

### Sagemont meeting canceled

The Sagemont Civic Club will not hold a December meeting, according to group President Kay Barbour. Typically held the first Tuesday of each month, the meetings will resume next month Tuesday, Jan. 6. For additional information, contact Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### Kirkmont I to meet Dec. 10

Kirkmont I HOA will hold its annual board meeting Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Kirkmont MUD Building, 10102 Blackhawk. Kirkmont I residents are invited to attend and participate. Sign-in will begin at 6 p.m., with the meeting starting promptly at 6:30 p.m.

### Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes Road at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday morning as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. For additional information, call Sagemont Civic Club President Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### No December PIP meeting

The Houston Police Department will not hold a Positive Interaction Program meeting this month due to the Christmas holidays. Typically held the third Monday of each month, the meetings will resume in 2026 at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Grace Church, 14505 Gulf Freeway Classroom No. 103. Guest speaker to be announced.

Begun in 1983, HPD's PIP involves police and community members working together for safer neighborhoods. For additional information, contact Houston Police Department Officer C. Castillo at castillo@houstonpolice.org or 832-395-1777.

### New Covenant feeds needy

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

### Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 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, cellphones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras.

The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org) or call 311.

### Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Spencer Highway to Greenshadow continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Pasadena Boulevard to Fairmont Parkway continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

At least one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from SH-225 to Red Bluff Road continuously through 11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026.

Associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction, the closures are expected to cause significant delays over the next year.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one southbound inside main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH-610 to Scarsdale Boulevard nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Sunday, Dec. 7.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from SH 96/Calder/ Brittany Bay in League City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Deats Road in Dickinson to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access in Texas City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

At least one northbound and one southbound main lane and frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Tiki Drive in Galveston daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. until further notice.

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

## Clear Creek ISD named a top workplace in city

### Area school district selected a top local employer by Houston Chronicle

The Clear Creek Independent School District has been named a top large employer in the *Houston Chronicle's* 2025 Top Workplace Awards.

A total of 208 workplaces were recognized this year, with only 72 large companies on the list.

"In Clear Creek ISD, our culture is built on the belief that world-class education begins with the people who make it possible," said Superintendent Dr. Karen Engle.

"Being named a Top Workplace is a reflection of the commitment, passion and professionalism our employees bring to our students every day. This recognition affirms that when we live out our values of people, purpose and promise, we strengthen not only our classrooms, but the entire community we proudly serve."

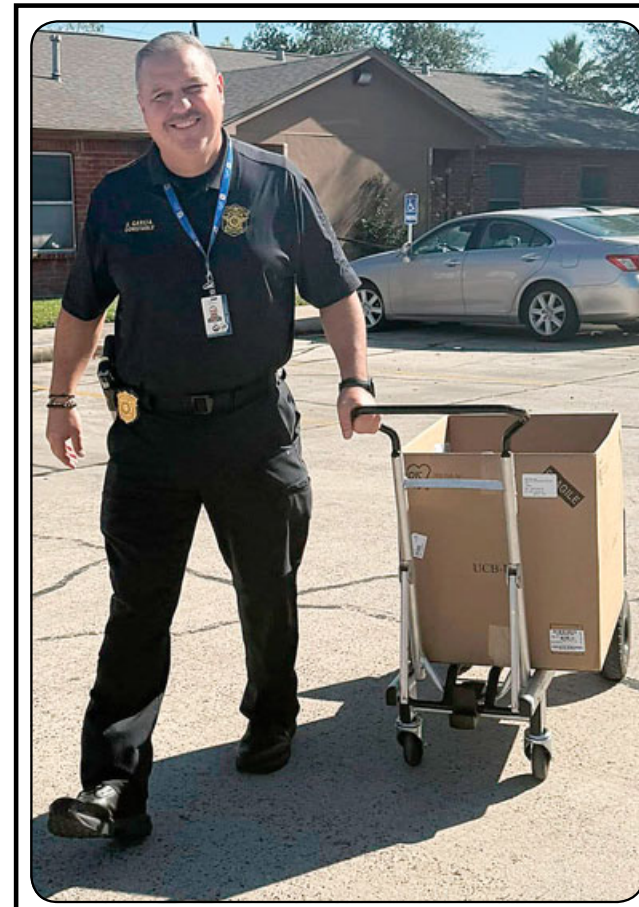
The Top Workplaces in Houston are based solely on employee feedback gathered through

a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage LLC. The confidential reviews uniquely measure the employee experience and its component themes, including employees feeling respected and supported, enabled to grow and empowered to execute, to name a few.

"Earning a Top Workplaces award is a badge of honor for companies, especially because it comes authentically from their employees," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "That's some-

thing to be proud of. In today's market, leaders must ensure they're allowing employees to have a voice and be heard. That's paramount. Top Workplaces do this, and it pays dividends."

In addition to this workplace award, Clear Creek ISD also ranked among the top in the state of Texas for teaching and learning in the newly released 2026 Best Schools rankings from Niche. The District received an overall "A" rating and ranked seventh of the Best Places to Teach in Texas.



### Garcia serves local seniors

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia is shown delivering Thanksgiving dinners to local senior citizens in need. The dinners were made possible through donations from Hope Health Benefits & Solutions and Engy Southwest Container Products. Thanks to the generous donations, the Precinct 2 constable's office was able to provide 125 Thanksgiving dinners to area seniors. "Your support goes beyond just providing a meal; it shows our seniors that they are valued, remembered and cared for," Garcia said in a Facebook post thanking the local sponsors.

## Community volunteer Seth Webb dies

Founder/President of South Belt Partnership chaired Sagemeadow HOA

Longtime South Belt community volunteer Seth Webb died this past week following a bout with cancer.

Webb served multiple terms as chair of the Sagemeadow HOA and maintained the group's digital presence.

Most recently, Webb had devoted much of his free time to the creation and development of the new South Belt Partnership, to which he was a founder and served as president. The partnership was a joint venture that included several other local HOAs, including Clear Brook Meadows, Kirkwood, Lake of



Seth Webb

Golfcrest, Riverstone Ranch, Sageglen, Sagemeadow, Sagemont and Sagemont Park. The group had its inaugural meeting in March 2024, with a subsequent follow-up function in October of last year.

Webb also played an instrumental role in the annual South Belt Cleanup.

In 2022 Webb was elected to a four-year term on the Sagemeadow Utility District. The district provides water and sewer services to the Lake of Golfcrest, Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South subdivisions.

A memorial service for Webb will be held Friday, Dec. 5, at Peevey Funeral Home, 12440 Beamer. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. A grave-site procession (private for family only) will take place at 3 p.m. See related obituary on page 2.

## Winter Wonderland set for Dec. 7

Annual event to include trains, synthetic snow, Santa pics

The fourth annual Winter Wonderland event will take place Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Clear Brook City MUD building/property, 11911 Blackhawk near Scarsdale, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Hosted by the Clear Brook City MUD and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce, this year's event will include many activities, according to organizers. In addition to the artificial snow, train rides and free photos with Santa (Constable Jerry Garcia) and Mrs. Claus (Judge JoAnn Delgado) featured in previous years, this year's event will offer a chance to meet Mr. and Ms. Grinch, Lilo, Stitch, Bluey, Spiderman and H-E-Buddy; explore a fire engine; and play on bouncy balls.

Free Kid Safe fingerprinting for children will be provided by Steve Sipes State Farm Insurance; Clarence the Clown balloon art will be provided by Amoco Federal Credit Union; and Christmas carolers will be provided by Crossroads Church.

Additional sponsors include Texas Pride Disposal (Snow Mountain), Community Health

Network (trains), BriMar Drones (recording event), Blackline Engineering, Houston Methodist Clear Lake (snow globe and bouncy balls), Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Norton Rose Fulbright (Bluey, Lilo and Stitch and Spiderman), Burleigh Chiropractic, Alameda Dental, Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Cornerstone Learning Academy, Fantastic Fire Department, Harris County Health Department, H-E-B Blackhawk, Lutheran South Academy, Parker Williams Library, Betty Walter Dog Rescue (adoptable pets) and Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

Restaurants serving food at the event include Dobie High School Culinary, Donut NV, Dunkin' Donuts, Jack-in-the-Box, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Las Haciendas, Mornings Kolaches, Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Savannah's Cafe and Bakery.

The family friendly event will also feature free hot cocoa, popcorn and cookies while sup-

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## Man accused of spying on roommates

Suspect hid camera in bathroom of home shared with 3 women

An Ashley Pointe resident was recently arrested after allegedly installing a hidden video camera inside the bathroom of his residence that he shares with three females.

According to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, deputies responded to a call in the 10000 block of Park Meadow Drive after a fe-



Tuong Thien Mac

male at the residence discovered a video camera inside the home's bathroom air vent. The woman was able to identify the male suspected of installing the device, and deputies contacted the Harris County District Attorney's office, which accepted a charge of invasive visual recording on the man.

Precinct 2 deputies later located the suspect, identified as 50-year-old Tuong Thien Mac, at the residence, and he was arrested without incident and booked into the Harris County Jail.

According to a KHOU 11 report, Mac lived with his girlfriend and her two daughters in their early 20s.

## Early voting underway in city runoff

Voters to decide At-Large Position 4 City Council election

The Harris County Clerk's Office reminds residents that early voting for the Dec. 13 joint runoff elections is currently underway and will continue through Tuesday, Dec. 9.

"Runoff elections are the final opportunity for Harris County voters to make their voices heard on the issues that affect their neighborhoods and communities," said Harris County Clerk Tenshia Hudspeth.

Ballot items include the following two contests:  
- City of Houston: At-Large Position 4 City

Council member.  
- Houston City College: District 2 trustee. (Most South Belt residents will be prohibited from voting in this single-member district contest.)

Competing to fill the Position 4 vacancy on City Council are former City Council Member Dwight Boykins and Houston attorney Alejandra Salinas.

The Position 4 seat became available when current City Council Member Letitia Plummer announced this past July that she was stepping

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## Leader drive accepting applications

Annual Christmas program provides toys, food to area families

Applications for assistance in the *Leader's* annual Christmas program are currently being accepted and will remain open through Tuesday, Dec. 9. (Late applications will not be accepted this year.)

Also new this year - all applicants must apply in person at the *Leader* office at 11555 Beamer between Kirkfair and Beltway 8. All applicants must be verified South Belt residents. (There are no online applications this year.)

Now in its 42nd year, the *Leader* drive provides toys and food to needy families in the im-

mediate South Belt community. Families are often referred by area schools. (Local schools also help the *Leader* verify residence.)

Anyone with information on a local family in need is encouraged to refer the family to the newspaper.

Toy donations are currently being accepted at the *Leader* office. The *Leader* will begin accepting food donations Monday, Dec. 8. All toys must be new and unwrapped.

Gift cards, cash and paper products will also be accepted.

## Multi-agency warrant roundup executed

Roundup targeted violent offenders; 80 total arrests made

The Harris County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the FBI, the DEA Houston Division, the U.S. Marshals Service and the Texas Department of Public Safety, recently announced the results of a major multi-agency warrant roundup targeting violent fugitives across the region.

Law enforcement teams worked side by side to track down suspects wanted for aggravated robbery, sexual assault, crimes against children and other violent felony offenses.

In total, 80 arrests were made and 103 warrants were cleared, including 96 felony warrants, during the week-long operation. Of those warrants, 53 involved crimes against children.

"These operations require planning, intelligence, teamwork and trust," said Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. "Every day a violent fugitive remains at large is another day they have the opportunity to harm someone. We refuse to let that happen."

Gonzalez emphasized that the success of the warrants roundup reflects a unified commitment to protecting victims and holding violent offenders accountable.

"Operations like this help send a clear message: If you commit violent crimes in Harris

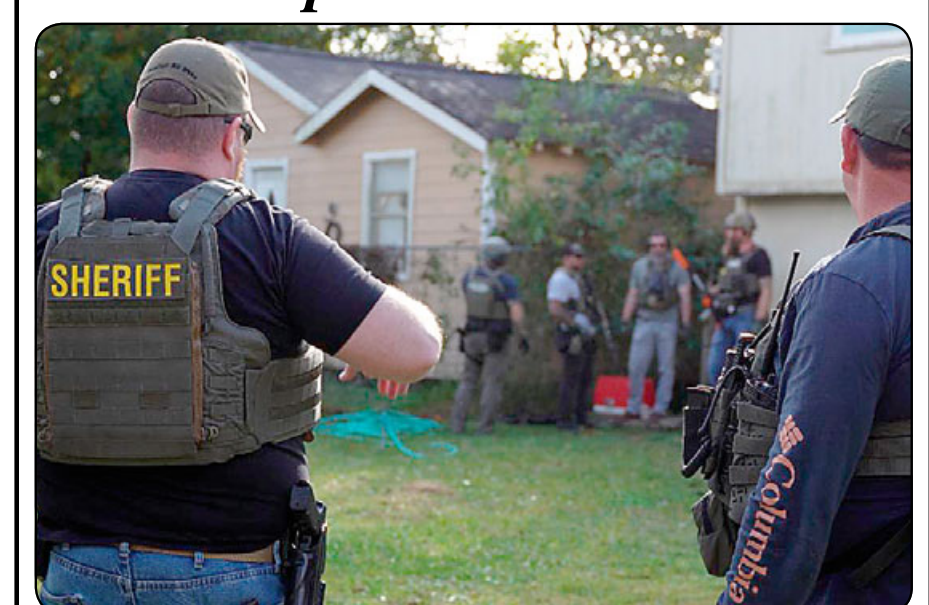
County, you will be held accountable," said Gonzalez.

Gonzalez thanked federal and state partners for their coordinated efforts and offered hope and healing to victims and survivors.

"This initiative shows the importance of law enforcement agencies working together," said Gonzalez. "When information is shared and resources are combined, dangerous individuals can be located more quickly and safely. To all of the detectives, deputies, and partner agencies involved, thank you for your dedication. And to every survivor who has come forward, we stand with you. At the center of every warrant served is a victim and a survivor whose life was forever altered. These arrests will not erase the harm done but they stop further violence and bring our community one step closer to healing. To every survivor, your courage guides this work, and we remain committed to protecting you and supporting you."

According to Gonzalez, the Harris County Sheriff's Office remains committed to protecting residents, supporting survivors and reducing violent crime through intelligence-driven enforcement and strong multi-agency partnerships.

## HCSO deputies serve warrants



Harris County Sheriff's Office recently took part in a multi-agency warrant roundup on violent offenders in the area. Also taking part in the warrant sweep were the FBI, the DEA Houston Division, the U.S. Marshals Service and the Texas Department of Public Safety. In all, 80 arrests were made and 103 warrants were cleared, including 96 felony warrants - 53 of which were crimes against children.



# St. Luke church, sponsors donate Thanksgiving dinners

## Donations provide holiday meals for 7 local schools, 33 area families



Moore Elementary counselor Dania Garza (left) visits with St. Luke volunteer Tammy Davidson as Davidson was on campus to help deliver Thanksgiving meals and supplies to assist families.

### Local library events set

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

#### Bracewell Branch Library

Bracewell Library is at 9002 Kingspoint. Customers are encouraged to visit the building to browse, check out and return materials, use the computers and Wi-Fi, and check out holds. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, noon – 8 p.m.; Fridays, 1 – 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Bracewell is closed Sundays.

Saturday, Dec. 6, 3 – 4 p.m. Board games at the library. Registration required.  
Monday, Dec. 8, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler playtime. Registration required.  
Monday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m. – noon. Open lab computer help. Registration required.  
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 4 – 5 p.m. Family craft adventure. Registration required.  
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 4 – 5 p.m. Get creative at craft lab. Registration required.  
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 6 – 7 p.m. Pajama storytime. Registration required.  
Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

#### Book drop

The book drop is open. Library materials can be returned. The library continues to provide online resources to enjoy the library virtually. Large items such as FLIP kits or laptops should not be placed in the book drop, but taken inside.

#### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is open. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

The book drop is open. Social media links are Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:  
Thursday, Dec. 4, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.  
Friday, Dec. 5, 1 – 3 p.m. Genealogy.  
Friday, Dec. 5, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Lego club.  
Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. – noon. Tai Chi.  
Monday, Dec. 8, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ESL conversation club. Registration required.  
Monday, Dec. 8, 4 – 6 p.m. Painting laser cut ornaments for adults. Registration required.  
Monday, Dec. 8, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tai Chi.  
Tuesday, Dec. 9, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies and books.  
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Holiday movie night with cocoa.

#### Parker Williams “No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up”

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are Monday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

#### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL’s drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://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>.



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church recently provided Thanksgiving dinners to seven local schools and 33 area families. In all, the local church was able to feed 160 people. The dinners were made possible by the generous donations from multiple St. Luke ministries and organizations, including Knights of Columbus Council 9201, Apostolado de la Cruz, AA Healing Ministry, Gabriel Project, St. Luke Young Adult Group, Mujeres de la Mano de Maria, as well as church parishioners. “We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the sponsors,” said St. Luke Development Coordinator Guadalupe Saiz. “Your compassion continues to make a meaningful difference in our community.”



From left, St. Luke volunteers Gracie Alvarez and Luisa Rowsey are joined by Moore Elementary counselor Dania Garza as the church coordinated with the school to assist students’ families with Thanksgiving necessities.

## Early voting underway in city runoff

### Local voters to decide At-Large Position 4 City Council election

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down to run for the Harris County judge seat currently occupied by Lina Hidalgo who announced she was not seeking re-election.

City residents in the South Belt will be allowed to vote in this citywide at-large contest.

**What to bring**  
To vote in the elections, residents must bring one of the following forms of photo

ID:

- TX driver’s license.
  - TX personal ID.
  - TX handgun license.
  - TX Election ID Certificate.
  - U.S. Military ID (with photo).
  - U.S. Citizenship Certificate (with photo).
  - U.S. Passport.
- Early voting**  
– Dates: Dec. 1 - 9.

– Hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily (Except Sunday, Dec. 7, noon to 7 p.m.)

– Locations: 30 vote centers across Harris County.

The nearest early voting centers for South Belt residents include the following polling sites:

- Harris County Scarsdale Annex, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. at Beamer.
- Harris County Freeman

Branch Library, 16616 Diana Lane.

– Tom Bass Park Community Center, 15108 Cullen Blvd.

#### Election Day

More than 140 vote centers will be open Election Day Saturday, Dec. 13, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To find the nearest vote center or a sample ballot, visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

## Death

### Sylvia Ada Gant Gadd



Sylvia Ada Gant Gadd, 82 of Houston, passed away on Nov. 25, 2025, surrounded by family.

Sylvia was born on Sept. 13, 1943, in Houston to Ado and Barbara Gant. Sylvia was the fourth of five children.

Sylvia attended Milby High School, where she was a proud member of the Milby COE Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps. Sylvia played the drums and could be seen tapping her fingers to the beat of any music she heard. Sylvia loved music that crossed many genres and learned to play the piano in her thirties.

Sylvia married the love of her life, William Curtis Gadd Sr. (Bill), in 1964. Together, they built a warm and loving home for their four children. While Bill coached their sons in Little League, Sylvia could be found cheering them on from the bleachers. She was a proud mom and did not miss a single game. Even after giving birth to her youngest child, she simply packed her newborn baby up and watched from the safety of their truck camper. Sylvia and Bill would often host family barbecues and Sunday lunches. They both shared the same family values and loved family time the most.

After Bill’s passing in 1978, Sylvia started her professional career. Sylvia went to work at Southwestern Bell Telephone (SWB) Company as a file clerk. She advanced her position through the years until reaching the drafting engineering department. Sylvia was an active member of the Pioneer Club. She would often donate her time and resources by making and giving away dolls and other toys during the annual Christmas doll drive. After a long and successful career, Sylvia retired from the same company (SWB), which is not very common in today’s environment. She was a loyal and dedicated employee.

Sylvia was a devoted mother, grandmother,

great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Sylvia’s biggest joy in life was going out to eat with her family, and would go every chance she could. Sylvia attended most every birthday dinner, ordering appetizers for everyone and often a dessert. She would probably say Mexican food was her favorite, but would not turn down some good seafood, Indian food or Chinese food.

Sylvia really enjoyed live productions. It didn’t matter if it was a high school performance of one of her kids, grandkids, or a musical in the Houston Theater District. She just loved the music. Her favorite professional performance was “Cats.” She was simply amazed with the make-up and costumes. For several years, Sylvia enjoyed going to see the “Nutcracker” followed by dinner at Birraporetti’s with the baby of the family, Teri Posey.

Although Sylvia was a single mom, working full-time while raising her four children, she went back to school and earned her Associate of Arts degree from San Jacinto College, setting a wonderful example for all. Sylvia enjoyed spending time at her parents’ place in the Texas Hill Country, sitting around the campfire. She also loved spending weekends in Galveston, sunbathing on the beach, and eating fine seafood on the seawall.

Sylvia enjoyed many different hobbies. She dabbled in oil painting and painted some beautiful pictures. She also enjoyed crocheting, sewing and quilting. Sylvia was very generous with her talents, gifting most everything she created. When Sylvia started having grandkids, she would make them either a quilt, an afghan or a receiving blanket. She organized a 50th wedding anniversary quilt for her parents, coordinating with all family members to design a block, and had it sent back to her to stitch together. It was a monumental task and an heirloom that will be passed on from generation to generation.

Sylvia and her longtime partner, fiancé and best friend Ron Lamar, enjoyed a quieter life at home. They took turns doting on each other over the years. Sylvia often said how she was so happy she had Ron in her life, and appreciated all the love and affection he would give her. Ron says that Sylvia was his best friend and credits her for giving him the best years of his life. Ron finds comfort these days in studying and reading from Sylvia’s bible.

Sylvia’s children credit their mother greatly for the success of their lives. She taught them life lessons with an unwavering love she poured into them, strived to be a shining example of what strength is, and the definition of what being a survivor looks like. Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband; her precious son William Curtis Gadd Jr. (Bill); her parents; and three of her siblings, Barbara Estelle Gant, Burton Lee Gant and Milburn Sylvoy Gant.

Sylvia is survived by her long-term fiancé; her children Wynne Gadd (Chuck), Tim Gadd (Nancy) Teri Posey (John) and daughter-in-law Louise Gadd; grandchildren Adam Barnhart (Jessica), Amberly Dalton (Jeff), Nichole Beltran (Eddy), Ryan Gadd (Liz), Mack Posey (Gabie), Katie Perez (David), Kayla Posey (Charlie), Elizabeth Gadd, James Gadd; fifteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; her sister Foy Moore (Rick); and a host of nieces and nephews.

Adam Barnhart, Jeff Dalton, Ryan Gadd, Eddy Beltran, Mack Posey, David Perez, Charlie Ursprung served as pallbearers.

The visitation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 1 p.m., and the service will begin at 2 p.m., at Peevey Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.

### Seth Hubert Webb



Seth Hubert Webb, 53 of Houston passed away on Nov. 28, 2025. Born on July 28, 1972, in Provo, Utah, he was a devoted husband to Kimberly Kay Webb and a loving father to Travis Alexander Webb and Kaitlyn Elisabeth Webb. His early years were spent growing up in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, then moving to Houston after high school.

Seth was driven, hard-working and dedicated in all aspects of his life. He spent over 20 years working in the NASA and commercial aerospace industry, known for his leadership, inquisitive mind, attention to detail and desire to make all aspects of his work better. Though he had many responsibilities, his priority was always family and service to others.

Being the center of attention wasn’t important to him, but for many years being in the public eye, he strived to be a man of integrity, kindness and generosity and left a lasting impression on those who knew him.

His interests and hobbies shaped who he became. He loved music, enjoyed DJ’ing for family and friends from time to time, and played the violin and guitar. The love of music was shared with his children and helped to shape who they are today.

He gave a lot of himself to the community and the various activities his children were involved in during their school years. He was the chairman of the Sagemeadow HOA board, director/vice president of the Sagemeadow Utility District and the president/founder of the South Belt Community Partnership. He was a Cubmaster for his son’s Scout Pack and a commissioner/committee chair/assistant Scoutmaster in Scouts BSA as well as the president/corp sponsorship lead for the J. Frank Dobie High School band parent organization. He was a general chairman for the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade committee and a transportation committee member with Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. His desire to give back to those around him has left a mark on so many that will be remembered for years to come.

He is survived by his wife, and their children; his mother, Anamaria Abdul-Jabar; his sister Claudia Bullock, her spouse Richard and their family; his sister Tarita Bryant, her spouse Chris and their family; his sister Zenna Webb and her family; his brother Ian Webb and his family; as well as many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Hugh Webb; his paternal grandparents, Hubert and Zenna Webb; and his maternal grandparents Lincayan Cornejo and Fresia Pizarro.

His battle is done, and he’s finally at peace. Seth’s legacy will continue, with the impact he made continuing to ripple for years to come. The love he shared for his family, friends and community will be cherished forever.

The funeral service will be held at Peevey Funeral Home, Friday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery.

## 4th Annual Winter Wonderland

Live Music, Games, Food, Balloon Artist & More

Join us for a family-friendly, and fun-filled event!

**DEC 7** | Free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus | **4-7 PM**

Clear Brook City MUD  
11911 Blackhawk Boulevard  
Bring one can of food or pet food per person as entry fee

## Winter Wonderland scheduled for Dec. 7

### Now in 4th year, event to include trains, fake snow, free Santa pics



Clear Brook City MUD’s general manager of administration Cecelia Ganje celebrated with Ms. Grinch and Mr. Grinch at the 2024 Winter Wonderland event hosted by Clear Brook City MUD and the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce. This year’s event will be held Sunday, Dec. 7, at Clear Brook City Park from 4 to 7 p.m.

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plies last. Winter Wonderland entry fee is one nonperishable can of food per person (pet or human food).

Clear Brook City MUD General Manager Cecelia Ganje said the event is the local utility district’s way of giving back to the South Belt community.

“It’s our fourth year of giving back to our residents in the district,” said Ganje. “All food collected stays in the South Belt Community. The pet food goes to the Betty Walter Rescue Group and the human food is distributed by Crossroads Church. Clear Brook City MUD serves as the ‘city hall’ for our residents. As such, the directors and employees make our residents our No. 1 priority. We want residents to enjoy living in our community and meeting other residents with common desires to raise their family in a safe neighborhood. Winter Wonderland celebrates that philosophy. We strive to maintain that small town atmosphere in this large city to which we are connected. It’s a great opportunity for all of us to experience what a closely knit small town feels like. Words cannot explain what an honor and privilege it is to provide this for the South Belt community.”

For additional information about this year’s event, visit [southbeltchamber.com/winter-wonderland](http://southbeltchamber.com/winter-wonderland).

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# Frazier announces November mathematicians of the month

Frazier Elementary officials recently announced the November mathematicians of the month. Students from grades pre-K through fourth were selected and rewarded with a certificate for outstanding math progress.



Left to right, are pre-K students Luke Ochoa, Josue Reyes and Emiliano Posada.



Left to right, are kindergarten students (front row) Iris Perez, (back row) Santiago Ortiz and Jesus Martinez.



ECSE student Vance Parker is recognized for his math skills.



Able 1 student Victor Tufino shows off his certificate.



Able 1 student Blake Oliver smiles after receiving certificate.



Left to right, are second-graders (front row) Layla Rodriguez, (back row) Maximiliano Moreno and Alfonso Garza.



Left to right, are (front row) BSS student Eli Monnat, third-grader David Solis, (back row) third-graders Madeline Ramirez, Omar Estimbo and Ray Rodriguez.



Left to right, are first-graders (front row) Matteo Silva, Jada Arizaga, (back row) Aurianna Garcia and Kaeden Caraballo.



Left to right, are fourth-graders (front row) Adrienne Gonzalez, Lucas Hernandez, (back row) Xander Mikel and Caleb Martinez.

## Remember When

### 45 years ago (1980)

Registration for several new classes offered by the Sagemont Recreation Center were scheduled to begin Jan. 5, 1981. Many of the courses were offered for no fee. Included in the courses were jazz and aerobic exercise for adults, Play school for ages 4 and 5, acrobatics for ages 4-10, country western dance for adults and teens, plaster crafts for ages 4-7, plaster crafts with staining for ages 8-15, ballet dance for ages 4-10, macrame and glass painting for teens, boys' body building and table games for children of all ages.

### 40 years ago (1985)

The South Belt-Ellington Leader asked for donations of food, toys and clothing to aid nine needy families who were referred to the newspaper from area schools.

The Pasadena Independent School District Performance Report for the 1984-1985 school year showed area schools maintaining high classroom attendance levels, low dropout rates and few disciplinary problems as compared with the rest of the district.

Two dogs, 11 cats and 13 chickens were removed from a Sagemont residence after a four-day search for the owner of the home whom Houston Police had reported as being in violation of city ordinances pertaining to the keeping of animals.

Clear Creek ISD juniors fared well above the state average in the TEAMS (Texas Education Assessment of Minimum Skills) test taken in October, according to figures released by the Texas Education Association.

### 35 Years ago (1990)

Two Dobie graduates were killed and one seriously injured in a 10-car accident in Austin. Killed were 1989 Dobie graduates Thi Hien Tiet and Long Hoang Ta. Injured in the accident was former Dobie student Loc Bui. The victims were attending the University of Texas. One other person was killed and 11 more injured in the accident caused by wet, slick road conditions.

Burke was killed in a plane accident in Detroit when two airplanes collided on the runway during dense fog. Burke was a 1978 Dobie High School graduate.

Dobie High School sophomore Deanna Kenisell won best model and third runner-up at the annual competition of the Miss San Jacinto Classic Pageant. She is the daughter of Bill and Debbie Kenisell.

Anna Maria Carrara, a kindergarten student at Stuchbery Elementary, won second runner-up in the San Jacinto Classic Cover Girl contest. She is the daughter of South Belt residents Angelo and Glenda Carrara.

### 30 years ago (1995)

Construction on the center lanes of the beltway (Sam Houston Tollway) began, and the entire section from

the Gulf Freeway to U.S. 59 was expected to open in 15 months.

Speed limit signs boosting the speed limit to 70 mph on the Gulf Freeway southbound from the beltway to Galveston were erected.

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon team won the district championship with nine Longhorns earning individual medals. Dobie students swept all categories – honors, scholastic and varsity – for overall best students. Dobie's 12-person team won first place in the super quiz.

Local constable deputies would be issuing citations throughout the Christmas season to juveniles violating the county's curfew. Those under the age of 17 who were out without a guardian between midnight and 6 a.m.

any night of the week would be taken into custody.

Clear Lake attorney Rob Todd, 32, got over 63 percent of the vote to beat the Rev. Andrew C. Burks Jr. for the District E seat on the Houston City Council.

### 25 years ago (2000)

Construction plans for the new J. Frank Dobie High School's \$57,000,000 complex were underway.

Brittany Garlington, 15, a freshman at J. Frank Dobie High, died in her sleep. She suffered from a congenital heart disease.

Mallory Stevens, 18-month-old daughter of James and Angie Stevens, died in a hot tub.

### 20 years ago (2005)

South Belt resident Emory Gadd was presented a plaque naming him the PISD 2005 Distinguished Citizen during a ceremony at the district's administration building.

Deputies from Precinct 2 Constable Gary Freeman's office rounded up truant students as well as several parents during a warrant sweep. A total of 15 juveniles and adults appeared in Judge Jo Ann Delgado's court to answer charges of truancy and contempt of court.

The 23rd annual Leader Christmas food and toy drive was underway to provide needy local residents with items to make the Christmas season better.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Robert Alexander Martinez, 20, son of former South Belt resident Kelly Hunt, was killed in action while on foot patrol outside Fallujah, Iraq. Martinez was the nephew of longtime Southeast Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Robert Cino.

### 15 years ago (2010)

Deputies Aaron Baldwin and Roland Rivera from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to an alarm at a computer repair store in the 12300 block of Scarsdale. When the deputies arrived, they discovered a male suspect still in the store, who then broke through the building's back door and fled on foot. The deputies, joined by Deputy Jason Curry, gave chase through the surrounding neighborhood. The suspect

pect, Gregory Shanks, was caught roughly 20 minutes later hiding at a residence on Poplarwood with bags of money from the store's safe. Shanks, 48, was subsequently arrested and charged with burglary of a business.

The Dobie High School Academic Decathlon Team won first place overall and first place in Super Quiz at the district meet with a score of 48,196. On the seven multiple-choice objective tests, the team achieved the highest score not only in Texas, but in the nation. This was the first time since 2001 that any team outside California had achieved the highest score on a test. The team would move on to Regionals, to be held at Clear Brook High School in January.

### 10 years ago (2015)

Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kirk Lewis was named 2015 Citizen of the Year at the 75th annual Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Gala on Dec. 3. The citizen of the year award has been presented annually since 1967 to a community member who exhibits a level of dedication and contribution to the city of Pasadena above and beyond the call of duty. The award was presented to him by PISD board president and 2014 Pasadena Citizen of the Year Mariselle Quijano.

Local businessman John B. "Jack" Niday Jr. died Dec. 7 at the age of 85. He was the owner of both Niday Funeral Home and Niday Public Storage. Niday was committed to the South Belt community and was instrumental in supporting the South Belt Security Alliance, which later evolved into the current patrol contract with the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office. Niday also played a pivotal role in the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and was responsible for financing the construction of the chamber office and overseeing the work, serving as foreman. A native Houstonian, Niday lived in the Southeast portion of the city most of his life. Niday began his professional career as a

ship pilot, before opening an ambulance service in 1959. He opened his first funeral home in 1961.

### 5 years ago (2020)

Pasadena ISD announced it would require underperforming virtual students to return to campus for in-person instruction. The measure began Jan. 6 for all failing students.

The Clear Creek ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved Dr. Eric Williams as the next superintendent of the school district, replacing longtime CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith, who announced his retirement the previous June after serving in the position since 2008.

### 1 year ago (2024)

A drive-by shooting took place early Sunday, Dec. 1, in the 10600 block of Kirkwren near Kirkfair and Blackhawk. Allejeandria Holliday was later charged with deadly conduct in the shooting.

tendent of the school district, replacing longtime CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith, who announced his retirement the previous June after serving in the position since 2008.

## Over The Back Fence by Nicole

**CRYSTAL CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to former South Belt Leader staffer **Crystal Saucedo** Dec. 4 from friends and the Leader staff.

**BEST WISHES, DAVID AND ELLIE!**  
Best wishes are sent to **David Flickinger**, South Belt Leader president, and his wife, **Ellie**, who celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary Dec. 10 from daughter **Natalie** and husband **Jose Abarca**; grandchildren **Kelvin Lopez** and **Noah**, **Elliana Abarca** and **Isabella** and husband **Sebastian Delgado** and child **Esme Delgado**; dad **David Flickinger**; brother **Fred** and wife **Leslie Flickinger**; niece **Kimberly** and husband **Matt Lipina**; niece **Courtney Durham** and children **Abigail**, **Jackson** and **Penelope**; aunt **Alexis Lochner**; and cousin **Patty Spence**.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Dec. 4 through Dec. 10.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Enjoying a winter birthday Dec. 6 is **Jennifer Chapa**. Celebrating a birthday Dec. 9 are **Ashley Armenta** and **Maribel Villanueva**.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting Dec. 6 to **Melanie Trevino**. Sing a happy birthday song to **Heather Garcia** Dec. 7.

**Bush Elementary**

Remember to wish **Ruth Miranda** a happy birthday Dec. 5. **Roxie Diaz** celebrates a birthday Dec. 6.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting Dec. 4 to **Arezo Taef**. The day for a winter birthday celebration for **Angel Mendoza** and **Lupe Palacios** is Dec. 7. **Liana Luna** enjoys a birthday Dec. 9.

**Hancock Elementary**  
Join in the birthday celebration Dec. 4 for **Shaqwala Caston**. **Ruby Zepeda** enjoys a birthday Dec. 10.

**Meador Elementary**  
Send a nice birthday greeting Dec. 5 to **Tiffany Shafer**. Celebrating a birthday Dec. 8 is **Miriam Reyna**.

**Moore Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting to **Sheryl Munn** Dec. 10.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Give a birthday shoutout Dec. 10 for **Margot Bravo**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Send a nice birthday greeting Dec. 6 to **Jocelyn Serrano**. Light the birthday candles Dec. 8 for **Priscilla Oliva**.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Sing a happy birthday song to **Courtney Miller** Dec. 9. Send a birthday greeting Dec. 10 to **April Roark**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
The day for a celebration for **Sara Hall** is Dec. 4. Birthday balloons and cake are in

order for **Rebecca Eloph** Dec. 8. **Andrew Nelson** enjoys a birthday Dec. 9.

**Dobie High**  
Break out the birthday balloons Dec. 4 for **Megan Lambert**. Dec. 5 is the day for a cake for **Jorly Thomas**. The day for a party for **Patricia Landrum** is Dec. 7. **Carmela Swinnen** celebrates a birthday Dec. 10.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, Dec. 4: **Nick Barnett**, **Nick Medina**, **David Miles**, **Mary Elliott** and **George Mejica**; Friday, Dec. 5: **Shawn Sims**, **Angela Domokos**, **Mandi Gulleddge**, **Angelita Negrete**, **Anna Cavazos-Cantu**, **Suzanne Pollock** and **Craig Williams**; Saturday, Dec. 6: **Natalie Saucedo** and **Billie Benson**; Sunday, Dec. 7: **Matt Adams**, **Amber Clark**, **Edna Elizalde**, **Tim Allen**, **Holly Rhodes** and **Bill Hanson**; Monday, Dec. 8: **Damon Miles**, **Adriana Garza**, **Shannon Sims**, **Mandy Bennett** and **Susanne Cook**; Tuesday, Dec. 9: **Angela Preciado**, **Melissa Gallegos**, **Mary Bogan**, **Paul Garza**, **Jacob Pena** and **Alex Blancas**; and Wednesday, Dec. 10: **Carmela Swinnen**, **Rebecca Schwartz**, **Henry Rubio**, **Betsy Urschel**, **Sherri Lindsey**, **Alexis Bursiaga**, **Yvette Johnson-Lightfoot** and **Jason Manriquez**.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Clear Brook, Dobie basketball programs enter tough stretches

Following a very busy start to the regular season that included a third-place finish in the Division 2 gold bracket at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, the Dobie boys had a little bit of a break in the schedule with just one game over 10 days prior to returning to action Dec. 2 after press time against Fort Bend Austin.

At 5-3 overall prior to taking on the Bulldogs, the Longhorns will then likely again play as many as five games in three days at the Dec. 4-6 Carlisle/Krueger Classic, hosted by Clear Creek ISD.

The Longhorns will go against Clear Falls, Strake Jesuit and Kempner in pool play prior to bracket play Dec. 5-6.

The busy schedule should more than prepare the Longhorns for the start of District 22-6A action as the locals play at Pearland Dawson Dec. 9 in a match-up against an Eagles' program that has won eight of its first 11 games overall at press time.

First-year head coach Bradford Jones promised that his team would pred-

icate itself with toughness on the defensive end, and the Longhorns have been true to that idea while allowing just 51 points per outing.

While the Longhorns have averaged just under 50 points per game to this point, the locals do have five wins in eight games.

There will be a total of 16 district games, so there's little point in making bold predictions at this point. However, while Dobie no doubt will need to deal with state-ranked Pearland as well as very good programs

at Dawson and Shadow Creek, the Longhorns certainly appear to be well prepared to contend in a top-heavy district.

The other three Pasadena ISD programs, including Pasadena Memorial, Sam Rayburn and South Houston, have gotten off to slow starts to this point in the season.

While Dobie has to be excited about its start to the season, the Clear Brook boys also have to feel very positive about their future after winning seven of their first eight overall games.

Defeating the Longhorns in bracket play at the McDonald's Texas Invitational, Clear Brook wound up second in the Division 2 gold bracket following a loss to Katy Tompkins. However, head coach Nathan Janak's veteran team has answered the call each night to this point in the season.

Senior Abdiel Jimenez was an All-Tournament selection at the McDonald's event, and plenty of other players, including Ayden Harvey, Christian Brown and Josh Pichon have chipped in to give the Wol-

verines a big boost.

Both Clear Brook and Dobie will get a great look at some of the top programs within 24-6A as both Clear Lake and Clear Falls will be involved in the December 4-6 Carlisle/Krueger Classic.

At that event, the Wolverines will go against MacArthur, Fort Bend Bush and Milby in pool play prior to bracket play the final two days. Clear Brook will also play at state-ranked Friendswood Dec. 12 and at home against Angleton Dec. 16 before a tough 24-

6A opener against Dickinson Dec. 19.

At 7-1, the Wolverines have shown that they have what it takes to make a push toward the postseason. However, Dickinson, Clear Lake and Clear Springs certainly appear to be bona fide postseason contenders as well.

The Clear Brook girls' program was rightfully due a transition season for 2025-2026, and while the results are not what the locals were hoping for directly out of the gate, the

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Dobie senior Te'Darius Wicker (3) has helped his Longhorn varsity basketball team get off to a solid start this season. The locals will take part in the Carlisle/Krueger Invitational Dec. 4-6 and will begin 22-6A play in just a few short days.

## Wolverines, Longhorns among headliners at Carlisle/Krueger

A couple of programs aiming to make a big push in District 24-6A



Christian Brown (3) and the Clear Brook Wolverines will play in the Carlisle/Krueger tournament Dec. 4-6, aiming to keep the good times rolling following a 7-1 start to the regular season. The Wolverines certainly appear to be a true postseason contender this season.



The Dobie varsity girls' basketball team scored its first victory of the District 22- 6A season Nov. 25 as Audrey Volper scored 12 points in the win to earn the BallHer Hustle Award. Sophomore Makayla Mendez had 11 points, while Tiara Charles added nine in the 51-38 victory over Alvin.

the headliners Dec. 4-6 as the 92nd annual Carlisle-Krueger will be contested at several locations at Clear Creek ISD sites.

In all, a collection of 20 varsity boys' basketball teams, including Dobie, will vie for a chance to reach the trophy round Dec. 6.

Clear Lake, a solid program before adding the talents of Dobie transfer Damon Miles in the off-season, has already won a tournament championship early on this season

and will be looking to add the prestigious Carlisle/Krueger championship trophy to its collection.

Clear Brook and Dobie are also at the party after both programs reached the Division 2 gold bracket at the McDonald's Texas Invitational with the Wolverines ultimately finishing second and the Longhorns third.

The Wolverines and Longhorns have already met twice this season, with the Wolverines claiming victories in both matchups.

At the Clear Creek ISD

event, the 7-1 Wolverines are in Pool A along with Fort Bend Bush, Aldine MacArthur and Milby.

The Longhorns are in Pool B with Kempner, Clear Falls and Strake Jesuit.

Those Clear Lake Falcons, 8-2 through the first three weeks of the regular season, headline Pool C along with Galveston Ball, Houston Heights and Leander Glenn, while Pool D includes host Clear Creek along with Booker T. Washington, Scherz Clemens and Texas City.

Pool E will include Crosby, Eulless Trinity, Hightower and Willis. On Dec. 4, the Wolverines will be in action at Krueger Field House on the campus of Clear Lake High School, taking on MacArthur at 2:30 p.m. and returning to play Fort Bend Bush at 7 p.m.

The Longhorns will begin in pool play at Clear Lake High School's main gymnasium, facing Clear Falls at 11 a.m., then moving to Butler Field House on the campus of Clear Creek High School for

a 2:30 p.m. tip against Strake Jesuit.

Pool play continues Dec. 5, with Clear Brook hosting Milby at 1:30 p.m. at Clear Brook. Dobie will be in action at Clear Falls, battling Kempner at 3 p.m. Trophy-round play concludes the tournament Dec. 6.

The Carlisle bracket will feature the top two qualifiers at 2 p.m. at Carlisle Field House, while the Krueger bracket at Clear Lake High School will also host a pair of finalists at 2 p.m.

## PISD great will lead Gators against North Shore

One of Pasadena ISD's all-time athletics greats is busy making a name for himself among the state legends as he along with his Dickinson Gator varsity football team is one victory away from claiming the Class 6A Region 3 Division 1 football championship.

To do so, the Gators will have to beat one of the best high school football programs in Houston area history as Dickinson takes on North Shore Dec. 5 at TDECU Stadium.

The Gators, undefeated at 13-0, routed Strake Jesuit to the tune of 55-16 at La Porte ISD's Bull-

dog Stadium Nov. 28 to advance to the regional championship game for the second time under John Snelson.

A 1985 graduate of Sam Rayburn High School, Snelson first excelled in both varsity football and varsity baseball with the Texans and later went on to enjoy a very successful varsity head football coaching career at Pasadena Memorial High School.

During his stint with the Mavericks, Snelson experienced the joy of coaching his son, Bo Nelson, who is a 2009 Pasadena Memorial High School graduate. John Snelson,

his son Bo, brother Andy Nelson, and John and Andy's mother, Billie Nelson, are all inductees in the PISD Athletics Hall of Fame as the Snelson Family.

John Snelson parlayed his incredible success at Pasadena Memorial into an opportunity to become the Dickinson ISD athletic director and to coach the Dickinson program beginning with the 2012 season.

The Gators went just 2-8 that first season but have become quite a powerhouse particularly over the last 10 to 12 years.

Dickinson also produced a 13-0 record in

2014 and advanced to the regional final before a 31-28 loss to Cypress Ranch.

This season, the Gators feature a high-powered offense led by quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre along with a dynamic running back pair that includes Malachi Gamble and Jayse Washington. Kaileb Peterson has been one of the most explosive receivers in the Houston area as the Gators have exploded for 671 points over their 13 games while allowing just 251.

To advance to what would be a state semifinal appearance, the Gators will have to take down a

North Shore program that has won five previous state crowns.

Both teams are playing their best football of the season at the right time, and it promises to be an offensive shootout of epic proportions.

For Snelson, the 2025 season has added yet another chapter to the legend of one of the greatest head football coaches in the state history. Neither he nor his team want it to end.

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## Longhorn girls' basketball draws state No. 1 Argyle at Georgetown

The Dobie varsity girls' basketball squad will make a team-building trip to the Georgetown ISD Jack Frost invitational December 4-6, joining host Georgetown along with 14 other programs in the event.

The Longhorns will be challenged right out of the gate with a 9 a.m. pool

play game Dec. 4 against unbeaten Argyle, which currently holds down the top spot in the Class 5A state rankings according to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

The entire 16-program filled includes Argyle, Boerne, Christian Home School, Corpus Christi Flour Bluff, Coppell,

Davenport, Floresville, Georgetown, Killeen Chaparral, Liberty Hill, Lake Highlands, Dobie, Westlake junior varsity, San Antonio Incarnate Word, South Houston and Westlake, TABC's current 6A top-ranked program.

After facing Argyle, the Longhorns return to play Killeen Chaparral at 6 p.m.

pool play continues Dec. 5 as Dobie goes against Corpus Christi Flower Bluff at 3 p.m.

An array of trophy-round games will be played Dec. 6 to conclude the event, with the girls gold bracket championship game set for 5 p.m.

The Jack Frost Invitational also includes 16-program boys' field, with no Houston area entries.

With four wins in nine overall games early on this season, the Longhorns are clearly ahead of the pace they said for themselves a season ago. The trip to Georgetown will no doubt present the locals with plenty of tough competition, and they will then return home to focus primarily on district action. At this point, Dobie surely feels its is working.



Miller Intermediate runner Julian Roman produced the best overall time as he was the seventh-grade boys' gold medalist at the Pasadena ISD cross-country championships as he guided his Falcons to the team title to close out the season. Roman is the younger brother of Dobie sophomore Jordan Roman, who during the high school season captured the 22-6A overall top medalist gold. The pair might very well team up at Dobie in 2027. See additional cross-country photos on Page 6.

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# Pasadena ISD wraps up speedy cross-country season; Thompson girls sweep team championships



Sophia Charles was the silver medalist for second place and teammate Cecilia Bogany took bronze for third place to lead the Thompson Intermediate eighth-grade girls' cross-country program to the Pasadena ISD championship in the 3,200-meter finale. Members of

the team are, left to right, Karla Trujillo, Lilyana Puentes, Yaritza Hernandez, Viviana Salazar, Estefania Rodriguez, Melanie Garza, coach Amanda Anderson, Charles, Emilee Lugo, Naveah Torres, Bogany, Angeliin Garcia, Dahlia Salinas and Zylah Vargas.



The Lions' Camila Licon was the individual gold medalist and teammate Almasofia Umanzor was third as the bronze medalist to lead the Thompson seventh-grade girls' cross-country program to the Pasadena ISD championship at Crenshaw Park. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row)

Magdalena Perales, Aubrey Brown, Mariah Mendez, Naveah Flores, Aliana Melchor, (back row) Miranda Coronado, Aliana Hernandez, Charlotte Kearby, Umanzor, Madilyn Brisco, coach Amanda Anderson, Zuleigh Gaona, Licon and Scarlett Vega.



The Thompson Intermediate seventh-grade girls' cross-country team was easily able to win the Pasadena ISD team championship as Camila Licon (center) was the overall gold medalist in a time of 13 minutes, 09.15 seconds over the 3,200-meter course. Kiara Caballero (left) of Miller was the silver medalist at 13:42.27, and third place and the bronze medal went to Thompson's Almasofia Umanzor at 14:00.86.



The Pasadena ISD eighth-grade boys' cross-country championship finale was extremely competitive as Miller's Julian Martinez (center) was the overall gold medalist at 11:19.39 at 3,200 meters. San Jacinto's Jose Guerrero (left) was the silver medalist as he clocked in at 11:35.44, while third place went to Miller's Geordany Flores Ortega in a time of 11:43.28.



The Beverly Hills and Thompson programs were center stage in the eighth-grade girls' cross-country finale as Thompson wound up winning the team championship. Individually, Isabella Rios (center) of Beverly Hills was the overall gold medalist as she completed the 3,200-meter course in a time of 13:27.97, with the Lions' Sophia Charles (left) second at 13:39.51. Third place in the event went to Thompson's Cecilia Bogany as she clocked in at 13:39.84.



Miller's seventh-grade boys' cross-country team was in complete control en route to the Pasadena ISD team championship as Julian Roman (center) was the overall champion with a time of 11:09.56 at the 3,200-meter distance. Teammate Jacinto Reza finished second for the silver medal in a time of 12:11.63 and David Reza (right) was third in a time of 12:13.30.



The Beverly Hills Intermediate eighth-grade girls' cross-country team finished third overall at the Pasadena ISD Championships earlier this month as Isabella Rios (not pictured) was the district champion. In addition, Kaelin Sanchez (left) was eighth overall in the race, with Tatiana Gamboa (right) placing ninth overall.

## Dickinson faces North Shore Nov. 5 in 6A Div. 1 title game at TDECU

A four-round run to the playoffs has certainly helped the Dickinson varsity football team put together some impressive numbers through 13 games. Overall, the Gators have now scored 672 points while allowing just 265 through the 13 weeks prior to a regional final appearance against North Shore. Dickinson has rushed for 2,808 yards and quarterback Lorenzo Aguirre has accounted for almost all of the team's 3,558 passing yards as the Gators have averaged nearly 500 yards per game on offense.

Meanwhile, Dickinson's stellar defensive unit has been allowing just under 225 yards to the opposition per game. Dickinson has also been extremely opportunistic on the defensive side with 17 fumble recoveries and another 17 interceptions through the 13 games. Individually, Aguirre, a junior, has completed 170 of 308 passing attempts for 3,108 total yards and 40 touchdowns while throwing just six interceptions. On the ground, Malachi Gamble has missed a little more than half of the season but has still rushed for 866 yards and nine touchdowns.

With Aguirre having such a memorable year through the air, senior receiver Kaileb Peterson has collected 1,524 yards receiving to go with 19 touchdowns while teammate Braden Glover has 942 yards receiving and 15 scores. On the defensive side of things, Ricky Casimir, a senior, has six interceptions while fellow senior teammate Marzellus Hunter has four pickoffs to his credit. Chase Lewis of Dickinson has also recovered four fumbles.

## Clear Brook, Dobie boys' basketball to compete at Carlisle/Krueger event

**Brook vs. MacArthur  
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**Dobie vs. Clear Falls  
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Dec. 4, 11 a.m.**

**Brook vs. F.B Bush  
Krueger Field House  
Dec. 4, 7 p.m.**

**Dobie vs. Strake Jesuit  
Butler Field House  
Dec. 4, 2:30 p.m.**

**Brook vs. Milby  
Clear Brook H.S.  
Dec. 5, 1:30 p.m.**

**Dobie vs. Kempner  
Clear Falls H.S.  
Dec. 5, 3 p.m.**

## Jordan Roman shines at Nike run



Dobie sophomore Jordan Roman, the reigning District 22-6A individual gold medalist at the 2025 cross-country championships, delivered an outstanding performance at the Nike NXR South Run at Texas A&M University. Roman finished 21st overall among 479 overall competitors with a time of 16 minutes, 35.70 seconds over the 5,000-meter course.



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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., and Saturday at 7:30 a.m., Hope Community United Methodist Church, 2838 Lily St. Call 713-686-6300 (24/7) or visit <https://aahouston.org/meetings/>.  
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Check website for time and location <https://pearlandrotary.com/events/calendar> or call 832-293-9860.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Open Tues. - Sat., 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 for appointment. Tours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** See Thursday's notice.  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group**, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at <https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners>. Call 713-686-6300 for more information. Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit [www.hascona.com](http://www.hascona.com) or <https://nastuff.com/>. Meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 8 to 9 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles, that they are not alone, and discover choices available. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6**  
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.  
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-

based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 5125 Preston Ave. Pasadena, TX 77505. Call 713-419-2635 for details.  
8 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **Beverly Hills Sharers Group AA** - See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group** - See Friday's notice.  
6 p.m. **Scrabble Club #511** - Meets Monday at Denny's, 19212 Gulf Freeway. Join the fun and improve crossword skills. COVID-19 vaccination required. Email [huff\\_reunion@juno.com](mailto:huff_reunion@juno.com) for info.  
7 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting Mondays, 7 p.m. in the Education Bldg. in room 6, at 11011 Hall Road, 77089. For details, call Rita at 281-309-2801.  
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau at 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**  
10 a.m. Join Wise Owls on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. For companionship and games at United Methodist Church, 12501 Palmsprings Drive. Call Shirley at 713-449-9959.  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
10 a.m. **CCART** - The Clear Creek Association of Retired Teachers meets the second Tuesday, monthly, 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.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
10:30 a.m. **Tri County Republican Women** - General meetings are held the second Tuesday, except June and July, Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., Pearland. Lunch available for \$20. Exact cash or a check requested. To RSVP, visit [www.tricountyrvw.club/](http://www.tricountyrvw.club/).  
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
6:30-7:30 p.m. **Southeast Houston Toastmasters** - The Southeast Houston Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Tuesdays (hybrid meeting) at seahouston.toastmastersclubs.org. In-person address, 10500 Scarsdale Blvd. (SB Chamber of Commerce). Visit the website or

call Karen Nunn, at 832-722-9061 for information.  
7 p.m. **Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - **Imperfect Nooners Group** - See Friday's notice.  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.  
**Carmelites** - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake on the first and third Wednesdays for a time filled with fun, fellowship, lending library with books and puzzles, coffee and bingo. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Day trips and extended trips available. Deposits are now being taken for Poland For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.  
Noon **Ballroom Dancing** - A ballroom dance group welcomes visitors every Wednesday to enjoy free dancing from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Hometown Heroes Park Ballroom, 1001 East League City Parkway, League City. Everyone is welcome to enjoy dancing to a selection of CD music provided by DJ Neva Schroder and guest DJs. This weekly dance does not include lessons. Free lessons are taught by Jerry Sanford at the same location on Mondays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. While these opportunities are free and provided by volunteers, the park system requires participants to register and get an activity card for all park activities. For more information about the activity card, one may ask at the front desk or call 281-554-1180.  
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# Dobie varsity girls' volleyball players earn 2025 All-District honors in 22-6A



At left, Dobie senior middle blocker Jordan Johnson was named the Blocker of the Year and was a first-team All-District selection in District 22-6A and completed her final season with the Longhorns with an outstanding performance in 2025. Johnson had 80 total blocks and also averaged nearly two kills per set. At right, Kylar Joseph came through with a stellar senior season with the Dobie varsity volleyball team as she collected 22-6A first team All-District accolades following the regular season. Joseph had more than 200 kills to lead the Longhorns. Both players have also earned Academic All-District honors for their outstanding work in the classroom.



Dobie junior outside hitter Alyssa Espinoza will be one of the key returnees for the Dobie varsity volleyball team and was a second-team All-District performer in 2025.



Sophomore setter Riese Rackley will be counted on to lead the program in future seasons. In her debut season at the varsity level in 2025, Rackley earned honorable mention All-District honors.

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At right, All-District honorable mention honors went to senior Jessica Moise as the outstanding outside hitter came through again and again this season for the Longhorns. Below, Dobie sophomore libero Aly Garza is another player that has a bright future within the varsity volleyball program after she earned All-District honorable mention accolades following the 2025 season. Both players also earned Academic All-District honors for their outstanding work in the classroom.

*Photos by Gloria Wallace and Donna Alsdorf*



## Clear Brook, Dobie face challenges

**Continued from Page 5**  
Wolverines have now won three of 10 overall games and will soon begin 24-6A action with plenty of confidence. The Wolverines came away with a 41-38 victory over Beaumont Westbrook Nov. 26 and followed that up with a Nov. 29 victory over Lake Creek, 63-46. The locals went against Alief Hastings Dec. 2 after press time and will play at Humble Dec. 5 before hosting Foster Dec. 9. The fun within District 24-6A begins Dec. 16 as the Wolverines play at Clear Springs before hosting a Dickinson team that appears to be the frontrunner in the league Dec. 19. As for the Dobie girls, head coach Rachel Flores predicted better results for her program this season, and so far the Longhorns have delivered on that promise. Dobie has already defeat-

ed Alvin to open 22-6A play before going against Manvel Dec. 2 after press time. At 4-5 overall, the Longhorns will open play at the Georgetown event Dec. 4 against state-ranked Argyle and could face a bevy of tough competition at the event. But with Makayla Mendez, Tiara Charles and Audrey Volper among those playing solid basketball to this point in the season, the Longhorns are primed to take to the court each night with a chance to pull out a victory despite a top-heavy field within 22-6A.

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