

Daylight saving time ends

Once again, it's time for South Belters to "fall back," as daylight saving time officially ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6. Residents are reminded to turn back their clocks one hour to gain an extra hour of sleep. Daylight saving time will begin at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 12.

Garage sale set at Leader

A multi-family garage sale benefiting a local ministry will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Leader office, 11555 Beamer and Beltway 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. Luke's to honor vets

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, will hold its annual veterans blessing for all parishioners who have served in the U.S. armed forces at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at the rosary garden located on the church campus. For information, call Joe Tristan at 713-249-2662.

Local COVID cases reported

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community remains roughly on par with the previous week, according to statistics from Harris County Health.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 1, there were 96 active cases in 77089, up six from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 135 deaths the previous week.)

In ZIP code 77075, there were 55 active cases, no increase from the previous week. To date, there have been 82 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 67 active cases, up three from the previous week. To date, 90 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 92 deaths the previous week.)

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

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

Sagemeadow hosts fall fest

Sagemeadow will host its first-ever Fall Festival Saturday, Nov. 5, at Sagemeadow Park, 11219 Sageyork, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will commemorate Sagemeadow's 50th anniversary. It will feature food, games, contests, crafts, vendors and more.

Organizers are seeking local vendors who have seasonal crafts and items for sale. If interested, email events@sagemeadow.org. For more information, visit www.sagemeadow.org/1stfallfestival.

Community garage sale set

The Riverstone Ranch at Clear Creek subdivision will host a community garage sale Saturday, Nov. 12. For additional information, email rapackie@gmail.com.

Pop-Up Shop set for Nov. 6

The Gardens Pop-Up Shop will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer at Hughes, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will set up inside and outside the venue. The Gardens Pop-Up Shop is an opportunity for exhibitors, crafters and small businesses in the South Belt-Ellington and surrounding areas to sell and display merchandise and promote their services.

Booths include arts and crafts, jams and jellies, clothing, jewelry and many other custom and handmade items. Prepared food vendors such as barbecue, funnel cakes and other sweets will be on site. November will feature an additional Pop-Up Shop on Sunday, Nov. 20. For more information, contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

H-E-B honors veterans

H-E-B, 9828 Blackhawk, will host a Veterans Day luncheon Friday, Nov. 11, from noon to 2 p.m. All veterans are welcome to attend.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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. Friday, March 31.

Both the northbound and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

Library offers free fall photos

Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer, will offer free fall family portraits Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon. Families will pose for pictures in front of a staged autumn background, then receive the photos later by email. For additional information, visit www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library or call 832-927-7870.

Movies in the Park planned

Clear Brook City MUD and Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia will host Movies in the Park Friday, Nov. 11, at Clear Brook City Park, 11911 Blackhawk at Scarsdale. Screening for "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation" will begin at approximately sunset. Free popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy will be available while supplies last. For more information, call 713-274-2222.

General elections scheduled for Nov. 8

Voters to decide multiple city, county, state, federal contests

The 2022 general elections are scheduled to take place Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Voters will decide multiple city, county, state and federal contests.

Local races drawing attention include that of county judge and Precinct 2 commissioner.

Vying for the position of Harris County judge are Democratic incumbent Lina Hidalgo and Republican challenger Alexandra del Moral Mealer.

In the race for Harris County Precinct 2 commissioner, Democratic incumbent Adrian Garcia is being challenged by Republican candidate Jack Morman, who formerly held the position prior to Garcia.

At the state level, Rep. Dennis Paul, the Republican incumbent representing state House District 129, is being challenged by Democrat Kat Marvel.

Competing for governor are Republican incumbent Greg Abbott and challenger Democrat

Beto O'Rourke. Also on the ballot are Libertarian candidate Mark Tippetts and Green candidate Delilah Barrios.

In the lieutenant governor race, Republican incumbent Dan Patrick is being challenged by Democrat Mike Collier. Also on the ballot is Libertarian candidate Shanna Steele.

Competing for the job of attorney general are Republican incumbent Ken Paxton, Democrat Rochelle Mercedes Garza and Libertarian Mark Ash.

Also appearing on the ballot are a \$1.2 billion county bond and a \$478 million city bond, as well as multiple local propositions.

Voters who reside in Harris County may now cast their ballot at any polling location regardless of their precinct on Election Day.

Nearby polling sites include the following locations:

– Harris County Scarsdale Annex

10851 Scarsdale.
– Burnett Elementary
11825 Teaneck.
– Stuchbery Elementary
11210 Hughes Road.
– Frazier Elementary
10503 Hughes Road.
– Beverly Hills Intermediate
11111 Beamer.
– Weber Elementary School
11955 Blackhawk.
– Genoa Staff Development Center
12900 Alameda Genoa.
– Beverly Hills Community Center
10201 Kingspoint.

– Lone Star Flight Museum
11551 Aerospace.
– South Belt Elementary
1801 Riverstone Ranch Road.
– El Franco Lee Community Center
9500 Hall Road.
– Bush Elementary
9100 Blackhawk.
– SJC South (Building 15)
13735 Beamer.
– Garfield Elementary
10301 Hartsok.
Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
To see a complete list of polling locations or a sample ballot, visit www.harrisvotes.com.

Gringo's Fuqua catches fire



Gringo's Fuqua, located in the 12300 block of the Gulf Freeway near Fuqua, caught fire early Tuesday, Oct. 25. The establishment was closed at the time of the blaze, and no injuries were reported. At press time, the cause of the fire was unknown. Restaurant employees will be temporarily relocated while repairs are made to the building, according to a post of the business's Facebook page. Customers are encouraged to visit Gringo's other locations in Pearland and La Porte, as well as Jimmy Changas in Pasadena.

2nd mistrial called in Armstrong murder

For the second time in three years, the capital murder trial for the teen accused of killing his mother, 1992 Dobie graduate Dawn Whiteley Armstrong, and her husband, Antonio Armstrong, at the family's Bellaire-area home in 2016 has ended in a hung jury.

The announcement was made after roughly 18 hours of deliberating and a two-night sequester for the jury. A 2019 trial for A.J. Armstrong also ended in a mistrial.

Now 22, A.J. Armstrong was only 16 at the time of the alleged capital murder but is being tried as an adult.

The story has made international news, as An-

tonio Armstrong was once a star football player at Texas A&M University and briefly played in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins.

More recently, the couple owned 1st Class Training in Bellaire and reportedly served as pastors at their church. Antonio Armstrong also served as a motivational speaker.

The two victims were found shot to death early July 29, 2016. The teen suspect told police a masked intruder was responsible for the shootings.

Investigators were suspicious of the boy's story, however, as there were no signs of forced entry, and the home's alarm system was still armed.

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Suspects charged in June shootings

One suspect has been arrested and another is wanted for their roles in a pair of shootings that took place back on June 12 in the 1000 block of Edgebrook near the Gulf Freeway.

The wanted suspect, Nathaniel Davis, was charged with deadly conduct in the 177th State District Court. A January booking photo of Davis, who is not in custody at this time, is attached to this news story.

A second suspect, Johnny Lynn Ward, 23, was charged with two counts of aggravated assault



Nathaniel Davis



Johnny Ward

with a deadly weapon in the 177th State District Court. A Galveston County Sheriff's Office booking photo of Ward is attached to this news release.

Both are accused in the shooting of Saira Lemus, 21, and Fatima Mejia Chuchilla, 21.

According to Houston Police Department officials, officers responded to a report of a shooting at a taco truck in a parking lot at the above address around 11:15 p.m. and learned a fight had

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County now offers Novavax to 18+

Following approvals from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Texas Department of State Health Services, individuals 18 years and older who have completed their COVID-19 primary vaccine series will have the option to receive a COVID-19 Novavax monovalent booster vaccine instead of the updated (bivalent) Pfizer or Moderna booster vaccine at Harris County Public Health vaccination sites.

Individuals who may not be able to receive an mRNA (Moderna or Pfizer) vaccine as a result of an allergy to a component of the vaccine will now have the Novavax booster as an option. The Novavax booster option will be available to eligible individuals regardless of their primary series vaccine type.

The booster dose is recommended for individuals 6 months after they have completed their J&J, Moderna, Pfizer or Novavax primary vaccine series. The Novavax primary series first became available to the public in August so those who first received their Novavax primary series are not yet eligible for the Novavax booster dose.

Individuals who would prefer the Novavax monovalent booster dose are encouraged to call 832-927-8787 for scheduling or visit any HCPH vaccination site to sign up.

Novavax uses a different technique than the other COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna. Instead of using mRNA, which provides the instructions for your body to create the COVID

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Harris County reverts to 2022 tax rate Commissioners Court fails to make quorum

Harris County will revert to its 2022 tax rate after commissioners Tom Ramsey and Jack Cagle boycotted Commissioners Court for the sixth consecutive time Tuesday, Oct. 25. (See related chart on Page 2.)

The absence of the two Republicans prohibited the court's Democratic majority from making quorum, as state law requires at least four out of five commissioners be present on all budget-related votes. When no agreement had been reached by the Oct. 28 deadline, the tax rate automatically reverted to that of the previous fiscal year, or the "no-new-revenue rate."

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo took to the floor of Commissioners Court to scold her colleagues.

"The real victims are the residents of Harris County, especially those residents in Precincts 3 and 4 who don't have representation right now from their commissioners," Hidalgo said of the districts represented by Ramsey and Cagle, respectively. "Just remember when your flood control project is downsized and when your hospital wait times get longer, you know who to thank for that."

The Republican commissioners contend the move will save county taxpayers roughly \$250 million, while Democrats counter that it fails to properly fund vital county programs, such as health and law enforcement.

Ramsey and Cagle each released a statement defending their actions.

"Our constituents have been victims of waste-

ful spending for four years," said Ramsey. "I am proud to have done my part in protecting our residents from the reckless management of their money."

A similar position was taken by Cagle.

"By voting with our feet, Commissioner Tom S. Ramsey and I were able to stop the \$257 million tax increase favored by the court majority," said Cagle. "We can return to a fiscally sound system of providing the basic services that taxpayers expect – public safety, flood protection, parks and constituent service."

Hidalgo, however, painted a different picture when speaking Tuesday on the floor of the court.

"The Harris County Hospital System is now \$45 million in the red. The Harris County Flood Control District now loses over \$20 million," said Hidalgo. "Because of the games they've been playing, already this morning, \$100 million have been cut from law enforcement."

State Sen. Paul Bettencourt, who formerly served as Harris County tax assessor-collector, also disputes Hidalgo's figures, particularly regarding to hospital system funding.

"Despite a record potential \$245 million dollar savings to Harris County taxpayers, Judge Hidalgo is trying to blame property tax rates for a supposed \$45 million 'deficit' in the Harris County Hospital District," said Bettencourt. "The truth is the Hospital District will receive an estimated \$20 million more property tax revenue dollars in 2022 than in 2021 using the no-new-

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Motorcyclist killed in freeway crash

Houston police have learned a man critically injured in a crash about 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, in the 10500 block of Gulf Freeway has died from his injuries.

The identity of the victim, 50, was pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the male was operating a blue Suzuki motor-

cycle traveling north at the above address when he accelerated quickly in an attempt to switch lanes. He then reportedly lost control and crashed, flipping the motorcycle twice.

Houston Fire Department paramedics transported the male to an area hospital in critical condition. Doctors pronounced him dead Monday, Oct. 24.

At press time, the investigation into the accident was ongoing.

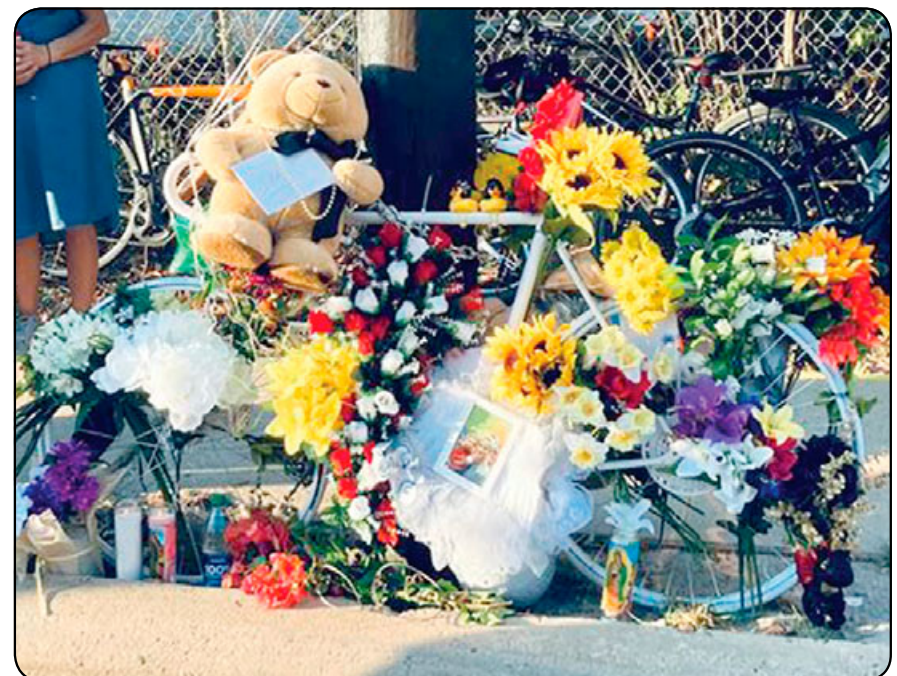
Glitch briefly closes Scarsdale Walgreens

The Scarsdale Walgreens, located at 10850 Scarsdale at Beamer, was closed for approximately three days this past week due to technical problems that shut down the store's electronics system, preventing cashiers from ringing up shoppers at the register.

The store reopened to shoppers Monday, Oct. 31. The backlogged pharmacy did not fully reopen until the following day.

To accommodate pharmacy customers, many prescriptions were forwarded to the Blackhawk Walgreens, located at Blackhawk and Beltway 8.

McKinney ghost bike placed



A ghost bike was recently placed in memoriam of South Belt resident Shane McKinney, who was killed Tuesday, Oct. 11, in a cycling accident in the 2200 block of W. Dallas Street. McKinney, 45, was part of a group bike ride downtown when he was struck by a vehicle in a hit-and-run accident. A Dobie graduate, McKinney was transported to a nearby hospital where he died. At press time, the driver of the vehicle remained unknown.

Elected officials share their words

Senator Paul Bettencourt explains how taxpayers saved a quarter of a billion dollars

Discussion over...Harris County Taxpayers Win! A quarter billion dollars saved for Taxpayers.

Proactive stance by Commissioners Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey forces adoption of the No-New-Revenue-Tax-Rate which saves taxpayers money, but leaves county with \$72 million more in new revenues!

Harris County held property tax hearings for its four taxing jurisdictions for the final time today, Harris County, Harris County Flood Control, Hospital District, and the Port Au-

thority of Houston, but did not have the required four Commissioners present to adopt a rate above the no-new-revenue-tax-rate (SB2, 2019).

As a result, the following estimated chart by Senator Paul Bettencourt's (R-Houston) office implies that taxpayers will save approximately a quarter billion dollars, with the county receiving 72 million dollars for new growth.

"The three member majority on the Commissioners court has finally recognized the obvious that without another member,

SB2's no-new-revenue-tax-rate will be adopted for all Harris County tax jurisdictions. The result is a record property tax savings of a quarter billion dollars for Harris County taxpayers," said Senator Bettencourt. "Kudos to Commissioners Ramsey and Cagle!" he added.

"Claims of property tax revenue cuts are not valid as the no-new-revenue-tax-rate leaves new growth of 72 million dollars for all the taxing units involved... Discussion over, Taxpayers win!" Senator Bettencourt concluded.

County Fund	2022 Adjusted Taxable Value Rate	2022 No New Revenue Tax Rate	2022 Proposed Tax Rate	Rate Difference	Levy Difference Proposed Tax Rate vs. NNR Tax Rate
Harris County	\$ 569,649,423,217.00	0.34417	0.36035	0.01618	\$ 92,169,276.68
Harris County Flood Control	\$ 558,516,725,073.00	0.0306	0.03476	0.00416	\$ 23,234,295.76
Harris County Hospital District	\$ 560,011,259,652.00	0.14876	0.17253	0.02377	\$ 133,114,676.42
Houston Port Authority	\$ 559,970,794,215.00	0.00802	0.00744	-0.00058	\$ (3,247,830.61)
Total		0.53155	0.57508	0.04353	\$ 245,270,418.25

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is located at 9002 Kingspoint. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.

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

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/learn-explore/library-events> for more library events.

Parker Williams Library

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

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

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pickup"

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
 - Have a library card number and PIN handy.
 - A pickup time and instructions will be given.
 - Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
 - Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
- Hours are: Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Closed Sundays. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

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In My Opinion

Morman, Mealer, Cagle, seek support

I am very proud to have the support and endorsement of the largest law enforcement organization in Harris County!

Thank you HCDO. Together we can make Harris County safe again! Please remember,

Early Voting is currently underway and goes through Friday Nov. 4 and Election Day is Tuesday Nov. 8.

Please make sure to vote all the way down the ballot! Early voting goes through Friday, Nov. 4. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

The elections committee met and interviewed candidates running for Harris County offices that have an impact on our membership.

They made recommendations for endorsement that was then voted upon in a general meeting. The most important races are the three commissioners court races. The commissioners court sets the pay rate and policies for all county employees as well as each department's operating budget. It is imperative that we help pro law enforcement candidates get elected. We urge all members to vote for these pro law enforcement candidates, especially

We encourage members to volunteer and work the polls in their area in sup-HCDO FOP Lodge. Please call the office about picking up yard signs.

Alexandra del Moral Mealer, Jack Cagle, and Jack Morman.

Muecke shines light on Edgebrook issue

Remember 20 to 30 years ago each time Houston had a major rain event, the first report from the weathermen was that Edgebrook was flooded. Channel 11 had a unit out here many times reporting. The 900 block where the ACE hardware store was located was the worst. In 2005, 17 years ago we started the process to remedy this flooding problem. We held 9 meetings over a period of 10 years with a number of community leaders including HCFC, City of Houston, Harris County commissioners, TxDOT and others.

The first question was, we need a detention pond of about 50 acres, where will we find this land in a built up area. Well HCFC did. While doing this they concrete lined ditch C-106-08 which runs next to Hwy 3 from Shaver to South Houston. Next was ditch C-106-03, that runs from I-45 S to Edgebrook then to South Houston and empties into Berry Bayou, this Bayou then empties into Sims Bayou. This ditch was completed early this spring. Several other ditches have been cleaned and up graded for better water flow.

The first detention pond was built in Pasadena at Richey road and Hwy 3, about 26 acres. The second one was built at Shaver and Hwy 3 across from the HL&P plant, also about 26 acres.

This brings us to the third much larger detention pond located across Hwy 3 from the HL&P plant and off Shaver, behind the EXXON gas station. You have been seeing large trucks hauling much dirt out of this area. If you have not driven by to see just how big this detention pond will be, please do so. Arrowstone Contracting is the Contractor for the S. Shaver Basin Project C506-01-00-E004. Project Notice to Proceed was 5/09/22. Duration will be a little over a year and a half at a cost of \$9.7M. The Project will excavate 1.1M cubic yards to expand on the existing basin built by TxDOT/COH. Next to this detention pond a much needed second road to the Milstead Middle school is being built which has some parking spots. This would lend itself to future walking trails.

This has been a multi million dollar project funded by Commissioners court, HCFC and the City of Houston. This is a major improvement for our area, less chance of flooding and FEMA rezoned some areas from AE to X.

This reduced flood insurance costs from about average of \$1400 a year down to about \$500. In the last two years it has gone up some. So this has really been a win win situation for the Edgebrook community area.

James E. Muecke
Project Coordinator.

Reducing at-home fall risk presentation set

Charles Dickens once said, "Around and around the house the leaves fall thick, but never fast, for they come circling down with a dead lightness that is somber and slow." Well, what is obviously true for the leaves is not true for people. And as many falls happen at home, where people tend to move around without thinking about their safety, there is the need to instill awareness to reduce the risk of falling. Congregation Shaar Hashalom will host a talk about fall risk reduction at home. It will be presented by Travis Boldt, director of At Your Side Home Care.

The presentation will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Sandy at adulted@shaarhashalom.org for additional information.

At Your Side Home Care is a family-owned senior support company that has been serving the Greater Houston area since 2003. The organization provides customizable in-home staffing which allows even the most complicated patients to age-in-place and navigate the challenges associated with aging. As director, Boldt has spent years developing connections and expertise within the senior care industry and is an invaluable resource in helping families plan for the care of their elderly loved ones.

The congregation, 16020 El Camino Real, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area. Visit www.shaarhashalom.org.

Leader checks social media

By Natalie Abarca

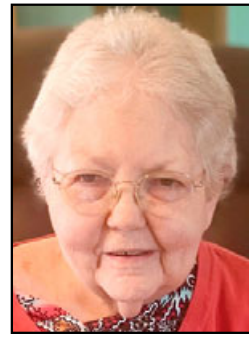
A member of the Neighbors app posted that someone stole the catalytic converter from her husband's truck Wednesday, Oct. 26. The member states the truck was parked on Sagelink Drive.

A member of the *Southbelt/*

Sagemont Crime Alert shared a post of a person whose vehicle was hit by a Silver Ford truck which took off while in line to order food at the Whataburger on Pearland Parkway and Beltway 8. The incident happened Friday, Oct. 21 just before midnight.

Death

Janice Kay Hassinger



Janice Kay Hassinger, BellaVita resident and longtime math teacher at Jackson Intermediate and Dobie High School, passed away Oct. 22, 2022.

Janice was born March 19, 1947 to Arvid and Lucile Hassinger in Port Arthur. She graduated from Lamar University and earned her master's degree in math education from University of Houston. For many years, Janice used her expert sewing skills to smock outfits for her nieces and nephews and create unique gifts for family and friends.

Following her 38-year career in Pasadena Independent School District, Janice became an active member and leader in the sewing club at BellaVita where she made countless Quilts of Valor for veterans, dresses for children in impoverished countries and items for babies in the NICU in area hospitals and in hospice care.

Hassinger will be missed but forever remembered for her talent and her kind, loving heart by family, friends, caregivers and the many students she influenced over the years.

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Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. There must be a South Belt connection. Obituaries are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

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ADRIAN GARCIA

Adrian is near the bottom of your very long ballot!

Before Adrian Garcia became a cop, and later our Sheriff, he worked in his dad's auto repair shop, where he learned to fix things. So when crime and costs went up, Adrian got to work: He cut the tax rate and funded the police.

Now, Adrian is working hard every day to make Harris County safer and more affordable—and he is respectfully asking for your vote.

Vote early now through Nov. 4 or on Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 8



SoléAna Stables proves therapeutic to community

Longtime South Belt resident and former South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce board member Cynthia Hawk, is often seen volunteering at chamber events. She has been a

volunteer and fundraiser for the 147th Attack Wing Family Support Association at Ellington Field since 2007 and serves as a volunteer at Grace Church. Hawk says volunteers are

often the heart and soul of an organization's success, and serving is a way to make a difference. The opportunity to make a difference led her to becoming a volunteer side walker at Soléana Stables.

SoléAna Stables is a premier nonprofit therapeutic riding facility that provides equine-assisted services to individuals with special needs in the Greater Houston area. Sessions are designed to help riders achieve goals that may include physical, emotional, social, cognitive, behavioral or educational skills.

Founders Sasha and Andrew Camacho started SoléAna Stables in July 2016 in partnership with Big Wish Farms, after searching for a therapeutic riding program for their daughter Solana, who was born with Down syndrome. Their vision is to move to a new location at the end of the year where they can expand their Heroes therapeutic program for veterans.

SoléAna Stables is a member of Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) International. To learn more, volunteer or donate, visit <https://www.soleanastables.org>.



South Belt resident Cynthia Hawk (left), Diego and Gabby Koch are volunteers with SoléAna Stables.

LSA crowns king, queen



Shown above are, left to right, Little Lord kindergartener Malakai Fleming, homecoming king senior Hunter Teichman, queen senior Juliana Capozzi and Little Lady kindergartener Brook Barefield. Teichman is varsity football captain, and competes in track, basketball and baseball while also being a member of 4H. Capozzi is senior class president, a member of Girls Advancing In STEM, VP of Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy and a member of PALS and the prom committee.

Thompson Lions travel to Keystone, Colorado



Thompson Intermediate students spent the entire week in Keystone, Colo. at the Keystone Science School (KSS). Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Kandace McMullin, science teacher; Prudencio Reyna, counselor; Keystone employees Douglas Kennedy and Micah Waterhouse; (middle row) Olivia Razo; Jaiden Medina; Kingston Hernandez; Jack Kearbey; (back row) Jasmine Cabrera; Javier Chavez; retired Thompson teacher Susie Haas; Brandon Galicia Sandoval; Isaac Salinas; Michael

Pettis; Romeo Gill; and Nicholas Neira. Throughout the week students were challenged academically and physically. Students learned lessons about forest ecology and astronomy. During the forest ecology lesson, they learned how all organisms depend on each other in an ecosystem for biotic and abiotic factors. Students used the giant telescope at KSS to view Jupiter and a few of its moons. A favorite service project included participation with the Forest Service in the prevention of forest fires.

County reverts to 2022 rate

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Democratic Commissioner Adrian Garcia doesn't dispute the county will take in more revenue this year but said inflation and cost hikes far out-pace such increases.

"A small increase in revenue from new construction this year will not cover much higher costs due to inflation

and higher fuel prices, not to mention the need to serve over 100,000 new Harris County residents," said Garcia. "We must keep Harris County strong by investing in her."

Garcia's fellow Democrat on the court, Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, released a statement, chastising his Republican colleagues.

"There were two empty chairs where Ramsey and Cagle should have been seated at the table, but they never showed up," said Ellis. "Those two empty chairs represent 4.6 million residents who deserve better than Ramsey and Cagle gambling with their lives and livelihoods for a political payout."

Armstrong gets 2nd mistrial

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Both victims were shot in the head with a .22-caliber pistol that belonged to Antonio Armstrong. Pillows were placed on each of the victim's heads, presumably to muffle the sound of the gunshots. The murder weapon was found in the home's kitchen along with an undisclosed note.

The suspect's 12-year-old sister was also home at the time and reportedly slept through the incident.

The teen's mother was pronounced dead at the scene, and the boy's father was transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he later died.

Following the recent verdict, Judge Kelli Johnson suggested the prosecutors and defense attorneys prepare to try the case again, should the District Attorney's Office choose to pursue it a third time.

A statement from Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg, however, made no

mention of a third trial against Armstrong.

"We followed the evidence and stood up for Antonio Armstrong Sr. and Dawn Armstrong, who were murdered in their bed," Ogg said. "We appreciate the time, effort and diligence of jurors as they were presented all the evidence in this brutal attack."

If convicted, the teen faces life in prison with a possibility of parole after 40 years.

Novavax available for 18+

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2 charged in shooting

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escalated between two groups that led to a shooting. Lemus and Mejia Chuchilla, employees of the taco truck, were struck in the exchange of gunfire. Both were transported by Houston Fire Department paramedics to area hospitals in stable condition.

Further investigation identified Ward as the shooter and he was arrested on Oct. 8 by the La Marque Police Department. He is being held in the Galveston County Jail. Davis was identified as the second suspect, who discharged his weapon recklessly into the crowd of people and he remains at large.

Anyone with information in this case or on the whereabouts of wanted suspect Davis is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults and Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

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South Belt Elementary awards Summer Reading Challenge winners



South Belt Elementary students were challenged to take on various activities during the summer for the PISD Summer Reading Challenge. They completed 45 lessons in Dreambox for math and/or 600 minutes reading. Shown left, are second-grade winners, (left to right) Rafay Shoaib, Romaisa Mian, Arian Segovia, Teagan Owens, Royanne Montoya and Ethan Martinez. Not shown is Kenneth Hernandez.

Below are South Belt Elementary third-grade winners of the PISD summer challenge, (left to right, front row) Emmanuel Thomas, Hailee Walker, Kennedy Watson, Jessie Alvarez, Sean Rodriguez, (back row) Clint Nguyen, Jose Tenorio, Gelfri Santana, Jax DeSoto, Cesar Reyna and Emma Martinez.



South Belt Elementary first-grade winners of the PISD summer challenge are (left to right) Evalinh Moore, Rayyan Shoaib, Meganne Montoya, Miranda Alvarez and Adrika Nepal. Not pictured is Carla Deleon.



South Belt Elementary fourth-grade winners of the PISD Summer Reading Challenge are, left to right, Jorge Sanchez, Dannie Nguyen, Austin Arce, Jenson Mendiola and Claudette Reyna.

Remember When

45 years ago (1977)

Tami Richardson of Sagemont Park and Donna Neal of Sagemont competed in the third annual America Gymnastic Meet held in La Porte.

Scarsdale residents turned out in numbers to hear what there would be done about the garbage problem in Scarsdale.

40 years ago (1982)

The Dobie Longhorn Band received a Division I rating at UIL competition.

Robby Thomas, 20, was shot after he gave pursuit to two masked men who stole his billfold. Thomas underwent surgery for his injuries and was released within a week.

35 years ago (1987)

Information regarding a city ordinance restricting the unauthorized painting of numbers on curbs was dispersed among local civic club leaders in light of recent such occurrences in the area.

The building of a county courthouse annex for the South Belt area was delayed following a defeat of a county bond issue to finance courthouse annexes.

30 years ago (1992)

Wendy Schultz and Kyle Smith were named Dobie High School homecoming queen and king.

The Dobie volleyball team defeated Kemper 15-8, 12-15, 15-13 in a bidistrict playoff match. Dobie had 19 kills to just seven for the Lady Cougars.

Incumbent Justice of the Peace Howard Wayland received 58.7 percent of the vote against his Republican challenger E. Janice Law to retain his position.

25 years ago (1997)

The unique Guppy aircraft once again found a home with NASA at Ellington Field. The Super Guppy, No. 4 was the second Guppy to call Ellington home.

The South Belt Security Alliance purchased and put into service a new white 1998 Saturn patrol vehicle.

20 years ago (2002)

Golfcrest Country Club celebrated its 75th anniversary.

Approximately 34 percent of registered voters voted during early voting. The 34 percent voter turnout in Harris County was up from 19 percent in 2001.

15 years ago (2007)

Harris County and City of Houston elections were held. On the ballot were 16 proposed amendments to the state constitution, a series of bonds totalling \$880 million and the positions of mayor and several city council seats.

Houston City Council approved the construction of the low-income Regency Park Apartments. Construction of the apartments, to be located at Beltway 8 near Conklin, had been hotly debated. In addition to the issue of concentration of such projects in the area, a primary concern was whether the developer followed protocol when applying for state tax incentives.

Houston City Councilmember Addie Wiseman

hosted a meet-and-greet at The Gardens.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick announced a plan to reinstate \$154 million in health care funds to all 50 Texas community colleges, including San Jacinto College. This, after the funds were originally vetoed by Perry in June.

Local author and historian Kathryn Morrow published a book titled "Defenders of America's Gulf Coast: A History of Ellington Field, Texas 1917-2007." The release of the book coincided with the 90th anniversary of the base, which was celebrated.

10 years ago (2012)

The Texas Department of Transportation reopened the stretch of FM 1959/ Dixie Farm Road that crosses the Gulf Freeway to through traffic.

The original overpass was demolished, and a new ground-level intersection was constructed in its place. The Gulf Freeway main lanes now go over the FM 1959/ Dixie Farm Road intersection. The work is part of an ongoing construction effort to widen the Gulf Freeway from Beltway 8 to El Dorado Boulevard.

The project is approximately five miles in length, beginning at Kurland Road, just north of Beltway 8, and ending approximately one mile south of FM 2351 (Clear Lake City Boulevard). The freeway will be increased from three to five lanes in each direction, and the frontage roads will be increased from two to three lanes in each direction. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in 2015.

A man was killed Tuesday, Nov. 6, after being struck on the Beltway 8 service road near Crenshaw by a driver who police say had a blood-alcohol content nearly four times the legal limit. According to police, Alan Jeffery Mininni, 26, of Sugar Land, was driving west on the feeder at rough-

ly 2:30 p.m. in a white Ford F-250, towing a trailer and stopped in the center lane, possibly stalled. As Mininni exited his vehicle, the trailer was struck by a silver Honda Accord, driven by Pamela Dixon. Mininni was critically injured in the crash and transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he died. Dixon, 44, was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries. Police say Dixon smelled of alcohol and had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes. She failed a field sobriety test, and a blood test indicated that her blood-alcohol content at the time of the accident was more than 0.3. The state legal limit is 0.08. Dixon was charged with intoxication manslaughter.

5 years ago (2017)

The Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees named Trent Martin as its 2017 Citizen of the Year. Martin has served in a multitude of roles ranging from Gilmore PTA president and booster club leadership positions at Clear Springs High School, to key involvement on various committees at the district level. His input and due diligence have been invaluable on the Citizens Financial Advisory Committee for seven years, three School Boundary Advisory committees and two Facility Advisory committees. Currently the vice president of Business Integra Technology Solutions, Martin previously served as NASA's associate director of engineering for advanced development.

On Friday, Oct. 27, at the Lutheran South Academy football game against John Paul Corpus Christi, seniors Owen Hill and Annie Chuoke were crowned the school's 2017 homecoming king and queen. Hill is the son of Joe and Mitzie Hill of Seabrook, and Chuoke is the daughter of Joe and Ellen Chuoke of Texas City.

1 year ago (2021)

More than four months

after his death, the medical examiner's office finally ruled missing tattoo artist Julian Issac's death an overdose. According to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Issac's death was caused by acute toxicity due to combined effects of cocaine and alcohol. His death was ruled accidental. Found Saturday, June 19, in the 11800 block Teaneck Drive, Issac had made city-wide headlines after initially being reported as missing.

Harris County commissioners during a special session Oct. 28, approved new controversial precinct maps. Done once every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the redistricting measure passed 3-2, along party lines in the Democrats' favor. Despite taking input from the community for several weeks, the approved maps - known as the Ellis 3 map after Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis who introduced the late proposal - were not made available to the pub-

lic until the night before the vote. Under the new plan, the South Belt community will switch from Precinct 1, currently served by Rodney Ellis, to Precinct 2, currently served by Adrian Garcia. The South Belt area had been in Precinct 1 for at least 50 years. El Franco Lee Park, however, will remain in Precinct 1, despite pleas from South Belt community leaders.

Pasadena ISD officials broke ground on the future Thompson Intermediate campus Oct. 28. The \$39.5 million project is part of a voter-approved 2017 school bond issue. Located in the 8700 block of Hughes Road near Melillo Middle School, the 178,000-square-foot replacement school will be able to accommodate 1,200 students, roughly 200 more than Thompson's current enrollment. The school's existing campus suffered extensive flood damage during Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The new campus is expected to open in August 2023.

Judaism classes set

Congregation Shaar Hashalom is offering an Introduction to Judaism class via Zoom. The class gives participants an opportunity to ask any and all questions regarding Judaism and the Jewish community. It examines the Jewish beliefs regarding God, the nature of man, life, death, sin, sacrifice, atonement, forgiveness, Satan versus the devil, the Messiah and the afterlife. It includes studying the Jewish holidays and holy days, the life cycle events and how Judaism responds to the controversial issues of today.

This class is required for those who wish to convert to Judaism at Shaar Hashalom, but one does not have to be interested in conversion to take the class; the classes are open to the public. The class meets on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and is conducted by Rabbi Stuart Federow. For more information and the Zoom link, email adulted@shaarhashalom.org. The congregation, located at 16020 El Camino Real, is the Conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

St. Luke Fall Festival

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church is hosting a fall festival and parish raffle from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 12, 2022 at 11011 Hall Road, in the rear parking lot. Additional parking will be at Dobie High School, 10220 Blackhawk Blvd. A shuttle from Dobie's lot to the festival will be available. Admission is free and open to the public. Included in the festival's schedule are crafts, food, DJ music and activities for children.

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Over The Back Fence by Natalie

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LINDA!** Best wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Linda Craft** Nov. 4 from her dear friend **Brenda Harris** who misses her very much.
- SCHOOL DAZE**
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Nov. 3 through Nov. 9.
- Burnett Elementary**
Sing a chorus of a birthday song Nov. 3 to **Isabel Camarillo**.
- Bush Elementary**
Wishes for a happy birthday are sent to **Aimee Ingalls** Nov. 8.
- Genoa Elementary**
Light the candles Nov. 4 for **Sharon Parish**.
- Meador Elementary**
The day for **Heidi Gritzewsky** and **Kacie Hedge** to celebrate with ice cream and a double-layer birthday cake is Nov. 3. **Rachelle Lopez** celebrates a birthday Nov. 6. A day of celebration for **Ana Sandoval** and **Tina Caudill** is planned Nov. 8.
- Moore Elementary**
Cristina Ponce enjoys a birthday Nov. 7. **South Belt Elementary** Break out the ice cream for **Mirasol Fitzgerald** and **Linda Moreno** Nov. 5.
- Stuchbery Elementary**
Jori Meldrum enjoys a birthday Nov. 7.
- Melillo Middle School**
Nov. 8 is the day for a cake for **Gabriela Alejandro**.
- Roberts Middle School**
Sing a chorus of a birthday song Nov. 3 to **Ivan Solorzano**. The day for a party for **Mark Weber** is Nov. 4. Light the birthday candles Nov. 6 for **Sarah Goeman**. Celebrating a happy birthday Nov. 7 is **Jose Garcia**.
- Beverly Hills Intermediate**
The day for cake and ice cream for **Cindy Burton** and **Melissa Diaz** is Nov. 3. Send a birthday greeting Nov. 6 to **Jessica Guillory**. Marking a birthday Nov. 7 is **Alejandra Read**.
- Thompson Intermediate**
Remember to wish **Doug Sawyer** a happy birthday Nov. 5. Break out the balloons and party favors for **VeAnn Richardson** on her birthday Nov. 7. **Gina Gibson** marks a birthday Nov. 8.
- Dobie High**
Miguel Serna marks a birthday Nov. 6. Break out the balloons and party favors Nov. 7 for **Monique Jackson**, **Michael Johnson**, **Jessica Morris** and **Tonie Noise**. A double-fun day is planned Nov. 8 for **Jasmine Hooker** and **Stephen Sutton**.
- FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**
Thursday, Nov. 3: **Brett Waltz**, **Gabriel Estrella**, **Randi Whitney**, **Tricia Porter**, **Laura Armer**, **Kevin Duckworth** and **Phillip Jackson**; Friday, Nov. 4: **John Salinas** and **Kandy Ger**; Tuesday, Nov. 8: **Karen Swearngin**, **Matt Laas**, **Chris Lee** and **Gina Ramirez-Salinas**; Wednesday, Nov. 9: **Raul-Lisa Rodriguez** and **Patricia Overby**.
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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Defending league hoops champions to tip off



**By John Bechtle
Sports Editor**

Expectations are high as defending 22-6A varsity girls' basketball champion Dobie and Clear Brook, the returning undefeated champion of District 24-6A, tip off their seasons in days.

Clear Brook, coming off a 31-win season that resulted in a trip to the area playoff round, has spent the offseason retooling under the guidance of first-year head coach Mileka Loydrake.

The Wolverines, led by 2021-2022 24-6A Most Valuable Player Rezia

Castillo, have opened this season ranked 24th in the 6A preseason Texas Association of Basketball Coaches state poll.

In their Nov. 5 opener, Brook will go against 16th-ranked Shadow Creek (www.tabchoops.org) at Delmar Fieldhouse, with the Sharks returning nine players from last season's 29-5 squad.

In Brook's Nov. 8 home opener, Loydrake will send her team in to action against No. 8 Houston Memorial. And Clear Brook will also look to defend its tournament championship at the Nov. 10-12 Peggy

Whitley Classic, hosted by Clear Creek ISD.

While 2021-2022 leading scorer Alyssa Berry is now playing collegiately, Castillo returns as one of the area's dynamic players following a tremendous debut as a freshman.

Brook, which returns seven players in all from its 31-5 squad, will also look to Ja'Delle Major, Nalani Smith and Charrel Terrell early on.

Dobie remains the team to beat in District 22-6A even as court action begins without Victoria Ramirez, the two-time district Most Valuable Player who's now playing at Georgetown.

Dobie head coach Jasmine Hartman will lead the Longhorns into the opener Nov. 8 against North Shore at Phillips Field House.

Returning first team All-District player Jacques Rose Giron is back for her final season, and Talibah Curtis and Aubree Myers are the other returnees from last year's 18-9 squad that played in the area round of the postseason.

Dobie will also play in the Baytown Tip-Off Classic Nov. 10-12 as Baytown Lee High School hosts its annual event.

Dobie girls' basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman leads her program into action Nov. 8 against North Shore at Phillips Field House. The Longhorns are the two-time defending 22-6A champions.

Dobie hosts North Shore Nov. 8, 7 p.m.

**Phillips Field House
Clear Brook vs.
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Nov. 5, 3 p.m.**

**Delmar Fieldhouse
Clear Brook hosts
Houston Memorial
Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Clear Brook High School**

Nov. 10-12: Dobie at Baytown Tip-Off Classic; Clear Brook at Clear Creek ISD Peggy Whitley Invitational

Dobie varsity girls' basketball head coach Jasmine Hartman will lead her program into opening-night action Nov. 8 as the Longhorns host North Shore at Phillips Field House, with a 7 p.m. varsity tipoff. Dobie went 18-9 a season ago en route to the area playoff round but returns just three players from that squad as an offseason roster reload has taken place.
Photo by Gloria Wallace

Wolverines, JFD to contend at McDonald's

Clear Brook, a 2021 McDonald's Texas Invitational Boys' Division I Gold bracket championship game finalist, again headlines an impressive 48-team field as the three-day event plays out Nov. 17-19.

The state's premiere high school boys' and girls' basketball classic since 1999, the McDonald's event will again play out over three days at 10 different game sites, to feature Phillips Field House, the six Pasadena ISD high schools including Dobie9, Beverly Hills Intermediate and Deer Park ISD's South and Watkins campuses.

noon and then go against state-ranked Houston Memorial at 6 p.m.

Each of the 32 girls' programs will take part in three pool play games, with Dobie also hosting Converse Judson Nov. 18 at 1:30 p.m. on the main campus.

Dobie was the No. 3 playoff seed out of District 22-6A, while the Eagles were the District 21-6A runner-up finishers.

The Dobie/Atascocita winner will take on Clear Springs/Shadow Creek winner in the Class 6A area playoff round Nov. 3-5.

Dobie VB after press

The Dobie varsity volleyball team went up against Atascocita in the bidistrict playoff round Nov. 1, after press time as the postseason began across the state.

Clear Springs is the champion of District 24-6A.

The Wolverines, shifting to the Division II field this season, experienced key graduation losses following the 2021-2022 campaign and also lost Marcus Millender, who chose to take his skills to Dickinson High School.

The Dobie varsity boys' and girls' programs, both coming off District 22-6A championships a season ago, are in their respective Division I fields.

As part of pool play Nov. 17, the Clear Brook boys will be at Beverly Hills Intermediate for a 3 p.m. game against Fullshear before heading to the DPISD Watkins locale for a 7:30 p.m. game against George Ranch.

The Dobie programs will spend opening day Nov. 17 in front of the student body at the main campus, with the boys taking on Bridgeland at 9 a.m. to tip off the day and then going against North Crowley at 1:30 p.m.

Dobie's varsity girls will host Barbers Hill at

Nov. 17 Pool Play Games
At Dobie main campus - Dobie boys host Bridgeland, 9 a.m.; Dobie girls host Barbers Hill, noon; Dobie boys host North Crowley, 1:30 p.m.; Dobie girls host Houston Memorial, 6 p.m.
At Beverly Hills Intermediate - Clear Brook boys vs. Fullshear, 3 p.m.
At Deer Park ISD Watkins - Clear Brook boys vs. George Ranch, 7:30 p.m.

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South Houston's shutout over Dobie tightens race

The Dobie varsity football program has a bye for the final week of the regular season, but the week figures to include an uneasy feel to it as the Longhorns must wait on the outcome of other games to determine their postseason fate.

South Houston, once on the outside looking in, instead handed the Longhorns a stunning 28-0 loss Oct. 28 at Veterans Stadium, with the Trojans blanking Dobie for the first time since 1969.

With a steady rain pelting down on everyone involved, the Trojans strung together three different scoring drives of 10 plays or more, getting scoring runs of 5 and 4 yards from junior quarterback

Kam'ron Webb, who also picked off a pass on the defensive side of things.

Dobie, playing without several key players including senior running back Raynard Hall, was shut out for the first time since 2017 and finished the regular season at 4-6 overall,

including 3-3 in league play.

South Houston closes out the regular season at Deer Park, while Pasadena Memorial plays at Channelview.

Only a Memorial win will prevent Dobie from making a fifth straight

playoff appearance.

If the Longhorns do advance to the postseason, they would be the 6A Division I bracket's No. 2 seed out of District 22-6A and would take on 21-6A champion North Shore, likely Nov. 11 at Galena Park ISD Stadium.

22-6A Varsity Football Standings

Teams	22-6A Play	Overall
Channelview	5-0-0	7-2-0
Deer Park	4-1-0	8-1-0
Memorial	3-2-0	5-4-0
South Houston	3-2-0	5-4-0
Dobie	3-3-0	4-6-0
Sam Rayburn	0-5-0	2-7-0
Pasadena	0-5-0	2-7-0



Dobie running back Jalen Baldwin (4), playing in his final regular season game with the Longhorns, fights for extra yards with South Houston defenders Miguel Perez (left) and Richard Mendoza (35) moving in. South Houston defeated the Longhorns 28-0 on Oct. 28 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.
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SB's Mendez places second at PISD PPK

At right, South Belt Elementary fourth-grade student Mariah Mendez placed second overall at the Pasadena ISD's Punt, Pass and Kick competition last month at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Mendez first won her grade-level competition at South Belt Elementary to qualify for the districtwide event, which included a timed 40-yard dash in addition to punts, passes and teed kicks measured for distance and accuracy. She is the daughter of Lydia and Michael Mendez of Riverstone Ranch. Sydney Logan of Bush Elementary was the fourth-grade girls' champion, while Jessup Elementary's Ava Benard placed third.



South Belt football predictions

					
Dickinson at Clear Brook	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Atascocita at Summer Creek	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita	Atascocita
Channelview at Pasadena Memorial	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Memorial	Channelview
Pasadena vs. Sam Rayburn	Rayburn	Rayburn	Rayburn	Rayburn	Rayburn
Clear Creek vs. Clear Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls	Falls
Clear Lake at Brazoswood	Lake	Lake	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Lake
Port Arthur Memorial at Kingwood Park	PAM	PAM	Kingwood Park	Kingwood Park	PAM
Baytown Lee vs. Baytown Sterling	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee
Magnolia West at Friendswood	West	West	West	West	West
Manvel at Terry	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel
Last Week's Results	6-4	7-3	6-4	6-4	6-4
Season record	62-38	69-31	78-22	67-33	82-18

JFD's Thomas draws career-building invite

The American Volleyball Coaches Association will bring 30 women's volleyball student-athletes including Dobie High School graduate and current McCook Community College sophomore Victoria Thomas, to its 2022 Convention in Omaha to serve as demonstrators for its on-court educational sessions.

Thomas, a Class of 2021 Dobie graduate and three-year varsity volleyball standout, was selected for the scholarship program, now in its second year, which has expanded from 16 to 30 participants. In addition to responsibilities during on-court sessions, these players will be able to attend other educational seminars — many of which focus on professional and personal development for coaches — and learn more about the profession by networking with the hundreds of coaches attending the

Convention. One of the factors in the selection of the demonstrators was their interest in pursuing a coaching career. The 2022 demonstrators are a diverse group that includes 24 indoor players and six beach players. They play for 29 different schools in 18 states and represent a good mix of positions and classes.



Victoria Thomas has again excelled on the volleyball court at McCook Community College, piling up a team-high 313 kills through 29 matches, including 20 McCook wins.

The demonstrators also come from across the levels of collegiate competition, as there are 15 Division I players, six Division II players, four Division III players, three from NAIA, and two from two-year colleges.

This scholarship program is a byproduct of the NIL landscape. Until last year, it would not have been possible to pay to bring student-athletes to the event, but now the rules allow the AVCA to offer scholarships that cover event registration and hotel costs so the 30 players can attend the AVCA Convention.

This year's AVCA Convention, to be held December 14-17 in Omaha, will feature more than 100 educational sessions with thousands of volleyball coaches expected to be in attendance.

For more information, visit the AVCA Convention website.

Thomas has again excelled as a player on the court at McCook, registering a team-high 313 kills through 29 total matches, including 20 team wins as of press time.

24-6A Varsity Football Standings

Teams	22-6A Play	Overall
Clear Springs	5-1-0	7-3-0
Clear Falls	4-1-0	7-2-0
Dickinson	3-2-0	6-3-0
Brazoswood	2-3-0	6-3-0
Clear Lake	2-3-0	5-4-0
Clear Brook	1-4-0	1-8-0
Clear Creek	1-4-0	2-7-0

24-6A football seeds still undecided

The District 24-6A varsity football race will head into the final night of action Nov. 4 with plenty of business left unfinished. For starters, Clear Lake will play at Brazoswood's Hopper Stadium, with the winner looking to secure a Division II playoff berth and the loser seeing its season come to a close. Clear Falls, Clear Springs and Dickinson have earned playoff berths

and seedings, but the 24-6A championship remains undecided. Clear Falls, which closes its regular season Nov. 4 against Clear Creek, can win the league title with a win over the Wildcats. Should Clear Creek pull what would be considered an upset, Clear Springs will be the 24-6A regular season champion. As for the postseason, Clear Springs will be the top playoff seed in the Division I postseason bracket, while Dickinson will be the No. 2 seed in the Division I bracket. Clear Falls will represent District 24-6A as the No. 1 playoff seed, with either Brazoswood or Clear Lake taking the No. 2 seed. Clear Brook will end the regular season at home Nov. 4 against the Dickinson Gators.



Clear Brook quarterback Jesse Shelton (3) looks to avoid the tackle of Clear Springs' Keelan Morgan during the Chargers' 42-7 win over the Wolverines Oct. 28 at Challenger Columbia Stadium in League City. Clear Springs finished its regular season at 7-3 while the Wolverines are 1-8. Photo by Madisson Taylor Duke

Despite a 1-8 overall record at the varsity level, Clear Brook varsity head coach Patrick Sanders has the Wolverines on track as the program continues its rebuild. Photo by Madisson Taylor Duke



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Dobie girls make one last run at regionals



The Dobie varsity girls' cross-country team, which claimed the District 22-6A championship for the third straight season, ran together as a group for the final time at the Region III Championships Oct. 24 in Huntsville. From left, teammates are Ashley Dunn, Valerie Salazar, Isela Munoz, Ma-

riah Medina, Ashlee Garcia, Lauren Garza and Kyla Lobo. Dobie placed 10th as a team, and Garcia, the 22-6A overall champion, missed out on a state berth by two placings. Medina, Garza and Lobo will return next season to pace the 2023 Dobie squad.

Dobie graduates pace St. Thomas cross-country teams

Dobie graduates Jhancarlos Carpio (far right, Class of 2021) and Victoria Ramirez (right, Class of 2022) played key roles as the NCAA Division III University of St. Thomas men's and women's cross-country teams both placed fourth at the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Championships Oct. 29 in Georgetown. Carpio, a sophomore and two-time SCAC Runner of the Week during the regular season, covered the 8K course at 26 minutes, 19:80 seconds as he was sixth to lead all Celts' competitors. Ramirez, who was part of back-to-back district championship squads at Dobie in 2020 and 2021, finished her freshman season at St. Thomas at the SCAC Championships as she was 46th overall with a time of 26:11.10 over 6K.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets either at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or online on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce calendar or call 281-485-3634.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and Zoom online. For details visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.
11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or visit https://www.houstonalanon.org/.
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6
10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - Worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - For adults who have lost a loved one. Meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.
8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen, 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
5 p.m. **New Directions Singles** - Meets at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For details, Call 281-814-4750.
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Toastmasters** - Meets virtually at https://youngprofessionalstoastmasters.com/. Visit the website or call Fatimar Jones, club president, at 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.

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7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, see Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Monday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - see Saturday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **Local NARFE Meeting** - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
6:30 p.m. **Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets at 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.; meeting/program at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call Carol at 713-253-2521.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, see Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Carmelitters** - a nondenominational senior citizen social group, meets at 15500 El Camino Real For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.
9:30 a.m. **Young at Heart Senior Club** - Meets at 7900 Fuqua. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480.
Noon **AA** - See Thursday's noon notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - see Monday's notice.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **AA** - see Friday's notice.

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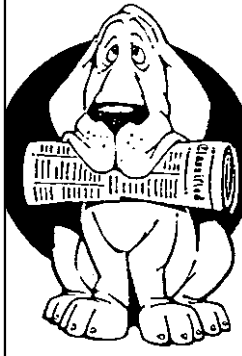
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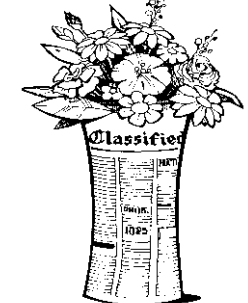
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single day passes are on sale now, while individual game tickets will be sold at the game locations throughout the event. The event debuted with the humble beginnings of 16 boys' teams and has for many years now been the state's most prestigious tournament for the top boys' and girls' varsity squads.

in the 6A state rankings, with Cibolo Steele at No. 6. Houston Memorial, which will take on the Dobie girls Nov. 17 at Dobie in pool play, is ranked sixth in the state, while Pearland is No. 14, Converse Judson is at No. 17 and Seven Lakes is at No. 19.

2022-2023 campaign. San Antonio Brennan debuts in the TABC 6A state rankings at No. 2, with Allen at No. 3 and Dickinson sixth. Elsewhere among McDonald's attendees, Richardson is 11th ranked, Atascocita 12th, Fort Bend Elkins is at No. 16 and North Crowley at No. 20. Dawson finds itself at No. 24 to open the season.

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As usual, the three-day tournament opens with pool play games Nov. 17, and the boys' field will shift to bracket play Nov. 18. The girls' division will host bracket play Nov. 17 and Nov. 18. The girls' trophy bracket action is set for Nov. 19.

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The tournament games will be available via live-stream each day of the event, and bracket championship games come Nov. 19. See www.texasinvitational for details.

Lions' 8B volleyball earns third

The Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade B volleyball team completed a standout 2022 season within the Pasadena ISD ranks, eventually taking third place at the Pasadena ISD postseason tournament. During the regular season, the Lions went 6-1, and then downed South Houston in the third-place trophy game at the tournament to go 8-2 overall. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Madeline Medina, Ariana Serna, Khloe Coronado, Serenity Thomas, (back row) coach Jazmin Tabarez, Lyla Crane, Ana Reyes, Celeste Perez, Jaylyn Torres, Kayli Lynch and Jazlynn Wimbush.



Thompson 7B volleyball earns PISD tourney crown



The Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade B volleyball team went the distance with Bondy, grabbing the win in three sets to capture the Pasadena ISD tournament championship along the way. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Stella Kurdle, Sophie Nguyen, Gabby Ramirez, Kayla De Robles, Trinite Hines, (back row) coach James MacGregor, Celeste Casarez, Annabella Cancel, Makayla Mendez, Da'Mya Kelly, Crysta Keim, Aliah Garner, Alayna Rodriguez, Trinity Pafford, Kailynn Scott and coach Kaylyn Harlan. The Lady Lions were 6-1 during the regular season prior to winning the tournament.

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