

Pasadena supports teachers

Pasadena's sixth annual Fill the Bus school supply drive returns to the Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont Parkway, Monday, July 31, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Created in 2018 by the City of Pasadena's Educational Liaison Tish Eubanks, Fill the Bus provides support for local teachers. Every school year, educators across the country are forced to personally subsidize supplies and hygiene items for their classrooms, especially in Title I school districts like Pasadena ISD.

This event is a combined effort of the city, Pasadena ISD and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce to empower teachers to decide which materials are best for their grade-level curriculum and their students. The 2022 event collected 14 construction pallets of supplies.

Donation information and Amazon Wishlist details can be found by going to: www.pasadenatx.gov/fillthebus.

Garcia holds school drive

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will host a back-to-school backpack giveaway Sunday, Aug. 6, at the county annex building at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or until supplies last.

Sagemont to meet Aug. 1

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

CrossRoads supports parents

CrossRoads United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale, will have a free "Parent's Day Out" for parents of children with disabilities between 4-10 years of age. Invited are children with ranges of intellectual and physical disabilities, including but not limited to autism, Down Syndrome, muscular dystrophy, etc. There will be trained volunteers working with children, a brand new sensory room for their use and a loving and caring environment while parents and caretakers have some time to respire. For information, call or text 832-247-3145 (English and non-English speakers). The event will be the last Saturday of each month, the next one being July 29.

County holds budget meeting

Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia invites residents to be part of the Harris County budget process and attend an in-person town hall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 31, at the East Aldine Town Center, 2909 East Aldine Amphitheatre Drive, Room A. This meeting will be an opportunity for residents to learn about the county budget process and provide input on what matters most to them. For more information, visit aldinedistrict.org/2023/07/2023-budget-town-hall-july-26.

Faith 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.

City to collect heavy trash

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Aug. 10 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Aug. 11 (second Friday of the month). August is for Junk waste but tree waste will also be accepted. Pick-ups may be delayed. For additional information, visit www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

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.

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 27. For additional 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.

Local COVID cases reported

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

As of Tuesday, July 25, there were 63 active cases in 77089, no change 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, no change 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, no change from the previous week. To date, 92 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease, no increase from the previous week.

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

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

CCISD proposes tax election, bond measures

District to host series of public meetings for community input

Clear Creek ISD will host a series of public meetings to receive community input on a tax-rate election and three different bond proposals.

"Along with many school districts in the State of Texas, CCISD is reaching an unprecedented financial crossroad," a recent Clear Creek ISD press release read. "From crippling inflation costs to inaction by the Texas legislature failing to adjust the basic student allotment, CCISD is leaning on our community to ensure that our students continue to reach their full potential, while improving their learning environment at a minimal impact to taxpayers."

Tax-rate election

Clear Creek ISD is proposing a Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election, or a VATRE. This is an election required by the state that asks voters to consider approving a modified tax rate to increase revenue

for student programs, maximize CCISD's maintenance and operations funding, as well as teacher and staff salaries.

Clear Creek ISD is seeking community feedback on the VATRE proposal, which would allow the district to increase local and state revenue by \$17.5 million to pay for inflationary costs associated with running a school district while not increasing the Maintenance and Operations tax rate.

Under current law, the State requires public school districts to lower their tax rate when local property values increase, essentially limiting the general revenue school districts are allowed to keep or receive to 2019 levels.

While local property owners have seen increases in their property values, the school district does not financially benefit from it on the Maintenance and Operations tax rate due to what is known as tax rate

compression.

Bond proposals

Clear Creek ISD is also seeking community input on three proposals to address critical capital needs such as HVAC and life safety systems, aging elementary and intermediate schools, instructional and cybersecurity technology, athletic and fine arts equipment and facility modifications in support of Vision 2030 for all intermediate schools.

Bond Option No. 1

– \$248 million bond in November 2023
– Zero Cent Increase on the I&S tax rate

– Includes:

– Student safety and priority repairs

Bond Option No. 2

– \$394 million bond in November 2023
– 2.9 cent increase on the I&S tax rate per \$100 valuation

– Includes:

– Student safety and priority repairs

– School renovations of aging schools (40+ years)

– Armand Bayou Elementary School

– Greene Elementary School

– Instructional and security technology**

– Athletic and fine arts improvements

** Requires a separate proposition on the ballot

Bond Option No. 3

– \$614 Million Bond in November 2023
– 7.2 Cent Increase on the I&S Tax Rate per \$100 valuation

– Includes:

– Student Safety and Priority Repairs

– School Renovations of Aging Schools (40+ years)

– Armand Bayou Elementary School

– Greene Elementary School

– Clear Creek Intermediate School*

– Clear Lake Intermediate School*

– Seabrook Intermediate School*

– Instructional and Security Technology**

– Athletic and Fine Arts Improvements

– Vision 2030 Intermediate School Facility Modifications*

* Vision 2030 Facility Modifications are included in the Major Renovations

** Requires a separate proposition on the ballot

Community input

If one cannot attend any of the public meetings, they may submit their input by completing the Community Input Survey at electioncentral.squarespace.com/community-input.

For additional information on Clear Creek's tax-rate election and bond proposals, visit electioncentral.squarespace.com.

Whitmire visits local leaders



State senator and Houston mayoral candidate John Whitmire (third from right) recently met with South Belt community leaders to discuss his 2023 campaign. Out of a crowded field of 14 candidates, Whitmire has emerged as a leading contender, along with U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee. Shown above with Whitmire are, left to right, Chuck Tylka, Clear Brook City MUD; Leslie Bacon and Dimitri Millas, Norton Rose Fulbright; David Flickinger and Chris Clark, Clear Brook City MUD. Photo by Marie Flickinger

Heat emergency plan reactivated

City to distribute limited free ACs to those in need

As temperatures remain high with no relief in sight, the City of Houston this past week reactivated its Public Health Heat Emergency Plan, providing resources for people to take refuge from extreme heat.

In addition to the traditional cooling centers offered by the city, a limited number of portable air conditioners will be provided for free to eligible residents, according to District D City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz.

A joint effort between the Houston Department of Health and Human Services and Reliant Energy, the city's Beat the Heat program will provide air conditioning units to eligible seniors, disabled individuals and families without means to cool their homes.

Reliant Energy made the program possible with a \$20,000 donation to purchase the air conditioners.

In all, the Beat the Heat program will distribute 100 portable air conditioners to Houston-area needy.

Seniors in Houston and Harris County who do

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Turner launches One Complete Houston Program aimed at combating local inequity

Mayor Sylvester Turner on Tuesday, July 11, joined community and business leaders at the Sunnyside Health and Multiservice Center in District D to announce the findings of the City of Houston's first equity indicator study.

Conducted by Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research with funding from Shell USA, Inc., the report uses equity scores to identify socioeconomic inequalities exacerbated by biases based on race, ethnicity, gender and ZIP codes. The equity scores are not pass-or-fail measurements of progress toward the city's goal of being a more equitable city.

City reports increase in syphilis cases

Cases reported among women jump 128 percent

The Houston Health Department is reporting a syphilis outbreak responsible for a 128 percent increase in cases among women and a nine-fold rise in congenital syphilis in Houston and Harris County.

The department will launch a rapid outreach response that includes increasing screening opportunities, targeting hot spots and mobilizing community partners to curb new infections.

Statistics from the department indicate new infections rose from 1,845 in 2019 to 2,905 in 2022, a 57 percent increase.

Cases among women totaled 674 cases in 2022, up from 295 cases in 2019. Congenital syphilis soared from 16 cases in 2016 to 151 cases in 2021, the latest year for which statistics are available.

"It is crucial for pregnant women to seek prenatal care and syphilis testing to protect themselves from an infection that could result in the deaths of their babies," said Marlene McNeese

Ward, deputy assistant director in the department's Bureau of HIV/STI and Viral Hepatitis Prevention. "A pregnant woman needs to get tested for syphilis three times during her pregnancy."

Testing is recommended at a woman's first prenatal visit, during the third trimester and at delivery. Untreated syphilis during pregnancy can result in a stillbirth or a baby's death soon after birth.

In response to the outbreak, the department will waive all clinical fees for sexually transmitted infections at its health centers.

It also will expand the use of its HIV/STD mobile clinic to increase the number of community screening sites and set up in areas considered hotspots, selected from disease monitoring and case management data. The ramp up will allow the department to intensify its education, testing and treatment throughout Houston and

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All PISD students eligible for free meals

Federal grant to provide free breakfast, lunch

Free lunch and breakfast will be provided for all Pasadena ISD students for the 2023-2024 school year, according to school district officials.

Additionally, there will be no "free and reduced" lunch applications to complete this year.

The free meals are part of a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.

The Community Eligibility Provision program provides meals at no cost to eligible school

districts. Economically disadvantaged school districts must apply and be accepted into the program. PISD officials said the measure will do away with the stigma associated with free and reduced lunches.

Meals will be free to all students beginning on the very first day of school.

For more information on the program, visit www.fns.usda.gov/cn/community-eligibility-provision.

Man arrested in Redford murder

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man that took place Monday, July 3, at an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

The suspect, George Dennis Western, 29, was charged with murder in the 230th State District Court.



George Western

He is accused in the death of Erick Romero, 30. According to Houston Police Department officials, patrol officers responded to a shooting call in the parking lot of an apartment complex at the above location and found the victim inside a parked vehicle. He had suffered a gunshot wound.

Houston Fire Department paramedics pronounced Romero dead at the scene.

Dubbed a hot spot for violent crime by Houston police last year, this marked the first known fatal shooting this year at The Redford apartment complex. By comparison, there were at least five fatal shootings at the complex last year. There were at least 13 total shootings at the complex in 2022.

1 dead, 4 injured in College-area shooting

Suspect remains at large at press time

Houston police are investigating the fatal shooting of one man and the wounding of four others that took place around 4:30 a.m. Sunday, July 23, at an after-hours lounge located in a strip center at College and the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the deceased male, 22, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time. The four other male victims range in age from 20 to 28.

According to Houston Police Department officials, officers were dispatched to a shooting call outside an after-hours bar at the above address and found multiple persons with gunshot wounds. Paramedics transported three victims to area hospitals. One male was later pronounced deceased. A fourth victim was transported in a

private vehicle to a hospital. A fifth victim, with a gunshot wound to the foot, refused medical attention at the scene.

Despite media reports to the contrary, police said there is no known suspect description. No managers or owners of the bar could be located during the scene investigation.

Police said two other people were shot June 30 in the same parking lot. According to a Channel 11 news report, neighbors had complained to authorities about the illegal bar but police failed to act.

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

Sagemont rebuild underway



Construction recently began on Sagemont at Hughes Road to replace a home destroyed by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The new replacement houses being constructed in the Sagemont subdivision show vast improvement over those initially proposed by the Texas General Land Office, which were smaller in size, had little to no brick and did not include garages.

Grahams celebrate golden anniversary



Don and Rosa Graham, longtime South Belt residents, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 21. The couple married at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kenedy, Texas in 1973. They celebrated their 50th anniversary by attending Astros games in Toronto and visiting Niagra Falls in Canada with family and taking a Caribbean cruise with friends. They enjoyed meals with family and friends at Perry's Steakhouse and Pappasito's and were given a special blessing at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Rosa was in public education for 30 years and retired as an elementary school principal; after which she worked as an adjunct professor at UH Downtown, as a TEA consultant and as a Houston Astros customer service supervisor. Don retired from Ford Motor Co. and Southwest Airlines and worked in customer service for the Astros. He coached his sons' teams in the Sagemong-Beverly Hills Little League 13 years. Their children and grandchildren are Esteban and Amy (Lane) Graham of League City; Teresa and Michael (Gabriella and Daniel) Blancas of Forney; and David and Kali (Braxton and Blakely) of League City. The couple attributes their successful marriage to faith, family, friends and fun.

The Grahams attended Astros games in Toronto, Canada. Front row, left to right, are Michael, Daniel and Gabriella Blancas; Lane, Rosa and Don Graham; (back row) Teresa Blancas; and Amy, Esteban, Kali and David Graham.



Deaths

Walter Trojanowski



Longtime South Belt resident Walter Trojanowski Jr., 96, passed away July 24, 2023, in Plano. Walter was born April 30, 1927, in his parents' home in Houston. He was the oldest of three children of Walter Floyd and Mary Olga (Kanak) Trojanowski. His mother's nickname for him was "Sonny Boy." Upon Walter's graduation in 1944 from Milby High School he enlisted in the service. Walter very proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II as a private first class when he was 19 years old. While in the Marine Corps, Walter was an expert rifleman and an admiral's aide aboard the North Carolina on the way to Tokyo to deliver the bomb. After the war, Walter attended St. Edward's University in Austin and University of Houston majoring in engineering. In 1946, Walter went on a date, arranged by his sister Marian Bohuslav, with his future wife Sue Dowdy. They played miniature golf. Walter and Sue dated for three years before getting married on April 23, 1949.

Walter worked as a cement finisher at W. S. Bellows Construction and Manhattan Construction. Some of his projects included the impressive 37-story skyscraper Gulf Building and the pale peagreen Conoco building in Houston to name a couple. Walter also worked as a machinist with Hughes Tool. Having a desire to be his own boss, Walter decided to go into business for himself. He became a franchise owner of Trojanowsky Texaco, a full-service gas station, for 14 years at 5702 Bellfort Blvd. His final venture before retiring in 1989 was as the owner of Trojanowsky Vending for 21 years.

Walter was a people person and if one left him alone anywhere for five minutes, one could bet he would find someone with whom to talk. He was gregarious and full of life and enjoyed being with family and friends. One of his doctor's nurses called him "Trouble" when he was 90 because he was always joking around. When the doctor referred to him as elderly, he did not like that and asked "Who are you referring to? Not me!"

Walter enjoyed sports of all kinds. He enjoyed playing tennis (into his 70s), bowling, fishing, deer hunting, duck hunting and coaching his son Walter in football and baseball. In 1975, Walter was the only coach at the time from the State of Texas to ever take a high school baseball team to the 83+ year-old American Legion World Series. The name of the team was "Dobie South Houston." Walter took great pride in that accomplishment and was recognized by the Houston City Council for that achievement. Whenever Walter had some spare time, he loved to go fishing. The largest fish ever caught by Walter was a 58-inch tarpon. He caught it in the waters of Freeport.

Walter and Sue enjoyed many activities together, such as playing bridge, dominoes, dancing, bowling, traveling and socializing in general. Their favorite activity, however, was spending time with family, both their immediate family and extended family such as his sister's and their children. Every Friday night, Walter and Sue used to bowl in a bowling league and Walter's highest score was 247.

Additionally, they were members in the fraternal organization of the Moose Lodge where Walter served as their president. Besides participating in sports, Walter also enjoyed watching sports, such as football (longtime fan of the Texas Longhorns), the Houston Astros and tennis among his favorites. He had a love for Westerns. Walter's favorite movie was the 1953 classic western "Shane" and his favorite TV show was "Gunsmoke." He could watch them over and over again. Walter and Sue were active members of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in South Belt for 40 years.

Walter is survived by his beautiful, sweet wife of 74 years, and their children, Brenda Reese of Sunset Valley, Texas; Diana Hueter

John Bernard Haneiko



(and son-in-law Bill) of Plano; Walter Carl Trojanowsky (and daughter-in-law Regina) of Lexington, S.C.; and Jackie Trojanowsky of McKinney. Walter was known as "PaPa" by his six grandchildren Josh Reese, Jill Hueter Polansky (Damien), Mark Hueter (Danielle), Kimarie Trojanowsky McGary (Ryan), Michelle Trojanowsky Rudman (Jason) and Kacie Trojanowsky and eight great-grandchildren Morgan Polansky, Riley Polansky, Lauren Polansky, Brooklyn Polansky, Sydney Polansky, Jaxon Hueter, Ava Hueter and Zoey Hueter.

Walter is survived by his sister Marian Bohuslav of Atlanta, Texas; his sister-in-law Bobby Haines of Sheridan, Texas; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister Leola Landry whom he loved very much. Walter will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Visitation will be held at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road, Houston on Friday, July 28, at 10 a.m. with a funeral Mass to follow.

All are invited to a luncheon in the parish hall immediately following the funeral Mass. Burial will take place at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery in the Garden of Gethsemane, 6900 Lawndale St., Houston, following the luncheon. John is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Angela; daughter Laura Stanford (Matthew) and son Gregory Haneiko (Jennifer); grandchildren Symantha and Ellie Donaldson, Mikayla and Bryce Haneiko, and Benjamin Stanford; brother Richard Haneiko (Eileen); sister Jean Bonn (Doug); as well as many nieces, nephews and wonderful friends. John's faith life was as strong as his personality, he was an active member of St. Luke's Catholic Church for over 45 years. He retired from TransCanada in 2015 after an active working history including HL&P and Humphries and Associates, at which he led seminars for hundreds of people. Work never defined him, nor did he let it. When his children were growing up you could find him at the Sagemont baseball fields in many capacities as his children played baseball and softball. Baseball and seashells were John's two greatest passions. He was a member of the Houston Conchology Society and led many talks on a variety of shells.

John loved nature and the great outdoors. He visited most of the National Parks in the United States and many in Canada as well. He loved living on the edge when it came to his pictures. One could often find him balancing on a ledge just to get "the right angle." John was also an avid music lover and could tell you the name, artist and year a song came out in the first few beats of hearing the music. He could talk to anyone about anything and could get people excited about the topic at the same time. His true love was his grandchildren. Everyone he talked to knew about his "grandcows" that Ellie and Mikayla are raising, the fitness accomplishments of Symantha, the baseball and band accomplishments of Bryce and the soccer accomplishments of his chess buddy Ben.

He was never shy to let everyone know about their academic achievements and the true pride he saw in all of them. John was an inspiration to all he met, a peacemaker, a man of God and most of all an incredibly loving husband, father and grandfather (Papa) who will be greatly missed. Visitation was Thursday, July 20, with a funeral Mass. Both were held at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Interment followed at South Park Cemetery (1310 North Main St., Pearland.

A memorial has been established for AMVETS National Service Foundation. Donations may be sent to amvets.org and online condolences made to beilen89@icloud.com. The funeral service was held Monday, July 24, with visitation one hour prior to the service, at Peevey Funeral and Cremation, 12440 Beamer with Pastor Randy Ledbetter of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Interment followed at South Park Cemetery.

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

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Rev. Kingsley Nwoko, Parochial Vicar
11011 Hall Rd.
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www.stlukesatholic.com

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*
Sunday	1 p.m. Misa en Español*
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	9 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday	7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) Thursday 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 4 to 5 p.m.	

Parish Office: 281-481-6816
Children's Faith Formation: 281-481-4251
Adult Faith Formation: 713-538-2862
All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope.

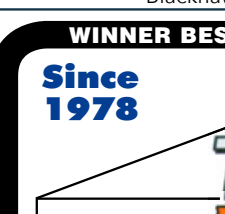
Local rabbis in transition



until 1995 when he became the spiritual leader of Congregation Shaar Hashalom. Federow is well known throughout the Houston community for his very popular "Introduction to Judaism" classes and his weekly participation in the "A Show Of Faith," a live radio talk show with a Baptist minister, a Roman Catholic priest and sometimes with clergy of other faiths. Rabbi Federow authored the book "Judaism and Christianity: A Contrast" and maintains the website <http://WhatJewsBelieve.org>. According to CSH President Cheryl Sigel, "Rabbi Federow is a kind, approachable, understanding, and compassionate human being who truly cares about the welfare of our congregants." As a small measure of grateful appreciation for his many years for faithful service to the synagogue, Congregation Shaar Hashalom is honored to grant Federow the title of Rabbi Emeritus, and the congregation looks forward to his continued participation in the church's activities for many years to come.



Rabbi Etan Krul, above, is moving from Israel to the Houston area to become the new spiritual leader of Congregation Shaar Hashalom. He grew up in a secular household of seven children, with both Sephardic (Iraqi) and Ashkenazi parents. Rabbi Krul earned a bachelor's degree from Bar Ilan University in 1998 and a Master of Arts from Tel Aviv University in 2002, specializing in education and child development. He has extensive experience as a teacher and counselor working in the Israeli education system. Krul was ordained on Dec. 30, 2021, by the Schechter Beit Midrash as part of the Conservative Jewish Masorti Movement in Israel. He describes himself as a people person with a good sense of humor, is active on social media, and he likes to cook. Krul has been serving as a school counselor and leading Kabbalat Shabbat services from his home in Tel Aviv. He supports egalitarian, inclusive Judaism, is a proud member of the gay community, and has been raising his son, Dvir, as a single father. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is pleased to welcome Krul as the new spiritual leader.



Rabbi Stuart Federow, above, has retired after 28 years as the spiritual leader of Congregation Shaar Hashalom. He was born and raised in Springfield, and earned an undergraduate degree in psychology and religious studies from Brown University in Providence in 1975. Federow was ordained on June 3, 2007, after receiving a Doctor of Divinity (D.D.), honoris causa, from the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. He came to Houston in 1989 and served as the executive director of the Hillel Foundation of Greater Houston



Pct. 8's Claunch promoted to sergeant

Precinct 8 Constable Sandlin hosted a Promotion Ceremony recently. Deputy Brandon Claunch was promoted to the rank of sergeant. His superiors acknowledge the excellent job Claunch has done for Precinct 8 in the various assignments he has had up to this point and thank him for his service and dedication to Precinct 8.

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://houstonslibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonslibrary.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 27, 3 - 5 p.m. Watch party: Yangsook Choi virtual author visit. Registration required.
Thursday, July 27, 3 - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Registration required.
Thursday, July 27, 4 - 5 p.m. Family storytime. Registration required.
Monday, July 31, 3 - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Registration required.
Visit <https://houstonslibrary.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 under Here's What's Happening. Click on Free Resources for All to access digital resources and access a link for a temporary card. Also, under Here's What's Happening, the card titled Online Resources for Kids accesses a Virtual Storytime provided on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. The archived storytimes are found on Facebook under Houston Public Library Virtual Storytimes. Another virtual program is Craft.
Houston Public Library's many free online resources and digital services are available 24/7 with a MY Link Library Card at www.houstonlibrary.org, including e-books and e-audiobooks, streaming TV, movie and music services, online classes and tutoring and databases. Until further notice, only electronic items (i.e. e-books, e-audio books, etc.) are eligible for holds and check-out. HPL has a collection of free e-books and audio books. Visit the catalog for previously requested hold selection may be in a digital format. Instructions on downloading the e-book or audio book are on the site.

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 Scarsdale Blvd.:
Thursday, July 27, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Conversation club.
Thursday, July 27, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.
Friday, July 28, 2 - 3 p.m. Coding Club with E.
Monday, July 31, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Family story time.
Tuesday, Aug. 1, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.
Tuesday, Aug. 1, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. D&D.
Tuesday, Aug. 1, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Magic: The gathering.
Wednesday, Aug. 2, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Camp Little Rock Stars.
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.
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San Jac alum graduates with three majors, three minors, 4.0 in 4 years



San Jacinto College alum Saad Nadeem (above) recently graduated from the University of Houston in four years with three majors, three minors and a 4.0 GPA. He credits his success and drive to achieve to the support of his family and his time at San Jac. Nadeem graduated in May with degrees in health (from the College of Education) human nutrition and food, and exercise science. His minors were biology, business administration, and management and leadership. He plans to attend a Texas medical school next to pursue his aspiration of being a doctor and providing care and support for under-served populations in Harris County. He is also eyeing an MBA to feed his passion for the business side of medicine.

holds a special place in my heart." **A transformative experience** Prior to his time at University of Houston, Nadeem was a dual credit student at Clear Horizons Early College High School, where he began his "transformative" experience at San Jac. He said the college provided him with a nurturing environment where he was able to develop both academically and personally as a young adult.

"San Jacinto College became my second home during those formative years. Through scholarships, research opportunities, and more, San Jac opened doors for me that I never thought possible at such a young age."

Nadeem said that the academic excellence and dedication to student success at San Jac created a strong work ethic, practical time management skills, and an ability to adapt to the rigors of higher education. He feels that the guidance he received at the college helped provide a seamless transition to the academic rigors at the University of Houston.

An immeasurable impact Nadeem recognizes that one of the most valuable aspects of his education at San Jac was the connection he made with instructors and students. "The sense of community at San Jac was palpable, creating an environment where collaboration and support were paramount."

One such instructor was Dr. Phuong Doan, a chemistry instructor at the south campus. "Her influence on me cannot be overstated; without her

help and guidance, I would not be as successful as I am today." Nadeem said his mentorship with Doan began from the very first moment he stepped foot in her class. He could feel her genuine passion for teaching and ability to connect with her students. He said he felt drawn to her warm and caring demeanor and that she provided a safe space for him to share his experiences and aspirations. "She saw and nurtured my potential with the utmost care, treating me like her son."

She also provided guidance and support outside of the classroom that helped shape Nadeem's future. "Whether offering advice on course selection, assisting with scholarship applications, or connecting to student success at San Jac, she was always there, selflessly dedicating her time and energy to ensure my success."

Family support Born in Pakistan, Nadeem's family immigrated to the United States when he was five years old. His parents left behind friends and family to give their children a better future. "Their sacrifice and determination are a constant reminder of the value of hard work, resilience, and gratitude," Nadeem said.

He said his father's relentless work ethic - sometimes working two jobs to support their family - showed him the importance of sacrificing for others; a mantra that he plans to uphold. His mother, who showered Nadeem with unending love and support, was

a constant source of encouragement and guidance.

"My journey is not mine alone; it is a testament to the countless sacrifices made by my parents and the opportunities they have provided for me and my siblings. I am forever grateful to God for blessing me with such supportive parents who have been the pillars of strength in my life."

He also is greatly appreciative of the support his grandmother - "Nene." She encouraged him through her belief, love, and inspiration even during the most difficult times of his educational journey. He credits her with his decision to pursue a career in medicine.

"She recognized my innate desire to make a positive impact in the lives of others and guided me toward a path that aligned with my passion." He credits her with instilling in him the values of compassion, empathy and service.

"Nene's prayers were a constant source of comfort and guidance. She had an unshakable faith in my success and often reminded me that she prayed for me daily. Her prayers served as a potent reminder that I was never alone in my journey and that a higher power was watching over me."

Even though his Nene has passed, Nadeem says her influence continues to drive his life. "Her memory serves as a beacon of strength and a reminder of the immense love and support I have been fortunate to receive. I carry her values, teachings, and unwavering belief in my heart as I navigate my educational and professional journey."

Scouts infiltrate Judge Delgado's courtroom



Judge Jo Ann Delgado (above) had some special guests visit the court recently. Scout members sought to earn their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge, and sought out Delgado to do so. Shown at right, left to right, are (front row) Cub Scout Sophia Garcia, Boy Scout Alexander Garcia, (back row) Delgado and Boy Scout Jovan Garcia.



Texas Made makes July 4 parade



Jenny Luevano (left) and Edward Luevano of Texas Made Inc. Insurance also participated in the South Belt July 4 parade.

San Jac College scores 3 Excalibur Awards

San Jacinto College is among the list of prestigious winners in the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Houston Chapter's 2023 Excalibur Awards.

The college was awarded a Bronze Excalibur Award for the 2022-2023 softball and baseball media guides, a Silver Excalibur Award for the 2022 Digital Holiday Card, and a Silver Excalibur Award for the College's Promise @ San Jac Scholarship Campaign.

"I am so proud of the External Relations team and congratulate them on earning three PRSA Houston Excalibur Awards," said Amanda Fenwick, vice president of marketing and

public relations at San Jacinto College.

"These awards are judged by public relations professionals outside of Houston, so it truly speaks to how talented this San Jac team is to be recognized by their peers."

The PRSA Houston Excalibur Awards, held this year at the Junior League of Houston, honor outstanding professional accomplishments in the development and execution of comprehensive public relations programs, campaigns, and individual tactics.

The awards are open to public relations professionals from the Greater Houston Area.



Amanda Fenwick accepts an award at the Excalibur event.

Berreth impacts, motivates Cline



Alexis Cline, one of Dobie's Shining Stars for the 2022-2023 school year, reflects on how distinguished educator Dianne Berreth, Pre AP and AP chemistry teacher, impacted her career at Dobie in the following comments.

"From the start of the very first chemistry lecture I experienced, I knew that not only would this be my passion, but also the woman teaching me was a special kind of teacher that you only get to experience and appreciate once in a lifetime. Mrs. Berreth's radiating passion and dedication to ensure her students succeed is admirable in itself. Her selflessness, pure kindness, and willingness to help me through even the darkest of times, not necessarily restricted to school life, are the real characteristics that set her apart from the rest, holding a special place in my heart."

Cline is involved in the Key Club, helping out both at elementary school and Dobie events. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and is a violinist in the varsity orchestra.

Regarding future plans, Cline says, "I intend to pursue college up to a master's degree in chemical engineering and take on any opportunities I am faced with for internships so that I can be exposed to what I should expect when I enter the field."

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Houston heat emergency plan reactivated

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not have an air conditioner can apply for an air conditioner by calling the HDHHS Area Agency on Aging at 832-393-4301.

The elderly are particularly vulnerable to the heat. It takes seniors nearly twice the time of younger people to return to core body temperature after exposure to extreme outdoor temperatures.

HDHHS recommends that adults check on elderly relatives, friends or neighbors for signs of heat exhaustion or heatstroke. Others who are particularly vulnerable include infants and children

up to four years of age, those who are overweight and people with heart and respiratory problems.

As part of the heat emergency plan, Houston libraries and multiservice centers will function as cooling centers during normal business hours. The Central Library downtown is unavailable as a cooling center.

Bracewell Library, 9002 Kingspoint Drive, will serve as a cooling center, despite being omitted from previous city lists.

Community centers operated by Houston Parks and Recreation Department will

open to the public after the conclusion of daily programming for enrolled participants.

Anyone without air conditioning can seek shelter at any of the city buildings designated as cooling centers during the heat emergency.

The YMCA of Greater Houston will also provide a resource for people needing to seek relief.

The National Weather Service predicted heat index values as high as 109 throughout the week.

The City of Houston activates its Public Health Heat Emergency Plan when the Houston area begins to experience excessive heat. It

activates the plan when a heat advisory or an excessive heat warning is expected to last two or more consecutive days.

People without adequate transportation to a designated cooling center can call 311 to request a free ride. Transportation is only to and from the cooling centers; transportation to other locations is unavailable.

The Houston Health Department recommends the following precautions to avoid heat-related illness such as heat exhaustion or heatstroke:

- Increase water consumption. Drink lots of liquids even

before getting thirsty, but avoid beverages with caffeine, alcohol, or large amounts of sugar because these can result in the loss of body fluid.

- Conduct outdoor work or exercise in the early morning or evening when temperatures are not as high. Outdoor workers should drink plenty of water or electrolyte replacement beverages and take frequent breaks in the shade or in an air-conditioned facility. People unaccustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment need to start slowly and gradually increase heat exposure over several weeks.

- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing that permits the evaporation of perspiration.

- Do not leave infants, children, senior citizens or pets unattended in a parked vehicle, even if the windows are cracked open. Check to make sure everyone is out of the car and don't overlook children who may have fallen asleep.

- Wear a wide-brimmed hat to help prevent sunburn as well as heat-related illness. Apply sunscreen, which protects from the sun's harmful rays and reduces the risk of sunburn.

- Seek accommodations in air-conditioned facilities during the heat of the day if the house is not air-conditioned: a relative's home, multiservice centers, malls, movie theaters, libraries, etc.

- Take frequent cool baths or showers if your home is not air-conditioned.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include weakness, dizziness, excessive sweating, cool or moist skin, nausea or vomiting, muscle cramps, and a fast and weak pulse. People experiencing these symptoms should lower their body temperature by getting to a cooler place, drinking water, taking a cool shower or bath and resting.

A throbbing headache, red, hot, and dry skin (no longer sweating), extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees), nausea or vomiting, confusion, loss of consciousness and a rapid, strong pulse are signs of heatstroke. If these symptoms occur, call 911 immediately and try to lower the person's body temperature until help arrives.

People may seek air-conditioning in city multiservice centers and libraries during normal business hours. To see a complete list of Houston libraries, visit www.Houston-Library.org.

Gymnasiums are open Monday through Friday 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To find the nearest cooling center location or an air-conditioned city facility, call 311.

City reports increase in syphilis cases

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Harris County. The department is also working with medical providers and collaborating with community-based partners to increase awareness of the outbreak and enhance testing and treatment.

People with syphilis are at increased risk of HIV infection due to the painless sore that develops at the site of sexual contact during the disease's primary stage. New syphilis infections are known as primary, secondary and early latent syphilis.

Syphilis is easily treatable with antibiotics. However,

without adequate treatment, syphilis infection progresses to the secondary stage when one or more areas of the skin break into a rash - usually non-itchy and most typically on the palms and soles.

Other second stage symptoms can also include fever, swollen lymph glands, sore throat, patchy hair loss, headaches, weight loss, muscle aches and fatigue.

In most cases, syphilis goes undetected because the signs and symptoms are misinterpreted or simply unnoticed. If untreated, Treponema Pallidum, the bacterium that causes syphilis, remains

in the body and begins to damage the internal organs, including the brain, nerves, eyes, heart, blood vessels, liver, bones and joints.

The department reminds health care providers to immediately report syphilis infections so it can expedite testing and treatment to the sexual contacts of people with the disease. Physicians seeking medical information about people with a history of syphilis infection can call the department at 855-264-8463.

The department recommends syphilis testing for the following groups:

- Pregnant women at their initial prenatal visit, third trimester and delivery (required by state law).

- People who have had unprotected sex.

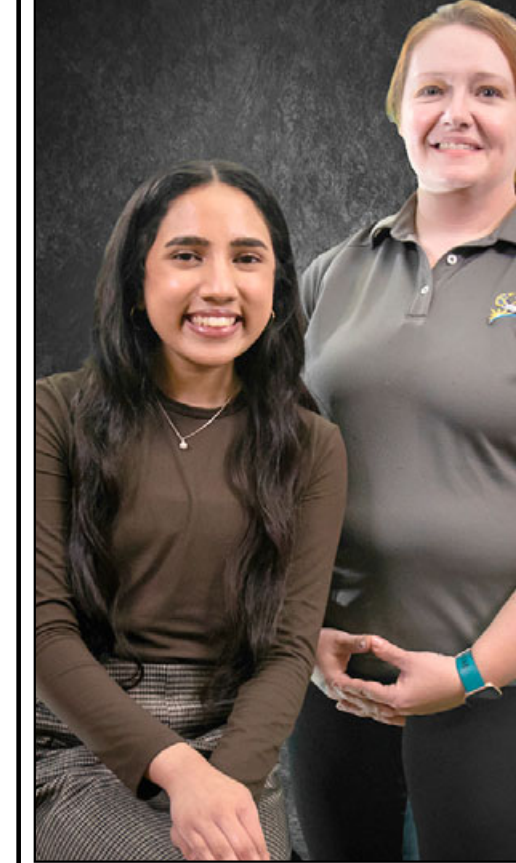
- Men with anonymous sex partners.

- People with multiple sex partners.

- People recently diagnosed with any other sexually transmitted disease such as gonorrhea, Chlamydia or HIV.

Information on testing sites and syphilis is available by calling the department's HIV/STD information hotline at 832-393-5010.

Melton encourages Franklin's passion



Distinguished scholar Phoebe Franklin relates her plans for the future, saying she aims to pursue "a Bachelor of Science in electrical and computer engineering and work full time in software or hardware engineering, cybersecurity, or similar fields within the technology sector upon graduation."

Franklin is involved in PSD's gifted/talented summer camp, the VEX Robotics Tournament, the Bondy Orchestra, Pasadena Memorial High School's annual spring market, the City of Pasadena's Holiday Lighted Parade and the TMEA Region 19 Orchestra auditions. She holds the positions of officer for the Maverick Chamber Orchestra and historian for the National Honor Society. She also spent time in DECA, student council, Texas Bluebonnet Girls State, NASA High School Aerospace Scholars, SUPERGirls Shine Foundation, Kode with Klossy, Club Nexus and working in computer science.

Chosen as her distinguished educator was Katherine Melton, Pasadena Memorial AP physics 1/C teacher. Franklin says of Melton, "Throughout the last two years of my time in high school, Mrs. Melton has been such a motivating and caring teacher: she truly works hard to ensure her students' educational needs are fulfilled to strive for success. Mrs. Melton's determination has inspired me both inside and outside the classroom to achieve my best. Her passion for what she teaches helped confirm my own interest in engineering and encourage me to surpass my own limits in learning more. I am immensely grateful to have a teacher that is so incredible, intelligent and committed: Thank you, Mrs. Melton, for being amazing!"

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Campbell empowers Baltazar to explore

Sandra Baltazar, CTHS Shining Star, is prepared to attend a four-year liberal art college, and is a prospective biology major.

She takes part in community service for Kroger and CFA and is a member of the National Honor Society, HOSA and NTHS.

Her chosen distinguished educator is CTHS AP U.S history teacher Justin Campbell.

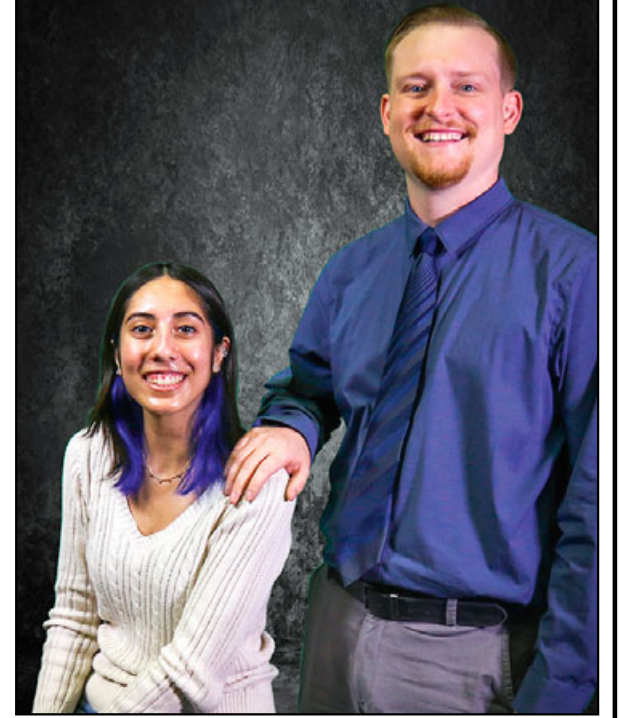
About her time spent around Campbell, she says, "Mr. Campbell has been a huge support system in my academic career for the past four years. Although I was only a student of his during my junior year, he treated me as a student of his own every morning that I went to his class for some peace and quiet."

"Today, he is one of the reasons I have chosen to pursue a higher education beyond this city. This journey has been a learning process, but I am eternally grateful to have had such a great teacher helping and encouraging me throughout the way."

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John, Sharon Boeger celebrate 50 years of marriage



John and Sharon Boeger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 7 at the Monument Inn with their daughter Gretchen and husband Mike and children Austin and Mackenzie Smith; and their son Reed and wife Catherine and children Emma and Ryan Boeger. The couple were married in Houston and have been a part of the South Belt area for 50 years. Sharon was a teacher at Beverly Hills and Thompson Intermediate when it first opened in 1972 and also



Dobie High School and taught at San Jacinto College. She retired from Clear Brook High School. The Boegers were very involved with girls' soccer when Gretchen played on the "Stars" coached by Bob Egusquiza and supported Reed when he played soccer and SBH Little League. They were also involved with the "Sharks" swim team. John was on the Board for 11 years. Shown right, left to right, (front row) Austin Smith, Gretchen Smith, Mackenzie Smith, Sharon Boeger, John Boeger, Emma Boeger, Ryan Boeger, (back row) Mike Smith, Reed Boeger and Catherine Boeger.



Seize the day with Kids' Backporch Productions upcoming musical



Shown are Newsies cast members, left to right, (first row) William Xu, Harper Sundberg, Helen Zhou, Andrew Lim, Catelyn Stengaard, Audrey Gates, AJ Estala, Delaney Cline, Ariana Lim, Arianna Kem, Mackenzie Heffler, Aria Townsend, Pyka Bliss, (second row) Jerico Marquez, Christian Mendoza-Scott, Zara Carizo, Zachery Moore, Lylie Reves, Alexandria Moore, Sydney Sage Brown, Piper Fatter, Peyton Fatter, Alyssa Powell, Natalia Peña, Scarlett Weyrick, Maria Johnigan, Liam Morton, Mack

Cole, (third row) Ella Rougeau, Raley Perez, Nolan Eubanks, Monroe Strachan, Kieran Martinez, Melody Lerner, Enya Zhou, Sofia Salazar, Gabriela Earls, Elizabeth Saenko, Madelin Marquez, Jayden Cisneros, Olivia Mendoza-Scott, Ivy Kessler, Victoria Powell, Lucy Brisendine, (fourth row) Emmerie Ricketts, Marren Perez, Arisha Haq, Miles Kessler, Galina Scholl, Julia Xu and Mabree Cole. Not pictured are cast members Ian Brown, Kylie Brown and Clara Lemoine.

Disney's Newsies Jr, the inspiring 60-minute musical, designed for middle school-aged performers, is based on the 1992 Disney film "Newsies" and the 2012 Broadway production of the same name. The KBP cast includes 54 students led by Director and Choreographer Jade Williamson and Assistant Director and Music Director Lisa Maxwell, along with 14 high school/college interns. This is KBP's 90th production. Audience members will be doing flips for the inspiring tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of young newsies in Manhattan. When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsies' expense, Jack rallies young workers from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what's right. Adapted especially for young performers, this musical features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein. It also includes rousing songs like "Carrying the Banner," "Seize the Day" and "King of New York." Newsies Jr. is packed with nonstop thrills and a timeless message perfect for the whole family and every audience. For information on purchasing tickets, visit <http://kids-backporch.ticketleap.com>. Disney's Newsies Jr. is playing at C.A. Nelson Auditorium (2337 N. Galveston Ave. Pearland, TX 77581) Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 29 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 30 at 3 p.m. Disney's Newsies Jr. is presented through special arrangement with all materials provided by Music Theatre International New York. For more information about licensing Newsies Jr. or other Disney shows, visit www.DisneyMusicals.com. Kids' Backporch Produc-

tions is a nonprofit educational/arts organization in Pearland and has been serving the greater Houston area since 2005. They are supported by tuition from their students, ticket sales, fundraisers, concessions and tax-deductible donations from individuals, families, foundations and businesses. Theater provides rich opportunities for growth, creative expression and learning. Through theater, both actors and audience are immersed in stories about characters overcoming adversity, discovering their true selves and learning empathy. KBP provides opportunities for children to exercise creativity, communication, patience and imagination in a safe and accepting space. Music Theatre International (MTI) is one of the world's leading theatrical licensing agencies, granting theaters around the world the rights to perform the greatest selection of musicals from Broadway and beyond. Founded in 1952

by composer Frank Loesser and orchestrator Don Walker, MTI is a driving force in advancing musical theater as a vibrant and engaging art form. MTI works directly with the composers, lyricists and book writers of these musicals to provide official scripts, musical materials and dynamic theatrical resources to more than 70,000 professional, community and school theaters in the U.S. and in over 60 countries worldwide. MTI is particularly dedicated to educational theater and has created special collections to meet the needs of various types of performers and audiences. MTT's Broadway Junior shows are 30- and 60-minute musicals for performance by elementary and middle school-aged performers, while MTT's School Editions are musicals annotated for performance by high school students.

Ramirez helps Aguilar learn to succeed



Distinguished scholar Denise Aguilar plans to attend UT Austin, but, she relates, "I am not certain on my major but I either want to major in psychology to become a psychiatrist or physics/astronomy to become an astronomer." Her high school career involved community service within the National Honor Society, student council, Volunteer Pasadena, the Pasadena Animal Shelter and other local schools. She played on both the volleyball and softball teams, as well. Aguilar chose as her distinguished educator Lizeth Ramirez, South Houston Intermediate math teacher. Speaking on her decision, Aguilar relates, "Ms. Ramirez will always be one of my favorite teachers. She played an influence in my success by allowing myself to accept my mistakes and grow from them instead. "I went into her class a perfectionist who would break down if I didn't understand a problem, but I came out someone who acknowledges I am not perfect, and that is okay. I will forever be grateful for the genuine care she showed. She would guide us in the right direction not only in math but as good human beings. I am thankful to have had her for a teacher." The South Belt Shining Stars will be presented in a series of students being honored along with their favorite mentor. The Shining Stars represent the Top South Houston High School students. The information and photos were submitted by the Pasadena Independent School District. The Leader is also running Top Shining Stars from Pasadena Memorial High School, CTHS and J. Frank Dobie High School.

Program aimed at inequity

Continued from Page 1 and progress toward becoming more equitable. Those areas include adjusting city policies and procedures; business strategies; corporate environment; social and governance initiatives; philanthropic investment models; nonprofit missions; and other efforts that can limit Houstonians' opportunities and life circumstances. "One Complete Houston sheds light on the complex causes and compounding effects of inequities and sets a foundation for developing potential solutions to those challenges," said Turner. "All neighborhoods have value and promise, and all kids across our city can succeed if we give them an opportunity." Director of Complete Communities Shannon Buggs shared a similar sentiment. "We all have the responsibility of working to make Houston more equitable so we can achieve the United States' ultimate aspirational goal of true equality," said Buggs. Following remarks by Shell USA's Christina Jones, and presentation of the report by Daniel Potter, from the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University, Tuesday's event concluded with a discussion moderated by Houston City Council Member Tiffany Thomas featuring directors of the City of Houston's Public Works, Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs and the Houston Parks Department. The collaborative work of the Houston Planning and Development Department, the Mayor's Office of Resilience and Sustainability, and the Mayor's Office of Complete Communities aligned with the Kinder Institute's work on the vision and framework outlined in the Resilient Houston strategy and the 10 Complete Communities Action Plans. "In six months, I will no longer be mayor, but it doesn't mean the investment in our communities should not continue," said Turner. "It is important for this city to invest in neighborhoods and people that have been overlooked far too long."

Remember When

45 years ago (1978)
Lightning struck the Nichols home located on Sagevale.
Southeast Volunteer Fire Department responded to 29 calls marking its busiest month of the year.
40 years ago (1983)
The Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League All-Star baseball team won the bidistrict playoffs at Sharpstown and advanced to the state playoffs in Waco.

Trustees of the Clear Creek Independent School District joined other area school districts in adopting passage of the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills tests as a requirement for graduation.
35 years ago (1988)
Pasadena Independent School District first-grade TEAMS scores improved in all areas, with the exception of the Spanish version of the writing test, while mastery percentages improved in all areas but one.
Jeff Bailey Insurance Company, located at 10000 Gulf Freeway, was under investigation for selling policies and distributing binder cards on Stone Mountain Insurance Company. A state regulatory agency in Georgia ordered the company to cease and desist from writing policies.
30 years ago (1993)
The San Jacinto College District Board of Regents

approved the 1993-94 budget and accepted library construction bids for the college district's north and south campuses at its regular monthly meeting. Each library would be a two-story structure of approximately 40,000 square feet. Construction on both facilities was scheduled to begin in September and would take nearly a year to complete.
Jackie Lee Forbes, 30, a former resident of the South

Houston area, was charged with the murder of Barbara Ann Gaskins, 22, formerly of Sagelegen. According to the victim's mother, her daughter was moving back in with her when the murder occurred. Forbes had been the victim's boyfriend.
25 years ago (1998)
Teachers from the Pasadena Independent School District were set to receive a \$1,403 raise in the 1998-99 school year.

The Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees voted 4-3 not to renew superintendent John Wilson's contract.
20 years ago (2003)
South Belter Avis Smith Gunnels, the July 15 Texas Two Step lottery winner, traveled to Austin to collect \$825,000 after taxes of the \$1.1 million jackpot from Austin's lotto claim center.
Mayor Lee Brown visited officers and board members

of the South Belt-Ellington Super Neighborhood 80.
15 years ago (2008)
A group of Pearland activists led by Rep. Mike O'Day approached the Alvin Community College Board of Regents, to discuss the possibility of switching Pearland schools over to San Jacinto College's service area.
The City of Houston storm drainage project on Sabo Road neared completion, but some residents in the area were concerned flooding would still be problematic unless additional repair work was done in areas under Harris County's control. Of particular concern was ditch A119-09-00, which ran downstream from the north, parallel to the townhomes, before cutting to the west under Sabo just north of Sagetree. It served as a divider between the Kirkwood and Sagemont

Park subdivisions. Troubling residents was a brick wall that had been constructed under Sabo to restrict water flow downstream. While it helped alleviate flooding in areas located downstream, it worsened it in areas adjacent to Sabo.
Suspects Edward Harris, 19, and Rodney Bishop, 20, were arrested and charged with felony theft for a stolen motorcycle.
Suspect Anthony Session, 20, along with a 15-year-old juvenile, were arrested and charged with making a terroristic threat after allegedly attempting to rob a gas station with a BB gun.
10 years ago (2013)
Pasadena Independent School District officials announced that recently promoted administrators Alyta Harrell and Rhonda Parmer would share the duties of overseeing all schools in the South Belt community. Both Harrell and Parmer have longstanding ties to South Belt schools, having served as principals at Beverly Hills Intermediate and Frazier Elementary, respectively. The pair were promoted to the positions of associate superintendent of campus development in early July.
5 years ago (2018)
Texas Gov. Greg Abbott served as the guest of honor at the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's 34th annual banquet. The

theme was a salute to the local heroes of Hurricane Harvey. Abbott joined the chamber in recognizing 24 honorees for their heroic acts during the devastating storm. Heroes officially recognized at the banquet included the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department; Pasadena ISD Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell; local contract officers from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office; Jason and Rebecca Carter; Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital; the Houston Fire Department; D.D. Matthews; Charles Smith; Mike Gibson; Hilton Koch; Sagemont Church; Christian Temple; Dr. Mary Campbell-Fox; the Texas State Guard; the U. S. Coast Guard; Reena Benitez; Kat Kiel; Travis Teichelman; Jessica Cordero; Thi Nguyen; Kenzie Fernandez; Jessica Rowland; and Matthew Vela. These heroes, along with more than 12,000 others, were memorialized on a wall of honor that was unveiled at the event. In an unexpected move, state Rep. Dennis Paul presented Leader publisher and previous chamber chair Marie Flickinger with the inaugural Marie Flickinger Excellence in Community Service Award for her efforts during the storm.
U.S. Sen. John Cornyn made an unannounced visit to Thompson Intermediate

on Friday, July 20. While 16 PISD campuses flooded during Hurricane Harvey, Thompson was by far the most affected, with waters reaching 5 feet high inside the school. Homes located across the street on Sage-downe had water up to their roofs during the storm.
1 year ago (2022)
Marcos Alejandro, 19, was fatally shot during an incident July 23, at a gas station in the 14300 block of the Gulf Freeway near Astoria Boulevard. Another male and a juvenile were also shot in the incident but survived. The victims were inside a parked vehicle when they were approached by two males who opened fire. While police believed the victims knew their assailants, no immediate arrests were made.
A Harris County Precinct 8 deputy was injured in a fiery crash early Tuesday, July 26, in the 1300 block of the East Sam Houston Parkway. Deputy K. LeMelle was parked stationary on the shoulder of the tollway when her vehicle was struck from behind by a commercial truck. Local tow truck operator Richard Borgstrom was credited for saving LeMelle's life, pulling the trapped deputy from her vehicle just moments before it burst into flames. The driver and passenger of the striking vehicle sustained minor injuries

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Over The Back Fence by Natalie

TORI CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY
Special birthday wishes are sent July 28 to former South Belt resident and Dobie High School graduate **Tori Mask** from friends and the *Leader* staff. She currently posts a blog about the history of the South Belt area on <http://southbelthouston.blogspot.com/>.
SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 27 through August 2.
Atkinson Elementary
Sing a happy birthday song to **Stacy Fontenot** Aug. 1.
Frazier Elementary
Greetings for a wonderful birthday are sent to **Shannon Davis** Aug. 2.
Genoa Elementary
Join in the birthday celebration July 28 for **Lisette Kearns**.
Melillo Middle School

The day to send a birthday greeting to **Norberta Mercado** is Aug. 2.
Roberts Middle School
Light the birthday candles July 27 for **Fred Leggin** and **Lyndsi Price**. **Xiomara Cortez** celebrates a birthday Aug. 1.
Beverly Hills Intermediate
Sing a happy birthday song Aug. 2 to **Shasta Williams**. The day for birthday fun for **Arnold Agrella** is Aug. 3.
Thompson Intermediate
Happy birthday wishes are sent to **Wayne Sanders** July 31. Remember to wish **Patricia Tabarez** and **Bob Boyes** a happy birthday Aug. 1. Send a birthday greeting Aug. 2 to **Meliza Evanson**.
Dobie High
Birthday greetings are sent to **Sherrie Kent** Aug. 3.
FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, July 27: **Lydia Garcia, Joanne**

Mata and Sean Kean; Friday, July 28: **Ariana Mena, Alyssa Chambers, Tori Mask, Dana Milburn and Sandy Nelson**; Saturday, July 29: **Codie Salyer, Linda Brisbay, Gina Trevino, Donielle Taverner, Albert Perez and Tiffany Barras**; Sunday, July 30: **Donald Rogers, Anne Hyma, Danielle Mendoza, Christine Elliott and Randy Kelley**; Monday, July 31: **Robert Gentry, David Freeman, Felix Garcia, Jim Waltz and Ashley Glover**; Tuesday, Aug. 1: **Gabriel Diaz, Andrew Burks, Denny Wranich Sr., Ryan Hanzelka, Jo Lyday and Scott Bishop**; and Wednesday, Aug. 2: **Mayra Elizabeth, Patricia Lynn Krivik, Ana Acosta, Juanita Herrera, Terry Barclay and Donna Northrup**.
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15 years ago (2008)
A group of Pearland activists led by Rep. Mike O'Day approached the Alvin Community College Board of Regents, to discuss the possibility of switching Pearland schools over to San Jacinto College's service area.
The City of Houston storm drainage project on Sabo Road neared completion, but some residents in the area were concerned flooding would still be problematic unless additional repair work was done in areas under Harris County's control. Of particular concern was ditch A119-09-00, which ran downstream from the north, parallel to the townhomes, before cutting to the west under Sabo just north of Sagetree. It served as a divider between the Kirkwood and Sagemont

SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

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 dsenton@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 Dobie gym, with freshman and junior varsity play at Dobie main.

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.

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.

Thompson FB 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.

Beverly Hills athletics news

The Beverly Hills Intermediate coaching staff will host a Back To School football camp for incoming seventh- and eighth-grade players Aug. 7-9, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. each day. Cost of the camp is \$50 per student. The Bears' football equipment pickup dates are Aug. 10 (3:30 to 4:15 p.m.) and Aug. 11 (3:30 to 4:30 p.m.) on campus.

Beverly Hills' first football practice is Aug. 14, the first official day of school, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. 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.

JFD FB boosters send invite

The Dobie High School football booster club is putting together its weekly and game day contact list and is encouraging all incoming freshmen and other program newcomers to join its email list. To be a part of team updates, newcomers are encouraged to submit their contact information to infodboosterclub@gmail.com to begin receiving important details.

BHI community day is Aug. 26

The Beverly Hills Intermediate athletic department will host a community day featuring the football and volleyball programs Aug. 26 on the school campus from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be food, games and fun for the entire family as the Bears celebrate the start of the fall season.

High school programs eye July 31 start date

July 31 is the most anticipated day of the 2022-2023 school year for high school athletes as preseason workouts officially get started for the fall sports programs, including volleyball, football, team tennis and more.



On the volleyball court, the Dobie and Clear Brook programs will serve up tryouts and the opening of an ultraquick preseason July 31, with Clear Brook's tryouts extending to Aug. 1.

With only seven workout days to prepare for opening day Aug. 8, the Longhorns and Wolverines will work at a fast pace.

Dobie's two preseason scrimmages include Aug. 4 at Barbers Hill as Klein Oak and Montgomery will also join in on the fun.

The Longhorns then host Angleton and North Shore at Dobie Aug. 5, and the regular season opens Aug. 8 with Dobie hosting Baytown Sterling at Phillips Field House.

The locals will close out the opening week of the regular season by traveling to Goose Creek Memorial Aug. 11.

Clear Brook will get going on the court Aug. 4 at Pearland, and then will scrimmage against 24-6A foe Clear Falls Aug. 5.

The Wolverines will open the season Aug. 8 at home against St. Agnes and will again play in the prestigious John Turner Invitational Aug. 10-12.

The football programs at Dobie and Clear Brook are also anticipating the start of incoming freshman workouts July 31, as

Athletes planning to play football, particularly incoming freshmen, are asked to send their contact information to Pioneer's head football coach Don Justice at don.justice@lutheransouth.org.

The Pioneer volleyball program will begin preseason workouts July 31 and continue through Aug. 4, from 8 to 10 a.m. and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Head coach Geoff Stressman and his staff will host a parents' meet-

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JFD team tennis season set to open

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

The team tennis portion of the season is days away from opening for the Dobie Longhorns, and

regardless of what the final results will add up to come October, head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. knows his group will embrace the "team" concept.

Entering his silver anniversary season at Dobie and 42nd overall in Gulf Coast area youth tennis, Moreno knows a thing or two about putting together the right singles ladder and doubles combinations to ensure the best possible team success.

It may take some time in 2023, but Moreno is excited for the challenge.

Beyond senior No. 1 boys' singles player Ryan Le and senior top girls' singles player Haley Maldonado, Moreno is open-minded about the make-up of the singles ladder by the time the District 22-6A opener at Deer Park comes Sept. 5, but there are certain aspects of

the equation of which he's certain.

"These kids have been dedicated to showing up for the workouts, they love the game and they truly enjoy being together and supporting one another," Moreno said.

"We are going to take some lumps along the way. I believe you only get better by playing tough competition, and our schedule is loaded with quality competition."

"Really for three years now we have been in a little bit of a reload phase. We again don't have a ton of experience, and we will be asking kids to play at maybe a higher slot than they are ready for, but I think in the end it will all pay off for us."

As for the 22-6A race, defending champion Deer Park has been the class of the league for years and should again be considered the team to beat.

The competitor in Moreno will not allow him

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Opening Weekend Tennis

- Aug. 3 – Dobie at Cibolo Steele, 3 p.m.
 - Aug. 4 – Dobie at Schertz Clemens, 8:30 a.m.
 - Aug. 4 – Dobie at Smithson Valley, 4 p.m.
- All matches at San Antonio

Sharks take 6th at Clear Creek Swim championships



The South Belt Sharks concluded a successful summer swim season with a sixth place finish out of 17 teams at the Clear Creek Swim League Championship Meet July 15 at Clear Springs High School. The Sharks' 15- to 18-year-old girls' division competitors joined the team's coaching staff to celebrate a terrific effort. Left to right, assistant coach Logan Vuong, Cameron Chu, Tiffany Tran, Allie Chu, Karissa Dorville, head coach Bradley Nguyen and assistant coach Samuel Parker were at Clear Springs for the summer finale. See more on Page 8.

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Lutheran South plans training

The Lutheran South Academy coaching staff has delivered some key dates ahead of the start of preseason workouts, which will come July 31.

The Pioneer football program, all grades included, will go Aug. 31 through Aug. 4, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be a mandatory parental meeting at 5:30 p.m., and the second week of preseason workouts will be Aug. 7-11, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Lutheran South hosts Bay Area Christian

Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m. (varsity). The varsity team will play in the Volleybash Invitational Aug. 10-12 at Pasadena Memorial High School.

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Pleasants to play in Japan Series



The USA Softball Women's National Team is set to compete in the Japan Series Aug. 4-7 as Dobie graduate and current Louisiana State University standout Taylor Pleasants is on the roster. Dobie graduate Chris Malveaux, who is an assistant coach at Tennessee, is also an assistant coach with the WNT for the series, with Clemson's John Rittman serving as head coach. The schedule for the series includes: Friday, August 4, 7 p.m. JST / 5 a.m. CT vs. Japan, Kizuma Stadium - Iwakuni, Japan TBD; Sunday, August 6, 2 p.m. JST / 12 a.m. CT vs. Japan, Azuma Stadium - Fukushima, Japan TBD; Monday, August 7, 7 p.m. JST / 5 a.m. CT vs. Japan, Yokohama Stadium - Yokohama, Japan, TBD.

BAFL football preseason starts; Cowboys will kick off Aug. 12

Preseason practices have started as the Bay Area Football League will kick off its 2023 regular season Saturday, Aug. 12, with the Sagemont Cowboys playing the Brazosport Longhorns at Freeport Intermediate in Freeport.

With the Southbelt Dolphins ending their decades-long run within BAFL following the 2022 season, the Cowboys, an original charter member

Sagemont Cowboys at Brazosport Buccaneers Sat., Aug. 12

of BAFL, stand as the area's league representative moving forward.

For 2023, the Bay Area Football League now includes the Alvin Raiders, Angleton Wildcats, Bay Area Buccaneers, Brazosport, East End Eagles, Hitchcock Red Raiders, La Porte Texans, League City 49ers, Magnolia Park Sharks, Manvel Texans, Pasadena Panthers, Pearland Patriots, Pearland Texans, Cowboys and Southeast Houston Wildcats.

Dobie team tennis squad will travel to San Antonio

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 PISD's best program to concede anything, but he would love to see his program's dominance of other Pasadena ISD programs continue.

Since 2010, Dobie has gone unbeaten against the Memorials, Pasadenas, Rayburns and South Houstons, and now is no time for change, he says.

"I realize some of the PISD programs have been up and down, but Memorial again has a really good girls' player, and they have the ability to build something around her. "Maybe being the

Dobie will open the regular season with a trip to San Antonio, where tests against Cibola Steele, Schertz Clemens and Smithson Valley await. There will also be a fun "team building" few hours at an area theme park.

"We're going to have some fun with it," Moreno said. "This is a great group of kids, and I know they will give it their all."

- ### Dobie Team Tennis 2023 Projected Girls' Singles Lineup
1. Hailey Maldonado/(Sr.) (C)
 2. Leslie Figueroa (Sr.)
 3. Leena Pham (Sr.) (C)
 4. Kayla Tran (Sr.)
 5. Amalia Reyes (Sr.)
 6. Abby Panza (Sr.)
 7. Vyvy Do (Jr.)
 8. Trish Nguyen (Jr.)
 9. Hallie Vu (Sr.)
 10. Valerie Huynh (Sr.)
 11. Alena Morgan (Jr.)
 12. Dulce Mejia (Soph.)
 13. Hayden Do (Soph.)
 14. Chloe Estes (Soph.)
 15. Tiffany Nguyen (Soph.)
- (C) Team Captain
- ### Projected Girls' Doubles Lineup
1. Hailey Maldonado/ Leslie Figueroa
 2. Leena Pham/ Kayla Tran
 3. Abby Panza/ Vyvy Do

- ### Dobie Team Tennis 2023 Projected Boys' Singles Lineup
1. Ryan Le (Sr.)
 2. Diego Flores (Jr.)
 3. Nestor Garza (Jr.)
 4. Nolan Tran (Jr.)
 5. Pitou So, (Jr.) (C)
 6. Rigoberto Alanis (Jr.)
 7. Isaac Reynolds (Jr.)
 8. Jacob Kostikoglou (Jr.)
 9. Tre Ramirez (Jr.)
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 11. Kevin Do (Soph.)
 12. Titus Giang (Soph.)
 13. Alexis Bonilla (Soph.)
 14. Vince Bui (Jr.)
 15. Eric Perez (Jr.)
- (C) Team Captain
- ### Projected Boys' Doubles Lineup
1. Ryan Le/ Nolan Tran
 2. Nestor Garza/ Diego Flores
 3. Rigoberto Alanis/Tre Ramirez

Dobie Tennis Key Dates

Dobie Longhorns host Clear Brook Wolverines
 Aug. 8, 1 p.m.

Dobie Longhorns at Deer Park
 Sept. 5, 3:30 p.m.

Dickson to Pan Americans Aug. 4-7



Following a silver- and bronze-medal winning effort at the USA Track and Field U-20 Championships in Eugene, Ore., Clear Brook High School Class of 2022 graduate and current Texas A&M University freshman Camryn Dickson has been invited to participate in the Pan American U-20 Championships Aug. 4-6, in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Dickson will compete in the 100 and be among the USA athletes in the 4x100 relay pool.

Dobie High School 2023 Varsity Tennis Schedule

Aug. 3	at Cibola Steele	3 p.m.
Aug. 4	at Schertz Clemens	8:30 a.m.
Aug. 4	at Smithson Valley	4 p.m.
Aug. 8	Clear Brook	1 p.m.
Aug. 9	at George Ranch	9 a.m.
Aug. 9	at Katy	3:30 p.m.
Aug. 10	at Pearland	3 p.m.
Aug. 11	Clear Creek	9 a.m.
Aug. 11	at Friendswood	7 p.m.
Aug. 17	Clear Falls	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 18	at Dickinson	3 p.m.
Aug. 22	at Nederland (Beaumont)	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	Clear Springs	2:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	Magnolia	10 a.m.
Aug. 29	at Katy Taylor	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	La Porte	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	*at Deer Park	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 8-9	at Remembering Ike tourn.	TBA
Sept. 12	*Pasadena	3 p.m.
Sept. 15	*at Pasadena Memorial	3 p.m.
Sept. 19	*Channelview	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	*South Houston	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	*at Sam Rayburn	3 p.m.
Oct. 3	Ridge Point	3 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Baytown Sterling	3 p.m.
Oct. 7	Dobie Exes Matches	9 a.m.
Oct. 9-10	Bidistrict Playoff Round	TBA

* District 22-6A matches

Dobie High School 2023 Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 4	at Pearland scrimmage	8 a.m.
Aug. 5	4-team scrimmage	9 a.m.
Aug. 8	Bay. Sterling (Phillips)	6 p.m.
Aug. 11	at G.C. Memorial	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 15	at Crosby	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 17, 19	at Dickinson tourn.	TBA
Aug. 18	Fort Bend Marshall	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 22	at Spring	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 24-26	George Ranch tourn.	TBA
Aug. 29	Alvin	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	JFD Labor Day Classic	TBA
Sept. 1	Shadow Creek	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	at La Porte	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	*at Deer Park	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	*Pasadena	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	*at Pasadena Memorial	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	*Channelview	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	*at Sam Rayburn	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	*South Houston	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	*Deer Park	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	*at Pasadena	5 p.m.
Oct. 10	* Pasadena Memorial	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*at Channelview	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	*Sam Rayburn	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*at South Houston	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	*at Episcopal	5:30 p.m.

* District 22-6A matches

Clear Brook High School 2023 Varsity Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 4	at Pearland scrimmage	9 a.m.
Aug. 5	at Clear Falls scrimm.	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 8	St. Agnes	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 10-12	at Pearland tourn.	TBA
Aug. 15	at Kingwood	6 p.m.
Aug. 17, 19	at Dickinson tourn.	TBA
Aug. 18	Friendswood	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 22	at Jersey Village	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	Cy-Falls	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 29	North Shore	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Clear Creek ISD tourn.	TBA
Sept. 5	at Alvin	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	*at Clear Falls	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	*Brazoswood	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	*Clear Lake	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 19	*Clear Creek	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	*at Clear Springs	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Dickinson	6 p.m.
Oct. 3	*Clear Falls	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Brazoswood	6 p.m.
Oct. 10	*at Clear Lake	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Clear Creek	6 p.m.
Oct. 17	*Sam Rayburn	6 p.m.
Oct. 20	Clear Springs	6 p.m.
Oct. 24	*at Dickinson	6 p.m.

* District 24-6A matches

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Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aa-houston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.
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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 Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family and friends of addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
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Christian Church hosts food drive at 10603 Blackhawk Blvd, Houston. Call 281-484-4230.
2-4 p.m. Parent's-Day Out - CrossRoads United Methodist Church invites children with intellectual and physical disabilities for a fun-filled afternoon of activities.
SUNDAY, JULY 30
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - worship services held 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 - meeting at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
MONDAY, JULY 31
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Call Karen Hollon at 713-472-0565 to schedule 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, is now open. Volunteers teach dance lessons. Park activity card holders attend free. 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. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.
7 p.m. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 chapter meets at the Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. Call 832-858-4617 or 713-875-8820.
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - See Monday's notice.
11:30 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
11:30 a.m. Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
6:30 p.m. Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call 713-253-2521. Visitors may attend two meetings free.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Southeast Houston Toastmasters - Club #05324194 meets virtually at sehouston.toastmastersclubs.org. Visit the website or call 832-722-9061.
7 p.m. NA - See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - a nondenominational senior citizen social group meeting at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real. Meetings are open to those ages 55 and older. Call 713-444-6744.
9:30 a.m. Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Lots of activities, trips, etc. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's 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. Park activity card holders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
7 p.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - See Sunday's notice.
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8 p.m. AA - See Friday's notice.

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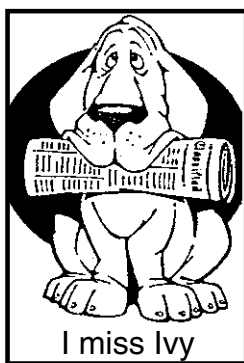
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South Belt Sharks place sixth at Clear Creek Championship meet

The South Belt Sharks concluded a successful summer swim season with a sixth place finish out of 17 teams at the Clear Creek Swim League Championship Meet July 15 at Clear Springs High School.

The Sharks won three of five head-to-head meets during the regular season and qualified 31 swimmers for the season-ending championship meet.

The Sharks received performances from Thien Luu and Matthew Bui in the boys' 9-10-year-old division as Luu won the 100 fly and was third in both the 50 free and the 100 individual medley.

As for Bui, he won the 100 IM and the 50 free and

was also second in the 50 back.

Bui and Luu also joined a pair of relays for the Sharks as the 200 medley relay took fourth with Caleb Villareal and Saul Rodriguez in the mix, while the same four competitors were third in the 200 free relay.

In the girls' 15- to 18-year-old division, the Sharks scored top-three medals. In the 200 medley relay, Laney Thompson, Allie Chu, Karissa

Dorville and Tiffany Tran combined for second place, while the 200 free relay foursome of the same ladies, Thompson, Chu, Dorville and Tran, placed third.

Thompson was also fifth in the 100 back, ninth in the 100 fly and 11th in the 50 free.

Tran was fourth in the 100 back, fifth in the 200 IM and eighth in the 50 free.

As for Dorville, she snagged second in the 100

fly, fourth in the 200 IM and ninth in the 100 back.

Allie Chu wound up seventh in the 100 breast, and Cameron Chu took 10th in the 100 breast.

The Sharks were sixth in the girls' 100 free relay as Abigail Tupa, Mia Durgan, Kylie Tinajero, and Lina Castillo teamed, with the same four competitors placing seventh in the 100 medley relay. Tinajero was also fourth-best in the 25 fly.

The Sharks' Jackson

Miller completed a strong season as he was 12th in the 25 breast.

The Sharks' scoring in the 11-12 girls' division included Olivia Barnett winning the 50 free, taking fourth in the 50 fly and sixth in the 100 IM.

Barnett also joined in the fun in the 200 medley relay as she, Alani Ross, Anberlyn Gafford and Genelle Rodriguez combined for sixth place.

Wilder Smith represented the Sharks in the

11-12-year-old boys' division as he finished ninth in the 50 breast.

South Belt's 13-14 girls' competitors included Yen Luu, 11th in both the 100 IM and 100 free, and Hope Gonzalez, 12th in the 100 IM.

Zoey Vuong was sixth in the 100 free and seventh in both the 100 IM and 50 fly.

In the 13-14-year-old 200 medley relay, Gonzalez, Luu, Vuong, Sara McGrady placed 10th, and the same group wound up

seventh in the 200 free relay.

The Sharks' 13-14 boys' foursome of Aaron Villareal, Liam Durgan, Wilder Smith and Jackson Berenato was seventh in both the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay.



The Sharks' Zoe Barnett (left) and Anberlyn Gafford gave the team plenty of exciting performances during the season in the girls' 8-under division.



Competitors in the 9-10 boys' division including, left to right, Caleb Villareal, Saul Rodriguez, Matthew Bui and Thien Luu, chipped in with terrific performances as the Sharks placed sixth as a team in the Clear Creek Swim League Championship Meet July 15 at Clear Springs High School.



The Sharks' 13-14 boys' foursome of, left to right, Aaron Villareal, Jackson Berenato, Liam Durgan and Wilder Smith and was seventh in both the 200 medley relay and the 200 free relay.



The South Belt Sharks got a big contribution from its 8-under girls' relay group including, left to right, Lina Castillo, Abigail Tupa, Mia Durgan and Kylie Tinajero, during the season-ending Clear Creek Swim League Championship Meet.

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Lajaunie tennis to play Aug. 19

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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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