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### School supply drive set

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 9850 Mango, and Beta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma will host a school supply drive thru Saturday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Starter kit backpacks with school supplies will be distributed until supplies run out.

### Sagemeadow to meet July 20

The Sagemeadow HOA will hold a meeting at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer. All Sagemeadow residents are encouraged to attend. For additional information, visit sagemeadow.org.

### New Covenant feeds needy

The New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk at Kirkfair, will have distribution events on the first and third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon and the second and fourth Saturday of each month from noon to 2 p.m. The purpose of the distribution events is to provide food to people in need in the surrounding community. For information, call 281-484-4230.

### Riverstone to hold meeting

Riverstone Ranch HOA will hold its annual meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 20, via Zoom videoconferencing. An in-person meeting will not be held this year. Candidates Adama Hernandez and Yen Rabe are running for the position of director. All voting in the HOA's election will be done by absentee ballot. Residents should have received a password to take part in the Zoom meeting. For more information, call VanMor Properties at 832-593-7300.

### Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes at Beamer, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday as part of the weekly Coffee With the Constable series. The next event will take place Thursday, July 20. For more information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### Kirkwood to hold meeting

The Kirkwood Civic Club's monthly meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes. Meetings are typically scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. For additional information, call Kirkwood Civic Club President Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

### Beltway closed for repairs

All westbound Beltway 8 main lanes near the Gulf Freeway will be closed through Thursday, Aug. 31, to make emergency repairs, according to Texas Department of Transportation officials. All westbound traffic will be forced to exit the main lanes at SH 3/Old Galveston and be diverted to the Beltway 8 frontage lanes. The westbound entrance ramps will be closed at SH 3/Old Galveston, Crenshaw and Genoa Red Bluff. The westbound main lanes will reopen at Beamer. Eastbound Beltway 8 main lanes and all connector ramps to the Gulf Freeway will remain open. TxDOT officials say the closures are necessary to make emergency repairs near the westbound Sabo exit, where the ground is sinking. The closures are expected to cause traffic delays.

### Local COVID cases decrease

After months of being somewhat stagnant, the number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community dropped this past week according to county health officials, particularly in ZIP code 77089.

As of Tuesday, July 18, there were 63 active cases in 77089, down 162 from the previous week. To date, 142 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 12 active cases, down one from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 20 active cases, down two from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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

### JFD 35-year reunion planned

Dobie Class of 1988 will hold its 35-year reunion Friday, July 21, and Saturday, July 22. The weekend kicks off with two events Friday before the main event Saturday. Friday will begin with an icebreaker from noon to 6 p.m. at Southshore Harbour Resort, 2500 Southshore Blvd. followed by a pub crawl in the Strand at Galveston. The weekend concludes with a main event from 6 to 11 p.m. at Top Water Bar and Grill (under the palapa, 815 Ave. O in San Leon. For ticket information, visit www.eventbrite.com/d/tx--houston/dobie-high-school-1988-reunion.

### Gulf Freeway closures set

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. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 517 in League City to FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 2004/Camp Wallace Access Road in Dickinson/Texas City to FM 519/Main Street in La Marque daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

### Knights sell barbecue

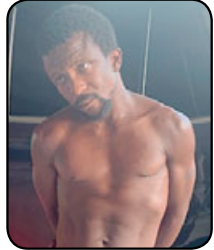
Knights of Columbus Council 9201 will host a barbecue fundraiser at St. Luke the Evangelist, located at 11011 Hall Road, Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost will be \$15 for a two-meat plate with brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad and drink; \$10 for chopped beef salad sandwich with chips and drink; and \$6 for sausage-on-a-stick. Proceeds will benefit the church's capital campaign.

# Pct. 2 steps up patrols near Edgebrook

## Patrols target remaining homeless following recent decommissions

In the weeks following a recent sweep of multiple homeless encampment at the intersection of Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, in which county officials and volunteers helped dozens of affected individuals gain housing, deputies with Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office are now ramping up criminal patrols in the area for those who opted to not accept assistance.

On Wednesday, July 5, at approximately 6 p.m. deputies with Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit were proactively patrolling the Edgebrook and Gulf Freeway corridor. Garcia has tried to enhance patrols in this area due to numerous complaints from the public in reference to this area being an extremely high-crime area.



Leonard Davis

Upon monitoring this area deputies observed numerous persons underneath the overpass participating in drug use and sales and pulled in to further investigate. Upon making contact with several individuals, it was determined that one was smoking what was believed to be KUSH, an illegal synthetic marijuana.



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Further investigation revealed that this male was also found to have a Felony Parole Violation Warrant for Violation of a Protective Order. At this time 35-year-old Leonard Davis was taken

into custody without incident, and transported to the Harris County Jail.

On Tuesday, July 11, at approximately 2 p.m. Deputies with Garcia's Evening Shift Patrol ob-

served a male panhandling and impeding traffic near the intersection of Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

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## Edgebrook patrols target crime



Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office has ramped up criminal patrols in recent weeks in the area surrounding Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. The increased police patrols come on the heels of recent humanitarian efforts to clean up homelessness at the intersection. Garcia said the area has a high rate of narcotics, prostitution and other crimes.

## Sports Association votes for Little League

At a meeting held Wednesday, July 12, the South Belt Area Sports Association board of directors voted in favor of allowing Little League access to the at El Franco Lee Park baseball fields for the fall 2023 season over the Pony League competitors, ending a months-long dispute.

"During this meeting we discussed the possibility of both Pony and Little League coexisting at the park," said SBSA President Denny Wranich Jr. "After a lengthy discussion, there was deemed not a possibility at this point. There appears to be too much nonsense between grown adults for that to happen."

Of the eight-member board, four voted in favor of Little League, three voted in favor of Pony and one abstained. Of the five meetings which have been held this year, Johnny Ramirez, presi-

dent of Pony has not attended any of them.

The topic had been controversial since the beginning of this year when it was announced that former local Little League President Johnny Ramirez was leaving the organization to join the Pony League, taking hundreds of area players with him - many without their knowledge they had changed leagues.

Wranich said the decision was made largely to ensure all local children have a chance to play.

"Being that these fields were built for kids in this community, we have decided that Little League baseball should have full access to the fields," said Wranich. "With Little League's boundaries specified to our community, it will ensure that every kid in this area will have the

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## Teen fatally shot near Windmill Lakes

### Boy, 16, found shot inside crashed vehicle

A teen driver was found fatally shot in a crashed vehicle near Windmill Lakes around 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, July 5.

The identity of the male, 16, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a crash at the above address and found witnesses had pulled the male out of the driver's seat and attempted to provide medical assistance.

Houston Fire Department paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the teen dead.

Further investigation determined the male had suffered a gunshot wound.

At press time, there was no known motive or suspect(s), police said.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

## Monroe juggling crime leads to 6 arrests

Six men were recently arrested after allegedly robbing a man at gunpoint after he left a check-cashing business near Monroe and the Gulf Freeway.

Cipriano Cazares Sandoval had just left the business after depositing money for his daughter in Mexico.

Unbeknownst to Sandoval, he was followed home by six suspects, presumably believing he had just made a withdrawal from the business.

Once Sandoval pulled into his driveway, the tailing vehicle blocked his truck in and four of the six suspects got out of the car - two of whom had guns.

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# State House, Senate reach landmark tax deal

## Proposed legislation would provide biggest property tax cut in Texas history

Leaders in the House and Senate have reached a deal during the state's second special legislative session that will provide landmark property tax relief.

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Speaker Dade Phelan issued a joint statement to announce an agreement on the legislation, known as SB 2, which will deliver the biggest property tax cut in Texas history. Both leaders met last week in Austin and, along with members of the House and Senate, have continued working day and night to reach a consensus.

The deal represents a significant win for providing relief to Texas property owners and reflects the commitment of Texas leaders to address the concerns of taxpayers and provide significant relief from the burden of escalating property taxes.

Highlights of the \$18 billion tax cut legislation include:

- More than \$12 billion will be spent on re-

ducing the school property tax rate for all homeowners and business properties.

- Every homeowner who homesteads their home (approximately 5.7 million homeowners) will get a \$100,000 homestead exemption.

- Nonhomesteaded properties, valued at \$5 million and under, including residential and commercial properties, will receive a 20 percent circuit breaker on appraised values as a 3-year pilot project.

- Legislation will also include savings on the franchise tax for small businesses and create newly elected positions on local appraisal boards.

"Reducing property taxes, providing relief to small business owners, and reforming our appraisal system will ensure economic growth and prosperity, and this agreement is a significant victory for all Texans," said Phelan. "I appreciate Rep. Morgan Meyer, Rep. Will Metcalf and all

the dedicated members of the House who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help us reach a consensus, and the Texas House will soon do its part to deliver historic property tax relief. Negotiations with the lieutenant governor have been extremely productive, and by coming together and finding

common ground, the House and Senate are one step closer to providing much-needed, much-deserved relief. I look forward to the passage of this package in the coming days and delivering on our commitment to the people of Texas."

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## CCISD seeks citizen nominations

The Clear Creek ISD board of trustees is seeking nominations for the 2023 Citizen of the Year.

This distinguished award is presented each year to honor an outstanding member of the community who champions the Clear Creek Independent School District and devotes their efforts to the betterment of public education.

The recipient will be announced at the Clear Creek Education Foundation's (CCEF) Awards Dinner on Nov. 9, at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City.

Recipients eligible for the Citizen of the Year award must meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrated a commitment to Clear Creek ISD through volunteer efforts.
- Contributed significantly in ways that have benefited the entirety of Clear Creek ISD.
- Maintained a reputation across the Clear Creek ISD community as an individual with high

standards and dedication to excellence in public education.

- Voluntarily served the District and its students and patrons over an extended period of time.

Former recipients of the CCISD Citizen of the Year honor include Lucien Junkin, Ralph Parr (posthumously), Chris Reed (posthumously), Mayor Pat Hallisey, Trent Martin, Joyce Abbey, Harv Hartman, Jamieson Mackay, David Braun and Dr. James O'Malley.

All nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 1, to be considered for the 2023 award. Nomination forms are available online on the CCEF website. Once completed, nominations may be emailed to ccef@ccisd.net or mailed to the following address:

Clear Creek Education Foundation  
P.O. Box 1631  
League City, TX 77574.

## Apartment catches fire near Edgebrook

An apartment caught fire around 6 p.m. June 1 in the 10900 block of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook.

According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters arrived on scene within five minutes to find smoke coming from the first floor of a two-story apartment building.

They made an offensive attack and conducted a primary search. The crews extinguished the fire in an apartment unit with no spread to the structural members. A fan was used to clear the smoke.

The fire was contained to just one unit. The apartment unit was vacant, and no injuries were reported.

The extent of the property damage was unknown at press time.

HFD arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire. At press time, the cause of the fire remained under investigation.

In all, 31 personnel responded to this incident, including firefighters from stations 26, 70, 36, 52, 61 and 29.

## Firefighters respond to fire at restaurant

### Pho Binh suffers fire, smoke damage

Houston firefighters responded to a restaurant fire around 5 a.m. July 9 in the 10900 block of Beamer near Fuqua.

According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters arrived on scene in approximately five minutes to find fire coming from a restaurant in a strip center - Pho Binh - and made an offensive attack.

Firefighters made entry and controlled the fire, attempting to gain access to the ceiling to check for extension, however, were hindered by shiplap and plywood.

Crews ventilated the roof and firefighters were able to pull the ceiling. A primary search was

conducted of the restaurant and neighboring occupancies with no one found.

The fire and hotspots were extinguished. HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin. Investigators determined the fire was accidental in nature (gas leak behind cooktop range).

The fire caused approximately \$250,000 in damage.

No injuries were reported.

According to HFD officials, 41 personnel responded to this incident in all, including crews from stations 23, 26, 70, 29, 36, 52, 61, 93, 24 and Rehab 17.

## Turner visits District D



Mayor Sylvester Turner on Tuesday, July 11, joined community and business leaders at the Sunnyside Health and Multiservice Center in District D to launch the city's new One Complete Houston program, aimed at combating inequality. Turner said socioeconomic inequalities are often associated with race, ethnicity, gender and ZIP code.

## State Rep. Dennis Paul addresses Sageglen



State Rep. Dennis Paul addressed the Sageglen HOA Monday, July 17. He spent nearly an hour addressing the group and answering questions of homeowners. Paul (second from left) is shown with, left to right, Dawn McDonald; SVFD Fire Chief David Cino; Weeke, Chuck Tylka and Margie Adams.

## Elected officials share their words

### Bettencourt files largest property tax cut bill SB 2 in state's history & SB 3

Senator Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston), filed as primary author the largest property tax cut bill in Texas history, SB 2, the \$18 billion property tax reduction plan, as announced by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and Speaker Dade Phelan on Monday, July 10, 2023.

Senator Bettencourt's SB 2 will increase every Texas homestead exemption to \$100k, for school ISD property tax bills.

Additionally, SB 2 will have \$7 billion worth of MCR compression of ISD M&O property tax rate cuts of 23.8%. Non-homesteaded real property valued at \$5 million and under will receive a 20% circuit-breaker on appraised value increases as a 3-year pilot project.

Senator Bettencourt also filed SB 3, with Senator Tan Parker (R-Flower Mound) as joint-author that will double the franchise tax exemption resulting in an estimated 67k Texas businesses no longer paying a franchise tax. It will also eliminate a "nuisance-tax" for 1.7 million taxpayers filing the no-tax-due forms for franchise taxes, saving businesses both time and money. The constitutional amendment for SB 2 & SB 3 has been filed as a House Joint Resolution, HJR 2 by primary author Representative Will Metcalf (R-Conroe). School districts are held harmless on these changes.

"TAXPAYERS WIN! All residential and commercial real property taxpayers WIN! 5.72 million Texas homeowners WIN!"

"With an eye-popping average 41.5% savings of \$1373 year after year!" Exclaimed Senator Bettencourt. "It's a record property tax cut totaling \$18 billion dollars," he added.

County Appraisal Districts (CAD) governance is also addressed in SB 2. For the first-time ever three county citizens will be elected county-wide to each CAD board of directors in non-partisan positions. In addition, the CAD board of directors will now select Appraisal Review Board (ARB) members, in each county of 75k population or greater. ISD's get \$642 million of I&S debt relief w/ the \$100k HS exemption.

"Not only does Senate Bill 2 and 3, plus HJR 2 contain a record \$18 billion dollar property tax relief, it has a huge \$100k Homestead Exemption proposed Constitutional Amendment that must be voted on by the Public to get 5.72 Million Texas Homeowners an eye-popping savings of an average 41.5% cut over the next two years on their school district property tax bill," Senator Bettencourt stated.

"Plus, the public will be asked to approve the 20% non-homestead real property 'circuit-breaker' and a 'catch-up' for over-65 and disabled for the \$15k homestead exemption increase adjustment from May 2022 state-wide election," he concluded.

## Deaths

### Michael (Mike) Spurlock



Michael (Mike) Spurlock passed away on Monday, July 10, 2023.

Mike was 72 years old and was born on Nov. 17, 1950.

He is preceded in death by his son, Shane Spurlock and brother, Pat Spurlock.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda; daughter and son-in-law Kimberly and Lance Bailey; daughter-in-law Nancy Fuentes; grandsons Noah Spurlock, Bryn and Beau Bailey, Jackson (JB) Spurlock; and granddaughter Payton Spurlock.

He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law Dixie Lee and Lloyd Franklin; brother and sister-in-law Jimmy and Debbie Spurlock; brother John Spurlock; as well as precious pets.

### Roy Alvis Waltz



Roy Alvis Waltz, 80, of Houston, passed away Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

He was born in Vivian La. March 1, 1943, to Rufus Alcorn Waltz and Nellie Hazel Carroll. He was married to Barbara Jean Cooke for 25 years.

Roy graduated from Pasadena High School in 1961 and attended some college courses before going to work for the Texas Highway Department in the field survey department.

He then went to work for the Texas Pipe Bending Company as a spooling drafter.

The majority of his life's work began in 1967 at GDS Engineers at the Exxon Baytown Refinery where he worked as a piping designer, design leader and design supervisor, and then transferred as a design engineering group leader to the Arco Refinery in Houston.

He retired at age 62 in 2005 to enjoy traveling around the country in his Newell RV coach with his later-in-life partner Catherine Shaw.

Roy was an adventurous guy, who enjoyed scuba diving in his younger years.

In his 25 years of marriage to his wife Barbara, they kept an RV and took their four children on many driving and camping trips.

Roy and Catherine made many trips to all states, national parks, and battlefields in the United States. Roy enjoyed evenings playing bridge with his many friends in several states he met on his travels.

Roy was a member of Sagemont Church since the 70s. Roy had a passion for family history, American history and people in general.

In his last years, his neighbors were always helpful and kind to his needs in his struggle to breathe.

He is survived by brother James Albert Waltz and wife Elizabeth; sister Carrie Ann Waltz and partner Bill Elliott; sons Michael Wayne and wife Marie and Phillip Wesley and wife Carolyn; daughter Phyllis Jean Vandenberg and husband Ed; daughter-in-law Alisa Paige Jennings; granddaughters Marissa Atkinson and Taylor Waltz; grandsons Tucker Waltz, Tyler Waltz, Logan Waltz and Jacob Blanchard; nieces Debbie Price Naquin and husband Price Naquin, Sharon Wright, Sarah Waltz, Rachel Waltz, and Pamela Kay Morrison and husband Phil Morrison; nephews James Brett Waltz and wife Amy, James Ishmael Waltz and wife Tina, and Jon David Anley and wife Brandy; grandnieces Taylor Wood and husband Jeremiah Wood, Abby Naquin and partner Ani, Allison Resendez and husband Kenneth, Kristen Adank and husband Jordan Adank, Ricca Feigelson and husband Jack Feigelson, Isabella Waltz, Julia Waltz, and Violet Waltz; grandnephews Christopher Wright and wife Martha, Brandon Wright and wife Patricia, Jacob Waltz, and Timmy Anley; eight great-grandnieces; and four great-grandchildren.

A visitation for Roy was held Tuesday, July 18, at Forest Park East Funeral Home, 21620 Gulf Freeway Webster, TX 77598.

A funeral service followed.

A committal service was held at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Trinity.

## Tigers Eye Party Rentals wins trophy



Tigers Eye Party Rentals was a first-time entry in the Fourth of July parade. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Nikki Speake, Kellie Speake, (back row) Jesus Martinez, Gabe Penaloza, August Fincher, Carlos Martinez and Lupita Leija.

## Loretta, Olvin awarded Yard of the Month



Congratulations are in order for Loretta (left) and Olvin White for winning the Sagemeadow HOA Yard of the Month for June 2023. Loretta and Olvin's enthusiasm for gardening is contagious. Loretta is a former Harris County Master Gardener and Olvin owned a landscaping company. The live oak trees are surrounded by raised, stone-edged flower beds. Annual and perennial flowers are preferred by Loretta. Vincas, salvias, pentas, zinnias, caladiums, lantanas, agapanthus and drift roses offer a palette of colors. Abelia, nandina, dwarf ligustrum and hibiscus and several crepe myrtle shrubs border the house. The couple's property is located at the corner of Sageplum Drive and Blackhawk Boulevard.

## Sports Association votes for Little League

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SBSA officials said Pony League will be allowed to finish its 2023 spring season but then must relinquish the keys to the field.

"The SBSA would like the Pony League to complete their season," Wranich said. "The Pony League and Little League will remain sharing the fields until mid-August. At that time, the SBSA will be requesting the keys to the facilities to be turned over to Little League," Wranich said all Pony League players are invited to participate in Little League.

"All Pony League players will be invited to register and participate in Little League fall ball, as well as spring ball for the 2024 season," said Wranich. "By doing this, we are assuring every child in our community has the opportunity to play baseball."

## Local library events set

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

**Bracewell Branch Library**

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

Thursday, July 20, 3 – 5 p.m. Houston Public Library open house.  
Thursday, July 20, 4 – 5 p.m. Family storytime. Registration required.  
Monday, July 24, 3 – 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Registration required.  
Tuesday, July 25, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Children's Museum of Houston: The basics fun show.  
Tuesday, July 25, 2 – 3 p.m. Nature Discovery Center. Registration required.  
Wednesday, July 14, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Family 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.

**Additional resources**

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

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

**Parker Williams Library**

Parker Williams Library is open. 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 Searsdale Blvd.:  
Thursday, July 20, 10 – 11:30 a.m. Conversation club.  
Thursday, July 20, 10 – 11:30 a.m. ESL conversation club.  
Thursday, July 20, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.  
Friday, July 21, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Camp Lego.  
Monday, July 24, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Family story time.  
Tuesday, July 25, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.  
Wednesday, July 26, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Camp Little Rock Stars.  
Wednesday, July 26, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Adult Craft: Sock critters. Registration required.

**Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"**

After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.  
Have a library card number and PIN handy.  
A pickup time and instructions will be given.  
Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.  
Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.  
Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 – 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

**Online services**

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

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Davy & Marie Flickinger, owners

## Juggling crime leads to 6 arrests

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When the crooks discovered the victim had no cash, they instead took his phone.

Sandoval made a mental note to remember the suspect vehicle's license plate, and police were quick to catch up with the car and apprehend the suspects.

The following six suspects were charged:

- Jakaleb Lee Washington, 19, was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon. Washington is accused of being the group's ring leader.
- Kavion Deshawn Butler, 17, was charged with unlawful carrying of weapon.
- Davion Deshawn Butler, 17, was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.
- Reginald Eugene Harris, 21, was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.
- Deandrick Jefferson-Stewart, 19, was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.
- Jamarcus Devon Wilmore, 20, was charged with unlawful carrying of weapon.

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- Deandrick Jefferson-Stewart, 19, was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.
- Jamarcus Devon Wilmore, 20, was charged with unlawful carrying of weapon.

## AARP meets Aug. 10

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will host the 10 a.m. meeting Thursday, Aug. 10, at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway. Meet in the building with the blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. Everyone is invited for coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting. Each meeting features entertainment or a speaker on topics of interest to seniors.

The Aug. 10 program features Stacy Mills, co-president of the League City Garden Club, who will inform attendees about their history and how they are a vital part of League City. Learn about the Texas Super Stars plants and how to make gardens more beautiful. Guests will receive a special gift while supplies last. The social will be the annual indoor picnic. If one has not signed up, they must do so by calling Lynne Justis at 832-212-5417 by Aug. 7.

The group will collect a \$3 donation for the AARP All Stars Alzheimer's Association. For the donation, one receives a club sandwich chips, drink, and

dessert. Proceeds will be given to the ALZ team. Door prizes will be given.

The Chapter organizes day trips for 199 members by bus to area points of interest at minimal cost. The next trip will be Friday, Aug. 11, to tour the U.S. Coast Guard Base, Galveston. Lunch will be at Mario's Seawall Italian Restaurant. Cost is \$3 a person plus lunch. Members may register for the trip at the Aug. 10 meeting.

The following bus trip will be Wednesday, Sept. 27, when there will be lunch at Topwater Grill in San Leon and a tour of Raillean Distillers in San Leon. There is a 20-person minimum for this tour which includes a souvenir shot glass and tasting. Cost of the trip is \$13. person plus lunch. Members may register and pay for this trip at the Aug. 10 meeting.

## Pct. 2 steps up Edgebrook patrols

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The individual was identified and was found to have outstanding warrants out of Harris County, Texas for Evading and Interference with Public Duties. Demond Parish was arrested and taken into custody and transported to Harris County Jail on these warrants.

"Constable Garcia hears your concerns and will continue to utilize all his divisions to enhance public safety and make his precinct safer," a post on Garcia's Facebook page read.

## Texas landmark tax deal approved

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Patrick expressed a similar sentiment.

"I started working to reduce property taxes at a Capitol hearing in 2003, 4 years before I was elected to the Texas Senate. It has

been a long road, but this is a great day for all property owners. Speaker Phelan and I worked diligently together over the last week on the final bill. It made the difference.

"It may have taken overtime, but the process has produced a great bill for homeowners and businesses," said Patrick. "I thank all 31 Senators for working together and being patient through this process. I especially thank Sen. Paul Bettencourt, who was with me on that first bus trip to Austin 20 years ago, for his tireless work on this issue."

Bettencourt, who served as the primary author of the

and utilized his Special Operations Unit to assist with cleaning this area up. Overall, public safety is his main priority."

A coalition of local nonprofit groups recently partnered with the county to decommission all of the homeless encampments located at Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, getting 10 individuals on the path to housing. Similar decommissions were done by near Fuqua, Beltway 8 and El Dorado, setting an additional 11 others on the path to housing.

proposed legislation, was elated by news of the agreement.

"What a fantastic package this is," said Bettencourt. "There is one state voting on an \$18 billion property tax relief bill and that is the state of Texas. It's Texas-sized nationally."

Both the omnibus property tax relief bill and the franchise tax relief bill will originate in the Texas Senate and the constitutional amendment will be introduced as a House Joint Resolution. The Senate and House will file legislation today with the goal of passing the bills later this week. (See related story this page.)

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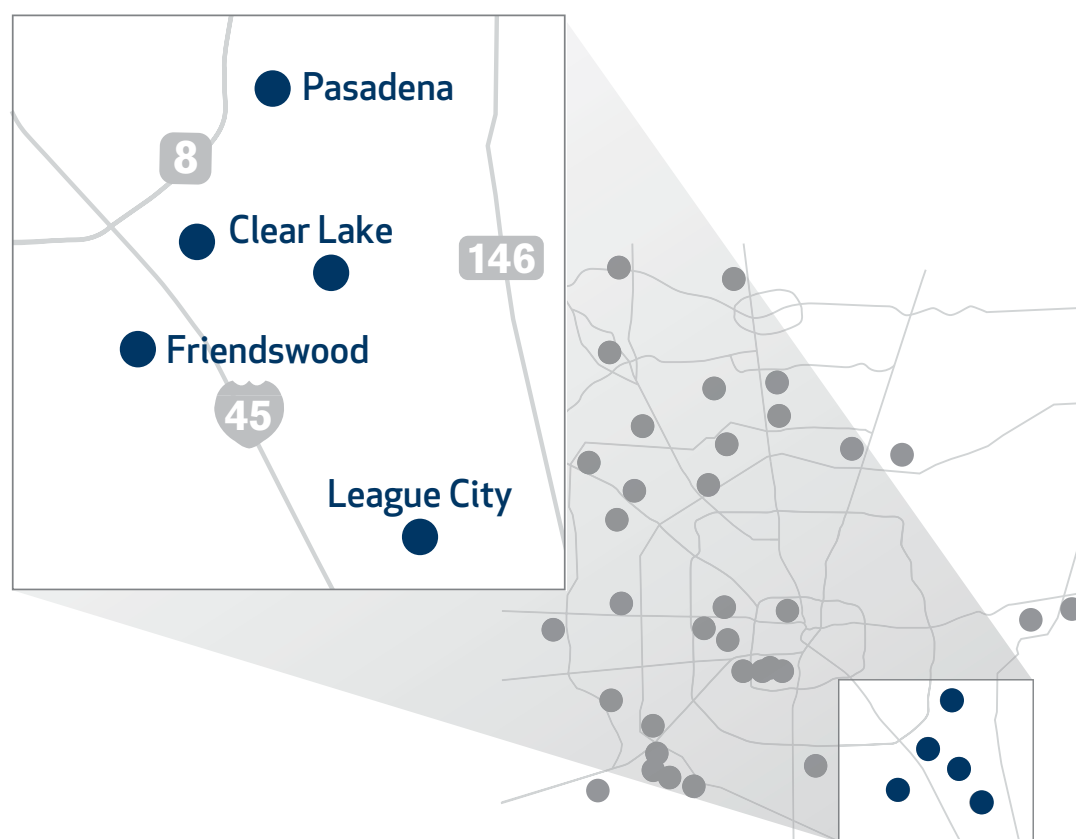


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# Area residents turn out to rock Independence Day parade



Above, Emma Barbour enjoys the South Belt Ellington 4th of July parade. At left, shown with the DJ C-REY float are, left to right, Daniel Cabrera, Lilian Trejo, Lynda Hernandez, Corey Reyes, Jasmine Trejo, Jessica Davila and Marcus Trejo.

## Maxwell helps Soriano find hope



Shining Star Anna Abrego Soriano is a member of the National Honor Society, acts as counselor for PISD's robotics summer camp and is part of the Central ECHS Leadership Committee, Pasadena Memorial High School's orchestra and NASA High Schools Aerospace Scholars.

Soriano chose as her distinguished educator Central ECHS' Pamela Maxwell. Soriano comments on her decision, "I chose Ms. Maxwell as my most influential educator because she supported my education in many ways. Most importantly, Ms. Maxwell always listened to anything I needed to talk about, whether it was a difficult test or an acceptance to a university. I could always count on Ms. Maxwell to celebrate my victories with me and help me get through tough times. Ms. Maxwell taught me that finding the silver lining in difficult situations will make life easier."

After high school, Soriano expresses, "I plan to attend the University of Houston - Clear Lake to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. Then, I will attend the University of Houston - Victoria to earn a master's degree in forensic psychology. I hope to learn about the various applications of forensic psychology while attending university. My dream career would be working as a special agent in the FBI, which I will pursue after completing my master's degree."

The Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top Pasadena Memorial students.

The information and photos were submitted by the Pasadena Independent School District.

*The Leader is also running top Shining Stars from South Houston HS, CTHS and J. Frank Dobie High School.*

## Schmidt appreciates Crandall's advice



CTHS Shining Star Christian Schmidt plans to study physics at the University of Houston, elaborating, "I'm aiming for a Master of Science so that I may pursue a career in engineering and, later, education."

Schmidt's extracurricular activities include involvement in the American Legion Texas Boy's State, Pasadena State of the City Service, Pasadena Taste of Town, Texas Invitational Service and Teen Court. He was also involved in 2021 prom services, is president of the National Honor Society, anchor of the CTHS campus news broadcast (Knighly News), treasurer of class council and belongs to Phi Theta Kappa.

He says of distinguished educator Chef Richard Crandall, culinary arts teacher, "I have not found among my possessions anything which I hold more dear than, or value so much as, the knowledge of the actions of great men, acquired by long experience in contemporary affairs. My respect for Chef Crandall is rooted in his strong character; he exemplifies the synergy between physical and mental strength - of which one cannot reach its full potential without the other."

Though a teacher of culinary arts, he taught me also the tacit lessons of discipline and respect. His role in my development of character is indispensable; no amount of flattery or denial can revoke it."

The Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the top Lewis Career & Technical High School students.

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# Remember When

**45 years ago (1978)**  
Two mailboxes, one off Blackhawk, the other off Sageplum, were blown up by some type of homemade explosive using a soft drink bottle.

Ralph Edwards became the minister of education for Sagemont Baptist Church.

**40 years ago (1983)**  
The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees was to make a decision that could make the district landlord of a garbage dump on Genoa Red Bluff Road.

Employee health insurance premiums for PISD were to increase 13 percent during the next school year.

**35 years ago (1988)**  
William A. Hyslop was appointed to replace the chief executive officer of Memorial Southeast Hospital, Steve Sanders, who left his post to participate in a new presidential development program.

South Belt resident Chris Clark, Democratic candidate for state Rep. Randy Pennington's District 130 position, agreed to serve on a bipartisan municipal waste task force cosponsored by Pennington.

**30 years ago (1993)**  
The PISD board of trustees approved a proposal to enter into a cooperative program with the "rich" Deer Park school district. Details of the program were still to be worked out and needed approval by Deer Park voters and the education commissioner. In the program, Deer Park would share some of its wealth with Pasadena.

Robert Ingram was appointed assistant principal at Clear Brook High School at a Clear Creek ISD board meeting. Just one year before, Ingram, who resided in CCISD, was named to the same position at Dobie High School.

Asian gang-type crime activity in the South Belt area had come to a halt following arrests of eight teens in two separate incidents over the previous week.

Environmental Protection Agency officials announced immediate action be taken to learn why Brio toxic chemicals were reaching Mud Gully and Clear Creek. After testing samples in the water-

ways during April and May, EPA officials became convinced the toxics were from the Brio Superfund Site.

**25 years ago (1998)**  
The Sagemont-Beverly Hills major all-star team won the District 15 tournament.

Commissioner El Franco Lee announced a major development of South Belt's county annex facility. This included the justice of the peace office; relocation, enlarging and moving the constable's facility; and establishing a tax office, a county clerk's office and an office for Lee.

**20 years ago (2003)**  
1988 J. Frank Dobie graduate Dr. M. Derek Caraway became the new medical director of the emergency room at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital.

1997 Dobie graduate Sgt. Jonathan Wuneburger, a Marine who was serving overseas, performed security detail for Secretary of State Colin Powell during Powell's visit to Sharm El Sheik, Egypt.

**15 years ago (2008)**  
A 1986 Dobie graduate

and his former father-in-law were indicted Thursday, July 17, on charges that they stole money from the Houston Police Officers' Union. Jeff Larson, 39, and Ronald Martin, 51, are accused of bilking more than \$100,000 from the union, where they formerly served on the board as treasurer and secretary, respectively. The two men allegedly stole cash, cashed checks, used credit cards and kept money from vehicle sales. The crimes reportedly took place from December 2004 to January 2008, when the two men were relieved of duty following an internal investigation that began last November. Martin, who had been with the department 31 years, retired from the force. Larson, a 16-year veteran of the department, was off duty with pay pending the outcome of the investigation. The pair were charged with misapplication of fiduciary property. Martin was also indicted on charges of theft by a public servant.

A man was fatally shot by a bouncer at a local strip club on Sunday, July 20. Accord-

ing to police, Jose Rogelio Alanis, 38, of McAllen, was asked to leave Sugar's Gentlemen's Club at Gulf Freeway and Dixie Farm Road due to disorderly behavior. Shortly thereafter, employees at the club were told that Alanis was slashing car tires in the parking lot with a knife. The club's bouncer, Travis Bohannon, along with another employee, went outside to investigate the matter. As Bohannon, 27, approached Alanis, the man raised the knife and moved toward the bouncer. Bohannon, who has a license to carry a concealed handgun, pulled out a pistol and fired a single shot at Alanis. Alanis was transported to Ben Taub General Hospital, where he later died. No charges were filed.

Units from three separate law enforcement agencies converged on a Clear Brook Meadows home Monday, July 21, and arrested a man following a federal investigation into child pornography. Suspect Joseph Montross was nabbed in a joint effort by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

(ICE) Office of Investigations, the Pasadena Independent School District Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) unit and the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's Office. Montross, 28, was charged with possession and distribution of child pornography, indecency with a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child.

A individual was car-jacked Monday, July 21, at about 11 a.m. at a carwash in the 11400 block of Hall Road near Beamer. The driver of a late-model Lexus 300 was at the establishment when he was approached by a man who brandished a handgun and told him to walk away from the vehicle. The victim followed the man's instructions and walked away from the car wash, as the suspect jumped in the Lexus and sped away from the scene. No immediate arrests were made.

**10 years ago (2013)**  
The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees named Stacy Barber the new principal of Beverly Hills Intermediate School.

Barber, who had served as an assistant principal at Beverly Hills since 2009, replaced Alyta Harrell, who was promoted earlier in the month to assistant superintendent for campus development.

**5 years ago (2018)**  
Local electrician Johnny Gibbs of Lighthouse Electric found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time Tuesday, July 17, as he was swept up in a drug raid at a customer's house in the 9900 block of Logans Way in the Ashley Pointe subdivision. Gibbs said he had just left the residence around 6 p.m. after doing an inspection and was sending a text from his truck in front of the house when multiple police agencies - including the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Harris County Sheriff's Office, the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office and a K-9 unit from the Pearland Police Department - swarmed the house. During the confusion, Gibbs was detained and placed in handcuffs.

Gibbs explained that he was merely there to give the resident an estimate for elec-

trical work. The officers told Gibbs they already knew this but that he was taking too long to leave the home. One male was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. His identity was not released, as he was cooperating with police.

At a special meeting, the

Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees named Allison Lewallen the new principal of Morris Middle School and Tanis Griffin the new principal of Thompson Intermediate. Both educators served with the school district in other capacities.

**1 year ago (2022)**

There was a gas leak near the Ashley Pointe subdivision Saturday, July 16. While emergency crews were quick to respond to the incident, repairs took all day to complete. As a precaution, the road was blocked off, and several residents were evacuated.

card which is cheaper for those who are under 55.

Neva Schroder is volunteer Coordinator for this activity.

## Public invited to dance at Heroes Park

The public is invited to a ballroom dance every Wednesday at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 East League City Parkway. All, regardless of dance ability, are urged to enjoy this activity from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Unpaid volunteers, Neva and Bill Schroder provide music and sound playing a complete variety of rhythms for ballroom dancing plus popular local dances. This dance has been continuous for more than 10 years. Ages junior high through senior citizens are welcome.

The dance is free but the City requires a Park Activity Card which has different cri-

teria for residents and different ages. Call 281-554-1180 for details including information about a "dance only" activity

## Over The Back Fence by Natalie

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOSE!**  
Greetings for a happy birthday July 25 are sent to **Jose Abarca** from his wife **Natalie**; children **Kelvin Lopez, Noah, Elliana and Isabella Abarca**; mother-in-law **Ellie Flickinger** and her husband **David Flickinger** (Leader president); grandparents **Marie and David Flickinger**; and friends and staff at the **Leader**.

**KENNY MARKS A BIRTHDAY**  
Break out the balloons and party favors for **Kenny Fernandez** who celebrates a birthday July 26. He is active in the community as a local businessman, president/CEO at North American Shipping Agencies and chairman of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber.

**IRVINES ENJOY ANNIVERSARY!**  
Wishes for a happy anniversary July 26 are sent to **Steven and Rebecca (Heeth) Irvine** from Rebecca's father **Richard Heeth**, a longtime Kirkwood resident.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 20 through July 26.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Eryqa Glenn** July 23. Break out the birthday

cake and ice cream July 24 for **Abraham Tristan**. Marking a birthday July 25 is **Virginia Light Genoa Elementary**

Sing a happy birthday song July 22 to **Lisa Hernandez**.

**Meador Elementary**  
Marking a birthday July 25 is **Maria Gonzalez Moore Elementary**

The day for a fun birthday for **Gloria Guillen** is July 26.

**South Belt Elementary**  
Sing two choruses of a birthday song July 26 to **Hortencia Armenta and Marie Goree**.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
Break out the birthday cake and ice cream July 22 for **Ella Escalona**.

**Roberts Middle School**  
**Sana Al Muslim** celebrates a birthday July 22. **Jessica Roberts** enjoys a birthday July 24.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Enjoying a birthday July 21 is **Yara Quintanilla**. **Curtis Tucker** enjoys a birthday July 26.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Esmeralda Rico** July 21. Remember to wish **Laura Napoli** a happy birthday July 22.

**Dobie High**

Cheers for a birthday celebration July 22 for **Kevin Erickson**. Break out the balloons and party favors for the July 24 birthday celebration of **Cam Luong**. Birthday greetings are sent to **Rowena Hickman** July 25.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, July 20: **Junior Lynn, Curtis Eads, Mary Johnson and Chris Cole**; Friday, July 21: **Natalie Sweet, Denise McMurrough, Vanessa Veltman and Danielle Clay**; Saturday, July 22: **Judith Kemle**; Sunday, July 23: **Mario Salazar, Angeles Gomez, Melinda Evans and Amanda Karsten**; Monday, July 24: **Richard Schreier, Montoya Wiltturner, Connie Alberti, Richard Golenko and Pete Ortiz**; Tuesday, July 25: **Kelly Jones, Stephanie Gutierrez, Cherie Cundiff, Mario Rodriguez and Brodie Riner Jr.**; and Wednesday July 26: **Kenneth Sublett, Magda Adams, Debra Patterson, Kendrick Woods, Jenny Batson, Terrie Nichols, Kenny Fernandez, Eric Madsen, Gina D'Orazio and Elizabeth Bazan**.

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# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Dobie freshman football camp

The Dobie High School football staff will host its Incoming Freshman Football Camp July 25-27, from 8 to 10 a.m., at the Dobie9 campus as first-year Longhorn players, freshmen as of the 2023-2024 school year, will have a great opportunity to get an early look at the program. Players may scan the QR code at [www.dobiepride.com](http://www.dobiepride.com) in order to register.

## JFD VB plans July 31 tryouts

The Dobie High School 2023 volleyball season will officially get started July 31 as head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff host tryouts on the main campus. All athletes, including incoming freshmen through incoming seniors, are required to check in at 6:30 a.m. in preparation for 7 to 10 a.m. conditioning work.

Freshmen will then work on court from noon to 2 p.m., with all others on the court from 2 to 4 p.m. A current physical and Rank One paperwork completed are both required to participate. For additional information, direct email to Sexton at [dsexton@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:dsexton@pasadenaisd.org).

As for the 2023 regular season, the Longhorns will host Baytown Sterling Aug. 8, at Phillips Field House, with the varsity match set to start at 6 p.m.

Following the start of workouts July 31, Dobie will scrimmage Aug. 4 at Barbers Hill High School as Montgomery and Klein Oak will join in.

A day later, Aug. 5, Dobie will host Angleton and North Shore beginning at 9 a.m. Varsity competition will be held at the Dobie9 gym, with freshman and junior varsity play at Dobie main.

## Dobie volleyball youth clinics

Dobie High School volleyball coaching staff is offering a variety of summer camps for youth players of all ages and skill levels this summer.

The purpose of these camps is to improve the skills of each girl by enhancing strengths and correcting weaknesses.

The basic rules and strategies of the game will be taught along with the skills of the game. These skills include passing, setting, hitting, serving, blocking, offense and defense.

Girls entering the ninth grade as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend the camp July 24-26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at \$60 per student.

Girls entering the 10th through 12th grades as of the 2023-2024 school year will attend the camp July 24-26 from 9 a.m. to noon at \$60 per student.

To register for any of the camps or to get additional camp details, direct email to Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton at [dsexton@pasadenaisd.org](mailto:dsexton@pasadenaisd.org).

## SBYSC has online registration

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is hosting fall registration now through August 15 at regular registration rates as league officials prepare for play, with practices set to get started in August.

Youths in the under-4 through under-8 age divisions will pay \$125; those in the under-9 and under-10 age divisions will pay \$145; those in the under-11 and under-12 age divisions will pay \$165 and the under-13 through under-19 divisions will pay \$185.

All registration fees include a uniform consisting of a team shirt, shorts and socks.

Parents are required to provide shin guards, soccer cleats and soccer ball.

The league is seeking volunteer coaches, assistant coaches and team parents, particularly for the U4-U8 age groups.

Fees may be paid by credit and debit cards only at [www.southbeltsoccer.org](http://www.southbeltsoccer.org).

## Coaching school kicks off fall preseason

The annual Texas High School Coaches Association Convention has come and gone over three days at the George R. Brown Convention Center, and the event has served as an official kickoff to the 2023 fall athletics season.

The University Interscholastic League, the state's official governing body for athletics and other public school extracurricular activities, has delivered dates in which the various individual sports can begin preseason workouts.

For football programs that took part in spring practice, Clear Brook and

Dobie included, the first allowable day for preseason workouts is July 31 for freshmen on the Dobie9 campus at 8 a.m., and Aug. 7 for all others on the main campus. The first scrimmage date is Aug. 17 as the Dobie bunch will host La Porte at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The regular season opens Aug. 31 as the Longhorns will take on Clear Brook Aug. 31 at Clear Creek ISD's Veterans Stadium in League City.

A season ago, Dobie's Demond Stafford and Clear Brook's Patrick Sanders made their head coaching debuts as the

Longhorns edged the Wolverines 14-6 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Dobie High School 2023 volleyball season will be served up as the annual eight-day sprint to the regular season begins.

July 31 is the big day as head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff host tryouts on the main campus.

Meanwhile, Clear Brook head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will conduct tryouts and workouts July 31 and Aug. 1.

Kalyn Dickson, Olivia Hines, Maci Miller, Kiana Price, Amber Salazar and Alisa York are among the Wolverines' eligible

returnees from the 2022 season. Miller was a 24-6A first-team All-District performer a season ago as a junior.

At Dobie, all athletes, including incoming freshmen through incoming seniors, are required to check in at 6:30 a.m. in preparation for 7 to 10 a.m. conditioning work.

Freshmen will then work on the court from noon to 2 p.m., with all others on the court from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dobie opens its 2023 volleyball regular season Aug. 8 against Baytown Sterling at Phillips Field House. The varsity match is at 6 p.m.

Returning seniors Alexa Gonzalez (Offensive Player of the Year) and Ashley DeHoyos (Blocker of the Year) won postseason awards within 22-6A last season, and senior Aly Frias was a first-team All-District selection.

Gonzalez, who last season eclipsed the 1,000 career assists mark, has verbally committed to play collegiately at Lamar University in Beaumont.

Dobie head tennis coach Manuel Moreno Jr. has July 20 as a final voluntary practice from 5 to 8 p.m. for returning varsity players, and mandatory practices begin July 24-27, also from 5 to 8 p.m.

## Thompson football staff sets equipment pickup

The Thompson Intermediate football staff has set dates for incoming seventh- and eighth-grade players to pick up their equipment prior to the start of preseason workouts.

Athletes are required to first have a completed and up-to-date physical on file with the school and have

their Rank One online forms completed. Athletes must also have their required shots updated.

The equipment pickup dates are Aug. 4 and Aug. 11, both from 1 to 3 p.m. on campus.

The Lions are eligible to begin preseason workouts the first day of school, which is Aug. 14.

## SBGSA continues online registration

The South Belt Girls Softball Association began accepting online registration for the 2023 fall season July 1 as players will be able to join play at El Franco Lee Park at the league facility. Registration is \$75 per player across all age groups, and families can take care of the process at [www.southbeltsoftball.com](http://www.southbeltsoftball.com).

Fall games are planned for Saturdays, typically starting in October and running into November. Teams will play two games on those dates and may play at El Franco Lee Park or one of the league's COOP parks of South Houston, Pasadena, Deer Park, Deepwater or LaPorte.

There are no residency restrictions for the fall league. For more information, direct email to league officials at [southbeltgirlssoftball@live.com](mailto:southbeltgirlssoftball@live.com) or call 281-904-5109.

Those who wish to coach a team or volunteer in some capacity, may also email officials for requirements of the roles.



Three-year letterwinner Aly Frias (17) returns for Dobie as a two-time all-22-6A first-team selection, and seniors Alexa Gonzalez (22-6A Offensive Player of the Year) and Ashley DeHoyos head as many as nine eligible returnees for the Longhorns. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

## Dave Campbell's sizes up 22-6A football

The District 22-6A varsity football alignment features balance over supremacy, with as many as six of the league's seven programs believing they have what it takes to reach the postseason.

Current league champion Channelview certainly

has its sights on a repeat but must find solid replacements for the departed Darius Clark-James at quarterback and super-talented receiver Marques Neal, headed to Texas Southern University.

Deer Park, second last season and the top Divi-

sion I playoff representative, must replace Erasmo Canales, the league's leading rusher in 2022 with more than 1,200 yards and 16 touchdowns.

South Houston returns four-year starting quarterback Kam Webb, Dave Campbell's Texas Foot-

ball's preseason pick for Offensive Player of the Year, but to win a district title will need to get defensive stops against top-tier programs.

Dobie, fourth a year ago, is in year two of head coach Demond Stafford's program and is likely to lean heavily on junior tailback Cameron Mathews, who rushed for 1,122 yards a season ago, just a tick off Canales' pace.

Clark-James, the 22-6A Most Valuable Player after throwing for 2,360 yards and 29 touchdowns, has transferred to C.E. King of District 21-6A.

Whether the Falcons can fill the void by week five and be ready for 22-6A will be key.

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Now a junior, Dobie's Cameron Mathews rushed for more than 1,110 yards and 11 scores and also averaged better than 24 yards per catch in 2022. Heading into the 2023 season, Mathews returns as arguably the most dynamic offensive player in the District 22-6A ranks as the Longhorns aim to challenge for the league crown.

## Clear Brook VB camps, tryouts

Clear Brook varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host tryouts for the 2023 season as incoming freshmen through incoming seniors will vie for roster spots July 31 and Aug. 1.

The Wolverine coaching staff is also offering an optional youth camp that will run July 24-27 for students.

Incoming third- through fifth-grade students will be grouped together in session I and train from 8 to 10 a.m. each day, while the 8 to 10 a.m. time slot is also available to sixth- and seventh- and beginning eighth-grade students in session II.

Elite eighth-grade and all ninth-grade players will train from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as part of session III.

Cost of the camp is \$90 per student for sessions I and II, and \$100 per student for session III.

All participants should wear court shoes and proper workout attire and bring a set of knee pads and a personal water bottle.

These camps are designed to give each athlete an opportunity to refresh their volleyball skills and learn new skills and strategies, but to also see their future high school, meet the coaching staff and potential future teammates.

Staff will cover the fundamentals of volleyball, and introduce offensive, defensive, and serve-receive systems during Session I and Session II.

To register, visit [www.clearbrookvolleyball.org](http://www.clearbrookvolleyball.org). For more information, direct email to [mthomps1@ccisd.net](mailto:mthomps1@ccisd.net).

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# Campbell's Texas Football sees Deer pace 22-6A over Channelview

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**Dobie (5-6, 3-3 in 2022)** Dobie is now well-established in the system in-house as head coach Demond Stafford and his staff begin their second season.  
 The No. 2 seed in the Division I playoff bracket after a 3-3 fourth-place finish, the Longhorns will look to push for the league crown this time around.  
 Getting more production out of the aerial attack could be key, and having Mathews, the league's top returning rusher, is big. Sophomore DeMarcus Hodges should also be a solid reload option at running back after two senior losses.  
 Evan Jordan is a three-year starter and all-district performer up front, and Markel Terry also has terrific potential.  
 Francisco Aleman and Jaime Tellez could help the Longhorns have a gifted group along the offensive front.  
 Front seven returnees Rodrick Drumgo and Dempsey Spears (88 stops, eight tackles for loss) are poised for big seasons, and Aiden Sanchez should add playmaking ability.  
 The Longhorns should be well-fortified in the defensive secondary, perhaps the most experienced position group from a team-wide standpoint.  
 In that secondary, C.J. Richard (three interceptions) and Derrick Kelley

both received all-district honors, and senior place kicker Daniel Campero returns for a third season.  
**Channelview (8-3, 6-0 in 2022)** Despite the seemingly year-after-year graduation of talented players, the defending 22-6A champion Clear Lake Falcons will return in 2023 with designs on a repeat performance within the league.  
 Veteran head coach Avion Hurts is set to guide a Channelview group that went 8-3 overall but watched as senior graduation included some gifted players.  
 Trevor Jackson had 645 yards rushing and five touchdowns a season ago within an offense that featured a pass-happy preference, but he is in line for plenty of touches as the Falcons find their identity on that side of the ball.  
 David Watson has a chance to emerge as the top target at receiver, and Aden Boutte is a talented defensive stopper who will anchor the offensive line as a two-time all-league selection.  
 On the defensive side for the Falcons, Caleb Atua had 12 tackles for loss from his spot at defensive end, and linebacker Oscar Manzanares is back after he had 50 tackles, including five for loss in 2022.  
**Deer Park (9-2, 5-1 in 2022)** The Deer, who fell a victory over Channelview shy of a 10-0 run a season

ago, could very well feature the league's best overall defense with lineman Luke Webb returning as the 22-6A Defensive Player of the Year.  
 Reed Mallett, a force at linebacker, returns, as do defensive backs Diego Bautista and Caleb Chavez, both returning All-District performers.  
 Caleb Dilley will work together with Webb up front, and head coach Austin Flynn can rely on seven starters on defense in all.  
 While Canales leaves a void at running back, the Deer have Hayden Smith and King Phillips at receiver, and Isaiah Gregoire could be the answer at running back.  
 Both Jacob McAdams and Landon Kieselhorst saw action at quarterback last season as sophomores after an injury to senior starter Rafael Robles, but the offense largely relied on Canales thereafter.  
 The Deer will make defensive stops, but what the offense comes up with utilizing a slew of largely untested players is key.  
**South Houston (5-6, 3-3 in 2022)** Coming off a bidistrict playoff berth a season ago, the Trojans will look for Webb, their dynamic fourth-year returnee at quarterback, to deliver big plays yet again in his final season.  
 Webb passed for more than 1,400 yards and 12 touchdowns, yet also rushed for more than 1,050

yards and 18 touchdowns as a junior, showing why he is *Dave Campbell's* 2023 choice as Preseason Offensive Player of the Year.  
 Jacob Sheppard had 713 yards receiving and eight scores last season, and Abraham Escareno and Latrell Hargrove are experienced options at running back.  
 On offense, sophomore Kaiden McDonald is in line for carries at running back, while junior Aaron Escareno could be the future Trojans' call at quarterback.  
 Linebacker Eryn Ponce was a first-team All-District performer a season ago with 54 total tackles, including 10 for loss.  
**Memorial (5-5, 3-3 in 2022)** The Memorial Mavericks will be among the groups looking to snag a playoff berth in 2023 after a 3-3 mark and a tiebreaker disadvantage proved costly a season ago.  
 The Mavs will go with a first-year starter at quarterback, which could be sophomore Logan Johnson.  
 And while the job of mixing in a first-year quarterback could take some time, the Mavericks have Lorenzo Delgado and Jaylon Bell back at running back after both players collected nearly 1,000 yards each on the ground in 2022.  
 Ethan Munoz returns as a solid target at receiver with more than 700 yards and seven scores last season, and newcomer German Woodard could very well make an immediate impact.  
 Memorial lists nine returnees on the defensive side of things, with Adrian Lerma heading up the secondary and Leon Shirley at linebacker. Bell will see snaps in the secondary, and Jaiden Longoria is capable of big things at defensive tackle.  
**Rayburn (3-7, 1-5 in 2022)** Texans' head coach Sergio Gonzalez has high hopes for this Texans as he believes a playoff run is possible should his group put it all together.  
 While Rayburn has just four starters back on offense, running back Phillip Hernandez had 525 yards rushing and four scores a

season ago, and quarterback Nate Washington is a dual-threat weapon as he takes over under center as a sophomore.  
 Haven Livingston is another option at running back as the Texans look for production from a variety of players.  
 The Texans will have a new look offensively after 1,000-yard receiver Jesus Mendoza (1,045 yards, 10 touchdowns) graduated, but Gonzalez counts on Jeremiyah Vela and Gonzalo Zapata on the outside.  
 With a focus on slowing some of the district's top offensive weapons, the Texans will turn to returning all-district linebacker Jermaine Calvin, who had 82 total tackles and three

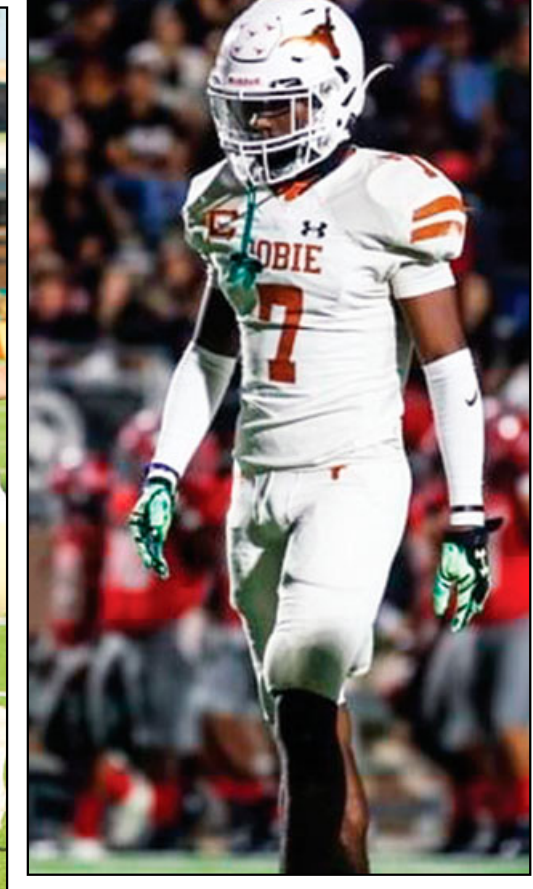
interceptions a season ago.  
 Defensive back Abel Gonzalez is another all-district returnee for the Texans.  
**Pasadena (2-8, 0-6 in 2022)** The Eagles should feature an aerial attack as senior quarterback Elijah Cruz is back to guide the offense after collecting more than 1,400 yards of offense and accounting for 13 touchdowns in 2022.  
 Cruz wound up fifth districtwide in rushing with 871 yards and 12 touchdowns, but the Eagles will miss the 1,100 yards rushing that came from senior Ruben Lara.  
 Head coach David Zapien has wideouts Chris Solis and newcomer Carri-on Davis on the outside as

primary targets for Cruz, and the Eagles have six returnees on the offensive side of things.  
 In 2022, Solis had 19 grabs for just over 200 yards as a sophomore, and should see more action his way this time around.  
 As for coming up with stops on defense, the Eagles' top returnees include Antonio Conchas at tackle and linebacker Will Cruz, who showed big-time promise as a sophomore a season ago.  
 At 2,177, the Pasadena program must work with in the lowest total student enrollment in the 22-6A ranks. Zapien figures to welcome 30 returnees, including 15 lettermen in all.



South Houston quarterback Kam Webb (with ball) passed for more than 1,400 yards and 12 touchdowns, and also rushed for more than 1,050 yards and 18 touchdowns as a junior, showing why he is

*Dave Campbell's* 2023 choice as Preseason Offensive Player of the Year. Third in the District 22-6A standings in 2022, the Trojans are looking to make a league title push this season. Photo by Donna Alsdorf



Returning all-district performer C.J. Richard (7) leads a Dobie secondary that will deliver plenty of experience and talent for 2023. Overall, the Longhorns expect to field a skilled defensive group. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

**Dave Campbell's Texas Football**  
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**Projected Order of Finish**

1. Deer Park (Div. I)
2. Channelview (Div. II)
3. South Houston (Div. II)
4. Dobie (Div. I)
5. Memorial
6. Rayburn
7. Pasadena

**SJC star Ceballos signs with Atlanta**

Former San Jacinto College baseball standout Sabin Ceballos was selected in the third round, 94th overall, of the MLB First-Year Player Draft and reportedly agreed to terms with the Atlanta Braves on a \$597,500 signing bonus. Ceballos played his 2023 junior collegiate season at Oregon and was picked as the third base choice for the ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove Team. Ceballos earned first-team All-Pac-12 recognition and was selected to the Pac-12 Conference and Nashville Regional All-Tournament Teams. As part of a tremendous offensive season with the Ducks, Ceballos set single-season program records in home runs, slugging percentage and multi-RBI games while tying for the most RBI in a year. He started 58 of 59 games played for the Ducks at third base (47), designated hitter (10) and first base (1) and batted .333 (71-for-213) with 18 home runs, 70 RBI and 48 runs scored.

Pasadena ISD 2023 Varsity Football Schedule Set				
<b>Dobie</b> Fri., Aug. 25 at Clear Brook, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	<b>Memorial</b> Thurs., Aug. 24 at Randle, 7 p.m. Woodforest Stadium	<b>Pasadena</b> Thurs., Aug. 24 Milby, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	<b>Rayburn</b> Sat., Aug. 26 Caney Creek, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	<b>South Houston</b> Fri., Aug. 25 Baytown Lee, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Fri., Sept. 1 Grand Oaks, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 31 Kempner, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 31 at Spring Woods, 6 p.m. Tully Stadium	Fri., Sept. 1 at Milby, 7 p.m. Butler Stadium	Thurs., Aug. 31 at Hou. Ster., 7 p.m. Barnett Stadium
Fri., Sept. 8 Dickinson, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 7 Clear Brook, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 8 at Washington, 7 p.m. Barnett Stadium	Fri., Sept. 8 at Santa Fe 7 p.m. Indian Stadium	Sat., Sept. 9 Clear Lake, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Sept. 14 Hou. Lamar, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 15 at Clear Creek., 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 14 at Sam Houston, 7 p.m. Delmar Stadium	Fri., Sept. 15 (HC) Chavez, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 16 at Westside, 6 p.m. Delmar Stadium
Fri., Sept. 22 *at Deer Park, 7 p.m. Abshier Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 21 *Rayburn, 7 p.m. Hopper Stadium	Fri., Sept. 22 (HC) *S. Houston, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 21 *at Pas. Mem., 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 22 *at Pasadena, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Sept. 28 (HC) *Pasadena, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 29 *at S. Houston, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Sept. 28 *at Dobie, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Sat., Sept. 30 *Channelview, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Sept. 29 *Memorial, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Fri., Oct. 6 *at Pas. Mem., 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 6 *Dobie, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 5 *Deer Park, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 13 *at S. Houston, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 6 *at Channelview, 7 p.m. Maddry Stadium
Thurs., Oct. 12 *Channelview, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 13 *at Deer Park, 7 p.m. Abshier Stadium	Fri., Oct. 20 *at Pas. Mem., 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 19 *Dobie, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 13 (HC) *Rayburn, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium
Thurs., Oct. 19, *Rayburn Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 20 (HC) *Pasadena, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Thurs., Oct. 26 *Channelview, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium	Fri., Oct. 27 *at Deer Park, 7 p.m. Abshier Stadium	Fri., Oct. 27 *at Dobie, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium *24-6A games
Fri., Oct. 27 *South Houston Veterans Stadium *22-6A games (HC) Homecoming	Sat., Nov. 4 *Channelview, 2 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games (HC) Homecoming	Fri., Nov. 3 *at Rayburn, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games (HC) Homecoming	Fri., Nov. 3 *Pasadena, 7 p.m. Veterans Stadium *22-6A games (HC) Homecoming	Thurs., Nov. 2 *Deer Park, 6 p.m. Veterans Stadium (HC) Homecoming

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**THURSDAY, JULY 20**  
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy. (Cornell Conference room). Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.  
7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St. or 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.  
6 p.m. Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter - A social group focused on the culture of Texas German immigrants. Meets at Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors welcome. Email OpaGivesHugs@gmail.com.  
**FRIDAY, JULY 21**  
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
1 - 3 p.m. Parker Williams Genealogy Group - meets at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale. Meetings are free, open to the public. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net.  
3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Bay Area Singles Club - at the VFW Lodge Post 6378, 5204 Hwy. 3. All area singles invited. Call 281-470-2750 or 281-337-3112.  
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.  
8 p.m. Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family and friends of addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.  
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**SATURDAY, JULY 22**  
12-2 p.m. Food Drive - New Covenant Christian Church hosts food drive at 10603 Blackhawk Blvd, Houston. Call 281-484-4230.  
**SUNDAY, JULY 23**  
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - worships at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). Call 281-479-7285 or stop by.  
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 713-944-9186.  
5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.  
8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.  
**MONDAY, JULY 24**  
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Call Karen Hollon, 713-472-0565 for tours of exhibits.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Volunteers teach dance lessons. Call 281-554-1180.  
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.  
7 p.m. AA - St. Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg., room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.  
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 chapter meets at the Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr., in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.  
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, JULY 25**  
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Monday's notice.  
9 a.m. American Begonia Society - Houston Satellite meets at Helen Hall Library, 300 W. Walker. Call 281-481-2458.  
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Southeast Houston Toastmasters - Club #05324194 meets in-person at 10500 Scarsdale Blvd (SB Chamber of Commerce) for a hybrid meeting. Visit sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org or call 832-722-9061.  
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**  
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway. Casual ballroom dancing offered. Call 281-554-1180.  
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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# South Belt baseball participates in July 4th parade, festivities; players celebrate great season



Players from various age groups within the Southbelt Baseball youth league enjoyed their moment in the sun during the local Fourth of July parade. Some of those players included, R.J. Jimenez, Joaquin Carlos, Adrian Alvarez, Matteo Aguirre and Ethan Aljets.

At right, the Law Office of Joaquin Jimenez was represented at the Fourth of July parade by, from left, Mark Alvarez, Monica Jimenez, David Chicas and Joaquin Jimenez as they joined in on the morning of fun.

The Southbelt Baseball organization proudly took part in the annual July Fourth parade in the neighborhood, displaying plenty of smiles to the hundreds of onlookers lining the parade route. Those representing the Southbelt league included, left

to right, (front row) Julian Herrera, Sebastian Ramirez, Josué Carlos, Hugo Carlos, (middle row) Jaxon Aljets, Dominic Mendoza, Brandon Vivier, Keoni Morales and (back row) Jonathan Varela.



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At right, the Pasadena Independent School District was well-represented at the Texas High School Coaches Association's annual Coaching School as Sam Rayburn head football coach Sergio Gonzalez (left) and Dobie varsity boys' head soccer coach Justo Manrique were both guest speakers during the proceedings. Gonzalez is beginning his second season as the leader of the Texans' program, while Manrique in 2023 led the Longhorns to a ninth consecutive District 22-6A championship and an eventual berth in the Region III championship game.



### Lajaunie event seeks players

The Darren Lajaunie Scholarship Fund Tennis Tournament continues its 12th year celebration with the second of three doubles jamboree mixer events as organizers continue to raise funds for youth tennis scholarships. With the sponsorship efforts underway for 2024, various sponsorship levels remain available to individuals or businesses at DLTennisScholarships.com, where the "Be A Sponsor" tab may then be selected.

The scholarship fund is named in honor of Lajaunie, a Dobie High School graduate and lifelong tennis enthusiast who died in 2011 after a lengthy cancer battle.

The remaining jamboree series events will be held at the Harry Taylor Tennis Center in Pasadena, with as many as 60 players (30 doubles teams) competing during the Aug. 19 and Dec. 2 events.

Individual players who would like to register without a predetermined playing partner will be paired with another player prior to the start of the first of the three jamborees.

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