an expert on either subject, yet informed as a member of the general public on current events, your response inspired me to open my dictionary regarding the "claptrap" reference only to then find the term bogeyman which seems more appropriate in this context. I think we can all agree to support our troops, however supporting appointed officials acting in a capacity of titled power is certainly more up for debate in the opinion column of our local newspaper. I do not have all of the information or FACTS on either subject at this point, but I believe that only those who know they lack the truth will seek it; may we all seek it every, single, day.
Tim Schaller

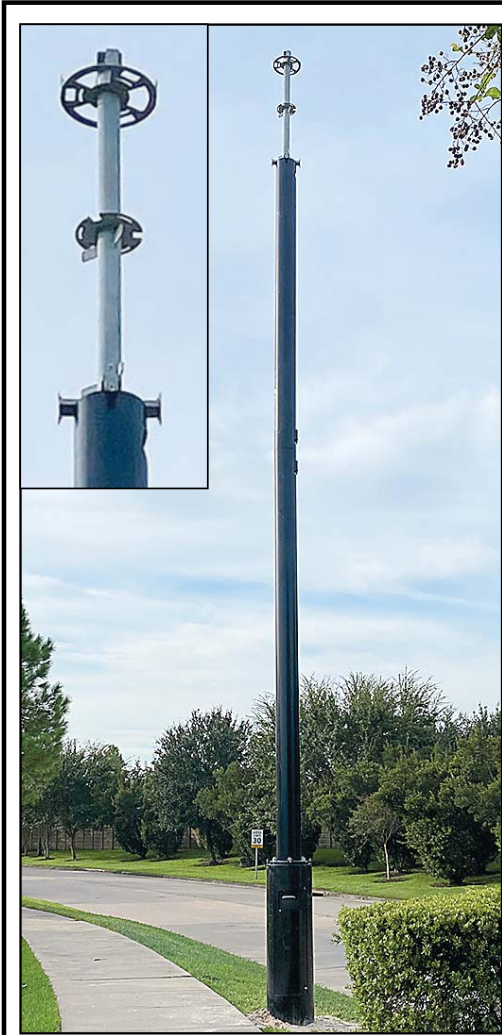
Schaller comments on O'Brien's post

What's the vaccine(s) got to do with it? Conflating the Afghanistan exit debacle

Judge Delgado at NNO



South Belt community members celebrated the 37th annual National Night Out Tuesday, Oct. 5. Begun in 1984, NNO is a nationwide program to foster better relationships between local police departments and the neighborhoods they serve. Judge Jo Ann Delgado is shown here dancing to the music with her husband Danny Puente at The Gardens NNO event hosted by local civic club leaders.
 Photo by Marie Flickinger



Verizon installs 5G towers

Several residents have noticed the recent installation of new 5G towers throughout the South Belt community, with five being erected in just one day last week. The towers have raised many eyebrows among area residents. Some see the objects as eyesores, while others have safety and environmental concerns. According to Clear Brook City MUD Manager Cecilia Ganje, the towers are being installed by Verizon to enhance its mobile broadband service, and the company only needs permission from Harris County to do so, which it does have. Officials in charge of the project would not tell the Leader how many towers are being built in the area. Harris County officials said they were also prohibited from communicating with the public on the matter. See more information in next week's Leader.
 Photo by Davy Flickinger

Tip leads to wanted man's arrest

A tip about a suspicious person led to the arrest of a



Courtney Jones

wanted man the morning of Monday, Sept. 27.

Precinct 2 deputies responded to a call around 9:40 a.m. in the 10400 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook, where a suspect was allegedly pulling numerous door handles to vehicles in a parking lot, presumably attempting to break into them.

Upon their arrival at the scene, deputies were able to locate the suspect at another

nearby business.

Courtney Jones, 21, was detained without incident.

While in custody, Jones was found to have two open warrants out of the Harris County Sheriff's Office for the following offenses: felony assault on a peace officer and misdemeanor terroristic threat.

Jones was subsequently arrested for the warrants and transported to the Harris County Jail.

Crashes kill 2 in 2 days

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ever, video evidence revealed the truck was traveling at a reasonable speed with its headlights on. The male driver, 57, stopped and provided a statement to officers. He did not show signs of intoxication and was questioned and released. The investigation is continuing.

The second accident took place around 2 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, in the 10700 block of the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the male victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, the

victim was running south in the northbound lanes of the Gulf Freeway when a Houston Fire Department ambulance, traveling north, saw the victim on foot and in the moving lanes of traffic.

The paramedics unsuccessfully attempted to stop traffic before the pedestrian was struck. Both a black Chevrolet Suburban and a silver Nissan Altima struck the victim, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

Both drivers remained at the scene and showed no signs of intoxication.

The investigation was ongoing at press time.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of the People of Sagemont 2 posted pictures and surveillance videos of a man outside the member's home. The member stated that she was not there but that her father was and when the man saw her father he got off the truck and approached the father and asked him if he was the father of a girl. The man had given the first and middle name of a girl, but the member's father told the man that there was no one there with that name. The member was called by her father once the man left asking if the member was expecting anything, but the member stated that she did not know the man or what the man wanted. The incident happened Saturday, Oct. 2, between the hours of 1 to 2 p.m.

A member of People of Sagemont Facebook page shared that their neighbors near Blackhawk Boulevard and Sageroyal Lane said that a man tried to enter her home through the back door the evening of Saturday, Oct. 2. The neighbor stated that she loudly asked what he was doing, then he jumped the rear fence and attempted to get into her neighbor's house.

A member of The Official

South Belt & Sagemont Area Crime Alert Facebook group has shared that the Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of a male found at 9130 Clearwood Drive Friday, Oct. 1, about 10:55 p.m. The identity of the victim is pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences. HPD Homicide Division Sgt. C. Duncan and Detective L. Lovelace reported: Officers were dispatched to the parking lot of a business at the above address and learned a white Ford Fusion crashed through a chain link fence. The vehicle then entered the business and struck another vehicle in the parking lot. When the business owner observed the vehicle enter his business, he approached and discovered a male and a female inside the vehicle. Paramedics transported the male to an area hospital where he was pronounced deceased due to several gunshot wounds. The female was not injured. At this time, there is no suspect description or motive in the shooting. Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS, Inc #132617921.

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Death

Donald Knapp



Donald Knapp (Papa), 80, died peacefully Oct. 1, 2021, in his home with his family by his side after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born Oct. 23, 1940, in Syracuse, N.Y., to Donald and Dorothy Knapp.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Mary Ann Knapp; his parents; and brothers Robert and Richard.

He is survived by his children Mike Knapp (Cindy), and Kelly Freyaldenhoven (James); brother David; and his loving grandchildren James

Taylor, Jacob Freyaldenhoven, Shannon Knapp, Chris Knapp and Jennifer Freyaldenhoven and great-grandchildren Landon Taylor and Skylar Taylor. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his "caddies" as he loved the game of golf.

Don was a long time resident of the South Belt area after moving from Syracuse with his wife and two young children in 1967 to work at the NASA Johnson Space Center for General Electric where he started his career in Syracuse in 1959. He continued to work for General Electric and then Lockheed Martin for 52 years until his retirement in 2011.

Family and friends were most important to Don. He was very active in all his kids' activities and spent countless hours at the ballfields and practice fields with them. He was a past president of Sagemont/Beverly Hills Little League as he enjoyed leading people. He enjoyed making new friends wherever he lived, including Watercrest Senior Apartments in Pearland for three years and, most recently, in his house in Woodforest with his "Road-runner neighbors."

Papa loved to pass along his wisdom to his kids and grandkids and anyone else that would listen. He loved to share his "lists" of thoughts suggestions, and encouraging words with his grandkids and great-grandkids and relished in hearing of their accomplishments in school and was always curious what their favorite subjects were and why.

In his spare time, Don enjoyed the wonderful game of golf and played his entire life until three years ago when a broken ankle sidelined him from the game he loved. He was masterful around the greens and was lucky enough to experience a hole in one. He really enjoyed his golf buddies with whom he had regular Saturday morning tee times at Evergreen Point in Baytown.

A visitation was held at South Park Funeral Home in Pearland Tuesday, Oct. 5, and funeral services were held at St. Helen Catholic Church in Pearland Wednesday, Oct. 6, with graveside services immediately following at South Park Funeral Home Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to hospice or any charity of one's choice.

JFD Class of '70 50th reunion

The 50th reunion of the J. Frank Dobie Class of '70 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Villa Capri, 3713 NASA Parkway, from 7 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person. Checks may be mailed payable to "Dobie 50th Class Reunion" to Phyllis Gainer Esqueda at 2323 W Bay Area Blvd. Apt. 1415, Webster, Texas 77598.

Credit/debit cards are accepted only for bar tabs. One may RSVP to Debi Doyle at doyle1007@att.net or by cellphone at 713-822-4010.

CCART holds meeting Oct. 12

The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers will hold its October meeting Tuesday, Oct. 12. CCART meetings are held at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook. There will be a short business meeting followed by a presentation from the local representatives in the Texas State Legislature. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with a social gathering for coffee and cookies. The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All Texas-retired school employees from the area are invited. Annual dues are \$50.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library, 9002 Kingspoint, is open. Customers are encouraged to come into the building to browse the collection, check out and return materials, use the library's computers and Wi-Fi, and check out their own holds. In addition, customers may continue to schedule appointments and have curbside delivery of their items. For information, visit <https://houstonsouthbeltlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonsouthbeltlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, noon - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

HPL To Go curbside service is available by appointment

Contactless curbside services, known as HPL To Go, are available by appointment. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. To use HPL To Go:

1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

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.

Additional resources

The Houston Public Library has electronic resources, books, audiobooks, databases for research, tutoring, language learning, education and parent information for Texas residents with a library card. To get a card, visit the home page at www.houstonlibrary.org under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.

Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Dec. 31, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020.

Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library has now officially reopened its doors, subject to limited capacity. See the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for information. 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.

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 at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Curbside hours are: Monday - 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>.

Thursday, Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time. Join John Harbaugh for a program on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday Oct. 12, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1 p.m. Spanish Storytime. Libros en Espanol con Sr. Jason! Join the storytime in Spanish with Jason Cruz, featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary. A different story will be available the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The KIRK MONT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 10102 Blackhawk Blvd, Houston Texas 77089. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: MICHAEL J. GRIZZAFFI, LONNIE L. PIQUIET, JEAN ANN WILLIAMS, DEBORAH CARROLL AND CARLOS LOPEZ
 AGAINST the proposal: NONE
 PRESENT and not voting: NONE
 ABSENT: NONE

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

| | Last Year | This Year |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.53724/\$100 | \$ 0.53/\$100 |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | \$ -0.0072/\$100 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-) | | -1.3476% |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$ 161,718 | \$ 165,576 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$ 161,718 | \$ 165,576 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 868.81 | \$ 877.55 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | | \$ +8.74 |
| and percentage of increase (+/-) | | +1.0060% |

If the district is a district described by Section 49.23602:
 NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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Pasadena ISD celebrates rodeo with horses and fun

Pasadena ISD board members, staff and students enjoyed a trail rider day outdoors. They spent time riding and feeding horses, art and

dressing up in their favorite rodeo outfits. (See related photos in last week's issue.)



Waiting to give treats to a horse above are, left to right, Meador Elementary students Esai Zamarripa, Zyan Newman, Ethan Espinoza, David Doan, Arleny Maldonado, Roman Wynn, Shae Ibarra, Chandler Schlueter, Aiden Saucedo, Billy Troung, Jenna Dollens and Corin Culpepper with Jesus Amaya, lead organizer for the Pasadena Trail Riders.



Above, Marshall Kendrick, PISD board president (left) demonstrates how to feed a horse and keep fingers safe to Jessup Elementary fourth-graders, left to right Mia Rojas, Miguel Coreas, Nain Alvarado, Elias Zavala, Sol Obregon and Damian Puerta.

Alligator found locally, relocated

A baby alligator was recently captured near the man-made pond close to Blackhawk and Hughes Ranch Road after being spotted by a dog walker. Jerry Stockton (right), a "wildlife wrangler" who works with the company Humane Wildlife Rescue, was called to assist with the removal of the baby alligator. The reptile was safely relocated to the nearby wetlands at El Franco Lee Park. South Belt residents should be aware that alligators can be in the area. "Where there's a baby, there's a mom," said Toby Couchman, who notified the Leader of the incident.

Photo by Toby Couchman



Meador awards its summer challenge winners



Meador Elementary congratulated its summer challenge winners. These students received a medal and/or a trophy for completing lessons in Dreambox, iStation and/or reaching their Accelerated Reader point goals. They gave a special shoutout to their overall winner Alana Rivas Lopez (middle row, holding two trophies) for meeting all three summer

challenges. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) David Mai, first grade; Bella Nguyen, second grade; (middle row) Sophia Chayeb, third grade; Nathalie Mai, third grade; Angela Nunez, first grade; Lopez, second grade; (back row) Beverly Bolton, principal; Connie Daumas, math coach; and Derenda DeHoyos, literacy coach.

Fred Roberts names Aviators of the Month



Fred Roberts Middle School staff members announced their Aviators of the Month for September. The students were recognized by name Friday, Sept. 24, during announcements and were awarded Astros tickets for showing "growth mindset." The staff members congratulated these students on their hard work. Shown, left to right, are the selected students Juliana Caceres, sixth-grader; Jeremiah Valadez, fifth-grader; Marlon Lopez, sixth-grader; and Jenny Nguyen, fifth-grader.

SJC South celebrates two grand openings

San Jacinto College celebrated innovative technology and bright, open spaces for hands-on learning with the recent grand openings of its Cosmetology Center and Engineering and Technology Center at the south campus.

Although opened to students in 2020, both facilities had their grand opening events postponed because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The college celebrates its 60th anniversary this year,

and these new learning spaces show its commitment to provide the latest tools and technology to prepare students for the workforce or for transfer to four-year institutions.

"San Jacinto College is teaching different students today than we did when we first opened our doors in 1961," Chancellor Dr. Brenda Hellyer said. "That is why we continually look at how we can better serve them where

they are as today's modern students. New facilities such as the Cosmetology Center and Engineering and Technology Center allow students to learn through hands-on training, using cutting-edge technology and techniques taught by some of the best industry leaders and educators available."

Cosmetology Center
On Monday, Sept. 20, elected officials, community members, faculty and staff attended the grand opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting for the Cosmetology Center. Afterward, guests witnessed cosmetology students in action with demonstrations from facials, haircuts and manicures to makeup artistry. Massage therapy students also offered five-minute chair massages.

At 39,300 square feet, the Cosmetology Center houses eight labs for manicures, pedicures, hair cutting/styling, facials and makeup. It also features massage therapy labs with an embedded classroom. Demo stations in each lab allow instructors to project live demonstration feed by camera onto lab monitors.

Programs offered include cosmetology instructor, cosmetology operator, cosmetology high school operator dual credit, barber conversion (coming spring 2022), facial specialist/esthetician, nail technician and massage therapy programs.

The building also features The Salon, a full-retail spa where the public can get

pampered while students gain hands-on experience. The Salon currently offers shampoo, blow-dry styles, haircuts, and basic manicures. Expanded services -- including makeup artistry, facials, and pedicures -- will be available in spring 2022.

Services are by appointment only. Haircuts start at \$10, styling at \$5, and manicures at \$10. To schedule a service, call 281-998-6150, ext. 3406.

"We encourage the community to come and take advantage of these affordable prices and to help our students grow in their confidence and offerings by learning in action," said Mary Lindsay, department chair of consumer and business technology services.

Engineering and Technology Center

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, the college celebrated the grand opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting for the Engineering and Technology Center, with elected officials, community members, faculty, and staff attending.

The event culminated in a tour of the building's labs, including X-ray/CAT scan and CADD and an interactive virtual reality demonstration.

The 74,000-square-foot Engineering and Technology Center houses engineering, math, computer science/information technology, engineering design graphics and biomedical equipment repair technology programs. Collaboration and state-of-

the-art facility design are the focus -- from three-sided whiteboards for student engagement to SageGlass with on-demand tinting and solar tubes for energy efficiency.

An innovation area, the Thinkerspace, provides virtual and augmented reality capabilities for teams to design and test ideas before creating prototypes. The Makerspace, the building's centerpiece, allows students to transform ideas into real solutions through 3D printing, a metal shop, a wood shop, and a welding area.

"The Makerspace includes a 3D print shop where we were able to help health care leaders in our community when the COVID-19 pandemic began by 3D-printing several hundred brackets for face shields," said Kevin Morris, south campus dean of business and technology.

Both the Cosmetology Center and Engineering and Technology Center stemmed from the college's 2015 \$425 million bond referendum.

"I want to thank our community members and the residents in our district for supporting us and approving the bond so we can add new buildings and update older facilities to meet the needs of our industry partners, our community, and our students," Dr. Aaron Knight, south campus provost, said.

For more information and updates about the college's newest construction projects, visit www.sanjac.edu/bond.

Tri County Republicans meet Oct. 12

The Tri County Republican Women meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., in Pearland. Networking starts at 10:30 a.m.; business meeting/program is set for 11 a.m.; and lunch is available noon to 1 p.m. for \$15.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12 with guest speaker Dr. Bobby Eberle who currently hosts the "13-Minute News Hour" on YouTube. As a recognized leader in conservative politics, he has been profiled in both *USA Today* and *Insight Magazine*, with opinion pieces featured in numerous publications including the *Washington Times*, *Human Events*, *FoxNews.com* and the *Houston Chronicle*.

Eberle has served in conservative Republican leadership roles at the county, state and national levels for many years. He worked at NASA for twelve years for several contractors, before leaving to start his own business. Eberle received his Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from Texas A&M University, followed by Master of Science and doctorate degrees from Rice University. He is currently working on a master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame.

The public is invited. Attendees may RSVP and pay directly on the website at www.TriCountyRW.Club. For information, email Gaylyn DeVine at President@tricityrw.club.

CDA hosts fundraiser

Catholic Daughter of the Americas Court #2292 is hosting a dinner and raffle fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 23. The dinner will include king ranch chicken, green beans, salad and a dessert.

Members will be selling raffle tickets which are 3 for \$5 or a total of four books for \$20. Checks can be made payable to CDA Court #2292 (do not send cash through the mail).

The group asks those attending and sending a check to put a note inside the envelope indicating the name, amount

enclosed and purpose the payment is being made.

Checks may be mailed to Faye Greaber-Guth, Court #2292 Financial Secretary, 10026 Sagedowne Ln, Houston, Texas 77089. A check may also be delivered in an envelope by hand. In-hand checks are made payable to Veronica Garza, regent, St. Luke Evangelist Office, 11011 Hall Road, Houston, Texas 77089.

The public is encouraged to help support the CDA Court #2292 on reaching its fundraising goal.

PISD events planned

Pasadena Independent School District is hosting fine arts events throughout October. The district has marked its calendar for different school functions which are open to the public. Parents, family members and friends are encouraged to support the South Belt area schools and students for all their hard work.

The following events scheduled include:

Moore Elementary
Third-Grade Patriotic Program

– Location: cafeteria
– Oct. 19, 6–7 p.m.

Fred Roberts Middle School

Orchestra – fall concert
– Location: cafeteria
– Oct. 19, 6–7 p.m.

Morris Middle School

Advanced Orchestra concert

– Location: gym
– Oct. 21, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

South Houston High School

Theatre – play/production "And Then There Was One," a comedy/murder mystery

– Location: auditorium
– Oct. 21, 22 and 23, 7–8 p.m.

Orchestra – fall concert

– Location: auditorium
– Oct. 26, 7–9 p.m.

Thompson Intermediate

Band night at Dobie High School game

– Location: Veterans Memorial Stadium
– Oct. 22, 7–9:30 p.m.

Atkinson Elementary

Second-grade Fall Harvest Tunes

– Location: cafeteria
– Oct. 28, 9–9:45 a.m.

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– Location: cafeteria
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Vaccine incentive set

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People participating in the department's previous incentive program that provided \$25 with their second dose will receive \$50 with their second dose under the new program. The CDC funding used for the previous program capped incentives at \$25 when the program launched.

"It's vital that people get both doses of a two-dose series for the best protection," said Dr. David Persse, chief medical officer for the City of Houston. "Full vaccination is extremely effective at preventing people from getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19."

Participants must sign a sworn declaration affirming they were not previously vaccinated for COVID-19 and verification will occur using the Texas immunization database.

The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are currently authorized for people age 18 and older and Pfizer is approved for people age 12 and older. Vaccination of minors requires parental consent forms, available at the vaccination sites.

Getting vaccinated is free and does not require ID, proof of residency, citizenship or insurance.

Houston Health Department-affiliated COVID-19 vaccination sites are available with or without appointments. Locations are available at HoustonEmergency.org or by calling 832-393-4220.

In-home vaccination
A free in-home COVID-19 vaccination is available to qualifying older adults, people with disabilities and veterans.

People may call 832-393-4301 to inquire about qualifying for the program.

Testing sites
The Houston Health Department and its partner agencies offer free COVID-19 testing sites across the city.

A list of testing sites is available at HoustonEmergency.org/covid19 or by calling 832-393-4220.

The CDC recommends people who have symptoms and most people who had close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19 be tested for COVID-19 infection.

Vaccination and testing site schedules may shift during the week to meet community need. Find the latest information at HoustonEmergency.org or by calling 832-393-4220.

Morris students win campus champs



The Morris Middle School physical education staff and the entire campus honored, left to right, Martin Peng (sixth grade), K'von Fontenot (fifth grade), Jacquoreen Mitchell-Bradford (fifth grade) and Isaac Vasquez (sixth grade) as the school's Punt, Pass and Kick champions for 2021-2022. The students represented Morris at the district-wide competition Oct. 4 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The results of the event will come later this month.

Legacy Martial Arts donates to Stuchbery



Legacy Martial Arts donated \$320 to Stuchbery Elementary for Parent's Night Out "Nerf Wars." The area martial arts program instructors enjoy giving back to their community, saying "It's our mission." Shown above, left to right, are Master Walker, Jesus Vazquez, Javier Balanta, Amariah Lemons, Jose Hernandez (principal) and Jase Hernandez.

Annual airshow at Ellington Field Oct. 9-10

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Joining the show from Canada, the CF Snowbirds are comprised of Canadian Armed Forces members and National Defense Public Service employees that work as a team to bring thrilling performances to the Canadian public.

Under the command of Lt. Col. Denis Bandet, the show

team will be flying 11 CT-114 Tutors. Known for its maneuverability, the CT-114 Tutor jet is ideally suited to formation and aerobically flying. Its relatively slow speed coupled with its maneuverability allows the Snowbirds to keep their formations continually flying in front of spectators.

In addition to the USAF

Thunderbirds' and CF Snowbirds' demonstrations, the event will also include performances by the F-22 Raptor Demo Team, C-17 Globemaster III, U.S. Air Force Heritage Flight-P51, A10, F16, & F22 Houston's U.S. Coast Guard Air Station, 138th Fighter Wing — Tulsa Air National Guard, TORA! TORA!

Commemorative Air Force, Debby Rihn-Harvey, RE/MAX Skydive Team and Lone Star Squadron.

Other special elements of this year's airshow include Guitars N' Cars, a classic car show including a classic guitar auction hosted and sponsored by Fuller's Guitars to benefit U.S. VETS-Houston, as well as

a Saturday night live musical performance by the Texas Eagles, an Eagles tribute band, to close the first day.

For additional information about ticket options, display aircraft, additional event attractions, travel accommodations, sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, visit www.wingsoverhouston.com.

Garcia budget increase denied

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precincts 1, 4 and 5 have between 350 and 450 deputies each.

"We are not asking that you take from another precinct and give to us," Garcia said. "That would merely place other citizens and residents in danger. What our people are asking is that you consider the fact that historically precinct 2 has been neglected and underfunded. Equity is a very strong and powerful word that is constantly being used in this courtroom. This is our opportunity to show our people that equity is not merely a spoken word, but one of our core beliefs."

Garcia said he has been trying unsuccessfully to increase his budget since being elected nearly one year ago.

"According to the latest census, Precinct 2 Constable's office serves over 330,000 citizens and residents, and I have the honor of representing them here today," Garcia said. "In November of 2020, I was elected and entrusted by the people to protect them and their families and to ensure the safety and security of our communities. Since day one, I have been attempting to bring much needed resources to our precinct. On Jan. 7, 2021, six days after I took office, I requested eight deputies, two dispatchers, and thirteen vehicles in our budget request. Our requests were all denied."

Garcia pleaded with the court that the requested funds were necessary to

properly protect his constituents.

"At a time when criminals are not being held accountable and violent crimes are on the rise, it is imperative that our department has the tools, equipment and personnel necessary to provide our citizens and residents with safe and secure communities," Garcia said. "We all, as elected officials, have a duty and an obligation to all Harris County citizens and residents to do everything we can to ensure their safety and security."

"While crime is on the rise and the fear of being victimized is at an all-time high, we must protect our people. Unfortunately, I cannot give our Precinct 2 citizens and residents the safety and security they not only want, but deserve, without your help."

A newly formed local group called the South Belt Coalition recently held a signature-collecting campaign on Garcia's behalf to petition the county for the requested funds.

The group held local events at The Gardens and the Sagemont Church Annex, eventually collecting more than 3,300 signatures.

"In just two months, I obtained over 3,300 signatures of citizens and residents who want to be heard," Garcia told Commissioners Court. "Our people are making a very reasonable request. The number one question I am asked is 'What are you doing about crime?' I will not sit back and do nothing as our people continue to be

victimized and suffer. I humbly ask that you all help me in my effort to take care of our people — the same people who elected us to serve them and look out for their best interests. It is not my intention to arrest more people. It is my intention to protect more people. On behalf of the 3,300 plus people who signed a petition requesting help and the other 327,000 citizens and residents in precinct 2 that I am responsible for, again, I humbly ask that you help us. Let us not forget, that we as elected officials represent the people and these are their requests not mine."

Republican commissioners, Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey, were open to Garcia's request and willing to vote on the measure, provided funds would be pulled from other sources.

Democrats on the court, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, however, contended the cash-strapped county could not currently afford such a request, and declined to bring the measure up for a vote.

Jerry Garcia said he intends to keep fighting for a budget increase.

"We're going to keep requesting (for additional funds), and we're going to keep fighting," Garcia said. "They (Commissioners Court) know there's a need. They know we're number eight out of eight. But for some reason, they refuse to fund us."

County deal on lower tax rate

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well during these unique times," Ramsey signaled agreement on social media.

"Taxpayers ... I have good news," Ramsey tweeted. "The short version ... your tax rate is going down, and the county will be collecting less."

Had Cagle and Ramsey broken quorum, the tax rate would have reverted to an even lower number.

Garcia originally proposed cutting property taxes

by 2.2 percent to 58.6 cents per \$100 of taxable value.

That measure was supported by the other two Democrats on the Commissioners Court, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo.

The two Republican members of Commissioners Court, however, argued the cuts were not deep enough, with Cagle proposing a decrease of property taxes to 57.5 cents per \$100.

Garcia's proposed tax rate reduction still needs to be officially adopted at a future court meeting, provided a quorum is reached.

Without a quorum, the

county would be forced to adopt a "no new revenue" rate, potentially setting back many county plans.

This potential loss of tax revenue would most drastically impact the Harris County Flood Control District, which could expect a shortfall of approximately \$10.5 million (just under 10 percent of HCFC's budget), according to Budget Management.

The effects of this decision would mean many planned infrastructure improvements would be postponed or canceled due to lack of funding.

Harris County Commissioners Court must formally vote on the tax rates by Oct. 15.

Genealogy meets Oct. 15

The Parker Williams Genealogy Group meeting is set for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the Parker Williams Library at Scarsdale Boulevard and Beamer Road. Meetings are the first and third Fridays of the month. Meetings are free and open to those interested in researching family history. For details, email Liz at erootrot@usa.net.

City encourages getting flu shot

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at the same time — in different arms — during a visit to their medical provider.

This season all flu vaccines are quadrivalent, meaning they protect against four different flu viruses. Quadrivalent vaccines have a safety profile comparable to seasonal flu vaccines made to protect against three viruses, with similar — mostly mild — side effects.

In addition to vaccination, people can help stop the spread of the flu and other illnesses by:

- Washing hands frequently.
- Covering coughs and sneezes.
- Staying home if sick and at least 24 hours after their fever is gone, except to get medical care.

as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, lung disease and people age 65 and older. They also are at greater risk of severe complications if they get the flu.

The flu — caused by different related viruses — is a contagious disease that results in symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, cough, nasal congestion, sore throat and body aches. People with a combination of these symptoms need to see a medical provider promptly.

Most people recover in one to two weeks, but some develop complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis and sinus and ear infections. Flu also can make chronic medical conditions worse.

Doctors can prescribe antiviral medications that help make the illness shorter and milder.

Antiviral medications work best if started within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms.

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)

Home burglaries in Sagemeadow had the Sagemeadow Maintenance Committee seriously considering hiring a security patrol for that area. Officials with the maintenance committee said they would probably hire off-duty law enforcement officers, perhaps sheriff's deputies, who had jurisdiction in the Sagemeadow area.

Easy availability and use of drugs at popular teen hangouts, referred to as game rooms, was considered a serious problem by local authorities, some area residents and operators of the game rooms.

Former officers of the Sagemont Civic Club were attempting to reactivate the club which had become inactive several years earlier because of lack of interest.

40 years ago (1981)

Frank Braden, Thompson Intermediate's first principal, visited the school to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

Stanley Baskin, attorney for the Pasadena Independent School District, swore in Ed Enderby and Lee Oliver as district deputies. They would carry weapons for their safety in the event they were called to investigate schools at night.

35 years ago (1986)

Ellington-based Gruman Corporation moved a unit of its systems division from New York to Houston.

South Belt resident George Baylis was chosen as the executive vice president of the South East Harris County Economic Development Council.

30 years ago (1991)

A 32-year-old woman left her home in the 10400 block of Sagestar on an early morning workout and was shot by her husband, who thought she was a car thief. She was in stable condition after being in Life-Flighted to Hermann Hospital for a gunshot wound to the head.

School students Laura Kertz, Massoud Javadi, Scott Seago, Pamela Thacker, Vin Vuong, Adam Watts and Melanie Boatman were all named National Merit Semifinalists.

More than 1,600 students who were members of the C.H.I.C.K.E.N. Club were issued T-shirts and were encouraged to wear them every Wednesday to send an anti-drug message.

The Cool, Honest, Intelligent, Clear-headed, Keen, Energetic and Not Interested In Drugs Club was open to fourth- and fifth-graders at eight PISD schools.

25 years ago (1996)

Daniel Ray Middleton, 18, his sister Ladonna Middleton, 14, and his 6-month-old

son Justin Ray were all killed when the teen's car plowed into the back of a street sweeper on the beltway.

San Jacinto College Board of Regents voted to maintain the district's property tax rate at 11 cents per \$100 valuation.

20 years ago (2001)

Former South Belt resident Huey Meaux, 72, was denied parole for the fourth time by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The J. Frank Dobie homecoming court was announced. Candidates were Lauren DuChemin, Tiffany Collins and Sara Cestero for queen, and Brian McKinstry, Matthew Bergeron and Lynwood Simpson for king.

Construction began on a new five-lane bridge over the Gulf Freeway at Dixie Farm Road. The project was expected to be completed near the end of the year 2002.

15 years ago (2006)

The early stages of work on additions to Dobie High School were underway, PISD officials said. The expansion would give an additional 500-student capacity to the 4-year-old facility.

A 15-year-old Dobie freshman was arrested in connection with an incident of indecent exposure which occurred at Frazier Elementary.

PISD received a Superior Achievement rating under Texas' Schools FIRST (Fi-

nancial Integrity Rating System of Texas) for the fourth consecutive year. This was achieved after earning a perfect score by passing all 21 state indicators.

Although Mayor Bill White and Houston police department officials repeatedly said that HPD has no sanctuary policy, changes were announced that would alter the way officers question persons who have been arrested.

Officers were still restricted from asking the immigration status of a person not under arrest. However, all arrested persons would be asked whether they were U.S. citizens.

10 years ago (2011)

A Silver Alert was issued for South Belt resident Lillian High, 82, who hadn't been seen since the previous Sunday. High, who resided in the Arlington Heights subdivision, was reported missing after she failed to show up for work at the Chase Bank at Beltway 8 and the Gulf Freeway, where she had been a teller for 20 years. (She was found drowned in February 2012.)

5 years ago (2016)

A man was found fatally shot in a vehicle parked in the parking lot of a townhouse complex at 12220 Beamer near Hughes Road the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 28. Houston police responded to the incident to find Herbert

Davis shot multiple times. His vehicle was reportedly still running. Davis, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene. No immediate arrests were made.

1 year ago (2020)

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and the Siemens Foundation awarded San Jacinto College with the Excellence and Equity in Community College STEM Award for the college's associate degree nursing and process technology programs.

Moore Elementary staff member Christina LeTran was named the Houston Area Educator for Bilingual Educators' ESL Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2019-2020.

Over The Back Fence by Alexis

NATALIE AND JOSE CELEBRATE 8TH

Best wishes for an enjoyable eighth wedding anniversary Oct. 12 are sent to Natalie and Jose Abarca from children Kelvin Lopez, and Noah, Elliana and Isabella Abarca; mom Ellie Flickinger and husband David; and grandparents Marie and David Flickinger and Kina Reyes.

SCHOOL DAZE

The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 7 through Oct. 13.

Atkinson Elementary

Michael Gonzales celebrates a memorable birthday Oct. 8. The day for cake and ice cream for Elizabeth Eckols and Stephanie Quintana is Oct. 9. Break out the balloons and party favors Oct. 10 for a celebration for Maria Cantu.

Burnett Elementary

The day for a party for Beatriz Garcia is Oct. 11. Join in the birthday fun Oct. 13 with Denise Ngo.

Bush Elementary

Stephanie Tellez marks a birthday Oct. 7. Light the candles on a birthday cake for Yesenia Rivera Oct. 9. Send a humorous birthday card Oct. 12 to Jessica Roman.

Join in the birthday celebration for Imelda Barragan Oct. 7. Share a slice of a triple-layer birthday cake Oct. 8 with Christie Bishop, Norma Sierra and Monica Giron. On Oct. 9 Marcy Salinas celebrates a birthday. Send a special birthday greeting Oct. 10 to Brittney Donovan.

Meador Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Oct. 8 to John Holder. The day for a birthday celebration for Amanda Johns is Oct. 9.

Moore Elementary

Ellen Gardner enjoys a special birthday Oct. 11.

South Belt Elementary

Send a birthday greeting Oct. 14 to April Gonzalez.

Stuchbery Elementary

Guadalupe Cabrera enjoys a birthday Oct. 12.

Roberts Middle School

Sing two verses of a birthday song Oct. 7 to Gidget Gonzales and Christine Pellerin. Oct. 8 is the day for a birthday party for Virginia Fernandez.

Beverly Hills Intermediate

Light the birthday candles Oct. 7 for Brian Thompson. Remember to wish John Lanier a happy birthday Oct. 8. Send a humorous

birthday greeting Oct. 10 to Sandra Shaffer.

Thompson Intermediate

Join in the birthday fun Oct. 11 with Laura SanMiguel.

Dobie High

Oct. 7 is the day to break out the balloons and party favors for Justo Manrique.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, Oct. 7: Jeanette Allen, Paul Grizzle and Marcus Lerma; Friday, Oct. 8: Courtney George, Lisa Stephens, Charles Young and Sandy Twyman; Saturday, Oct. 9: Robert Caballero, Vicki Talton, Denny Wranich Jr., Mary Guerrero and Dolores Bordovsky; Sunday, Oct. 10: Patty Wheeler, Clayton Bichm, Cheryl Randall, Joel Miller, Jesse Guerra, Manny Carrillo and Gloria Sanchez; Monday, Oct. 11: Samantha Mendoza, Katina Decker, Roberta Tomkins and Michelle Manzanales; Tuesday, Oct. 12: Christy Chapman, Vikki Kaufman and Laura Garcia; and Wednesday, Oct. 13: Cathy Rex and Mark Chassy.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie volleyball secures second

Having secured a benchmark 20-win season to go with a 5-1 first-half district record, the Dobie varsity volleyball squad can now focus on one goal.

With a 20-10 overall mark and solid second-place footing, it's all about postseason positioning for the Lady Longhorns.

League leader Deer Park scored a road victory over Dobie in the first round and finished 6-0 to lead the way.

The way things have shaken out in this league over the past season-and-a-half, the Lady Deer are a mere home win over Dobie away from repeating as the 22-6A champion.

For now, the Lady Longhorns are focused on staying the course. Sweet

wins over Rayburn Sept. 28 (25-10, 25-10, 25-22) and South Houston Oct. 1 (25-14, 25-10, 25-12) have pushed the locals to 20-10 overall at press time.

Against Rayburn, sophomore Lexi Gonzalez had 12 kills and 15 assists while senior Maya Scott came through with 11 kills.

Natalie Onozie added 15 assists, and Dobie also used 11 service aces – four from Aly Frias – to cruise to the win.

Against South Houston, the Lady Longhorns again went on to an easy win as Gonzalez had seven kills in the sweep.

Dobie was able to substitute freely in the match, using 11 players while reeling in that coveted 20th overall win, with six more to play.



Dobie sophomores Lexi Gonzalez (11) and Ariana Garza (8) have stepped up in a big way to help the Lady Longhorns reach 20 overall victories heading into the second half of the District 22-6A varsity volleyball race after press time Oct. 5. At right is Lady Longhorns' senior Monserrat Alba (3). Dobie will host Pasadena Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Photo by Gloria Wallace

Longhorns again on record-setting pace

Just one season removed from scoring a program-record 484 points over just 10 games, the Dobie varsity football team has set an even better pace midway through the 2021 campaign.

Through five games, Dobie has scored 270 points, an average of 54 per game, which if withstood will shatter last year's pace.

Make no mistake. The overall goals are to repeat as District 22-6A champion and find a way to win a playoff game for the first time since 2004, but it's hard to ignore what the Longhorns have been able to do offensively to this point, particularly in the running game.

That running game has largely been responsible for the scoring surge, with Dobie eclipsing the 50-point mark twice while hanging 63 points on

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Champs prepped for stretch run within 22-6A

JFD vs. Pasadena, Thurs., Oct. 7, 6 p.m., Veterans Stadium



Dobie's Jalen Baldwin (4) has been a big-play guy in the running and passing game, while Trajan Davis (22) led the District 22-6A ranks with nearly 600 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns through five weeks. Meanwhile, Nigel Hill (28) has been one of the district's premiere defensive players from his linebacking spot. Now, the trio will look to lead the Longhorns to a repeat 22-6A championship down the stretch. After a bye week, Dobie goes against winless Pasadena Oct. 7. Photo by Gloria Wallace

CS drops Brook to 0-2

A 38-21 loss to Clear Springs Oct. 1 has left the Clear Brook varsity football team in an 0-2 hole as the District 24-6A playoff chase begins to take shape.

Clear Brook senior quarterback Cameron McCalister threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Nathan Barnett three minutes before halftime and found Barnett for 23 yards and a touchdown with three minutes left in the third quarter.

In between, the Knights, looking to bounce back from a loss to Dickinson the previous week, had their way with the Wolverines while improving to 4-1 overall.

Falls' standout running back David Smith, who rushed 28 times for 215 yards, scored three touchdowns.

McCalister completed 18 of 34 throws for 261 yards, with six of his completions going to Barnett for 110 yards. The Wolverines also scored a late touchdown on a 70-yard score by Adrian Castillo from Trevor Morgan.

Midway through the season, McCalister leads the District 24-6A ranks with 1,315 yards passing, having completed 107 of 175 throws along the way for 13 touchdowns against six interceptions.

Barnett's big night has him with 24 grabs this season for 324 yards and seven touchdowns, while the Wolverines' Michael Lewis leads the league in total catches with 40 and receiving yards with 544. He has five touchdowns. Brook's Jaylen Price has three interceptions.

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Hutchins lifts LSA to victory

Joel Hutchins had three touchdown catches for the third straight game, lifting the Lutheran South Pioneers to a 28-20 victory over Sacred Heart Oct. 1 in Hallettsville.

Hutchins, in the midst of one of the great individual seasons anywhere in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools ranks, grabbed five passes in all for 171 yards and the three scores.

Most importantly, the Pioneers won for the fourth time in five games ahead of another road game Oct. 8 at Frassati Catholic, also 4-1.

Lutheran South quarterback Tyler Saunders opened the scoring with an 11-yard run in the first quarter, and Nicholas Hatch added the conversion kick for a 7-0 lead.

Later in the first quarter, Hutchins caught a 34-yard pass from Rowdy Sowers for a 14-0 lead.

Sacred Heart cut the lead in half in the second quarter before Saunders tossed a 52-yard touchdown pass to Hutchins for a 21-7 LSA lead.

Again, Sacred Heart trimmed its deficit to seven points before Hutchins caught his third scoring pass, this one from 10 yards out, from Saunders.

The Pioneers surrendered a late score but were able to hold on for the win to keep momentum going in league play.

Saunders completed 12 of his 14 passing attempts for 211 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions. Sowers

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JFD netters honor Moreno's big day



Dobie tennis players playfully decorated head coach Manuel Moreno Jr.'s parking space in celebration of his birthday late last month at the school. Those recognizing the moment included, left to right, team captains Brian Nguyen and Lael Martinez, Moreno and team captains Megan Rodriguez and Ashley Huynh.



Dobie tennis 19, Memorial 0

Boys' doubles

- 1) Lael Martinez/Bryan Nguyen (D) def. Justin Mai/Christian Reyes, 6-0, 6-0.
- 2) William Ho/Dominic Ortiz (D) def. Jacob Condado/Mohammad Siddiqui, 6-0, 6-1.
- 3) Andrew Huynh/Thang Tran (D) def. Shane Daly/Rey Rios, 6-0, 6-0.

Girls' doubles

- 1) Ashley Huynh/Megan Rodriguez (D) def. Karina Lima/Isabel Santos, 6-0, 6-0.
- 2) Hailey Maldonado/Violet Tran (D) def. Sarah Jones/Kristina Tu, 6-0, 6-1.
- 3) Tiffany Tran/Natalie Vo (D) def. R. Bisons/Anna Le, 6-0, 6-1.

Mixed doubles

- 1) Tracy Tran/Ryan Le (D) def. Ariadna Hernandez/Stella Perez, 6-3, 5-1 (retired).

Boys' singles

- 1) Bryan Nguyen (D) def. Justin Mai, 6-1, 6-0.
- 2) Lael Martinez (D) def. Christian Reyes, 6-1, 6-0.
- 3) Dominic Ortiz (D) def. Mohammad Siddiqui, 6-0, 6-0.
- 4) William Ho (D) def. Rey Rios, 6-1, 6-1.
- 5) Ryan Le (D) def. Jacob Condado, 6-1, 6-0.
- 6) Andrew Huynh (D) def. Shane Daly, 6-2, 6-0.

Girls' singles

- 1) Megan Rodriguez (D) def. Ariadna Hernandez, 6-2, 6-1.
- 2) Ashley Huynh (D) def. Karina Lima, 6-7 (7-4), 7-5, 10-3.
- 3) Tracy Tran (D) def. Isabel Santos, 6-1, 6-1.
- 4) Tiffany Tran (D) def. Kristina Tu, 6-2, 6-4.
- 5) Vanessa Tran (D) def. Sarah Jones, 6-4, 6-1.
- 6) Kathleen Nguyen (D) def. Anna Le, 6-3, 6-2.

South Belt football predictions



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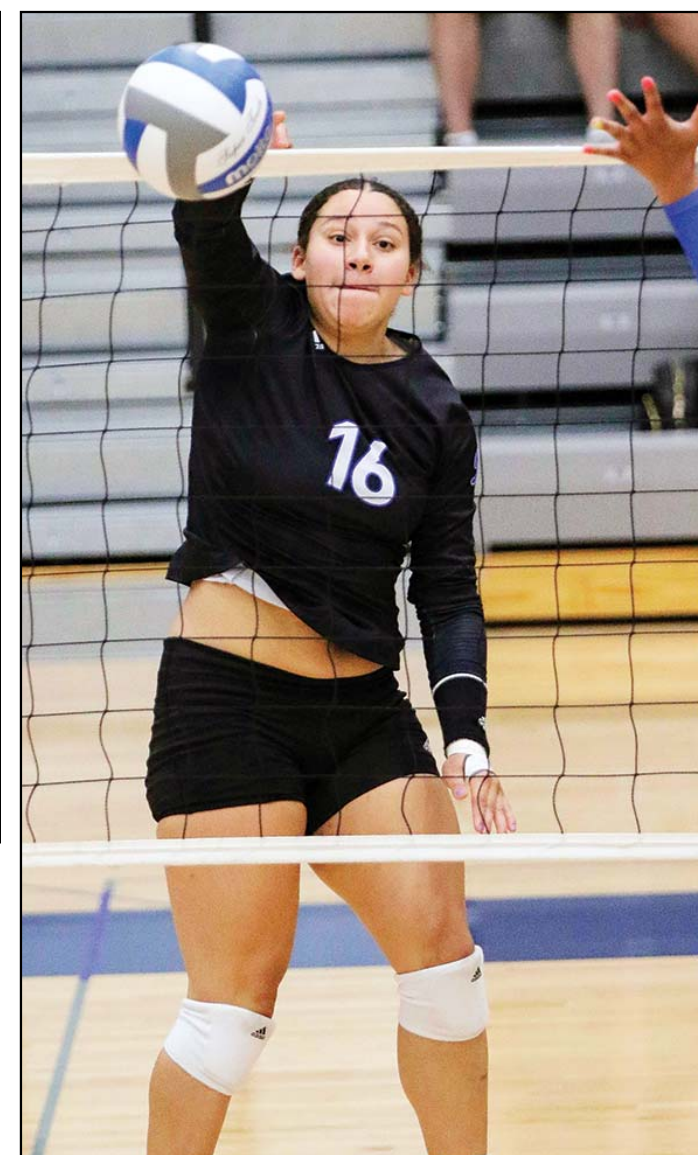
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| Dobie vs. Pasadena | Dobie | Dobie | Dobie | Dobie | Dobie |
| Clear Brook vs. Clear Creek | Clear Brook | Clear Creek | Clear Creek | Clear Brook | Clear Brook |
| Angleton hosts Manvel | Manvel | Manvel | Manvel | Manvel | Manvel |
| Alvin at Alief Hastings | Alvin | Alvin | Alvin | Alvin | Alvin |
| Strake Jesuit at Shadow Creek | Shadow Creek | Shadow Creek | Shadow Creek | Shadow Creek | Shadow Creek |
| Clear Falls vs. Clear Springs | Clear Falls | Clear Springs | Clear Falls | Clear Falls | Clear Falls |
| Channelview at Deer Park | Deer Park | Channelview | Deer Park | Channelview | Deer Park |
| Lutheran South at Frassati Catholic | LSA | LSA | LSA | LSA | LSA |
| Pasadena Memorial vs. South Houston | South Houston | South Houston | Memorial | South Houston | Memorial |
| Summer Creek vs. Atascocita | Atascocita | Atascocita | Atascocita | Atascocita | Atascocita |
| This week's record | 10-0 | 8-2 | 8-2 | 10-0 | 7-3 |
| Season record | 43-16 | 40-19 | 36-23 | 45-14 | 43-16 |

Dobie graduate Thomas excels for McCook College volleyball



Freshman fourth on team in kills

Dobie Class of 2021 graduate Victoria Thomas has had a terrific start to her collegiate volleyball career at McCook Community College in McCook, Neb., as she has helped the Indians to a 14-9 overall record through play Oct. 4, complete with a 2-2 mark in Nebraska Community College Athletic Association play. McCook is a two-year program within the National Junior College Athletic Association as part of Region IX. As for Thomas, she has played in 21 total matches and is fourth on the team in kills with 113. The outside hitter also has 162 digs for the Indians as the conference season continues through early November. Thomas was a first team all-district performer within District 22-6A last season as she led the Lady Longhorns in kills.

Photo courtesy of McCook Community College

McDonald's Texas invite returns Nov. 18-20

The McDonald's Texas Invitational, the greatest high school boys' and girls' basketball show the state of Texas has to offer, is set to return to Pasadena ISD and Deer Park ISD gymnasiums Nov. 18-20. The pandemic forced the event to pause in 2020, but 48 varsity boys' teams and 32 more on the girls' side will compete for Division I and Division II gold, silver and bronze bracket championships over three days at 10 sites as the 2021 event makes its triumphant return.

The girls' and boys' Division I gold bracket championship games will

play out consecutively Nov. 20 at Phillips Field House in Pasadena. The games will also be live-streamed.

From a local standpoint, District 24-6A boys' champion Clear Brook figures to make a big push in the event after going 22-3 overall last season.

Summer Creek, with back-to-back area-round playoff wins over the Wolverines, will be there, as will 6A Region III champion and state semifinalist Atascocita.

The event, which raises funds to support the Deer Park ISD and Pasadena ISD education foun-

dations, has contributed more than \$2.5 million since its inception in 2003.

The nine tournament game sites will include Phillips Field House as well as Beverly Hills Intermediate, Dobie main, Dobie 9, Pasadena, Pasadena Memorial, Sam Rayburn, South Houston and

Deer Park High School's South campus.

The full game schedule will be available beginning next month.

For up-to-date tournament information as well as to volunteer to help out during the three-day event, visit www.texasinvitation.com.

Lions' 7B squad hammers Bears 32-0

Eric Canales had three scoring runs and the Lion defense delivered a shutout performance in an easy 32-0 win over Beverly Hills Sept. 27 in seventh-grade B football action.

Canales first had a

15-yard touchdown run to give the unbeaten Lions a 6-0 lead before Doc Hughes ran 37 yards for a touchdown and a 13-0 Thompson lead.

Canales scored on a 22-yard run, and later went 10 yards to play dirt. Quarter-

back C.J. Gracia fired the conversion pass to Hunter Ford, and the Lions led 26-0.

Dakari Parker ran for a 52-yard touchdown to cap the scoring for Thompson.

The Lions' outstanding defensive effort was led

by Markeith Smith, D.J. Hines, Emilio Palomo and Jose Soriano.

In seventh-grade A team action, the Lions were 41-6 winners over the Bears.

Due to lightning in the Pasadena area, the eighth-

grade games scheduled for Sept. 28 at Veterans Stadium were canceled as week six play resumed Oct. 6.

That week six action had the Lions going against Southmore after press time.

Longhorns ahead of pace toward scoring record

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And with the Longhorns set to go against winless Pasadena Oct. 7, there would seem to be little doubt that the locals will remain on its current pace.

With the team's top two receivers from 2020 now playing collegiately, the Longhorns have done a great deal of their damage on the ground through five games.

Trajan Davis has been a force while sharing the workload on the ground, leading the 22-6A ranks with 597 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns, averaging better than 11 yards a carry.

Coming into 2021, the Dobie coaching staff knew what they had with Davis, but varsity first-timers Raynard Hall and Terrand Booker have also delivered in a big way.

Adding to the work of Davis, Hall and Booker have combined for more than 700 yards rushing and another 11 touchdowns.

Quarterback Cameron Gray has another 288 yards rushing on just 32

carries, giving Dobie four of the league's top 12 ground gainers.

The table setters for much of this is the offensive front, which has controlled the line of scrimmage for the most part.

The starting offensive line entering play against Channelview included Keegan Ashworth, Dakarey Ramsey, Evan Jordan, Richard Gary and Edward Lara, while Mohamed Elghai had excelled prior to

an injury. Can the Longhorns keep up the scoring pace the rest of the way? Perhaps it more fitting to ask whether there is a 22-6A squad capable of slowing this team.

2021 Boys' Teams

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| Allen | Houston Lamar |
| Alvin | Houston Memorial |
| Angleton | JJ Pearce |
| Atascocita | Katy Taylor |
| Barbers Hill | Langham Creek |
| Baytown Sterling | La Porte |
| Brazoswood | Lake Creek |
| C.C. Veterans Memorial | North Crowley |
| Clear Brook | Manvel |
| College Park | Midway |
| Conroe | Paetow |
| Crosby | Pasadena |
| Cy-Creek | Pasadena Memorial |
| Cy-Fair | Pearland |
| Cy-Ridge | Richardson |
| Dawson | S.A. Clark |
| Deer Park | Sam Rayburn |
| Dobie | San Marcos |
| Dulles | South Houston |
| Elkins | Tompkins |
| Fort Bend Bush | Morton Ranch |
| Grapevine | Summer Creek |
| Hebron | |
| Hightower | |

2021 Girls' Teams

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Alvin | Dobie |
| Angleton | Galena Park |
| Brazoswood | Houston Memorial |
| Barbers Hill | Houston Westside |
| C.C. Veterans Memorial | Klein Oak |
| Cedar Park | Lake Ridge |
| Cibolo Steele | North Crowley |
| Clear Falls | Pasadena |
| Clear Springs | Pasadena Memorial |
| Converse Judson | Pearland |
| Crosby | S.A. Johnson |
| Cy-Creek | S.A. Veterans Memorial |
| Cy-Fair | Sam Rayburn |
| Cy-Ranch | South Houston |
| Dawson | Summer Creek |
| Deer Park | |

Bay Area Football League Week 8 Results

| | Srs. | Jrs. | Sophs. | Fr. | PWs |
|------------|------|------|--------|-----|-----|
| Cowboys | 47 | 14 | 47 | 20 | 37 |
| Eagles | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dolphins | 49 | 20 | 7 | 22 | 0 |
| Buccaneers | 0 | 22 | 24 | 14 | 1 |

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CALENDAR

It is advisable to verify if face-to-face meeting prior to attending. For Alcoholics Anonymous, visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings>; for Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, visit www.hascona.com; for Al-Anon, visit www.houstonalanon.org.

NOTE: Clear Lake Bridge Club - now open. Activities daily. Visit <https://clearlakebridgeclub.org/> for face-to-face and virtual games. Email jpochsner@aol.com for information.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7
7 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/> for details.
7:30 a.m.

Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets Thursdays either at Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St. or online on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372891968>. Meeting ID: 813 7289 1968. Information is on the chamber website under calendar.
Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for additional information. Meets Mondays - Thursdays.
7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church. For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit <https://nastuff.com/>.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
Noon

Hometown Heroes - Ballroom dances (not lessons) Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 - 3:30 p.m. and Fridays, noon - 1:30 p.m. Call 281-554-1180 for information.
7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 for details.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, visit <https://www.shaarhashalom.org>.
8 p.m.

Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at

CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices. Call 281-484-9243.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - meets at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
7:30 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill," See 10/7 notice.
11 a.m.

Al-Anon (Women only, English) - at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787 or visit www.houstonalanon.org.
9:30 a.m.

Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See 10/8.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
8 p.m.

AA - CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11
10 a.m.

Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Call 409-454-5720 for details.
6 p.m.

Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Toastmasters - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at <https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com/>. Visit the website or call Fatimah Jones, club president, at 281-467-1880 for details.
7 p.m.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr., room 201. Call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617.
AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or for details.
NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
7 a.m.

AA - "Breakfast With Bill," See Oct. 7 notice.
9:30 a.m.
CCART - Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, Sept.-May.

9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bay Area Community Center, 5002 NASA Parkway in Seabrook near Landolt Pavilion. Texas-retired school employees from surrounding school districts welcome. Annual dues are \$50.

10:30 a.m.
Tri-County Republican Women - General meetings are held the second Tuesday at Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$15. Exact cash or a check requested. For reservations, call Gaylyn at 832-250-8901 or visit www.tricountyrrw.club/.
Noon

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13
7 a.m.

AA - "Breakfast With Bill," See Oct. 7 notice.
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. See Thursday's notice.
6:30 p.m.

Scleroderma Support Group - Join a support group on Zoom at the Waterford in the Blue Bonnet room, 201 McDermott St. in Deer Park, 77536. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.
7 p.m.

NA - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
8 p.m.

AA - meeting at CrossRoads UMC. See 10/8.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
7:30 a.m.

Pearland's Rotary Club - See Oct. 7 notice.
9:30 a.m.

NASA Aglow Community Lighthouse - Meets the second Thursday at Praise Chapel, 18516 Hwy. 3, in Webster. Call 281-910-1971.
11:30 a.m.

ABWA - Southeast Express Network American Business Women's Association South. Meetings are at Big Horn BBQ, 2300 Smith Ranch Rd., Pearland. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (\$20 cash or check). Includes networking with professional business women and guest speakers. Reservations appreciated. Visit www.seen-abwa.org.
6:30 p.m.

Pearland Area Republican's Club - meets monthly at the Pearland Church of Christ Annex, 2217 N. Grand Blvd., Pearland. For details, email pearlanddarearepublicanclub@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/PARCTX.

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St. Luke's blesses members' pets



The Rev. Douglas Guthrie (second from left), pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, honored members' pets by blessing them. Shown, left to right, are (front row) Brody, Sparky, Callie, Bouncy, (back row) Guthrie, Wanda Soto, Beatrice Soto and Gabriella Santos.
Photo by Marie Flickinger

Dobie Cheerleaders of the Week



The Dobie Cheerleaders of the Week (from last week) are Lara Rios and Isabella Lara. Lara is daughter of Leroy and Youana Rios. She also is a Color Guard member. Isabella is the daughter of Edward and Diana Lara. She is woodwind lieutenant and section leader of alto saxophone in the Dobie band.

Baileys win Yard of the Month



Congratulations go to Richard and Roseann Bailey for winning the Sagemeadow HOA Yard of the Month for August. Richard has been working hard in his yard since the frosty days in February. He kept some of the surviving plants, but had to replace most of them. His ligustrum, boxwood and a jasmine shrub weathered the freeze. Roseann gave him some advice on the arrange-

Student artwork displayed at PISD

Displayed throughout the halls of the Pasadena ISD Administration Building are 220 art pieces that encourage individuals to learn the sounds of fire safety.

The artwork was submitted by Pasadena ISD students in pre-K - 12 as part of an annual citywide poster competition highlighting Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9.

The observance of FPW raises awareness about fire safety and promotes safety tips that families can use to protect one another.

The theme for this year is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," which aims to educate everyone about the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make, as well as the roar of fire and fire truck sirens.

While each art piece is unique, many designs were inspired by science or language arts classes and depict, for instance, sound waves and graphic novel-style art. Digital art paintings are also on display, which were created by intermediate and high school students.

"I am beyond proud of the entries submitted and the broad range of schools represented with the winners," said

Carmelites meet Oct. 20

The Carmelites are a group of nondenominational senior citizens, age 55 and older, meeting at St. Bernadette Church, 15500 El Camino Real (corner of El Dorado and El Camino), in Clear Lake. The next meeting is 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. and are filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. There are no dues. Day trips and extended trips are available. For information on meetings and planned trips, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.

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