

### Holiday hours scheduled

**South Belt-Ellington Leader**  
The Leader office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in honor of Labor Day. The office will reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5.

**Clear Brook City MUD**  
Clear Brook City MUD will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day. The offices reopen Sept. 5 at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money orders may be left in the drive-thru drop box on the building. No cash will be accepted in the drop box. CBCMUD residents whose trash services fall on Monday will have regular trash pickup Labor Day, Sept. 4. All trash should be at curbside no later than 6 a.m. Residents missing this pickup date will be serviced Thursday, Sept. 7. Residents with Tuesday/Friday service will not be affected.

### Sagamont to meet Sept. 5

The Sagamont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. All Sagamont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings typically take place the first Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### Heavy trash pickup dates set

City residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Sept. 14 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Sept. 15 (second Friday of the month). September is for tree waste only. Pickups may be delayed. For additional information, visit [www.houstontx.gov/solid-waste](http://www.houstontx.gov/solid-waste) or call 311.

### New Covenant feeds needy

New Covenant Christian Church, 10603 Blackhawk, will distribute food the second and fourth Saturday monthly from noon to 2 p.m. The purpose of the pantry is to provide food to community people in need. For information, call 281-484-4230.

### Ellington eRecycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment. Items accepted include PCs, keyboards, mice, laptops, monitors, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, batteries, cellphones and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For information, visit [www.houstonwaste.org](http://www.houstonwaste.org) or call 311.

### Coffee with the Constable

Harris County Pct. 2 Constable Jerry Garcia will be at Donut Haven, 10802 Hughes, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. each Thursday as part of the weekly Coffee with the Constable series. The next event is Thursday, Aug. 31. For information, call Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### Local COVID cases reported

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community increased this past week, with all three local ZIP codes reporting higher figures, according to Harris County health officials.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 29, there were 88 active cases in 77089, up 14 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 13 active cases, up one from the previous week. To date, there have been 84 deaths in the ZIP code, no increase from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 22 active cases, up one 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](http://covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data).

### Gulf Freeway closures set

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 518 to FM 517 in League City daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

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

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

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from FM 519/Main Street in La Marque to Sailfish Street in Hitchcock daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

One northbound main lane and one southbound main lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from Sailfish Street in Hitchcock to Galveston Causeway Bridge in Tiki Island daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Saturday, Sept. 30.

### Beltway closed for repairs

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

# Upcoming Nov. 7 general election heats up

## Mayor, council member and controller among races to be decided

As the Nov. 7 general election slowly approaches, local races are starting to heat up.

To be decided are the mayor position, multiple city council seats, 14 proposed amendments to the state constitution and three different Clear Creek ISD bond measures. (See related story on Page 4.)

In the City of Houston's hotly contested race to replace term-limited Sylvester Turner, state Sen. John Whitmire and U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee have emerged as the clear front-runners in the crowded field of 18 candidates, with each receiving around a third of the vote, according to recent polls. The remaining third of the vote is divided among the remaining 16 candidates.

The remaining 16 mayoral candidates include (in alphabetical order) Gaylon S. Caldwell, Jack Christie, Robert Gallegos, Annie "Mama" Garcia, Gilbert Garcia, M. "Griff" Griffin, Naoufal Houjami, B. Ivy, Lee Kaplan, M. J. Khan, David C. Lowy, Julian "Bemer" Martinez, Chanel

Mbala, Kathy Lee Tatum, Roy Vasquez and Rob-in Williams (write-in candidate).

The crowded race will likely head to a December runoff.

Houston Mayor Pro Tem and City Council Member Dave Martin is also term limited, leaving his District E open.

Vying to replace Martin are Martina Lemond Dixon and Fred Flickinger. The son of Leader publisher Marie Flickinger and Clear Brook City MUD board member David Flickinger, Flickinger has been endorsed by the Harris County Republican Party. (See related story on this page.)

Martin is now running for the position of city controller. Also vying for the position are (in alphabetical order) Chris Hollins, Shannan Nobles and former mayoral candidate Orlando Sanchez.

The South Belt community's remaining city council member, City Council Member Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, is maintaining to keep her District D seat. Competing with Shabazz for the position

are (in alphabetical order) Lloyd Ford, Travis McGee, Georgia Provost and Debra A. Rose.

South Belt residents will also be allowed to vote in all five of the city's at-large races for City Council.

Competing for the At-Large Position 1 seat are (in alphabetical order) Kendall Baker, Eriq C. Glenn, Melanie Miles, Julian Ramirez, Conchita Reyes and Leah Wolfthal.

Competing for the At-Large Position 2 seat are (in alphabetical order) Danielle Keys Bess, Marina Angelica Coryat, Willie Davis, Nick

Hellyar, Obioha "Obes" Nwabara and Holly Flynn Vilaseca.

Competing for the At-Large Position 3 seat are (in alphabetical order) Bernard "Bernardo" Amadi, Richard Cantu, Twila Carter, Donnell Cooper, Casey Curry, Ethan Michelle Ganz, James Joseph, South Belt resident Ericka McCrutcheon and Richard Nguyen.

Competing for the At-Large Position 4 seat are (in alphabetical order) John Branch Jr., Roy Morales, Andrew "Drew" Patterson and Letitia

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### Non-partisan McCrutcheon signs defaced



Campaign signs belonging to At-Large Position 3 City Council candidate South Belt resident Ericka McCrutcheon were recently vandalized. While some of the signs were marked "No Dems," others were marked "No GOP." Confusing the matter even more, all City of Houston elections are officially nonpartisan. Campaign signs belonging to District D City Council incumbent Carolyn Evans-Shabazz were also reportedly vandalized in a similar manner.



Photo by Marie Flickinger

### HFD firefighters respond to house fire

Houston firefighters responded to a house fire around 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, in the 11800 block of Mule Springs Drive in the Gulf Palms subdivision near Fuqua and Highway 3.

According to Houston Fire Department officials, firefighters arrived on scene to find heavy smoke inside a two-story house with a fire in the kitchen.

They extinguished the fire and pulled the ceiling to check for extension. A primary search was completed, and the utilities were secured.

HFD Arson investigators were requested to determine the cause and origin of the fire. Arson investigators ruled the cause as accidental (electrical).

No injuries were reported.

The fire caused around \$50,000 in damage. Firefighters were able to save approximately \$220,000 in property.

In all, 42 personnel were dispatched to this incident, including crews from stations 23, 26, 70, 29, 52, 93 and 94.

### City of Houston reports crime decrease

#### Violent crime down by 8.5 percent, officials say

The One Safe Houston initiative continues to have a positive impact on crime, with reductions throughout the City of Houston.

At the same time, Houston Police Department response times outpace most major city police departments.

As of July 31, compared to this time last year, the Houston Police Department's crime statistics, as reported to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), show violent crime in the City of Houston is down 8.5 percent, non-violent crime is down 2.1 percent and overall crime is down 3.4 percent.

command staff, using crime prevention through environmental design, HPD developed and implemented a plan to reduce human trafficking and crime along an approximately one-mile segment on Bissonnet Street by decreasing foot and vehicular traffic. Working with partners at Houston Public Works, barricades and no U-turn signage were placed in certain areas. This initiative by the Westside Patrol, Traffic Enforcement and Vice Divisions significantly reduced criminal activity along Bissonnet Street.

Since the beginning of Turner's administration in January 2016, a total of 2,250 cadets have graduated from the HPD academy. In 2023, HPD celebrated the graduation of three cadet classes, welcoming 165 new officers to the streets of Houston, with an additional 66 cadets expected to graduate this October. Under Turner's leadership, the city has added more police officers than any other administration in the history of HPD, other than Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who served ten years (two more than Turner). These additional officers assist our efforts in fighting crime, engaging the community, and responding to calls for service.

As the city continues to see positive trends, more work must still be done. The city's main goals – to prevent crime and to continue to build strong community relationships – continue to drive it every day.

**Violent crime**

The reductions are a result of Mayor Sylvester Turner, Houston City Council, and the dedication and hard work of the Houston Police officers, and HPD's commitment to public safety and maintaining the quality of life for all Houstonians. One Safe Houston, launched by Mayor Turner in February 2022, is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. It is a holistic approach to improve the quality of life in the City of Houston. HPD was able to increase officers on the street for increased visibility, address specific crime trends, and focus on high crime areas. HPD increased officers on the street for increased visibility, addressed specific crime trends, and focused on high-crime areas.

HPD also used One Safe Houston funding to target mental health and domestic violence by providing increased resources for HPD's Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOT) and Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART).

In mid-May, at Turner's directive, and through the leadership of Chief Troy Finner and the entire

**Response times**

The Houston Police Department places an emphasis on responding to requests for service from the public. Priority one calls require an urgent response because there is a reason to believe

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### City implements Stage 2 of drought plan

#### Residents serviced by local MUDs unaffected by rations

The City of Houston on Aug. 27 entered Stage 2 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

South Belt residents outside the city limits who are serviced by local municipal utility districts will be unaffected by the rations.

Subdivisions located within the city of Houston include Sagamont, Sagamont Park, Kirkwood, Genoa, Beverly Hills, Rainbow Valley, Eastridge Terrace, Sycamore Valley, Scarsdale and King's Place.

Subdivisions not within Houston city limits and under Harris County's control include Clear Brook Meadows, College Place, Riverstone Ranch, Woodmeadow I and II, Highland Meadow, Ashley Pointe, Blackhawk, Meadows of Clear Creek, Sagameadow, Estates of Green Tee, Sageglen, Kirkmont and Kirkwood South.

Clear Brook City MUD receives its water from the Southeast Water Plant, which is owned by the City of Houston. Clear Brook City MUD, Pasadena and eight others.

CBCMUD board member Chris Clark said the local MUDs are able to avoid the rationing contingency plan because their infrastructure is newer and better maintained and crews can react more quickly to broken pipes than their city counterparts.

According to Clark, water line breaks in Clear Brook City MUD are typically fixed within 4 hours, whereas it takes the City of Houston two weeks. The quick repair time helps avoid the need for water rationing. MUD repair times can often be two days compared to two weeks on the city's end, officials said.

Kirkmont board member Jean Ann Williams, however, said just because MUD residents aren't required to ration their water use, it is highly encouraged.

The city's Drought Contingency Plan calls for Stage 2 mandatory water conservation measures when the significant drop in annual rainfall and

higher-than-normal daily temperatures lead to continued stress on the water system. Houston Public Works has recommended the implementation of a Stage 2 designation of the Drought Contingency Plan for the entire city, including systems that are supplied by groundwater only.

During Stage 2, outdoor water use will be restricted except for the following time periods:

- Between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. with the following schedule:
- Sundays and Thursdays for single-family residential customers with even-numbered street addresses.
- Saturdays and Wednesdays for single-family residential customers with odd-numbered street addresses.
- Tuesdays and Fridays for all other customers.

Any water customer who violates these watering times will be issued a written warning for a first-time violation. Any subsequent violations are subject to a fine up to \$2,000 for each occurrence of the offense (Section 54.001 of the Texas Local Government Code).

"Houston Public Works asks the public to please do your part in helping us reduce citywide water use," said Houston Public Works Director Carol Haddock. "Our goal is to reduce water usage from all customers by 10 percent. Our crews are working diligently in conjunction with area contractors to repair water leaks across the city."

Water customers are also reminded to continue the following efforts to prevent the loss of water:

- Check and repair water leaks, including dripping faucets and running toilets.
- Check sprinkler heads to make sure water is not spraying into the street or directly into a storm drain and/or gutters. Typically, more than 5 minutes of sprinkler use creates runoff into the street.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines

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### HOAs to host city candidate forum

Several contestants vying for positions in the City of Houston's Nov. 7 general election have confirmed their attendance in an upcoming candidate forum.

Organized by a group of local homeowner groups led by the Sagamont Civic Club, the event will take place Tuesday, Sept. 5, at The Gardens, 12001 Beamer at Hughes, with a meet-and-greet beginning at 6 p.m. and the forum beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m.

At press time, confirmed participants included mayoral candidates M. J. Khan, Julian Bemer Martinez, Naoufal Houjami and Gaylon S. Caldwell; city controller candidates Chris Hollins, Dave Martin and Orlando Sanchez; District D City Council candidates Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Lloyd Ford, Georgia Provost, Debra A. Rose and Travis McGee; District E City Council candidate Fred Flickinger; At-Large Position 1 candidates Leah Wolfthal and Kendall Baker; At-Large Position 2 candidates Eriq C. Glenn, Willie Davis, Obioha "Obes" Nwabara and Danielle Keys Bess; At-Large Position 3 candidates Julian Ramirez, Ethan Michelle Ganz, Erica McCrutcheon, James Joseph, Twila Carter and Richard Nguyen; and At-Large Position 4 candidates Andrew "Drew"

Patterson and Letitia Plummer.

According to organizers, the goal of this event is to provide residents the opportunity to meet all candidates so each can make an informed decision when early voting begins Oct. 23.

Because of the potential for a large number of candidates participating, a fast-paced event will be established in the following format:

- Each candidate will be allowed equal time to address the audience. Each will introduce themselves and tell why he/she is the best candidate for his/her position.
- Each candidate will receive a YES card and a NO card. Issues and concerns will be presented to the panel. Each candidate will vote on how, if presented with the issue during their term of office, they would vote.
- After the forum, candidates will be assigned to a specific area where the voters can speak with candidate who are running to represent them.

The public (including candidates) may submit an issue in advance for consideration to [sagamontcc@gmail.com](mailto:sagamontcc@gmail.com). Questions will not be provided in advance of the event.

Attendees are encouraged to RSVP by calling or texting Sagamont Civic Club president Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

### County GOP endorses Fred Flickinger

#### City Council race to replace term-limited Dave Martin

Fred Flickinger, candidate for Houston City Council District E, has been endorsed by the Harris County Republican Party.

"I am proud to earn the endorsement of the Harris County Republican Party," said Flickinger, son of Leader publisher Marie Flickinger and Clear Brook City MUD board member David Flickinger. "As a steadfast and unwavering conservative, I am committed to fiscal responsibility, conservative values and getting our city 'back to basics' to focus on the issues that matter most."

This endorsement from the Harris County Republican Party joins other major endorsements of the Flickinger campaign, including Rep. Briscoe Cain, Precinct 8 Constable Phil Sandlin, the Kingwood TEA Party, every single member of the State Republican Executive Committee which



Fred Flickinger

represents the District E area and many more.

A business leader and Houston resident for more than 50 years, Flickinger understands the unique challenges faced at City Hall. Flickinger's plan will get "back to the basics" by returning the focus to fighting increased crime, prioritizing flooding and infrastructure improvements such as the Lake Houston Dam, supporting first responders, and eliminating wasteful and unnecessary spending.

"We are running a grassroots campaign," continued Flickinger. "Already, we have knocked on more than 4,000 doors in District E to personally ask residents for their vote. The response has been overwhelming, and I look forward to bringing this work ethic to bear for the constituents in District E as their next Houston city council member."

District E is currently represented by Councilman Dave Martin who is term limited. While this is a nonpartisan race, the district is historically viewed as one of the "Republican" districts on Houston City Council.

Flickinger was a 1981 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School.

The City races are non-partisan.

# In My Opinion

## Muecke discusses Crenshaw Road

Mayor Pro Tem Martin Council person Ms Alcorn, I do not live near Crenshaw Road or travel it often. But I have known the road for 17 years (well 63 years) and it was narrow and deep ditches, but not in bad condition when I got involved. As time moved on it was still in fair condition but where the pavement connects to the grass there were several drop offs. Went to Public Works and asked for them to be rebuilt. Can't, under former Mayor Lee Brown this type repair work stopped.

Okay, 2023 and 17 years passed, and we were notified the road would get some work, re paving, ditch grading and sidewalks. Yes, the road is now smooth to drive on, sidewalks being built, and I guess the ditches graded. Never had a flooding issue. It is still a narrow road and DEEP ditches. After waiting 17 years what did we really get, nothing as the main problem same narrow roadway, not turn lanes and the deep ditches. You would think the city engineer saw this safety hazard as those driving do. If you recall we discussed Crenshaw at your town hall meetings several times, and the ditches were mentioned. No one objected from PWT. Then on facebook, a number of times the Kirkwood @Westheimer has been mentioned, cost \$25,410,000. Crenshaw cost of \$825,000 was a drop in the bucket for a unsafe road.

Now why am I coming to the both of you. There is no civic club near that I know of to step up. I have mentioned the road to a number of people and they all say the deep ditches are a problem and scares some. SAFETY We (the community) are asking you two to somehow get this section of Crenshaw back on the list of upgrades, closing the ditches and making the road wider/safer, especially for the school traffic. The ditches are 'in place' just needs design to install concrete pipes to be covered with dirt so the road can be made wider. Not a great cost. How can the community help? We sure hope you will be able to help us as it is our tax money. Thank you.

Jim Muecke

## King's defense of moderation

Our nation's two ideological camps frequently cast aspersions at those of

us who do not subscribe to their world views. As one Texan partisan once said, "There's nothing in the middle of the road but yellow stripes and dead armadillos." Paul Hobby, in his new book, Glorious Tension, provides a compelling defense of moderation.

I was at dinner recently with a friend who was taking me to task for being a moderate. In his view, almost everything wrong in the country was because we had compromised too much with what he saw as the enemy camp. This particularly person was a self-described "conservative" but I have had similar conversations with my friends who describe themselves as "liberal" or "progressive." Ideological tribalism demands absolute loyalty and anyone that does not toe the line is either morally weak or intellectually lacking.

Hobby offers the counter view, which I believe history validates: "Coexistence requires compromise. Ideology may be useful when framing an issue, but it rarely helps resolve one." Indeed, if we look to our personal lives rather than the political arena, they are replete with compromises - with family members, business or work associates, within civic groups - literally everything in life is a series of compromises. To eschew compromise in our civic life is to deny the millennia of human cooperative history which led to our domination of the planet.

Where my ideological friends see weakness and cowering in moderation, Hobby sees moral virtue and courage. For self-described moderates, his book is a self-help guide to feeling good about moderation and sharpening its intellect, moral, and spiritual defense.

In doing so, Hobby is beginning a conversation about redefining moderation. I have frequently used the word "moderate" to describe myself, but it never really seemed fit because frankly many of my views are anything but moderate. Just ask the transit folks.

What Hobby suggests, and what I have come to believe, is that a moderate is not someone that splits the difference on every issue but is rather someone that applies a certain mindset and methodology to issues. It is a person that moderates the incoming data and evidence, and arrives at conclusions without the straight jacket of an ideological framework or surrendering to confirmation bias.

Of course, that means that moderates will not always agree with each other and that is just fine. Indeed, that is

the glorious tension that Hobby seeks. It is only at the ideological extremes that everyone agrees.

Where Hobby stops short in my opinion, however, is his failure to discuss the institutional changes which have led to this place where blind ideology is held up as a virtue while moderation is condemned as weakness. Granted that was not his focus. His is a call for individual action along with encouragement and counsel on moderation on a personal level. Certainly, I second such a call.

But I also believe that our institutions have evolved in a manner that facilitates the ideological extremes having greater influence and raw governing power than has previously been the case in our country and disproportionate to the num-

ber of their adherents. As my regular readers know, I believe the two-party system we have today is the prime example of an institution gone awry. I fear that at this point in our history, simply being better moderates is not enough. Moderates must also organize to be the force that rebalances our institutions back toward the moderation Hobby describes.

Some may find Hobby's book, and indeed this post on it, to be too esoteric for the real world of rough and tumble politics. But I think an intellectual framework for moderation as Hobby begins to construct in his book, is necessary to both defend moderation and as a tool for better policy outcomes and a more civil political life for our country.

Bill King

## Local library events set

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

### Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Aug. 31, 3 - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Registration required.

Thursday, Aug. 31, 4 - 5 p.m. Family storytime. Registration required.

Visit <https://houstonlibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events> for more library events.

### Book drop

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

### Additional resources

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

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

### Parker Williams Library

Parker Williams Library is open. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

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

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.:

Thursday, Aug. 31, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Conversation club.

Thursday, Aug. 31, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Toddler time.

Monday, Sept. 4, 6 - 7 p.m. Conversation club.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Babies 'n' books.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1 - 2 p.m. Preinterview practice.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. D&D.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 4 - 6 p.m. 3D Printer Orientation.

Registration required.

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

- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.

- Have a library card number and PIN handy.

- A pickup time and instructions will be given.

- Upon arriving, park in one of the two parking spots reserved for curbside holds.

- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.

Hours are Monday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

### Online services

- Use HCPL Wi-Fi service with HCPL's drive-up Wi-Fi.

- Download e-books and audiobooks, stream movies, research and learn at [www.hcpl.net](http://www.hcpl.net).

- Attend an HCPL program or story time online through Facebook or YouTube.

- Check an account to renew loans or request books, e-books, comics or graphic novels.

- Stream classic films, Indie cinema and award-winning documentaries on Kanopy.

- Listen to audiobooks through RBDigital or OverDrive.

- Read along and play with picture books on TumbleBooks.

Don't have an HCPL library card? Instant access can be obtained to all HCPL's digital materials and research tools with an iKnow Digital Access Card.

Apply at <https://www.hcpl.net/services/iknow-card> for a HCPL card. For details, visit <https://www.hcpl.net>.

## City implements Stage Two plan

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only when full.

- Take shorter showers.

Additional water conservation tips can be found at [www.houstonpublicworks.org/waterconservation](http://www.houstonpublicworks.org/waterconservation).

Find more details about the City of Houston's Drought Contingency Plan at [www.houstonpublicworks.org/water-conservation-plan](http://www.houstonpublicworks.org/water-conservation-plan).

### Pearland

The Bella Vita, Villa D'Este and Villa Verde subdivisions are located within the City of Pearland, which is currently under Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Stage 1 drought restrictions are voluntary restrictions but no less important to adhere to, officials said.

Stage 1 restrictions include the following:

- Residential and nonresidential water customers are requested to voluntarily limit outdoor watering between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. and instead implement watering overnight.

Moreover, voluntarily limit irrigating to twice per week on the days that align with Pearland customers' trash service days.

Excessive pooling and/or runoff from foundation watering is discouraged and is requested to not be allowed to run off property and form a stream of water in a street for 50 feet or greater; or pool in a street or parking lot to a depth greater than one-quarter of an inch.

For additional information, included below is a detailed breakdown chart of each stage in the plan and the possible triggers for each stage.

To read the entire Drought Contingency Plan as well as to view more information about the plan, visit the Drought Contingency Plan page at <https://www.pearlandtx.gov/departments/public-works/water-production/drought-contingency-plan>.

## Charles Cornelius Jones



Charles (Chuck) Cornelius Jones of the South Belt area, beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023. He reunites with his beloved wife of 50 years Jeanie Jones, son Dale Jones and daughter Teri Lynn. He is survived by his children, Jeri Borone, Debora Krehel, Teri Lee Jones, Charles Jones; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He leaves a great many friends and loved ones who came to love him during his many years of being on this earth.

Following in his father's footsteps of serving his country, he joined the Air Force during WWII after graduating Jesuit High School in New Orleans where he was born. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-1961. Upon his honorable discharge from the military he came home to begin raising a family while attending school to further his education. He is credited by working for Philco Ford as a vendor to NASA during the Apollo missions as an electrical engineer. He also received his master's degree in business administration from the University of Houston.

Most notably, he will be remembered as the kind and loving person he was, especially to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he loved so deeply. He was an active member of the church, working tirelessly to manage accounts for Action Ministries, which his dear friend Gordon Berg started, to make sure less fortunate people in the area were never hungry. He took pride in being a large part of that organization which is a testament to his caring, kind-hearted character. He hosted a Christian home group for more than 20 years with his wife, Jeanie and then another 20+ years through another church.

He sang in the Grace Church choir for 20 years and then joined the Christian Tem-

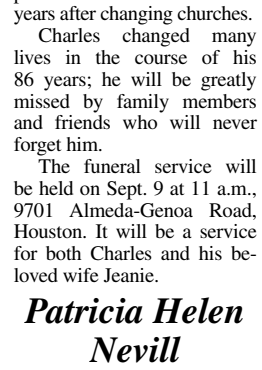
ple Church choir for another 10 years after changing churches.

Charles changed many lives in the course of his 86 years; he will be greatly missed by family members and friends who will never forget him.

The funeral service will be held on Sept. 9 at 11 a.m., 9701 Almeda-Genoa Road, Houston. It will be a service for both Charles and his beloved wife Jeanie.

# Deaths

## Patricia Helen Nevill



Patricia Helen Nevill passed away after a long battle with cancer on Aug. 19, 2023, in Houston, at the age of 84. She was born on Feb. 21, 1939, in Baton Rouge, to Advia John Burke Jr. and Inez Vivian (James) Burke. Her family moved to Port Arthur for a short time before settling permanently in Houston. She was a resident of the South Belt for the past 26 years.

Patricia is survived by her daughters Donah Nevill Bohannon and Kathleen Nevill Wiggins, beloved granddaughter Lehla Mangano Gualco, son-in-law Gary Wiggins, niece Angela Burke, and nephews Ronald Burke and David Burke. She also leaves behind her faithful companion, her dog Little Bit.

Patricia was preceded in death by her former husband Raymond Lawrence Nevill, her father, her moth-

er and her brother Advia John Burke III.

Growing up in Houston's Oak Forest neighborhood, Patricia graduated from Reagan High School in 1957. Always busy and creative, she ran a successful catering business, Patricia Catering, in Spring for 17 years. She also owned and operated Frankie Shelton Florist in Houston for several years and worked as a bookkeeper for several Houston companies before retiring.

Outside of her career, Patricia had a passion for traveling and collecting antiques for resale.

She also enjoyed the thrill of playing the slots in casinos from Las Vegas to Louisiana. A devoted mother, Patricia was dedicated to her daughters' childhood activities.

As a former Girl Scout herself, she served as a troop leader for many years. She was involved in her daughters' FFA activities, including their show projects and yearly trail rides with their horses. Patricia was an accomplished seamstress, creating the many tablecloths for her catering business and sewing countless outfits for her girls.

She was also active in her community, most recently serving on the board of her Highland Meadow HOA until she became ill. Patricia was lively, funny and fun, and was the first to offer help to anyone who needed it.

In accordance with Patricia's wishes, no public services are planned. However, those who wish to honor her memory may consider contributing to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or the Houston Humane Society.

Patricia Helen Nevill's passing leaves a huge hole in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing her. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

## Leader obituary policy

Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

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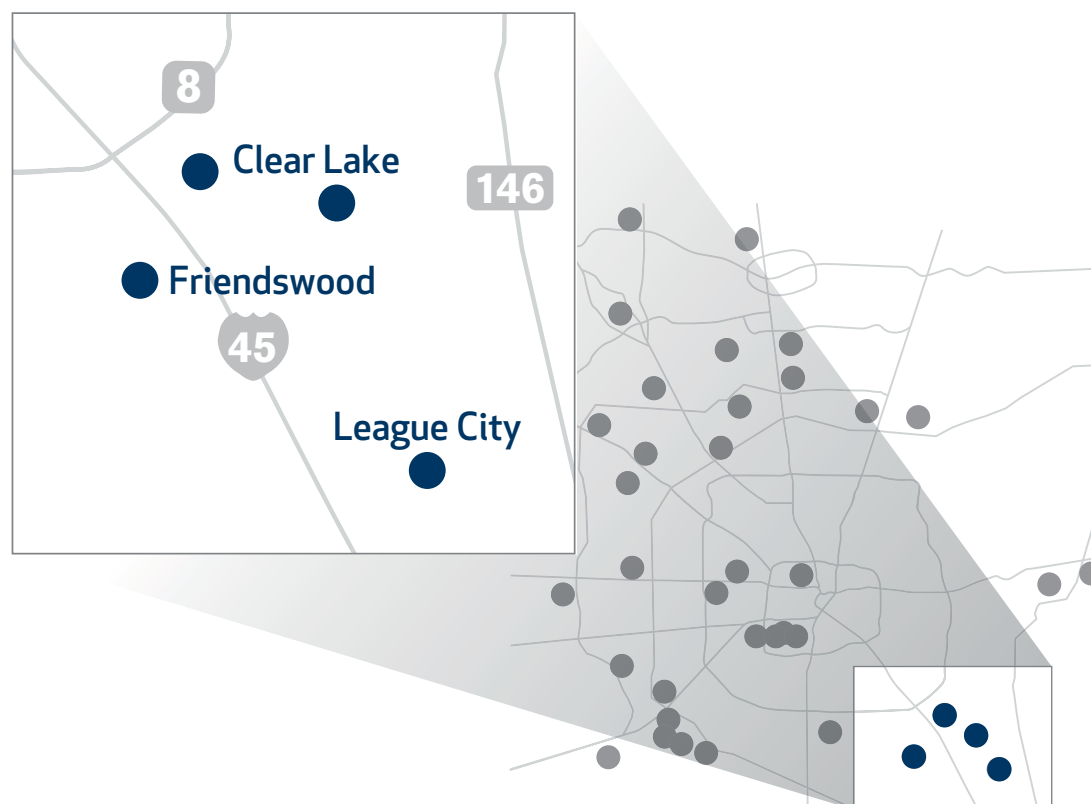


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## Moore teachers, students, parents celebrate 1st day of school



Moore Elementary's third-grade team started the 2023-2024 school year ready to welcome students and teach. Shown above are teachers, left to right, Marisol Salazar, Ashley Evans, Cindy Montemayor and Celena Hudspeth.



Above, the Contreras family, left to right, Laura, Mariana, Victoria, Katalina and David, supported each other on the first day of school.

## November election slates outlined

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Plummer.

Competing for the At-Large Position 5 seat are (in alphabetical order) Sallie Alcorn, J. Brad Batteau and Rigo Hernandez.

Local homeowner groups led by the Sagement Civic Club, will host a candidate forum Tuesday, Sept. 5, at The Gardens for all individuals vying for a position in the City of Houston's upcoming Nov. 7 general election. (See related story on Page 1.)

At the state level, there are 14 proposed amendments to the Texas constitution, including the following:

– Proposition 1: HJR 126 “The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture and wildlife management.”

– Proposition 2: SJR 64 “The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility.”

– Proposition 3: HJR 132 “The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.”

– Proposition 4: HJR 2 from the second special session “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts.”

– Proposition 5: HJR 3 “The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy.”

– Proposition 6: SJR 75 “The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.”

– Proposition 7: SJR 93 “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities.”

– Proposition 8: HJR 125 “The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects.”

– Proposition 9: HJR 2, regular session “The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.”

– Proposition 10: SJR 87 “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain.”

– Proposition 11: SJR 32 “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities.”

– Proposition 12: HJR 134 “The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County.”

– Proposition 13: HJR 107 “The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges.”

– Proposition 14: SJR 74 “The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks.”

For additional information on the proposed amendments, visit [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov).

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail – received, not postmarked – is Oct. 27. Mail-in ballots must be filled out and received by Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. if the carrier envelope is not postmarked. If the carrier envelope is postmarked by 7 p.m. on Election Day, it must be received by 5 p.m. the next business day after the election, Nov. 8.

Early voting for the Nov. 7 election will begin Oct. 23 and continue through Nov. 3.

For additional information on the 2023 general election, visit [www.harrisvotes.org](http://www.harrisvotes.org).

## Methodist expands pelvic health services



Dr. Emily Rutledge

To better serve the community, Houston Methodist Clear Lake Hospital has expanded the number of its clinics offering pelvic health services.

Houston Methodist has the only board-certified, residency-trained pelvic health specialists in Houston. The latest location offering pelvic health physical therapy is Houston Methodist Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, located at 6243 Fairmont Parkway, Suite 105.

For more information about pelvic floor disorders, visit [houstonmethodist.org/pelvic-health](http://houstonmethodist.org/pelvic-health) or call 713.790.3333 for help finding a doctor who can help one address these concerns.

bladder and bowel control, sexual function and pain reduction. “I understand these are private issues that can be difficult to discuss, but don't let embarrassment keep you from seeking help,” said Rutledge. “During evaluation, my goal is to reassure patients that they are not alone and discuss options that can help them find relief.”

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## CCISD's free, reduced meal guidelines

Clear Creek ISD students who are unable to afford the full price of school meals will be able to participate in a free and reduced-price meal program.

According to Fred Walker, director of child nutrition services, the district will use guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to determine eligibility for participation in the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program. Reduced price meals will cost \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch for high school campuses. For pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade, reduced price meals will be free for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch.

Qualification standards are based on the number of family members and income. Applicants must turn in the following information to be considered for the program:

- Eligibility Determination Group (EDG) number for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); or Food

Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Families who do not have the above information must list the following:

- Names of all household members.
- The last four digits of the Social Security number of primary wage earner or household member who signs the form or if the adult does not have a social security number, check the box for “No Social Security Number.”
- Last month's income and how often it was received for each household

member that receives an income.

- Signature of an adult household member attesting that the information is correct.

Information submitted on the application may be verified as required by law. For more information about the program call 281-284-0712. Foster children, who are the legal responsibility of the state agency or court, are eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

Applications will be available online at [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com).

Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally by calling 281-284-0700 or in writing to Child Nutrition Hearing Official, 2145 West NASA Blvd, Webster, TX 77598.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact Child Nutrition. Such changes may make the students of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown below:

Family Size	Annually		Monthly		Twice per Month		Every Two Weeks		Weekly	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$18,954	\$26,973	\$1,580	\$2,248	\$790	\$1,124	\$729	\$1,038	\$365	\$519
2	\$25,636	\$36,482	\$2,137	\$3,041	\$1,069	\$1,521	\$986	\$1,404	\$493	\$702
3	\$32,318	\$45,991	\$2,694	\$3,833	\$1,347	\$1,917	\$1,243	\$1,769	\$622	\$885
4	\$39,000	\$55,500	\$3,250	\$4,625	\$1,625	\$2,313	\$1,500	\$2,135	\$750	\$1,068
5	\$45,682	\$65,009	\$3,807	\$5,418	\$1,904	\$2,709	\$1,757	\$2,501	\$879	\$1,251
6	\$52,364	\$74,518	\$4,364	\$6,210	\$2,182	\$3,105	\$2,014	\$2,867	\$1,007	\$1,434
7	\$59,046	\$84,027	\$4,921	\$7,003	\$2,461	\$3,502	\$2,271	\$3,232	\$1,136	\$1,616
8	\$65,728	\$93,536	\$5,478	\$7,795	\$2,739	\$3,898	\$2,528	\$3,598	\$1,264	\$1,799
For each additional family member add:										
	\$6,682	\$9,509	\$557	\$793	\$279	\$397	\$257	\$366	\$129	\$183

## Remember When

**45 years ago (1978)**  
Several Sageglen parents were organizing to protest a transportation problem with Clear Creek Independent School District officials.

Mary Ellis Jones Brown, 27, of Wood Meadow subdivision, was shot in the chest by her estranged husband.

**40 years ago (1983)**  
The nine South Belt area campuses in PISD followed a districtwide trend in declining enrollments, dropping by 3.2 percent from enrollments during the same period the year before.

In the wake of major damage caused by Hurricane Alicia to southeast Texas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is responsible for coordinating federal, state and local disaster relief efforts, designated Chambers, Galveston and Harris counties eligible for both individual and public assistance.

**35 years ago (1988)**  
Air samples taken near the abandoned Brio waste site revealed no health hazard to the general public, according to the results released by the Texas Air Control Board.

The Federal Housing Administration was expected to once again insure home loans in the South Bend Subdivision.

**30 years ago (1993)**  
Time magazine featured an article on the Brio Superfund site titled “Toxic Dumps: The Lawyers' Money Pit.” The article stated that nearly \$1 billion had vanished in litigation, damages and other costs, but virtually nothing had been done to the Brio mess in the way of actual cleanup. It also stated air contaminants were responsible for a rash of birth defects and also mentioned the 1992 record toxic settlement of \$207 million in Brio-related litigation.

Two Houston gang members were charged with the murder of 15-year-old Francisco Rivas who was shot in the head after leaving a movie theater recently. The shooting occurred after a confrontation at the theater.

The founder of the Brio disposal site and Dixie Oil Processing filed a \$70-plus million lawsuit in district court against Monsanto and his former legal counsel, charging that the law firm which represented him entered into a contract with Monsanto and worked against him.

**25 years ago (1998)**  
USA Pictures filmed a movie tentatively titled “Makeover,” at Memorial Hospital Southeast. Several hospital employees were used as extras in the movie.

Antonio De la Cruz, a murder suspect, set himself on fire near the Scarsdale exit of the Gulf Freeway as he was trying to elude police. He doused himself with gasoline and used a cigarette lighter to start the fire.

**20 years ago (2003)**  
J. Frank Dobie principal Steve Jamail was honored with KPRC-TV's Sunshine Award.

Thomas Vargas, 16, was found guilty of the capital murder of Veda Sutton.

Crystal Tapioca, a coffee shop on Scarsdale, was totaled by fire.

**15 years ago (2008)**  
Fortunately for South Belt residents, the Houston area was spared the brunt of Hurricane Gustav, as it made landfall well east of the area.

Cliff Swearingen, 57, longtime assistant principal of Moore Elementary School, died Sept. 2. Swearingen began working as a fifth-grade teacher at Moore in 1986 and became the school's assistant principal in 1987.

An extensive search for a missing 3-year-old Sageameadow boy came to a happy conclusion. Several deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office responded to a complaint from a worried mother that her son was unaccounted for. Determined to find the missing child, deputies

quickly called for backup from several other local municipalities. Shortly before 3 p.m. the child was safely returned to his home. His older sister, a 16-year-old who lives at a different address, had picked the child up and taken him to eat lunch at a local restaurant. She said she took the child because the boy's mother and father were behind closed doors, and his older sister, a 9-year-old, was sleeping.

The proposed removal of a stop sign on Blackhawk near Weber Elementary prompted concern from many parents in the area, particularly those who reside in Ashley Pointe. The four-way stop is the only safe place for children who reside in the subdivision to cross the busy street.

**10 years ago (2013)**  
The Wells Fargo Bank in the 11100 block of Scarsdale was robbed at gunpoint. Shauna Dunlap, a spokeswoman for the FBI, described the incident as a takeover-style robbery, as the suspects took the bank over by force, rather than just handing a teller a note. Witnesses said three men entered the bank wearing ski masks and forced everyone to the ground at gunpoint. Dunlap said the suspects were very aggressive, pushing victims and holding pistols to their faces. There were reportedly around 20 people, including employees, inside the bank at the time of the robbery. After getting an undisclosed amount of cash from both the bank and customers, the suspects fled the scene in a white

Dodge pickup truck, which was found minutes later at a nearby parking lot where it had crashed into another car. The truck had been reported stolen earlier in the day. Despite the rough physical nature of the crime, there were no reported injuries. No immediate arrests were made.

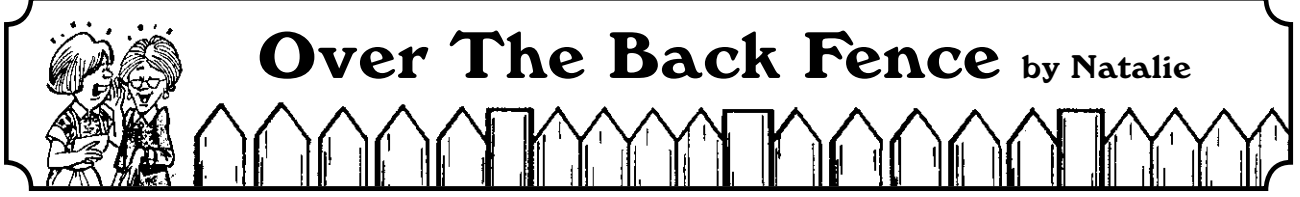
Obed Rodriguez, 20, was charged with capital murder in the fatal shooting of 37-year-old Yolanda Lara, of Pasadena, an employee at the Monroe Game room. According to the Houston Police Department, two suspects were let into the game room by a security guard at roughly 6:45 p.m. The men immediately drew pistols and forced the security guard to the floor along with multiple customers and employees. Lara

was shot during the robbery and pronounced dead at the scene. Witnesses told investigators Lara had complied, and it was unclear why she was shot. Following the robbery, the two men fled on foot. Surveillance footage showed a suspect, later identified as Rodriguez, as being the gunman.

**5 years ago (2018)**  
On the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey, Harris County voters on Aug. 25 overwhelmingly approved the \$2.5 billion bond measure to fund flood-mitigation projects to protect the area during future storms. More than 85 percent of voters cast their ballots in favor of the proposition, which will provide funding for 237 projects throughout the county. Voter turnout, however, was extremely low, with only around 150,000 of Harris County's 2.3 million registered voters – or roughly 6.5 percent – taking part in the election.

Thompson Intermediate celebrated its 50th anniversary Saturday, Aug. 27, with an event at the area campus. Five former Thompson principals joined the festivities, including Greg Jones, who served from 1996-2007; Associate Superintendent Dr. Angela Stallings (2007-2009); Human Resources Associate Superintendent Toni Lopez (2009-2015); Associate Superintendent of Technology Melissa McCalla (2015-2018); and Tamis Griffin, who assumed the role of principal in 2018. Additional former Thompson principals include Frank Braden (1972-1974); E.J. Ritchey (1974-1989); Vicki Thomas (1989-1994); Cheryl Fowler (1994-1996); and Greg Jones (1996-2007). The campus suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Harvey in 2017, and Pasadena ISD officials decided to rebuild rather than repair. In October 2021, officially broke ground on a new Thompson 178,000-square-foot campus, to be located on a 21-acre plot of land on Hughes Road near South Belt Elementary. The new \$135 million campus is expected to open in August 2023.

A woman was arrested for her role in a fatal shooting the previous month in the 1300 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. Latise Lonyea Lenoir, 29, was charged with murder in the Aug. 20 death of Dennis Leon Sharp, 27.



**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY SUMMER GRADUATES**  
Congratulations to the following area students who received degrees during the 2023 summer semester at Sam Houston State University: Patrick Denny, Bachelor of Business Administration, General Business; Dechanelle Howell, Bachelor of Business Administration, General Business; and Brodie Riner, Bachelor of Science, Homeland Security Studies.

**RON CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Ron Williams, former owner of Ace Hardware, is wished a happy birthday Sept. 1 from his family, friends and the Leader staff.

**ROSA CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Special birthday wishes are sent to South Belt Leader staffer Rosa Graham who celebrates a birthday Sept. 1 from family, friends and the Leader staff.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARIE!**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Marie Flickinger, South Belt Leader publisher, who celebrates a birthday Friday, Sept. 1, from husband David; sons Fred and wife Leslie Flickinger and David (Leader owner) and wife Ellie Flickinger; granddaughters Kimberly and husband Matthew Lipina and Courtney Durham and husband Chris and great-grandchildren Abigail, Jackson and Penelope Durham; granddaughter Natalie and husband Jose Abarca and great-grandchildren Kelvin Lopez, and Noah, Eliana and Isabella Abarca; sister Alexis Lochner; her friends; and staff at the South Belt-Ellington Leader.

**KAREN ENJOYS A BIRTHDAY**  
Birthday greetings are sent to Karen Taylor Sept. 3 from friends and the staff at the Leader.

**ELLIE CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY**  
Best wishes are sent Sunday, Sept. 5, for a very special birthday to Ellie (Garza)

Flickinger from husband David (Leader president); mother Kina Reyes; daughter Natalie and her husband Jose Abarca; mother-in-law Marie and David Flickinger; family and friends; and staff at the South Belt Leader.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Aug. 31 through Sept. 6.

**Atkinson Elementary**  
Blow out the birthday candles Sept. 3 for Belva Alaniz.

**Burnett Elementary**  
Esmeralda Paredes is sent a birthday greeting Sept. 5.

**Frazier Elementary**  
Join in the fun as Debra Hawkins celebrates a birthday Sept. 2. Remember to wish Amy Oquin a happy birthday Sept. 4. Light the candles on a cake Sept. 7 for Jessica Vela.

**Genoa Elementary**  
Sept. 2 is the day for a birthday party for Alex Martinez. Yolanda Aranda enjoys a special birthday Sept. 5. Best wishes for a wonderful birthday Sept. 6 to Lucero Gonzalez.

**Moore Elementary**  
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 2 to Veronica Rangel.

**South Belt Elementary**  
The day for birthday fun for Courtney Moran is Aug. 31. Share a slice of birthday cake with Anh Ton Sept. 5.

**Melillo Middle School**  
Bring out the cake and balloons Sept. 1 to celebrate Matthew Sanchez.

**Roberts Middle School**  
Celebrating a birthday Sept. 4 is Jose Mendoza.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Break out the birthday balloons and party

favors Sept. 1 for Wesley Hardy. A day of fun is planned Sept. 2 for Dawn Nguyen. Break out the balloons and the birthday cake Sept. 3 for Jose Sesento.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
The day for a birthday celebration is Sept. 2 for Janet Reynolds. Dena Cockerell enjoys a birthday Sept. 3. Celebrating a birthday Sept. 6 is Jessica Boland.

**Dobie High**  
Remember to wish Rosa Qarini a happy birthday Sept. 1. Break out the cake and ice cream Sept. 2 for Robert Best. Sept. 6 is the day for a party for Yvette Betancourt and Alexander Garcia.

**FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
Thursday, Aug. 31: Nyd Salgado, Suzie Ortiz, Tajuana Stewart, John Terana, Mia Bella, Paula Miller, Judie Elizalde, Kathy Cole, Michael O'Daniell, Veronica Lyons, Analea Young, Carol Rodriguez, Scott Gish, Ashley Hall and Angie Davis; Friday, Sept. 1: Tiffany Gay, Maribel Manriquez, Jasmine Manning, Karen Jenkins and Steve Landin; Saturday, Sept. 2: Stacy Aguirre, Suzanne Hernandez, Karen Young and Mary Hernandez; Sunday, Sept. 3: Steve Boney, Josie Parker, Veronica Hernandez, Keith Nelson, Ruth Fuller, Donald Musquiz, Tomas Shorts Jr. and Leslie Montemayor; Monday, Sept. 4: Ashlie Files, Lashanda Scott, John Laird, Nikki Spriggs, Angie Reynolds, Jerry O'Brien, Betty Thomas, Darin Peltier, Tommy Walko, Joe Scanlin and Denise Turnage; Tuesday, Sept. 5: London Shelton, Stacy McNaughton and Cathy Tate; and Wednesday, Sept. 6: Coleen Terrell, Jennifer Navarro, Titus Purdy, Robert Evans, Jill Lambert, Debbie Bennett, Christina Gordon, Candi Beasley and John Evans.

**LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS**

## CCISD votes to call November elections

On Aug. 21, the CCISD board of trustees voted unanimously to include a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) and a Bond Election on the Nov. 7 ballot. Registered voters residing within Clear Creek ISD attendance zone will be asked to consider three propositions that would generate additional funding to support educational programs, staff salaries, facility repairs and equipment replacements and technology.

“We look forward to bringing these important items before the voters for consideration. The three propositions have been developed through a comprehensive process involving stakeholders across Clear Creek ISD. It is how we best make decisions regarding the education of our community's children, and I encourage everyone to learn more about these propositions and then vote this November,” said Arturo Sanchez, CCISD Board President. “I would like to thank the committee chairs and my fellow school board members for their commitment to our school district.”

A CCISD Facility Advisory Committee and a CCISD Strategic Budget Team met separately throughout the spring and the summer to analyze the facility and budgetary needs across the district.

The Facility Advisory Committee initially recommended a \$614 million bond program, recognizing it has been six years since a school bond election was held. The board of trustees accepted its recommendation and sought public input on the timing of the bond recommendation during a series of community meetings as well as a phone survey.

The board agreed to bring a \$302 million bond which would address priority repairs, equipment replacements, life and safety systems and instructional and infrastructure technology. The proposed \$302 million bond would be funded through the current Interest and Sinking Tax Rate of \$0.27.

The CCISD Strategic Budget Team was formed in late May when it became clear the CCISD Legislature was not going to increase what is known as the Basic Allotment.

## CCISD votes to call November elections

This is the per-student funding school districts receive from the State to fund salaries, transportation, school safety, student programs, insurance and other day-to-day costs. The \$6,160 per-student allocation has not increased since 2019 yet the costs of day-to-day operations have gone up due to inflation. To account for the increased cost of operations, the Legislature would have to increase the allotment by \$1,000. It adjourned in May without any increase.

“What are we doing about it? What we always do when faced with a challenge. We lock arms, turn to our community for guidance, and keep our eyes looking forward and upward. We do not sit idle and hope for best,” said Dr. Karen Engle, superintendent of schools. “We pulled together a group of parents, business leaders, school board members and educators to guide our decision making.”

The CCISD Strategic Budget Team recommended the District seek voter approval for three pennies on the Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate to balance the budget. This is the first time Clear Creek ISD is seeking a Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE).

Taxpayers will see an 18-cent tax rate reduction under the Legislature's historic property tax relief bill passed this summer. The VATRE is for three of those cents to generate \$17.5 million in additional revenue to pay for the increased cost of education in Clear Creek ISD. Under the current funding system, the State matches up to 80 percent in state dollars. All those funds stay local and are not subject to recapture or what is commonly referred to as “Robin Hood.”

Clear Creek ISD has the fourth lowest maintenance and operations tax rate in Texas and the third lowest in the Greater Houston region.

The school district is hosting a series of meetings through October to share information about the Nov. 7 election. Visit [www.ccisd.net/electioncentral](http://www.ccisd.net/electioncentral) for more details.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7 and early voting begins Monday, Oct. 23. The last date to register to vote is Oct. 10.

# SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

## Dobie football controls all phases in huge win over Brook

The Dobie varsity football team will no doubt carry plenty of confidence into its home opener Sept. 1 against Conroe Grand Oaks at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium in Pasadena.

The Longhorns are off to a 1-0 start for the second time in two seasons under head coach Demond Stafford after throttling Clear Brook during zero week play, while Grand Oaks fell 20-7 to Aldine Nimitz.

Taking on neighboring Clear Brook in the 2023 regular season opener

Aug. 25 in League City, the Longhorns put together a dominant, one-sided performance on their way to a 35-3 win.

Dobie's veteran defense was on display throughout the night as the Wolverines managed just a field goal.

"The defense takes pride in what they are doing out there, and collectively, they have a desire to be great," Stafford said.

"We definitely had a performance that we can build from. Anytime you hold a team without a touchdown, you've done a

great job. As a group, we more than got the job done and made the big plays when we needed to. This team as a whole has truly bought into what we are trying to do.

"Great start for us no doubt, and this week we will be looking to go 1-0 again. We have team goals for the season of course, but all you can do is play them a week at a time."

Offensively, the Longhorn figure to rely heavily on standout Cameron Mathews and talented sophomore newcomer Demarcus Hodges.

Mathews exploded for 181 yards on 23 carries while delivering one of the biggest nights during the opening week and added a touchdown.

Hodges debuted with 101 yards rushing on 10 carries, including a pair of scoring runs.

Senior quarterback Juan Huerta and Tariq Riley connected on a scoring pass.

The Longhorns' first touchdown of 2023 predictably came from Mathews as he burst through tacklers down the left hash en route to a 23-

yard touchdown.

Later in the opening quarter, a fumble recovery by Dobie's Terrance Thomas set up shop in Wolverine territory as Hodges scored his first varsity touchdown courtesy of a 31-yard rumble as he broke several tackles on his way to the end zone.

Huerta was also solid in his varsity debut, hitting Riley on a slant that went 24 yards for a touchdown

as the Longhorns' continued to cruise in the game.

Hodges added a 12-yard touchdown run in the third quarter as his memorable opening night continued.

Overall, the Longhorns rushed for 305 yards. The Wolverines, who did not score an offensive touchdown in the 2022 season-opening 13-6 loss to the Longhorns, had just 88 total yards in the game.

"I don't know that many teams have two backs that have the explosive capabilities of Cam and Demarcus," Stafford said.

"They went out and gave us a big night. And we got a touchdown in the passing game. We certainly aim to utilize the passing game more this season, and we are encouraged about what we were able to do on opening night."

As the season moves to the second week of action, Clear Brook will take on the Baytown Lee Ganders Sept. 1 at Stallworth Stadium in Baytown. The Ganders enter play at 1-0 after downing South Houston 33-22 Aug. 26.

**Dobie (1-0) hosts Grand Oaks (0-1)**  
Veterans Stadium, Pasadena  
Sept. 1, 7 p.m. kickoff

**Dobie adjusts Aug. 31 subvarsity game times**  
JFD freshman White hosts Grand Oaks 6 p.m., Dobie main  
JFD freshman Orange hosts Grand Oaks 7:30 p.m., Dobie main

## Pioneers fall to Houston Christian

Host Houston Christian sent Lutheran South Academy home with a 35-16 defeat Aug. 25 to open the varsity football regular season for both programs.

Junior quarterback John LeBlanc rushed for a team-high 128 yards and a score, and Kai Conerly also found the end zone for the Pioneers in the game. LeBlanc also completed 20 of 30 passes for 108 yards, but was intercepted twice and did not throw a touchdown.

As for Houston Christian, the Mustangs came up with several big plays in the game and were able to maintain a comfortable lead over the Pioneers. LSA's David Streeter had an 18-yard catch in the game.

**LSA hosts St. Michael's**  
Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m. kickoff

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## Newsome returns to lead Southeastern Louisiana VB



Clear Brook High School graduate and Southeastern Louisiana University volleyball star Kailin Newsome is back to lead the Lady Lions in 2023. The high expectations for the Southeastern Louisiana University volleyball team for the season continued to be showcased as the Southland Conference coaches picked the Lady Lions to finish second in the SLC, while Newsome, Cicily Hidalgo and Jacqueline Arrington were named Preseason All-Conference by the conference. Southeastern picked up the same number of first place votes as the conference preseason favorite, Houston Christian, with eight, but fell just two points shy

overall of tying the Huskies for the poll's top spot. Also released were the preseason All-Conference teams, and three Lady Lions made the list. Newsome found a place on the first team while Hidalgo and Arrington both made it onto the second team. Newsome enters her senior season coming off one of the best individual seasons in SLU history. She looks to improve over a season where she had more than four kills per set and 33 service aces on her way to earning First Team All-Conference, AVCA All-South Region, and Louisiana Player of the Year honors. Newsome is the all-time kills leader at Clear Brook.

Photo by Ricky Bassman

## Garza, Lobo run bests at Clear Creek

Junior Lauren Garza challenged the lead throughout as she posted a personal record time to get her cross-country sea-

son off and running, while senior Kyla Lobo also delivered a PR time as the pair led the Dobie varsity girls' squad at the Clear

Creek Invitational Aug. 25 at Hometown Heroes Park in League City.

Garza and Lobo, key members of both the 2021

and 2022 District 22-6A championship teams from Dobie, were in top form while delivering top-eight efforts.



The Dobie cross-country programs competed at the Clear Creek Invitational Aug. 25, with varsity boys' junior Christopher Lopez (left) placing 16th overall and senior Kyla Lobo delivering a personal record en route to eighth place in the varsity girls' division.

Alief Elsie's Bissnatt Abdelasis was the top overall medalist as she covered the 5,000-meter course at 19 minutes, 28 seconds for the victory.

At 19:49, Sofia Barreda was second, with Garza third with a clocking of 19:58.

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The Dobie varsity volleyball team won 12 of its first 17 matches entering play Aug. 29 with contributions from many players. Senior Lexie Gonzalez (11) has led the way with 110 kills and 214 assists.

## Dobie volleyball hot through three weeks

Four straight wins in the Battle of the Brazos Invitational at George Ranch High School got Dobie to the silver bracket final, and the Longhorns were winners of 12 of 17 overall matches as the high school volleyball season rolled on.

Dobie, nearing its Sept.

9 District 22-6A opener against defending champion Deer Park, put together a 12-5 overall record through three weeks.

With standout libero Aly Frias eclipsing 1,000 career digs on the first day of the Battle of the Brazos event, Dobie bounced

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**2023 Dobie Varsity Volleyball Labor Day Classics**  
Aug. 31 Pool Play  
Dobie vs. Danbury, 9 a.m.  
Dobie vs. Klein Forest, 11 a.m.  
Dobie vs. Eisenhower, 2 p.m.  
Sept. 1 Head-to-Head  
Dobie hosts Shadow Creek, 5:30 p.m.

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# JFD's Frias nets 1,000 career digs



Dobie senior libero Aly Frias eclipsed 1,000 digs for her career in the Battle of the Brazos Invitational opener against Richmond Foster as the Longhorns took part in tournament play Aug. 24. A three-year varsity starter, Frias is a two-time All-District 22-6A first team honoree.

# JFD volleyball wins 12 of 17 matches

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 back from an early loss to Foster to then take down Cy-Springs.  
 On the second day of the event, the Longhorns topped Fort Bend Bush and Fort Bend Travis in two straight sets each to reach the silver trophy bracket.  
 There, Dobie bested Needville for a fourth straight win before a straight-set loss to Midlothian Heritage.  
 Through 41 total sets of play as of Aug. 28, four players had played in all 41, including Lexie Gonzalez, Ariana Garza, Frias and freshman Amaya Langellier.  
 Gonzalez leads the way with team highs in kills and assists, with 110 kills and 214 assists. Garza has 56 kills and 26 total blocks, while Frias has 193 digs. Langellier has chipped in with 78 kills.  
 Dobie will play its third and final tournament of the season at the Indian Invitational in Santa Fe, opening with Aug. 31 pool play matches against Danbury, Klein Forest and Eisenhower.

# Touchdown Club honors LSA trio



Lutheran South Academy varsity football players, left to right, Matthew Furness, Wesley Willingham and Cole Noack were honored by the Houston Touchdown Club as private school Preseason All-Greater Houston Football Team members at a reception during the week prior to the start of the regular season.



Dobie High School girls' cross-country freshman Aracely Alvarado took third place overall at the Clear Creek Invitational in the junior varsity girls' two-mile run at 14 minutes, 49 seconds. Dobie girls' head coach Mo Hickman told the Leader that Alvarado is likely headed to the varsity level for the team's Sept. 1 meet.

# South Belt football predictions

Grand Oaks at Dobie	Dobie	Grand Oaks	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Shadow Creek at Clear Springs	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Katy at Atascocita	Atascocita	Katy	Atascocita	Katy	Katy
Pearland at Houston Memorial	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Clear Creek at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
C.E. King at Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	Allen	CEK
Summer Creek at Clear Falls	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Clear Brook at Baytown Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee
Angleton at Clear Lake	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Clear Lake
Dawson at Klein Collins	Dawson	Klein Collins	Klein Collins	Klein Collins	Klein Collins
Last Week's Results	6-4	9-1	8-2	9-1	8-2
Season record	6-4	9-1	8-2	9-1	8-2

# JFD tennis sees ole pal at Lamar

Members of the Dobie varsity team tennis program had a chance to catch up with an old friend as they attended the coach Ron Wesbrooks/Lamar University Invitational this month in Beaumont. Dobie's group included, left to right, Kayla Tran, Chloe Estes, Vyvy Vo, Tre Ramirez, Jacob Kostikoglou, Wesbrooks, Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., Vince Bui and Pitou So. Moreno played collegiately at Lamar under the guidance of Wesbrooks, who over the years has been one of the Longhorns' biggest fans.



At left, Aaron Calhoun (left), the 2021 District 24-6A Most Valuable Player while leading the Clear Brook varsity baseball team to the league championship, has transferred to the University of Texas-Arlington for his junior season next spring. The right-handed pitcher spent his first two collegiate seasons at the University of Oklahoma, with the Sooners reaching the College World Series in 2022. At right is Calhoun's father, Gary Calhoun.

# CB's Calhoun shifts to UT-A ball

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# Fans can vote for JFD tennis

Dobie High School tennis fans can vote for the team's head coach, Manuel Moreno Jr., or the program, as the United States Tennis Association hosts its Best of Texas 2023 contest, with voting running through Sept. 3. Visit usta.com, then type in Best of Texas Tennis 2023 to begin the voting process. Moreno is in his 25th season as head coach of the Longhorns, who begin District 22-6A action against Deer Park Sept. 5 at Deer Park.

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# Dobie cross-country running strong

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 Lobo, a senior, was in with an eighth-best time of 20:49 as she came up with a personal record of her own.  
 Valerie Salazar closed at 22:59 for 33rd place, while teammates Leyla Martinez (24:42), Mariyah Medina (25:12), Dasia Ram (25:29), Jasmin Mooney (26:20) and Madison Ireate (27:20) also competed for Dobie.  
 Christopher Lopez paced the Dobie varsity boys' squad as he was 16th-best overall in a time of 17:17, while teammate Damian Rosas was across the finish line in a time of 17:41 for 26th place.  
 Dobie's Jose Munoz finished at 17:46 for 29th place, with Conner Torres

(18:10), Francisco Dunn (18:59) and Ariel Cortez (19:49) also running.  
 In the junior varsity

girls' two-mile race, Clear Brook's Leslie Garcia was the top overall medalist in a time of 14:29, while

Dobie's Arcely Alvarado wound up at 14:49 for third place.  
 Alvarado's early success at the subvarsity level could soon warrant a jump to the varsity.



At right, Dobie junior Lauren Garza started fast and wound up with a personal record time at the Clear Creek Invitational Aug. 25, taking third place as the varsity season shifted to individual racing. Garza, a key contributor during Dobie's District 22-6A championship in 2022, is clearly off to a strong start to this point.

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# CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, AUG. 31**  
7 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill," Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300 or visit https://aahouston.org/meetings/.  
7:30 a.m. **Rotary Club of Pearland** - Meets at either Pearland Chamber of Commerce, 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See Pearland Chamber of Commerce website or call 281-485-3634.  
Noon **AA** - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.  
**FRIDAY, SEP. 1**  
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
7 p.m. **NA** - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. FM 518, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). Call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.  
7 p.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - All services are live and on Zoom. For details regarding services, Judaism classes, film series and lunch with the Rabbi, visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.  
8 p.m. **Serenity Now Al-Anon Group** - Meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.  
8 p.m. **AA** - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.  
**SATURDAY, SEP. 2**  
7:30 a.m. **AA Meeting** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9:30 a.m. **Congregation Shaar Hashalom** - See Friday's notice.  
11 a.m. **Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English)** - For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787 or visit https://www.houstonalanon.org/.  
1 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - offers a knitting class. Call 281-479-7285 beforehand.  
**SUNDAY, SEP. 3**  
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - has worship 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** - 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, SEP. 4**  
Noon **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.  
5 p.m. **New Directions** - Age 55 and older meets at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. Call 646-489-4367.  
7 p.m. **AA** - St. Luke's Group, 12-Step Recovery, open meeting in the Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd. Call 832-725-8479 or 281-309-2801.  
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.  
**TUESDAY, SEP. 5**  
7 a.m. **AA** - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.  
9 a.m. **Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum** - 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for tours.  
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, meets 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 832-722-9061.  
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.  
**WEDNESDAY, SEP. 6**  
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. The meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. Call 713-444-6744.  
9:30 a.m. **Young at Heart Senior Club** - Meets at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Call 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. Call 281-554-1180.  
7 p.m. **St. Paul's Anglican Church** - See Sunday's notice.  
7 p.m. **NA** - See Friday's notice.  
8 p.m. **AA** - See Friday's notice.

## LEADER READERS

25 words: Personal: \$8 for 1 week/ \$21 for 3 weeks;  
Business: \$10 for 1 week/ \$27 for 3 weeks

**SERVICE**  
TREE SERVICE. Removal, trimming, topping and pruning (including palm trees). Free estimates. Call Ruben 832-406-0183.  
10-5  
CARPENTER/ HANDYMAN. Light electrical, plumbing & painting, replace/repair. No Job Too Small. 281-948-8887.  
12-28

**PRESSURE WASHING!**  
Free Estimates. Call Scott and Sons at 979-235-0645. House, driveways, sidewalks, boats, R.V.s, etc. Time for cleaning. Free Estimates!  
10-5

Turn those unwanted items in your garage and closets into cash. Bring ads into the Leader office by Tuesday or use the mail slot by the front door.  
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281-481-5656

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Flexible hours full or part time. Paid vacation and holidays.  
Fluent Spanish required! Will train the right person \$14.00 per hour and up with experience.  
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**PASADENA ISD**

# COACHING *for* EXCELLENCE

The district boasts a rich history of success from our award-winning educational programs to our talented students and staff. We are proud to highlight a few of Pasadena ISD's and the South Belt's top moments from the 2022-2023 school year.

**PISD Recognized with TWO Awards for Strong Financial Management Practices**

Pasadena ISD Finance Department was recognized as one of only 23 school districts in Texas to earn the prestigious Award of Excellence in Financial Management. The Purchasing Department received the Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations.



**Pasadena ISD Recognized with Best-in-Class Energy Award** Energistic has recognized Pasadena ISD with the Best-in-Class Energy Program award in addition to contributing \$10,000 in scholarships!

**Certified Energy Star Schools**

- Beverly Hills Intermediate
- Dobie Ninth Grade
- Melillo Middle
- Moore Elementary
- Roberts Middle

**Schools Recognized as Model Professional Learning Communities at Work®**

Pomeroy, Kruse, Sullivan and Southmore were recognized for the first time by Solution Tree for their sustained success in raising student achievement. Other Pasadena ISD Model PLC schools from previous years include Sam Rayburn, Milstead, Morris, Miller, and Lomax.

**36 PISD Counseling Programs Recognized for Reinforcing Excellence in Texas**

The counseling programs at 36 Pasadena ISD schools have been named "Counselors Reinforcing Excellence in the State of Texas" (CREST) award winners for the 2022-2023 school year.



**Beverly Hills Wins at District & Regional Pentathlon Competition**

Beverly Hills Intermediate won 1st place in the District and Regional Pentathlon competition. Two teams were entered for the National Competition. One 7th grade team and one 8th grade team. The teams were composed of top students who had shown merit through the previous District and Region level competitions.



<b>ADVANCED PLACEMENT</b>	<b>4442 Tests</b> <b>268 Scholars</b>
<b>CTE CERTIFICATIONS</b>	<b>4,895</b>
<b>DUAL CREDIT</b>	<b>33,095</b>
<b>ECHS ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>2,143</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<b>\$68,519,256</b>

**2023 Texas Schools to Watch**

- Beverly Hills Intermediate School
- Kendrick Middle School
- Melillo Middle School
- Roberts Middle School

**Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association Leadership Awards (TEPSA)**

- Teague Elementary  
*Valorie Morris, Principal*
- Kruse Elementary  
*Sandra Buckner, Principal*
- Carter Lomax Middle  
*Rebecca Dietz, Principal*
- Fred Roberts Middle  
*Citlai Guerrero, Principal*
- Young Elementary  
*Amy McClellen, Principal*
- Sparks Elementary  
*Erica Salazar, Principal*

**American Student Council Association School of Excellence Award Winners**

- Fred Roberts Middle  
*Citlai Guerrero, Principal*
- Teague Elementary  
*Valorie Morris, Principal*



**Melillo STEAM Fair Winners**

Congratulations to our STEAM fair winners! Thank you Ms. Ingersoll and Ms. Castañeda for working with our students! They shined bright at the awards ceremony!



**Beverly Hills Teacher Recognized by Region 4 as Teacher of the Year**

Dr. Pector was recognized at Region 4's Teacher of the Year Luncheon. Dr. Pector is the FIRST BHI teacher to be named Pasadena ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year (2022-2023).

**J. Frank Dobie Student is NATIONAL CHAMPION in Informative Speaking**

Jocelyn Floyd became NATIONAL CHAMPION in Informative Speaking at the National Individual Tournament of Champions. This prestigious competition brings together speech and debate competitors from over 140 schools around the country.



**J. Frank Dobie High School received the Award of Distinction-Outstanding**

from the Texas Educational Theatre Association! This recognition highlights their commitment to promoting theatre and providing exceptional student and staff support.



**Morris Middle School Awarded Funding for New Science Lab** Mr. Delos Reyes, awarded \$15,000 for a science lab makeover from Shell for the National Science Teacher Association Shell Science Lab Regional Challenge!



**The New Thompson Intermediate School Building has been Completed and is Open for the 2023-2024 School Year!**

