

TxDOT sets Sagemont meeting

TxDOT will hold a virtual public meeting with in-person available Thursday, July 14, at 5 p.m. at Sagemont Church, Annex Bldg., 11600 Hughes.

The purpose of the public meeting is to present information on the Gulf Freeway PEL Study which is being conducted on I-45 S from I-69 / US 59 (downtown) to Beltway 8.

Comments must be received on or before Friday, July 29, to be a part of the official meeting record.

Home break-in investigated

On July 4, 2022, at approximately 4:30 a.m., an unknown male wearing a white jacket entered from the rear of the residence on Sagerock Drive in Sageglen subdivision, by breaking a window.

As he entered, the unknown male looked up and turned the cameras down so he could not be recognized. It was later determined the male stole a large amount of cash from the safe in the room he entered. Deputies on the scene were not able to gather any latent fingerprints because the suspect was wearing gloves.

The suspect apparently exited the same way he had entered. There is no other information at press time. Constable Jerry Garcia is investigating. Check next week's *Leader* for further information.

Beamer body not yet identified

A body found floating in the Beamer ditch the morning of Wednesday, June 22, had yet to be identified at press time, according to officials with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Discovered around 9 a.m. near Beamer and Scarsdale, the body had been badly decomposed due to heat, county officials said. IFS officials said decomposition was so severe the race of the dead man had yet to be determined at press time.

The male's cause of death had also yet to be determined, county officials said.

Online rumors that the man may have been a patient from the nearby Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital or a construction worker working on the Beamer ditch are both untrue, according to officials with the Harris County Pct. 2 constable's office.

The man was, however, possibly wearing a bracelet from a medical facility, Pct. 2 officials said.

The Pct. 2 constable's office was aided in the investigation by the Houston Police Department and the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department.

Active COVID cases increase

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community continues to grow, with increases being reported in all three local ZIP codes. As of Tuesday, July 5, there had been 13,263 confirmed cases in 77089. Of those, 377 remain active, up six from the previous week. To date, 134 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there had been 10,316 confirmed cases. Of those, 286 remain active, up 80 from the previous week. To date, there have been 80 deaths in the ZIP code.

In 77034 (total population: 40,532), there had been 9,035 confirmed cases. Of those, 244 remained active, up 33 from the previous week. To date, 91 residents from ZIP code 77034 died from the disease.

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.

Gulf Freeway closures set

At least one southbound frontage road lane and at least one northbound frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Sept. 30.

At least one southbound main lane and frontage road lane and at least one northbound main lane and frontage road lane will be closed on the Gulf Freeway from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Dec. 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96. The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

Two outside southbound lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Texas City Railroad to SH 6/SH 146 in La Marque nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Jan. 8.

The northbound entrance ramps from both FM 519/Main Street and FM 1765/Texas Avenue in La Marque will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the next available northbound entrance ramp.

Properly destroy flags

Residents wishing to properly destroy a flag may take them to RE/MAX 5 Star Realty, 4802 E. Sam Houston Parkway S, Suite 150; the *Leader* office, 11555 Beamer; and The Gardens, 12001 Beamer. All flags will be destroyed during a private American Legion ceremony. For more information, to register as a collection site or to request a flag be picked up, contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545 or KBarbour@KBarbourRealtor.com.

Federal warrant leads to multiple arrests

The execution of a federal arrest warrant recently led to multiple other drug-related arrests in the 11000 block of Sageview near Sageorchard.

Deputies with Harris County Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Special Operations Unit assisted the U.S. Marshals Service Office with the



Michael Ramirez

execution.

A residence at the above address was placed under surveillance after marshals learned that a wanted suspect was staying at a known drug house.

After police observed the suspect coming and going from the address, the felony search warrant was ex-



Brian Dolan

ecuted.

Upon entering this residence, several suspects attempted to evade through a back door and jumped a fence but were quickly detained by awaiting deputies.

After safely securing the scene, deputies located numerous amounts of narcotics, packaging items and a firearm.

After completion of this investigation, deputies made three felony arrests.



Brittney Chalen

Michael Ramirez, 27, was taken into custody for an open warrant for felony possession of a controlled substance.

Brian Dolan, 31, was taken into custody for two open felony warrants – possession of a controlled substance and felony theft.

Brittney Chalen, age unknown, was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

In all, deputies recovered a little more than 165 grams of methamphetamine, approximately 17 grams of heroin and a .40 caliber handgun.

This is the second raid in this home in the past year and the third in the past five years.

Commissioner Garcia at Sageglen HOA

The Sageglen Home Owners Association has scheduled its annual HOA meeting for Monday, July 18 at 7 p.m.

The newly redistricted Commissioner Adrian Garcia will attend and provide an update regarding gun safety and overall public safety.

This meeting will be held at the Sageglen Community Association Building, 11610 Sageyork.

For more information, contact 281-481-2160; sageglen@sbcglobal.net; or contact Susana Castillo at either 713-376-9195 or susana.castillo@pct2.hctx.net.

Trash overloads Ellington Recycling

By Cervantis Pounds II

While many residents believed the city's Waste Management was not removing the mountain worth of cardboard boxes at the Ellington recycling facility, boxes had been removed but more boxes continue to appear.

Local resident Myles Barkman visited the recycling facility on Friday, June 17 and found a stockpile of boxes and items in front of the bins.

District E South Sector manager for Dave Martin, Mark Mitchell, arrived at the facility with his intern and Waste Management employees to clear out the stockpile of boxes the following Friday, June 24.

Waste Management has been to the facility

two to three times a week to clear out the large mess of trash that overflows in front of the recycling bins.

Barkman revisited the site Sunday, June 26 and found an even larger pile of boxes – double the original amount.

The recycling facility is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

It remains a puzzle as to from where that much trash continues to come.

While Barkman could not believe it was cleaned up, Mitchell found it difficult to believe it was filled up again with trash.

Both were surprised to learn the facts. Question still is, from where is all that recycling trash coming?



The photo above was taken by South Belt resident Myles Barkman and sent to the *Leader* on June 19. The *Leader* sent the photo to Mark Mitchell in Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin's office.



On Friday, June 24, Mark Mitchell of Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin's office took this photo of a much cleaner scene. Notice even the mattress, which was along fence, is gone.



Three days later, on Sunday, June 26, Myles Barkman returned to the recycling center and photographed this same section of the center, showing much more trash had been dumped where it had been virtually clean the previous Friday.



The next day, Monday, June 27, just hours after Myles Barkman took the picture with all the trash, *Leader* publisher, Marie Flickinger sent his photo and talked to Mark Mitchell who told her that the picture could not have been taken Sunday, as the site was literally cleaned up Friday. Flickinger then drove to the Ellington center Monday and found the site totally cleaned up. A Waste Management person at the site explained that site is usually cleaned up three times a week. There is that much trash being dumped there.

Toni Muse, longtime realtor, dies

Toni Muse, 74, who had been a South Belt realtor for more than 35 years, died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon, July 2 in her South Belt home while she was napping.

Toni lived in the Sageglen subdivision with her husband, Larry.

Their son, Jason lives in Sugar Land. She was



Toni Muse

a devoted grandmother to her two grandsons.

She enjoyed boating and traveling. She also stayed in close touch with fellow realtors from the old Remax South Belt office and enjoyed the occasional get-togethers.

Visitation has been set at Peevey Funeral Home Chapel for Monday, July 11 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The funeral service will be held at Peevey Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, July 12 at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Forest Park East.

Motorist sought in motorcyclist death

A motorcyclist was killed in a hit-and-run crash about noon Saturday, June 25, in the 8300 block of Alameda Genoa Road near Monroe.

Arthur Montemayor, 39, died from injuries incurred during the crash.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the victim was traveling west at the above address on a red Yamaha motorcycle when he was struck by a blue Mercury Marquis as he approached Monroe.

A preliminary investigation indicated the vehicle left a gas station and was attempting to turn onto Monroe when it struck the motorcyclist.

According to witnesses, the motorcycle had a green light and the vehicle ran the red light.

The victim was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake, where he was pronounced dead.

The driver of the Mercury fled the scene and did not stop to provide medical assistance.

Anyone with information in this case or on the identity of the wanted driver is urged to contact the HPD Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Pedestrian killed on Genoa Red Bluff

A pedestrian was killed in an automobile accident around 4 a.m. Monday, June 27, in the 1500 block of Genoa Red Bluff Road near Beltway 8.

At press time, the identity of the deceased male was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

According to police, the male pedestrian was walking in the street at the above address -- not in a crosswalk -- when he was struck by a white

Toyota Camry traveling east.

The driver immediately stopped and rendered aid. Paramedics arrived and pronounced the male dead at the scene.

The male driver, 52, did not show signs of intoxication. He was questioned and released with no charges filed at this time.

The investigation was continuing at press time.

Nehls offers opportunities for college

The office of U.S. Rep. Troy Nehls, whose House District 22 encompasses much of the South Belt community, is offering multiple unique opportunities to area youths who live within his congressional district.

Congressional Academy

Applications for the 2022 Congressional Academy are currently open.

This academy gives high school and undergraduate students a chance to participate in a

mock Congress.

Participants will learn the interworking of multiple levels of government from elected official guest speakers, including Nehls himself.

For additional information, visit nehls.house.gov/2022-congressional-academy?fbclid=IwAR1C8iMOd1BUQewAFSycanNVEXszH-CMPM2bSIdWQu_xVE36OJ3xHMLdrEAM or call 346-762-6600.

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City redistricting underway

The City of Houston's 2022-2023 redistricting process is currently underway, with the city accepting input from the public.

The city is embarking on a process to adopt new City Council district boundaries using the information from the 2020 US Census. There will be multiple opportunities to comment and be updated on the process.

The redrawn districts will aim to do the following:

- Maintain relatively equal population numbers.
 - Be composed of whole county voting precincts.
 - Have easily identifiable geographic boundaries.
 - Maintain communities of interest/neighborhoods.
 - Be compact and contiguous.
 - Avoid packing or cracking.
- Packing -- diminishing voting power by calculated demographic concentration.

Cracking -- diminishing voting power by calculated demographic dilution.

Preserved incumbent-constituency relations. Throughout the month of May, a public forum to discuss the process of redrawing the maps was held in each City Council district prior to its annual Capital Improvement Project (CIP) meeting.

The South Belt-Ellington community is currently split between District D, which encompasses all areas west of the Gulf Freeway, and District E, which includes all to the east.

District D is currently represented by Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, while District E is represented by Dave Martin

Timeline

July 2022: Three public hearings will take place at City Council. This is an additional opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide input or suggest alternate plan. Those meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 12.

For more information, contact Martin's office at 832 393-3008 or districte@houstontx.gov.

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City begins Bay Area rehab work

District E City Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin would like South Belt residents to know Houston Public Works recently began a street rehabilitation project on Bay Area Boulevard.

The scope of work includes replacing concrete panels on Bay Area Boulevard from Space Center Boulevard to Graduate Drive.

Cost of the project is approximately \$800,000 and is funded through the METRO Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund.

Construction activities are expected to take place Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. As a result of the construction activities, resi-

dents should be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones that will be put in place on site to help traffic flow through the construction zone.

The project may require a one-lane closure, but two-way traffic will be maintained at all times.

Businesses and residents will have access to driveways and sidewalks at all times and may experience an increase in noise levels due to trucks and equipment in the area.

No utility outages are planned. Weather permitting, the project is anticipated to be completed by Tuesday, July 12.

For more information, contact Martin's office at 832 393-3008 or districte@houstontx.gov.

Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership announces new president

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) has announced that Brian D. Freedman has been



selected as the organization's incoming president. He will succeed current BAHEP President and long-

time South Belt resident Bob Mitchell following his retirement Dec. 31, 2022.

Mitchell joined BAHEP in 2001 to direct the organization's Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program. In 2007, he was assigned responsibility for BAHEP's day-to-day operations and became president in January 2008.

"I got to know Brian well when he worked at BAHEP. I was impressed by him then and have become even more so as he has achieved much success in his career," said Mitchell. "Brian has the expertise and necessary relationships to lead this organization and its diverse membership. I wish him and his family all

the best as he takes BAHEP into the future."

Freedman will work alongside Mitchell beginning in August to ensure a smooth and productive transition prior to taking over as president Jan. 1, 2023.

"I would like to thank Bob for his years of leadership and dedication to BAHEP. He has been, and will continue to be, a mentor and friend to all of us," said Freedman. "I am honored to serve as the next president of BAHEP and am thrilled to work with the world-class team of economic development professionals to serve our membership and community. Our board of directors has laid out an incredible strategic plan that

capitalizes on the growing opportunities in the region, and I look forward to supporting this vision."

Freedman is currently senior manager of State and Local Government Operations, Southwest Region, for the Boeing Company where he is responsible for overseeing state and local government relations activities at multiple Boeing facilities. Prior to Boeing, Freedman served as the lead for Legislative Affairs at NASA's Johnson Space Center and as BAHEP's aerospace coordinator and contract administrator.

Freedman is very active

in the community, serving on the board of directors for several local and statewide institutions including:

- Wellby Financial, formerly JSC Federal Credit Union; board member and board vice-chair (2019-present).
- Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the board (2018-2019); executive committee (2015-2020); board of directors (2013-present).
- Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce; co-chair, Strategic Plan (2017 and 2020) and chair, Government Affairs Division (2018-present).

- North Texas Commission; board member (2020-present).

- Citizens for Space Exploration; chairman of annual Washington, D.C. trip (2013-present).

Freedman holds a bachelor's degree in management from Mississippi State University, an MBA with a graduate certificate in finance from Colorado State University and an executive certificate in strategy and innovation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He, his wife, Dr. Erica Roberts, and their two children live in Friendswood.

Flood Control releases results of tunnel feasibility study

Large-diameter underground stormwater tunnels have the potential to significantly reduce flooding risks in Harris County and warrant deeper analysis, the Harris County Flood Control District announced with publication of its "Feasibility Study of Stormwater Conveyance Tunnels - Phase 2" report. Preliminary information regarding a potentially "transformational" system of tunnels that could reduce persistent flooding for tens of thousands of homes were included in this update of the feasibility study, which was launched after Harris County officials challenged Flood Control to develop new flood risk reduction tools in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The second phase of the feasibility study shows that a potential tunnel system, if added to the existing bayou channels and detention basin network, could be a highly effective option for reducing flooding in densely populated areas of Harris County. The potential eight tunnel alignments (or locations) identified in the feasibility study represent the foundation of a Harris County tunnel system that could potentially reduce flooding in and around areas designated as damage centers. A damage center is a concentrated area that has and will continue to flood repeatedly, with water in homes and businesses. Damage centers were identified through a data-driven process, and then the damage centers were reviewed further to account for social vulnerability and other factors, in and around the watershed. By applying a social vulnerability screening, the feasibility study team identified the neighborhoods where people are least able to recover from a disaster. This comprehensive approach to flood damage reduction incorporates traditional engineering factors, as well as environmental and social considerations. This approach differs

from one focused mainly on a cost-to-benefit ratio based on property values.

At the start of the tunnel feasibility study (Phase 1), the team confirmed that it is potentially possible to construct tunnels in many areas of the county. In the next stage (Phase 2), the team identified potential individual tunnel locations, considering various elements such as elevation, community impacts and availability of vacant land for traditional projects. As the benefits of tunnels became more evident during the feasibility study, however, the team also identified the potential benefits gained when tunnel alignments work synergistically with each other, instead of as independent alignments. A comprehensive approach to flood risk reduction, with the use of a tunnel system in conjunction with the existing drainage system, would provide significantly more benefits by allowing the different alignments to reduce the flood risk across multiple watersheds.

So far, the Phase 2 feasibility study has found that tunnels would require the acquisition of much less property, as compared to traditional flood risk reduction projects. Also, because the majority of tunnel construction would happen deep underground, a tunnel may have a flexible alignment that is not tied as closely to a bayou or creek. For example, a tunnel could potentially provide benefits to flood damage centers in more than one watershed. Tunnels are being considered as an addition to - not a replacement for - the county's existing stormwater management network of bayous, channels and stormwater detention basins.

The resulting tunnel system includes a potential eight tunnel concepts along the following bayous, in alphabetical order: Brays Bayou, Buffalo Bayou, Clear Creek, Berry Bayou and Vince Bay-

ou, Greens Bayou, Halls Bayou and Hunting Bayou, Halls Bayou and Hunting Bayou, Little Cypress Creek and Cypress, Creek, Sims Bayou and White Oak Bayou.

These preliminary alignments from the Phase 2 feasibility study are conceptual and may change as more field information and modeling results are collected. These potential tunnel concepts come at a high cost, but in some situations can compare favorably against multiple smaller traditional projects totaling the same potential benefit. Preliminary construction cost estimates for a typical 10-mile tunnel segment are in the \$3-\$4 billion range. Funding for design and construction would require state and/or federal partnership funding, as well as a local share. If funding is secured, design and construction is estimated to take 10-15 years for a single representative 10-mile tunnel segment.

"Although the costs of a tunnel system are significant and finding partnership funding for a project of this scale is not guaranteed, we are excited about exploring tunnels as an additional tool to reduce flooding risks in Harris County," said Flood Control District Executive Director Tina Petersen. "There is still additional analysis to be done on the economic benefits and integration into our current stormwater management network, and we are asking for public feedback as we move forward."

Additional analysis that could occur in Phase 3 of the feasibility study would quantify countywide economic benefits of adding a tunnel system to our current stormwater management network, identify how to integrate such a system into our existing network, identify funding strategies, further investigate and refine potential tunnel alignments, and continue to gather public input. Phase 3 investigation could begin as early as spring 2023.

City redistricting underway

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ings are tentatively to be held on July 13 at 9 a.m., July 13 at 7 p.m. and July 20 at 9 a.m.

- July 2022: A revised redistricting plan will be presented to City Council.

- August 2022: City Council considers ordinances related to redistricting.

- September 2022: City Council ratifies ordinances related to redistricting.

- November 2023: Boundaries of new Council districts go into effect.

Public submissions

The public is encouraged to submit a redistricting plan. Residents may propose

that certain voting precincts, neighborhoods, or locations be included in a specific district.

All plans submitted to the city for consideration must:

- Be in writing.
- Be based on the 2020 federal census.
- Redistrict the entire city so that Council may assess its impact on protected minority groups.
- Conform to redistricting criteria in Sec. 3 of the City's Redistricting Resolution.

In order for the city to properly analyze any plan, it must be submitted by the last public hearing in City Council.

The Planning and Development Department will set up a computer with the redistricting software installed in its offices at 611 Walker Street, sixth floor.

City staff will also lend technical assistance to anyone interested in creating a redistricting plan.

To make an appointment, contact Rupesh Koshy at rupesh.koshy@houstontx.gov or 832-393-6552.

For additional information about the city's redistricting process or to see a list of frequently asked questions, visit www.LetsTalkHouston.org/redistricting.

Genoa students place as chess champions



Pasadena ISD officials announced the winners of the May 2022 chess championship, in which more than 250 students competed. Genoa Elementary student Scarlett Vega placed first in the Grade 3 Division along with runnersup Alexis Vega placing second, Aspyn

Saldana placing sixth and Milo Galvan placing seventh. Shown at above, from left to right, are Bodacius Falls, Alexis Vega, Aspyn Saldana, Scarlett Vega, Milo Galvan, Christie Bishop and Kevin Bishop. Justin Jimenez, fifth place, is not pictured.

San Jacinto College Foundation wraps up 25th anniversary year

The San Jac College Foundation ended its 25th anniversary celebrating new beginnings for students and new leaders for its board.

Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation raised more than \$70 million for student. In May, the Foundation's "Step Brightly Into the Future" gala brought in \$440,000, which makes debt-free college a reality for all in-district high school graduates.

The Foundation welcomed five new board members through the February and May board meetings. New members include Robert Davee, Miguel Hernandez, Mason Peres, Brenda Thompson and Grady West. New officers began their terms July 1. These appointments follow by committee:

Board Officers/Executive Committee

- Connie Valerius, chair.
- Rick Guerrero, chair-elect.

- Katey Crackel, secretary.

- Jaime Ortega, treasurer.

- Steve Cowart, past chair.

- Teri Zamora, vice president Student Success.

- Kelly Cleaver, vice president Student Success.

- John Moon Jr., Trustee Member (executive committee only).

Investment Committee

- Jaime Ortega, chair (board treasurer).

- Teri Zamora, vice president Student Success.

- Kelly Cleaver, vice president Student Success.

- Frank Nadolney, Bob Pizzitola and Ken Unfried are members.

- Connie Valerius, member (board chair).

- Keith Sinor, trustee member.

Nominating Committee

- Rebecca Lilley, chair.

- Dean Barnes, member.

- Katey Crackel, member (board secretary).

- Arnold Davis, member.

- Dan Mims, trustee member.

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The diverse Foundation board of directors includes community members, business owners, mentors and givers. These volunteers provide financial oversight, participate in outreach, provide peer networking, serve on scholarship committees, and are some of students' biggest cheerleaders.

The Foundation is a non-profit. Funds raised help students and provide prosperity to local families and communities and works closely with the administration to raise funds for scholarships, academic programs and learning facility enhancements.

"We appreciate all of our Foundation board members, who invest their time and resources to support San Jacinto College students," said Teri Crawford, Foundation executive director and vice chancellor for external relations. "Our community depends on a well-educated workforce, and these volunteers play a major part in ensuring everyone has the chance to earn a college degree or certificate."

Learn more about the Foundation at sanjac.edu/

foundation. To donate, visit sanjac.edu/donate, call 281-998-6104, or email foundation.info@sjcd.edu.

About San Jacinto College

Surrounded by monuments of history, evolving industries, maritime enterprises of today and the space age of tomorrow, San Jac has served East Harris County since 1961.

San Jac is among the top five community colleges in the nation as designated by the Aspen Institute for Community College Excellence, and was named an Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction in 2020.

The college spans five campuses serving approximately 41,000 credit and noncredit students annually, and offers more than 200 degrees and certificates across eight major areas of study that put students on a path to transfer to four-year institutions or enter the workforce. San Jac's impact totals \$1.3 billion in added income, which supports 13,044 jobs. The college is fiscally sound, holding bond ratings of AA and Aa2 by Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

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.

Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Outdoors (weather permitting) storytime for all ages.

Visit <https://houstonslibrary.org/learn-explore/library-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. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for reopening information or the main website at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

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

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

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

Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.
- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at www.hcpl.net.
- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.
- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.
- Stream classic films, indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.
- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.
- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card. Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

Thursday, July 7, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time. Join John Harbaugh and Jasmine Washington in the Library Community Room for Toddler Time. There will be singing, counting, rhyming and a variety of other activities.

Monday, July 11, 6 p.m. Blue Planet. Watch an amazing documentary series about the wonders of the deep. Learn more about the ocean and all of its creatures in the Library Community Room.

Tuesday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. In-Person Story Time. John Harbaugh in the Library Community Room for some stories and rhymes. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

Deaths

Christine Kinnear Baker



Christine Kinnear Baker was born in San Antonio Sept. 30, 1967. She passed away at the young age of 54 June 20, 2022 in Webster. She lived in southeast Houston most of her life. She attended Dobie High School and was active in FFA. She always had a gentle heart for others, for both her "adopted" kids as well as her own. She had a generosity that knew no bounds. She would give one the shirt off her back if one needed it and never ask for anything in return. She loved her children and grandchildren and they were the light of her life. Her furry babies Bella and Oliver were her "ride or dies" and she never went anywhere without them. She lost her husband Daniel Shue in July 2021 and worked hard to put her life back together and move forward.

ward.

Christine is survived by her daughter, Madison Kinnear Turner and husband Christopher; sons Ross Thomas Baker and Kyle Edwin Baker; grandchildren William Matthew, Abigail Rose, Aaron Derek and Skylar Kinnear Turner; parents, Patty and Buddy Thomas; brothers, George Edwin (Tres) Thomas III and Todd Andrew Thomas and his wife Judith; and nieces and nephews, Courtney, Caitlin, Benjamin, Judah and Emma Thomas. She was preceded in death by her nephew George. Her family meant the world to her. She loved with all her heart. She was special.

A memorial service honoring her life will be held at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 1207 Winding Way, Friendswood, Saturday, July 9, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests one make a donation to a charity of one's choice.

Olga Marie Gradnigo Simonet



Olga Marie Gradnigo Simonet, 73 years old, of Houston, passed away Friday morning, June 24, 2022. She was a longtime resident of Wood Meadows subdivision. She was born June 15,

1949, to Brigitte (Beulah) Gradnigo and Wallace Gradnigo of Lake Charles, La. Olga was a Class of 1967 graduate of W.O. Boston High School in Lake Charles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Kenneth M. Gradnigo and her furry love, Lola.

Olga is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Simonet (Lorne) Bell and son Michael (Erika) Simonet; her grandchildren Haviland Bell, Trystin Simonet and Gavin Simonet; her siblings Joseph (Bertha) Gradnigo, Mary Gradnigo, Patrick Gradnigo; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and her faithful, furry companion, Sebastian.

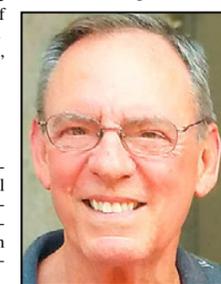
She was a longtime member of Grace Community Church and a very active group leader. She loved singing and fellowshiping with her choir family and looked forward to social gatherings. Olga was also involved with the Faithful Friends Animal-Assisted Therapy program along with her beloved Lola and Sebastian.

Olga loved spending time with family and friends. Her door was open to all. When someone was in need, she was there to help. If one needed a place to stay, she made room. No one was a stranger.

She was dearly loved and will be truly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Services will be held Saturday, July 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home (8706 Almeda Genoa Road, Houston TX, 77075).

Harry B. Neddaf Jr.



Harry B. Neddaf Jr. of Kingwood died May 25, 2022. He was born in Houston May 27, 1958.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry B. Neddaf, Sr. and Leona Maywald Neddaf; and his siblings, Annette Joyce and Robert Neddaf. He is survived by his children, Rebecca Perry and Jason Neddaf; and his sister Janelle Kennermer. He is also survived by five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

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Congressional app

Nehls' office is currently hosting a Congressional App Challenge, a competition designed to encourage student participation in computer science and coding.

Students are encouraged to register online and submit their apps by Nov. 1. For more information, visit the official Congressional App Challenge website at www.congressionalappchallenge.us or email questions directly to StudentSupport@CongressionalAppChallenge.us. More information is available at nehls.house.gov or by emailing Bailee Higgins at Bailee.Higgins@mail.house.gov.

Academy nominations

As a representative, one of Nehls' greatest honors is having the ability to nominate a future leader to one of the nation's esteemed military academies. Applications for service academy nominations are currently open.

To learn more about the nomination process, visit nehls.house.gov/service-academy-nominations.

All materials must be submitted by Oct. 7, 2022.

Harry operated a computer business and served people in the South Belt area.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, July 9 at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (22110 Northpark Drive, Kingwood, Texas). The family asks that donations be made to Ronald McDonald House Houston in lieu of flowers. Donations can be made via <https://www.facebook.com>.

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South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce announces students of the month



At left, Burnett Elementary honored Joanna Magallon (holding sign) as the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Student of the Month. "Joanna is a positive, well behaved, and hardworking student who never gives up. She shares her determination and motivation with others through encouraging words and a helping hand. You may often find Joanna assisting classmates or giving a pep talk, and always with a smile. She is motivated about learning, compliant, and follows through with classroom rules and instruction," said her teachers. Presenting Magallon with her award are, left to right, Chris Clark, Toni Lopez, Bobbye McCain, Jae Lee, Kristi Koncaba and Kenny Koncaba.



At left, Phuc Nguyen (holding sign) of South Belt Elementary was chosen as Outstanding Student of the Month. "Phuc is a third-grade student in Ms. Lagor's classroom. He is very inquisitive and has a great desire to learn. In class, Phuc helps his peers and works well in groups. He has a great sense of humor and enjoys learning each and every day," said his instructors. Presenting Nguyen with his award are, left to right, Cynthia Hawk, Angela Stallings, Kenny Fernandez, Candy Howard and Jamie Lagor.



At left, Atkinson Elementary's Aria Holcomb (holding sign) was the school's Student of the Month. Instructors said, "Aria is an enthusiastic learner who exhibits a positive outlook and attitude in the classroom. She is a kind, caring, and responsible student who shows respect for her teachers and peers. She is dependable, an awesome classroom helper, and her willingness to assist others makes her a great leader in the classroom. Aria's wonderful smile can turn anyone's bad day into a positive one." Presenting Holcomb with her award are, left to right, Derek Duckett, Daniel Hoppie, Nancy Vazquez, Chris Bui, Regina Barnes, Eboni Alix and Noble Alix.



The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce congratulated Elijah Alvarez (fourth from left) of Frazier Elementary for receiving the Outstanding Student of the Month award. "Elijah is helpful in the classroom. He is always on task and is kind to others. He shows respect to all staff and peers. He always displays a positive attitude and is eager to learn new things. He enjoys learning and is self-motivated," his teachers commented. Presenting Alvarez with his award are, left to right, Kris Ponce, Kenny Koncaba, Kristi Koncaba, Chris Clark, Toni Lopez, Bobbye McCain and Jacqueline Cuello.



Bush Elementary student Hope Vasquez (holding sign) was the recipient of the Outstanding Student of the Month award. "Hope is an outstanding STAR student in third grade at Laura Bush Elementary because she embodies every single 'B.E.A.R. Necessity' that we work on each day. She is very responsible with her schoolwork, so kind to others around her, and tries her very best - no matter what activity it

is that she is asked to do, and she is so respectful to each and every single classmate and teacher. It is an honor to be her teacher and to see her grow every single day as a STAR student," her instructors commented. Presenting Vasquez her award, left to right, are Derek Duckett, Stephanie Miller, Eboni Alix, Andrew Duron, Jennifer Marquez, Noble Alix and Daniel Hoppie.



At left, the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce congratulated Moore Elementary student Zoey Hernandez (third from right) on her hard work to win the Outstanding Student of the Month award. "Zoey is a hard worker and a kind friend to others. She is always helpful to her teacher and fellow classmates," her instructors said. Those presenting Hernandez with her award are, left to right, Cynthia Hawk, DeeDee Pitts, Angela Stallings, Kenny Fernandez, Erica Villareal and Jill Lacamu.

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Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
A member of *South-Belt/Sagemont Crime Alert* Facebook page shared a post alerting community members to be on the lookout for a White BMW with paper plates. The member states that she left Chase bank then stopped at H-E-B Friday, July 1, on Blackhawk Boulevard. The member believes they more than likely followed her since she had an envelope coming out of the bank. When she returned to her vehicle at the store she found her passenger window was broken.

Another member of the same Facebook page posted a picture of two individuals that were caught walking on Kirkvale Drive and Kirkfair Drive Monday,

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South-Belt Ellington Chamber of Commerce celebrates students of the month

At right, South Belt Chamber of Commerce members congratulated Meador Elementary student Akacia Rose on winning the Student of the Month award. As part of the honors, her instructors said, "Rose is a hardworking, sweet, and wonderful student. She is always here and is a great friend. She is an awesome reader. Akacia is in the GT program, is very responsible, and is a role model for her classmates. Those presenting Rose (with sign) her award, left to right, were Tara Merida, Jaylen Huey (brother), Sakina David, Austin Rose, Holly Nelson, Beverly Bolton, Denise Burleigh, Rebecca Lilley and Barry Burleigh.



At left, Stuchbery Elementary student Genesis Banda (center) received the Outstanding Student of the Month award. In honor of the award, her teachers said, "Genesis is always helpful with her peers and teachers. She is responsible, friendly, and a model student. She excels at everything she does and is consistently encouraging others to do the same. For these reasons she is an example of The Stallion Way and Student of the Month." Those presenting Banda her award, left to right, are Bobbye McCain, Kristi Koncaba, Demetrius Robinson, Jose Hernandez, Kenny Koncaba and Chris Clark.

At right, South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce members congratulated Caleb Soloya (with mask) on his Outstanding Student of the Month achievement. Moore elementary staff members said, "Caleb goes out of his way to assist other children and quietly notices when other students need help. He has great behavior and does very well academically. He also shows respect to all teachers and peers." Those presenting the award to Soloya are, left to right, DeeDee Pitts, Gail Bailey, Cynthia Hawk, Angela Stallings, Kenny Fernandez and Jill Lacamu.



At left, Robert Middle School student Emory Rodgers (center) earned the Outstanding Student of the Month award. Her teacher said, "Emory Rodgers is self-disciplined, diligent, courteous, responsible, and is consistent. She is very well-organized, has maintained good grades throughout the year. She works very well with all students. Emory has always been a very respectful student toward staff and classmates. I have seen Emory guide other students toward making better choices behaviorally and academically. She is a role model to other students." Those presenting Rodgers her award, are, left to right, Toni Lopez, Chris Clark, Bobbye McCain, Citlali Guerrero, Kristi Koncaba and Kenny Koncaba.



South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and Hancock Elementary members congratulated Sofia Ochoa (with sign) on her Outstanding Student of the Month achievement award. "Sofia Ochoa exhibits all of the 'Hancock Bison Take Charge' characteristics. She is great at communicating with others, she has an ability of making other students feel safe and secure when they are worried. She loves helping students that are having trouble with any of the subjects. She is respectful with other students and takes into account their point of view. She is also very respectful to adults and all her teachers have only great things to say about her. She always gives her best with every challenge and works hard to meet her goals. Sofia is eager to explore new challenges and is a remarkable student! For these reasons and so many others, we are excited to present her with the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month award," said staff members. Those with Ochoa are, left to right, Derek Duckett, Catalina Garza, Eboni Alix, Noble Alix, Veronica Sandoval and Daniel Hoppie.

Ellington, Hobby earn perfect reviews from FAA

It was the year 2005. George W. Bush had begun a second term as President of the United States. Charles, Prince of Wales, married Camilla Parker Bowles. Hurricane Katrina made landfall and struck the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama coastal areas. And that was the last year in which Ellington Airport received notice of a single discrepancy by the Federal Aviation Administration's annual CFR Part 139 inspection. Since then - Ellington has achieved perfection for 17 years in a row!

In 2022, William P. Hobby Airport joined EFD in receiving no discrepancies after the detailed review was completed. George Bush Intercontinental Airport also received an outstanding review, recording only one discrepancy which was cleared within days after the

finding. (A single discrepancy for a large airport is considered outstanding.) Arturo Machuca, director at Ellington Airport and the Houston Spaceport, said that Houston Airports should be justifiably proud of such a stellar record. "The level of detail required to meet CFR Part 139 specifications confirms a commitment to excellence and professionalism by not just airport personnel, but also from the many partners who work together to make our airports safe, efficient, and effective for the traveling public."

Ross Williamson, division manager for Airside Operations at Hobby Airport, was similarly pleased as the FAA found no discrepancies for the only 5-star airport in North America. "The 139 inspection is

like the airside's 5-star inspection. We have to have a 5-star airfield 365 days a year - there is no leeway; you can't put things off. We have to pay daily attention to the operating conditions at the airport and ensure the highest level of safety and functionality. "A discrepancy-free inspection is a big deal - it means that in all aspects of operating our airports safely and efficiently, the FAA found that Hobby Airport met or exceeded the requirements of Part 139, which is required to earn an Airport Operating Certificate."

The review is comprehensive, requiring the FAA Airport Certification safety inspectors to conduct multiple-day certification inspections on site. The reviews include checks on many items, including and not limited to:

- Preinspection review of office airport files and airport certification manual.
- Administrative inspection of airport files, paperwork, etc., which also includes updating the Airport Master Record (FAA Form 5010) and review of the Airport Certification Manual/Specifications (ACM/ACS), Notices to Airmen (NOTAM), airfield self-inspection forms.
- Movement area inspection that checks the approach slopes of each runway end; inspect movement areas to find out the condition of pavement, markings, lighting, signs, abutting shoulders, and safety areas; watch ground vehicle operations; ensure the public is protected against inadvertent entry and jet or propeller blast; check for the presence of any wildlife; check the traffic and wind direction indicators.

Williamson said that when the FAA finds that an airport is not meeting its obligations under Part 139, it often imposes an administrative action. It can also impose a financial penalty for each day the airport continues to violate a Part 139 requirement. In extreme cases, FAA might revoke the airport's certificate or limit the areas of an airport where air carriers can land or take off.

"It is a direct reflection of hard work by airport management, operations and maintenance," Williamson said. "It validates so much consistent, hard work and we are very, very pleased."

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 A Lone Star Beer company truck dropped 30 cases of beer on Alameda-Genoa Road. The truck was rounding the curve off Alameda-Genoa when a side door came open, and beer cases fell out. A liberal policy allowing students from Frazier Elementary to transfer to Stuchbery Elementary was adopted by Pasadena Independent School District officials.

40 years ago (1982)
 Physical construction on three bridges across Beamer began at Hughes Road, Sageorchard Lane and Scarsdale Boulevard. San Jacinto College regents scheduled hearings to discuss raising the district tax by 3 percent. Tom Knecht and Cathy Carlson were elected directors of the Sageglen Community Association.

35 years ago (1987)
 Sageglen Community Association held an election to determine whether the five-member board of trustees would retain incumbent Joe Fauth or welcome Wayne Burns. Harris County Commissioners Court approved the bond election including \$250 million for flood control, \$255 million for state and county roads, \$30 million for county parks, buildings and other capital and \$100 million for the Port of Houston.

30 years ago (1992)
 Even though most of the 1,700 plaintiffs in the Brio court case were planning on accepting their portion of the record out-of-court settlement, some South Bend residents and former residents considered turning down the offers for a chance to square off in court. PISD was to raise its tax rates by 24 percent without voter approval because of state-allowed manipulations in calculating the effective

tax rate. **25 years ago (1997)**
 A San Jacinto College program which allowed students to earn high school and college credit for courses was made available to almost every major feeder high school in the college district. Dr. Caryl Robinson was named the new principal at Clear Brook High School. Alisha Broussard, a 1996 Dobie graduate, was to represent the United States at the Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba. As three-time state high school champ in the triple jump, Broussard earned the second spot in the nation's triple jump. **20 years ago (2002)**
 Eleven Sagemont subdivision homes were being purchased under the state's Office of Emergency Man-

agement flood buyout. Representatives of the 147th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard served as parade marshals for the Fourth of July parade. The Coast Guard provided a special flyby with one of its helicopters and had planes flying over the South Belt area for the day. **15 years ago (2007)**
 The First Convenience Bank, located inside the Kroger at Sabo and Beltway 8, was the target of two robberies in just three days. In neither case were the suspects immediately apprehended. Longtime South Belt resident Lucy Peterson got the City of Houston to correct sewage and plumbing issues after an eight-month battle. The work was finally done,

in part, with help from the *South Belt-Ellington Leader*, which intervened for her. The Dobie Lariaette officers brought home top marks at the Crowd Pleasers Officer Camp. The military officer squad received a superior rating in the Gold Division. The six-member unit ranked high, garnering the Home Routine Award as well as the Top Ten Home Routine award out of 44 teams. The social officers received the outstanding achievement, most spirited and Spunky Monkey awards. Pedestrian Brenton Miller was killed in the 14000 block of the Gulf Freeway when an 18-wheeler, a motorcycle and at least two other vehicles struck him while he was sitting or crouching in the northbound lanes. The motor-

cyclist, who was thrown from his vehicle, was transported to Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital in stable condition. He sustained abrasions and other minor injuries. It is unknown why Miller was on the freeway. **10 years ago (2012)**
 Houston City Council member Mike Sullivan officially resigned his position to focus on his campaign for Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector. Unanimously approved by Council, Sullivan's resignation would take effect Jan. 2, 2013. Sullivan went on to face Democratic challenger Ann Harris Bennett in the November general election, at which time voters also would decide who would replace him on Council. **5 years ago (2017)**
 Hundreds of area residents

braved the heat Tuesday, July 4, to participate in the 30th annual South Belt Independence Day parade. A salute to all first responders, the event included personnel from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the Houston Police Department and the Houston Fire Department. Parade winners included Dobie Bombers from patriotic commercial entry; Bayway for most original commercial entry; Rudy Alafa for most patriotic noncommercial entry; and the Dobie FFA and Lariaettes tying for most original noncommercial entry. The annual Fourth of July Fireworks display also went off without a hitch, with El Franco Lee Park being filled to its capacity. Funded by the annual South Belt Spectacular

Cook-off, the event was one of the largest to date, organizers said. Dobie High School's Health Occupations Students of America team placed second out of more than 150 teams at the HOSA International Conference, held June 21-24 in Orlando, Fla. Team members included Thanh Huynh, Kevin Phan, Leanna Ta and Esther Kim. **1 year ago (2021)**
 Theresa Balboa, the woman charged with hiding the body of her boyfriend's 5-year-old son Samuel Olson, was charged with capital murder in the boy's death. Balboa had initially been charged with evidence tampering involving a human corpse.

Over The Back Fence by Natalie

BIRTHDAY CHEERS FOR CHERYL
 Local author Cheryl Bolen of Green Tee, formerly of Sagemont, is wished a happy birthday July 8. Sending best wishes are her husband John; son Bo Bolen, Leader staff member; son John Bolen and his wife Jodi; and family and friends in the South Belt area.

ROBERT ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY
 Robert Griffin of San Antonio will celebrate a birthday July 8. Robert is wished a great day by his grandmother, Leader co-founder Bobby Griffin and other family members in the South Belt area.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays July 7 through July 13.

Atkinson Elementary
 Celebrating a birthday July 13 is Regina Barnes.

Burnett Elementary
 Give a birthday shoutout July 8 to Amanda Lee.

Frazier Elementary
 The day for a double-fun birthday for Cecilia Elizarraras and Patricia Perez is

July 7.

Genoa Elementary
 Sing a happy birthday song July 9 to Maria Vazquez. Join in the birthday celebration July 13 for Elizabeth Binnicker.

Meador Elementary
 Blow out the birthday candles July 8 for Sanjuanita Mercado.

South Belt Elementary
 Send a special birthday card July 13 to Kellie Hodge.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Best wishes for a wonderful birthday July 12 are sent to Clarissa Ridge.

Melillo Middle School
 Remember to wish Melissa Miller a happy birthday July 10.

Roberts Middle School
 Light the birthday candles July 13 for Aaron Donias and Britney Subinsky.

Thompson Intermediate
 Remember to wish Susie Haas a happy birthday July 13.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbelt-leader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, July 7: Christopher Poole, Beth Pope, Petrea Phenix, Sarah Wingo, Shawn Shockley, Gloria Martinez, Julie Valenti and Larry Bowden; Friday, July 8: Sammy Shimfessel, James Cook, Denise Patterson, Margie Remely, Zul-Tan Jackson, Erik Valdez, and Shannon Lawrence; Saturday, July 9: Patsy Jimenez, Raquel Rodriguez, Traci Feil, Carolyn Garza and Shevlyn Spafford; Sunday, July 10: Tannia Leal, Sharon Blackston, Juanjose Armenta-Aguirre and Jimbo Shimfessel; Monday, July 11: Andy Cross, Anne Allen, Kolleen Bingham and Jasmine Mendez; Tuesday, July 12: Sharron Moore, Mary Renfro Heldman, Emma Rodriguez and Pam McEntire Ellis; and Wednesday July 13: Stephanie Pyle, Robin Read, Sandy Ward, Angela Wilkerson, Robin Stone Collins and Tyler Pearson.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Patrick Sanders to Clear Brook



Patrick Sanders is the new varsity head football coach at Clear Brook High School after securing Clear Creek ISD board approval late last month. With John Towels III suddenly departing to take the lead football role at Lewisville Hebron following a 7-12 run with the Wolverines over the 2020 and 2021 campaigns, Clear Brook now turns to Sanders, who has an extensive background locally as an assistant coach. Sanders comes to Clear Brook from Deer Park, where he served as defensive coordinator for head coach Austin Flynn. Sanders has also previously coached at Pearland and Clear Lake high schools. He now returns to Clear Creek ISD, where the Wolverines will be looking to secure a Division II playoff berth beginning this fall.

JFD volleyball youth camps

Dobie varsity volleyball head coach Dawn Sexton and her staff will host the 2022 Lady Longhorns' youth camp July 19-21 before welcoming incoming high school players for a preseason camp July 25-27.

The Lady Longhorns' youth camp July 19-21 will include students entering the third through sixth grades as of the 2022-2023 school year. That session runs from 9 to 11 a.m. daily, while students entering the seventh and eighth grades will attend from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Dobie's incoming high school player preseason camp July 25-27 will host incoming sophomores, juniors and seniors from 9 a.m. to noon, while incoming freshmen will attend from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For additional information or to request registration, direct email to Sexton at dsx_ton@pasadenaisd.org.

The Lady Longhorns will open the 2022 regular season Aug. 9 at Baytown Sterling, taking on the Rangers at 4 p.m. (freshmen), 5 p.m. (junior varsity) and 6 p.m. (varsity).

Clear Brook youth VB camps

Clear Brook varsity volleyball head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will host a series of youth camps in July in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year.

The camps are designed to both give each athlete an opportunity to refresh skills and learn new skills and meet high school coaching staff members and prospective teammates. Each participant is responsible for bringing court shoes, knee pads, water bottle, a good attitude and a willingness to learn.

The camps will run July 20-22, with session I running from 8 to 10 a.m. for those students entering the third through fifth grades as of the 2022-2023 school year.

Session II is for incoming sixth- and seventh-grade students as well as first-time eighth-grade players and also runs from 8 to 10 a.m. Sessions I and II are \$70 per student.

Session III (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) is for all elite level eighth-grade players and incoming ninth-grade players at \$85 per student. Visit the team website at clearbrookvolleyball.org to scan a QR code for registration.

SBGSA sets fall ball play

The South Belt Girls Softball Association has opened online registration through Aug. 20 for its upcoming fall ball season. Players ages 4 through 16 may register for \$75 per player at www.southbeltsoftball.com.

Sibling discounts are available, and there are no residency restrictions. For those wishing to explore coaching opportunities for this season, direct email to sbgsateammomliason@gmail.com.

SBYSC opens soccer for fall

The South Belt Youth Soccer Club is now offering online registration for its fall season at www.southbeltsoccer.org.

The regular registration costs runs now through July 31, with age groups U-4 through U-8 at \$100, U-9 and U-10 at \$120, U-11 and U-12 at \$140 and U-13 through U-19 at \$160. Credit card and debit card are the only forms of payment accepted.

Parents are to provide shin guards, cleats and a soccer ball, while the league will include a uniform consisting of jersey, shorts and socks.

Southbelt Dolphins register

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League are currently hosting open registration as well as voluntary conditioning workouts Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 to 7 p.m. at Blackhawk Park.

Youths ages 5 through 12 are eligible to sign up for football, cheerleading, drill team or mascot. Official BAFL preseason workouts begin July 23, and the regular season kicks off Aug. 13.

High school athletes aim at Aug. 1 preseason workout start

The July 4 holiday has served to bring somewhat of a quiet week to most high school campuses, but that's all about to change very soon.

The University Interscholastic League has established Monday, Aug. 1 as the official "go" date for the high school fall sports season. Just like that, the always-a-bit-brief presea-

son will be underway. On the football field, both Clear Brook and Dobie participated in spring practices in April, meaning only the incoming freshmen will open preseason workouts Aug. 1. Fast forward to Aug. 8, and the Wolverines and Longhorns will start workouts for all returning sophomore, junior and senior

athletes. This is a key preseason for both programs, with the Longhorns continuing their progression under first-year head coach Demond Stafford and a revamped staff of assistants. While at Clear Brook, incoming head coach Patrick Sanders, officially hired the final week of June, is likely to lean heavily on

his staff of assistants as the preseason dawns. Of particular excitement for local fans, Clear Brook and Dobie will go head-to-head for the first time since the late 2000s, with the visiting Wolverines and host Longhorns opening the regular season Friday, Aug. 26 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

The fall team tennis season also gets started as Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. will welcome returning varsity players both Aug. 1 and Aug. 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Longhorn courts on the main campus.

A busy first week continues Aug. 3-4 with two practices each day, followed by the 2022 season opener Aug. 5 as the Longhorns will play doubles at Friendswood at 7 p.m.

The always popular JFD Exes Matches, pitting former standouts against those of the 2022-2023 squad, will be held at Dobie Aug. 6 with a special 5 p.m. start time.

High school volleyball programs across the state will begin the short preseason Aug. 1, with both Clear Brook (at St. Agnes) and Dobie (at Baytown Sterling) opening the regular season Aug. 9.

At Brook, head coach Meredith Thompson and her staff will welcome players at all levels Aug. 1, freshman tryouts included, with the Wolverines scrimmaging at Pearland

Aug. 5 and at Clear Falls Aug. 6.

After debuting Aug. 9 at St. Agnes, Clear Brook will again be part of the prestigious field at the John Turner Classic in Pearland Aug. 11-13.

As for Dobie, the Longhorns will get going Aug. 1 on the main campus and will scrimmage at Barbers Hill Aug. 5. The following day at Dobie main, the Longhorns will host Angleton, La Porte and Little

Cypress Mauriceville and then host Pasadena Aug. 8 in a final scrimmage.

Head coach Dawn Sexton will lead Dobie on the road at Baytown Sterling Aug. 9 and at Goose Creek Memorial as the 2022 campaign gets started.

Pasadena ISD intermediate athletic school programs are allowed to begin preseason football and volleyball workouts the first day of school, which is Aug. 16.



Pleasants, USWNT win Canada, head to Worlds

Dobie graduate and U.S. Women's National Team softball standout Taylor Pleasants (left) smacked four homers in the event as USA won the Canada Cup championship late last month. Team USA will now play in the July 9-13 World Games in Birming-

ham, Ala. At right is USWNT team member Savannah Jaquish, who was named Most Valuable Player at the Canada Cup. Jaquish previously starred at LSU, while Pleasants will be a redshirt junior in Baton Rouge for 2022-2023. See more on Page 8.

Usual suspects lead 24-6A football charge

By John Bechtle Sports Editor

Clear Brook first-year head coach Patrick Sanders certainly hopes to make a great first impression as the Wolverines look to make waves within a top-heavy District 24-6A alignment.

While indeed some things do change from time to time, the hierarchy in 24-6A rarely does.

Defending 24-6A champion Dickinson will return with many new faces at the key offensive skill spots but will expect little dropoff in 2022 as it chases first a league crown and then an elusive third-round playoff berth.

Clear Falls, with its finest two seasons yet in program history coming in 2020 and 2021, would seem to be the Gators' primary challenger, with Clear Springs also in the mix as one of the big three.

Like it or not, those three programs are as close to a playoff lock as any trio across the Houston area, with Dickinson and Clear Springs ticketed

for the 6A Division I playoff bracket.

With Falls likely to secure one of the two available Division II playoff berths, Clear Brook along with Clear Creek, Clear Lake and Brazoswood will go head-to-head for a postseason spot.

That elusive Division II postseason invitation has been snagged by the Clear Creek Wildcats the last two seasons, but could the Wolverines make the jump in 2022?

No excuses will be made heading into the Aug. 26 season opener as the Wolverines take on Dobie at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium, but Sanders will no doubt lean on the word of remaining assistant coaches as the summer progresses and preseason workouts get underway Aug. 8.

The Wolverines will be one of five league teams set to usher in a first-year starter at quarterback, with either Jesse Shelton or Kingston Cramer, or both, getting the nod.

Dickinson, an area fi-

nalist in 2021 at 9-3 overall, will have a completely new look offensively after dynamic quarterback Luke Martin graduated following a season in which he generated 2,500 total yards and 40 touchdowns.

For now, junior athlete John Solomon could be the day one starter.

At Falls, Cam Roberson and Landon Vessel give the Knights option at the quarterback position, and the Clear Springs Chargers may look to several players as options at signal-caller.

Clear Creek welcomes back a league-high 15 starters as it looks to get back to the postseason, with Bryson Drake and Dante Frederick eyeing an opportunity at quarterback.

RBs take the lead
The star power at running back in District 24-6A is eye-catching, with Falls' David Smith leading the way.

With 1,569 yards as a junior in 2021, Smith became the Knights' all-time

leading rusher while also leading the entire 24-6A ranks, and he added 18 touchdowns as part of a dynamic season.

Xia-Shaun Edwards of Clear Springs exploded onto the 24-6A scene in 2022 with 1,558 yards and 15 touchdowns as he looks for even more this season.

At Clear Creek, two-time all league performer Rocky Ketchum averaged nearly 6.5 yards per carry as he had 975 yards rushing and six scores, while Clear Lake hopes to make headway within the league with Elijah Harris and his 895 yards and 10 touchdowns returning.

With the league's front-runners likely to lean heavily on the running game, the Wolverines will almost certainly look to senior receiver Michael Lewis, who as a junior reeled in 58 passes for 859 yards and eight scores.

Dickinson also believes it has a pair of high-level performers at receiver in Marquis Johnson and De'ron Crooms.

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After consecutive NJCAA trips, San Jac College softball reloads

Coming off consecutive trips to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championship in May, longtime San Jacinto College softball head coach Kelly Saenz and assistant coach Kelsey Walters find themselves starting over.

Saenz will begin her 19th season with the Coyotes when the 2022-2023 school year dawns in August and finds herself just a few wins shy of 700 for her stellar career.

The end game won't change regardless of roster makeup.

With Region 14 regular season and postseason tournament championships in hand, San Jacinto College has established itself as the leader of the pack.

Staying there is always the hard part, but the expectations will be large.

Region 14 Pitcher of the Year Christin Haygood will be back in the circle, but with 15 first-year players incoming, previous collegiate experience will be at a premium.

If Saenz were asked to

decide whether the prospect of a roster overhaul is refreshing, fun, exciting, challenging, daunting or scary, she says, "All of the above."

"It's exciting in that you're bringing in new talent and we get a chance to show them the San Jac way, with expectations and so forth. But it's also the unknown that is challenging."

"It's teaching the little things first, the day-to-day expectations and what it takes to be successful at the collegiate level."

"This is different than high school, and it's an adjustment. That's why the fall part of the season will be so important. It's about learning and getting acclimated. That part is always fun with a relatively new group."

It's far too early to determine just which players will begin to emerge as frontline performers when the fall gets underway, but Saenz and Walters can feel good that Haygood is returning to lead the pitching staff. With 2021 pitchers Daryn Grams

(Sam Houston State) and Ronni Grofman moving on, Saenz now has three freshman pitchers – Emily Garcia, Kristina Nash and Reanna Nieman of Deer Park poised to show their talents in the circle.

Leslie Longoria, a four-year starter at Dobie and Class of 2021 graduate, saw limited action as a freshman with the Coyotes but now figures to get increased opportunities in the outfield.

Shellie Ferguson, a Class of 2022 Dobie graduate, has signed with San Jacinto and will look to add a run-producing bay to the lineup.

With 15 first-time collegiate players coming in and very little starting experience beyond Haygood set to take the field in 2023, the task is clear.

"The fall is big for us," Saenz said. "When you have a veteran team coming back, it's a little easier to get things set up and to work on different things."

"This is truly a chance for a fresh start for everybody, but in JUCO softball, you expect that."



San Jacinto College's Christin Haygood will return to the Coyotes for the 2022-2023 school year after being named Pitcher of the Year in Region 14 last season. As a freshman, Haygood was 18-5 overall with 20 complete games, striking out 139 over 149 innings pitched. Haygood finished the season with a 1.50 earned run average.

San Jacinto College Softball 2023 Fall Season Roster

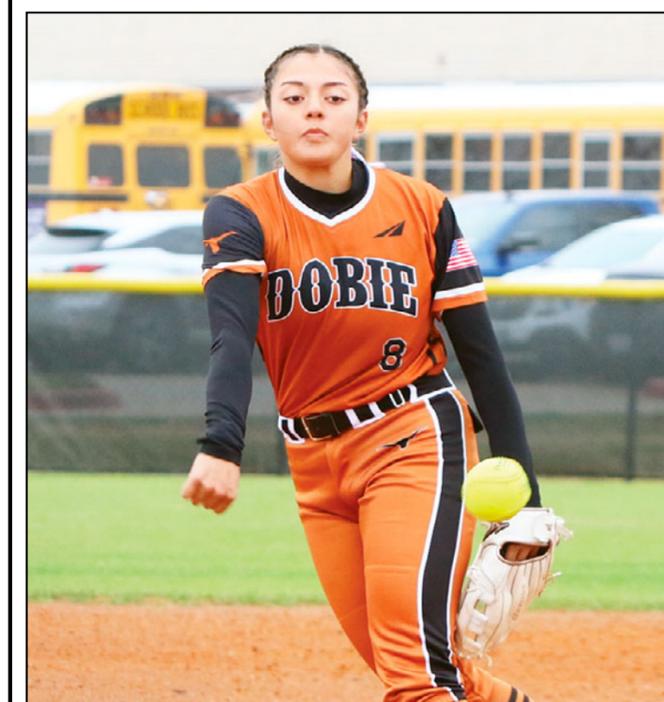
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| Emily Garcia | P Fr. | North Shore |
| Kayla Gonzalez | Inf. Soph. | Pearland |
| Christin Haygood | P Soph. | Hargrave |
| Kylie Hernandez | Inf. Fr. | Bryan |
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| Jordan Ware | OF Soph. | Barbe |
| Arriana Wright | UT Fr. | College Park |

Martinez racking up strikeouts

At right, Dobie Class of 2020 graduate and standout left-handed pitcher Domenic Martinez has signed with Texas Southern University to continue his education and playing career with the Tigers beginning this fall, but he isn't interested in taking much of a break from the pitching mound. Martinez, who just completed a two-year stay at Paris College, last week pitched for the Houston Warriors Baseball Academy, striking out 11 hitters in four innings of work with just one hit allowed in a summer league outing. Martinez is coming off a solid sophomore season with Paris as a starting pitcher. A rough outing or two hurt his earned run average, but Martinez went 6-4 and struck out 60 over 43 1/3 innings.



JFD softball's Quiroz headed to Angelina College



Dobie Class of 2023 senior and varsity softball standout Sandra Quiroz has announced via Twitter that she will continue her education and playing career at Angelina College in Lufkin. At 38-16 overall in 2022, the Roadrunners set several offensive superlatives and could look to Quiroz for her pitching prowess. As a junior at Dobie, Quiroz was 7-4 over 18 outings.

Wolverines look to move forward in District 24-6A

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Dickinson – The Gators produce about as much collegiate talent as any other program in the city.

And while Dickinson indeed will have a new cast of characters at the skill spots, head coach John Snelson has three-year starter and FBS recruit V.J. Glover back to pace the defense in the back from his defensive back spot.

Evan Wiltz and Riley Hall will anchor a solid offensive front, while former Clear Brook student Zyon Little will look to make his mark as an athlete on the of-

fensive side of things.

The biggest issue facing the Gators this offseason is just how to replace much of the team's offense from a season ago.

Martin with 2,500 total yards and the 40 touchdowns combined with Donovan Green's eight scores and overall dominant performance at tight end won't be easy to replace and almost assuredly won't be replicated.

But there's no mistaking the Gators' ever-present size, speed and overall athletic ability. And coming off a perfect 6-0 run through

District 24-6A play and a 9-3 overall mark in 2021, Dickinson has earned the nod as this season's league frontrunner.

Clear Falls – The Knights will look to continue the program's great run that began in 2020 with a berth in the 6A Region III title game in Division II, but it may not come easily.

Many of the team's elite defensive players who combined to lead Falls over those two seasons have graduated, leaving head coach Zach Head and his staff to lean on Corey Kelly, a three-year starter at line-

backer. Kelly had 71 total stops, including 11 tackles for loss (five sacks) to become a legitimate Division I collegiate prospect.

Max Williams is also back in the secondary as one of the league's top performers at his position, but the Knights have just three defensive starters returning.

Smith is the big ticket item for the Knights this season, while Payton Greer should be able to help on that side of the ball, too.

The best thing working in the Knights' favor? Fellow Division II playoff contenders have overall depth and experience questions of their own.

Clear Springs – Before 2020, the Chargers were annually locked in a two-team battle with Dickinson for the 24-6A championship, and head coach Anthony Renfro's squad just may be positioned for a return.

Despite the graduation of dynamic receiver Noah Thomas, now at Texas A&M, the Chargers will turn to Ashton Schumann on the outside, who had 30+ catches for 550 yards and four scores while largely deferring to Thomas in 2021.

Tight end Hayden Davis, who has received serious Division I collegiate attention, could get added action through the air, and there are others at receiver who could be ready to step up.

But like at Falls with Smith, the Chargers are ready to give Edwards plenty of chances to replicate his standout sophomore campaign.

Defensively, Branson Winter is being counted on to be one of the league's top players up front, and Michale Sylvalie burst on

the scene as a sophomore in 2021 and is also drawing big Division I collegiate focus.

Clear Creek – Despite a 3-8 overall mark in 2021, the Wildcats were the Division II second seed and will look to earn that distinction or better while aiming at a third straight postseason berth.

With 15 starters back in the fold, including nine on the defensive side, Clear Creek thinks it can be much improved in the win-loss column as two-time All District player Rocky Ketchum figures to get a big workload at running back.

Campbell Melcher will anchor the offensive front as a three-year lineman, and Bryson Drake and Dante Frederick will vie for snaps at quarterback.

Landon Gunter was the team's leading tackler in 2021 and is back in the secondary, and Cah'il Ward is another difference maker at safety after making 11 starts as a sophomore a season ago.

Clear Lake – A year after watching as many as 14 sophomores hold down starting roles, the Falcons have high hopes for a squad that now counts 15 returnees in all.

Devin Lippold is the favorite to open the season at quarterback, and Hunter Moddon has big potential at receiver. Elijah Harris is among the league's big play running backs, and Rodney Searles is another option at receiver.

Damani Maxson is the big name on defense with multiple collegiate programs looking at the skilled linebacker, and Cecil Dressendorfer and Tyler Best give the Falcons a vet-

eran look at linebacker.

Clear Brook – Sanders and his staff will look to get the Wolverines back to the postseason albeit with an overhaul of the offensive skill positions coming.

Shelton is an incoming sophomore while Cramer is a freshman. Whichever player is under center at quarterback will no doubt be looking for Lewis on the outside, who is one of the district's top returnees at receiver after his 2021 season included 58 grabs for 859 yards and eight scores.

Adrian Castillo is a proven weapon on offense, and linemen Jude Effinger and Charles Holt will show the way up front.

Junior Jaylen Price had five interceptions from his defensive back spot in 2021 and should also spark the team's return game.

Brazoswood – The Bucs have faced challenges within the 24-6A ranks for many seasons and likely will find the path to the postseason equally difficult in 2022.

First-year head coach Dale Cary, formerly of Hondo, figures to lean on returning starter Isaac Ponce.

Brazoswood does have seven starters returning offensively, with Ponce sure to look for talented receiver Kade Bengston on the outside.

Dawson Scott will anchor an offensive front that will look to open holes for the running backs.

On the defensive side, Brazoswood has linebackers Croix Rivera and Ronnie Jones to lead the team's front seven. With one league win a season ago, Brazoswood is looking to make a move.

Fall sports to open preseason Aug. 1



Mon., Aug. 1: State-wide preseason volleyball workouts begin as the regular season is then just seven days away.

Fri., Aug. 5: Clear Brook scrimmages at Pearland High School; Dobie scrimmages at Barbers Hill.

Sat., Aug. 6: Clear Brook scrimmages at Clear Falls; Dobie hosts four-team scrimmage.

Mon., Aug. 8: Dobie hosts Pasadena scrimmage.

Tues., Aug. 9: Season opening night with Brook at St. Agnes; Dobie at Baytown Sterling. At left, junior Bella Perez (10) and her teammates again have high expectations for the 2022 varsity volleyball season. The Lady Longhorns will begin preseason workouts Aug. 1, then open the regular season Aug. 9 at Baytown Sterling. Dobie was second in the District 22-6A ranks and will likely once again go head-to-head with Deer Park for supremacy in the league.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

SJC's Bailey headed to HBU softball

At right, San Jacinto College sophomore Maddy Bailey has decided to continue her education and playing career at Houston Baptist University after a stellar career with the Coyotes. A Morton Ranch High School graduate, Bailey was part of two San Jacinto College teams that advanced to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division I National Championships in Yuma, Ariz. Playing in 39 games as a sophomore, Bailey hit .418 with nine home runs and six doubles while driving in 27 runs. At HBU, Bailey will join former SJC teammate Maggie Childs, who has also signed with the Huskies.



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7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill" See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
1 - 3 p.m. **Parker Williams Genealogy Group** - meets at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale, 1-3 p.m. Meetings are free and open to the public. Email Liz Hicks at erootrot@usa.net for details.
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open, 2930 E. Broadway, Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200.
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.
8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

7:30 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.
11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - meets at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference

room #111. Call 281-487-8787.
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class, Saturdays 1 p.m. Call 281-479-7285 prior to coming.

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8 a.m./10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at 7 p.m. (Bible study, Book of Revelation, at 6 p.m.) and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., 11456 Space Center Blvd. Call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. **Grief Support Group** - Meets Sunday at Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena. Call 281-487-8787.
5:30 p.m. **Celebrate Recovery** - A faith-based 12-Step program, in the Life Kids Chapel at Life Church, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635.
8 p.m. **AA** - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

MONDAY, JULY 4

10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
1:30 - 3 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Volunteers Jerry and Edith Sanford teach lessons Mondays with a different dance rhythm each month. Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
5 p.m. **New Directions Singles** - Age 55 and older meets for a potluck dinner with activities and/or guest speakers at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For details, Call Grant at 281-814-4750.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Toastmasters** - The Young Professionals Southeast Toastmasters Club #05324194 meets virtually with the exception of the second and fourth Mondays (in person) at https://youngprofessionalsoastmasters.com. Visit the website or call 281-467-1880.
7 p.m. **TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N. Friendswood Dr. in the educational building, room 201. For information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 713-875-8820.

7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery in the Education Bldg. in room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
11:30 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
2 p.m. **National Association of Retired Federal Employees** - meets at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. Call 713-944-2461.
6:30 p.m. **Bay Area Quilt Guild** - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 713-253-2521. Visitors may attend two meetings free.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. **Carmelites** - meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Meetings are open to those 55+, with no dues. Call 713-444-6744.
10 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - See Thursday's notice.
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance** - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, League City, 77573, is open. Neva and Bill Schroder coordinate Wednesday sessions for casual ballroom dancing (not dance lessons). Park activity cardholders attend free. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
8 p.m. **AA** - Meeting. See Friday's notice.

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Dobie softball players earn All-District 22-6A accolades after 2022



At left, senior Karlie Barba (22) put together the top offensive season across the 22-6A ranks in 2022 as she was the obvious choice for the district's Offensive Player of the Year. The Galveston College signee played in all of Dobie's 44 games, hitting .521, driving in 46 runs and scoring 37 runs. She had 11 doubles, five triples and six home runs.

At right, junior Marisa Perla (11) of Dobie was named the co-Utility Player of the Year in District 22-6A after doing double duty for her team. At 13-7 with a 3.08 earned run average and 105 strikeouts over 102 1/3 innings, Perla was the Longhorns' busiest pitcher and also hit .520 with 41 runs scored and 21 runs driven in.



All-22-6A Second Team
(Dobie Selections)
Hailey Hernandez, Sr.
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Caidence Martin, Sr.

All-22-6A Hon. Mention
(Dobie Selections)
Claire Ramirez, Jr.
Ashley Napper, Sr.
Miriam Castillo, Jr.

Pleasants homers again

A week after homering four times in Team USA's Canada Cup tournament win, USWNT member and Dobie graduate Taylor Pleasants was back at it as her squad prepared for the World Games in Birmingham, Ala. During an exhibition game against Australia July 4 in Columbus, Ga., Pleasants smacked a solo homer as the USWNT team cruised to a 7-1 victory. Later in the evening, Team USA downed Japan 3-1. Pleasants will be a red-shirt junior at Louisiana State University for the 2022-2023 season.



At left, Dobie junior catcher Bella Perez was a first team All-District selection following the 22-6A varsity softball season as she hit .442 with 35 runs scored and 26 runs batted in. Already a three-year starter, Perez will return in 2023 to guide the Dobie pitching staff and provide production in the top of the lineup.

At right, Sandra Quiroz had her best varsity season as a junior in 2022 for Dobie as she went 7-4 in the circle with 50 strikeouts covering 62 2/3 innings. Offensively, Quiroz hit .333, scoring eight runs and driving in 19 runs. This summer, Quiroz announced that she has committed to Angelina College.



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At left, Dobie's Alijah Barajas (15) earned a spot on the 22-6A first team All-District softball squad as she hit .461 this season with 29 runs scored and 16 runs batted in, helping her team to second place in the district.

At right, senior Gabby Galvan (3) was named to the 22-6A first team All-District squad as she hit .455 over 33 total games and scored 19 runs for a Dobie varsity softball squad that went 22-12 overall, including 10-2 in 22-6A play for second place. The locals eventually fell in the bidistrict playoff round.

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