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Holiday closings set

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The *Leader* office will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day. Normal business hours resume Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 9 a.m.

Clear Brook City MUD
Clear Brook City MUD will close Monday, Sept. 5, for Labor Day and reopen Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8 a.m. For customer convenience, check or money order payments may be left in the drop box on the drive-thru. No cash will be accepted in the drop box.

Clear Brook City MUD residents with trash pickup on Monday/Thursday will have service Labor Day, Sept. 5. All trash should be at curbside no later than 6 a.m. Monday. Residents missing this trash pickup date will be serviced Thursday, Sept. 8. Residents with Tuesday/Friday service will not be affected.

Leader requests assistance

Residents are reminded to not take bulk copies of the *Leader* from local dispensers at area stores, as the physical copies of the newspaper are intended to be read by residents and not for any other uses. When some residents take mass copies of the newspapers from area machines, loyal readers cannot find copies.

Precinct 2 deputies are aware of the situation and have intervened in one instance. A white box truck has subsequently been spotted taking large amounts of the papers.

Anyone who witnesses such bulk removal of the newspapers from local machines is urged to not make contact with the individual(s) but rather contact the *Leader* office at 281-481-5656. If possible, witnesses are urged to get vehicle make/model and license plate number.

Public safety meeting set

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia and the Harris County Sheriff's Office will host a public safety meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the San Jacinto College South Campus - Marie Spence Flickinger Building, located 13735 Beamer.

COVID cases decline

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community is down for the third consecutive week, with decreases being reported in all three local ZIP codes.

As of Tuesday, Aug. 30, there were 359 active cases in 77089, down 62 from the previous week. To date, 136 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up two from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 279 active cases, down 17 from the previous week. To date, there have been 80 deaths in the ZIP code. (Harris County reported 82 deaths the previous week.)

In 77034, there were 227 active cases, down 59 from the previous week. To date, 90 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease. (Harris County reported 92 deaths 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.

Church seeks bus drivers

St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road, needs a pool of bus drivers who can be contacted when events arise requiring transportation using the church bus. Some examples of events when drivers would be needed include retreats, ministry outings, church campus-to-campus transportation, etc. For more information, visit stlukescatholic.com/news/bus-drivers-needed.

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.

Beltway closures planned

Two northbound Beltway 8 frontage road lanes will be closed at Fairmont Parkway daily from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, Sept. 30. Significant delays are expected.

Sagemont Civic meets Sept. 6

The Sagemont Civic Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, at The Gardens, located at 12001 Beamer at Hughes Road. All Sagemont residents/homeowners are invited to attend. The meetings take place the first Tuesday of each month.

State accuses county of "defunding" constables

County Judge Lina Hidalgo calls accusation "bold-face lie"

The Texas comptroller is accusing Harris County of not properly funding two area constables, violating a recently passed state law that prohibits "defunding" police.

Last month, the criminal justice division of the Office of the Governor referred complaints of defunding law enforcement, filed by Harris County Constable Mark Herman, representing Precinct 4, and Constable Ted Heap, representing Precinct 5, to the Texas comptroller for investigation. The comptroller recently released its finding that the Harris County Commissioners Court acted to significantly reduce resources available to the county's constable offices.

In a recent letter to Gov. Greg Abbott and other top state officials, Comptroller Glenn Hegar said investigators are looking into the following three claims:

- Harris County abruptly ended a long-standing

policy to "automatically roll over" unspent departmental funds from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year, resulting in a loss of more than \$3 million in funds previously dedicated to the Constables Office in FY 2021-2022 being returned to the general fund.

- Harris County proposed a planning budget for FY 2022-2023 on Feb. 8, 2022, that reduced funding to the Constables Office by more than \$12 million, as compared to short FY 2022. While the recently published revised planning budget for FY 2022-2023 increases funding to the Constables Office, it still represents a \$3 million reduction in overall funding.

- The budgeting practices of Harris County may not provide the Constables Office with full authority to expend their allocated budget to meet public safety needs.

According to the new law, Harris County will

need voter approval before it can adopt its FY 2022-2023 budget.

Harris County may now be subject to penalties according to the laws that Abbott signed last year that prevent jurisdictions from unilaterally defunding its law enforcement.

"The dangerous actions taken by Judge Lina Hidalgo and Harris County represent a brazen disregard for the safety and security of the Texans they are sworn to protect," said Abbott. "The loss of millions of dollars in funding will en-

danger public safety across the county at a time when Texas law enforcement is working harder than ever to keep criminals and dangerous drugs out of our communities. Harris County continues to show complete negligence for public safety, as the same county whose revolving door bail program releases dangerous criminals back onto the streets to commit more violent crimes like murder. While Harris County politicizes the public safety of its citizens, the State of Texas will en-

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State: PISD makes academic gains

As Pasadena ISD welcomed students back for the 2022-2023 school year on Tuesday, Aug. 16, the district had much to celebrate in just its first week.

Despite challenges related to the COVID pandemic, Pasadena ISD showed significant gains in academic growth, achieving an "A" rating (90 percent), an improvement from its 2019 score of "C" (79 percent) according to a 2022 accountability report released by the Texas Education Agency.

Pasadena ISD earned a B rating (86 percent) overall, indicating the district's success in high academic achievement and academic growth among most students, with 14 campuses achieving an A and 36 campuses earning a B.

Districts and schools demonstrating acceptable performance are eligible to earn distinction designations, awarded to a school or district that shows exceptional achievement in the following areas:

- Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading (campus only).
- Academic Achievement in Mathematics (campus only).

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- Academic Achievement in Science (campus only).

- Academic Achievement in Social Studies (campus only).

- Top 25 Percent: Student Progress (campus only).

- Top 25 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps (campus only).

- Postsecondary Readiness (district and campus).

In all, 66 percent of Pasadena ISD campuses earned a total of 124 distinctions.

"I am extremely proud of our staff and students," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. DeeAnn Powell. "The work that has taken place to close learning gaps is very impressive. Our campus leaders and instructional staff have shown that much can be accomplished in regards to student growth and that is why we lead the State of Texas in receiving academic growth distinctions for our efforts compared to

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Thompson celebrates 50 years



Thompson celebrated its 50th anniversary Saturday, Aug. 27. Five former Thompson principals joined the festivities, including Greg Jones, who served from 1996-2007; Associate Superintendent Angela Stallings (2007-2009); Associate Superintendent Toni Lopez (2009-2015); Associate Superintendent Melissa McCalla (2015-2018); and Tanis Griffin, who assumed the role in 2018. See more photos on page 2. Photo by Troy McCarley

Thompson celebrates golden anniversary

Current, former students/staff remember school highlights

Thompson Intermediate celebrated a milestone Saturday, Aug. 27, when the area school marked 50 years of Lion PRIDE during a well-attended event for students, faculty, staff, parents, community members and alumni.

Attendees throughout the community had the opportunity to enjoy intermediate football games, bouncy houses, face painting, choir, orchestra and band performances, along with barbecue, a book fair, fun activities and more - all with the intent of celebrating Thompson's rich

history of providing educational excellence.

"We are so proud of our traditions of success and celebrating 50 years of Lion PRIDE," said Tanis Griffin, current Thompson Intermediate principal.

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 Tanis Griffin, who assumed the role of principal in 2018.

Former staff members were also in the crowd, including Bob Fowler, former coach and teacher, who joined the district as a teacher in 1969, having worked at Rayburn High, Beverly Hills Intermediate and then Thompson in '84. He retired in 2012 and continued to serve as a substitute teacher at the school almost daily for the past 10 years.

"I remember watching when they first built Thompson," Fowler recalled. "I've known all of the principals, except for [the late] Mr. Frank Braden who had already moved to another campus when I was there."

While Fowler has seen the school evolve over time, he says there has been some consistency.

"You have your challenges, but you also have your success stories," the former coach said. "What is really amazing to me is a lot of those challenged kids come back and thank us. It's happened more times than I can count."

Stephanie Montez, who attended Thompson Intermediate and graduated from Dobie High School in 2008, said she enjoyed taking a trip down memory lane during the celebration.

"It just reminds me of all the friendships that I formed playing intermediate sports, high school

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Monkeypox vaccine eligibility expanded

Judge Lina Hidalgo this past week announced Harris County will expand eligibility criteria for the monkeypox vaccine to include HIV+ individuals and those diagnosed with chlamydia. Previously, vaccines were available to individuals in direct contact with someone who had contracted monkeypox, attended an event where there was a high risk of exposure, were currently on PREP medication or diagnosed with gonorrhea or early syphilis within the past three months.

A similar announcement was previously made by City of Houston health officials.

"The most powerful tool is prevention, and we accomplish that through vaccination and public awareness," said Hidalgo. "Our vaccination strategy, response plan, and continued action is our path to staying ahead of the virus and to chart a better path forward."

The county's announcement comes as the first

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Controversial cameras catch crook

Recently installed license plate-reading technology helped catch a burglary suspect, according to local law enforcement officials.

On Monday, July 4, deputies with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's Patrol Division responded to a burglary of a habitation call in the 10000 block of Sagerock. Information was gathered, and the investigation was turned over to the Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit.

Deputies within this division were able to take the available information and identify a possible suspect. They were then able to obtain search warrants on GPS Data on the suspect which placed the suspect in the area at the time of the crime.

Deputies were also able to utilize the recently installed Flock Safety camera system, which placed the suspect vehicle in the area at the time of the crime.

Once all necessary information was gathered, deputies contacted the Harris County District Attor-

neys Office and were able to get a felony burglary of a habitation charge on the suspect, who was identified as 37-year-old Daemon Holiness.

A to-be warrant was filed for his arrest and was eventually returned a few weeks later signed by a judge.

On Thursday, Aug. 18, the Precinct 2 Special Operations Unit was able to track Holiness down in Fort Bend County and take him into custody without incident.

Flock Safety cameras

The controversial new crime-fighting tool has proven to be effective, local officials said.

License plate-reading cameras from Flock Safety were recently installed throughout parts of the South Belt community not incorporated by the city. In all, there are 32 cameras located in the Clear Brook City, Sagemeadow and Kirkmont MUDs.

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Woman charged in Edgebrook murder

Charges have been filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of a man that took place Saturday, Aug. 20, in the 1300 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.



Latise Lenoir

The suspect, Latise Lonyea Lenoir, 29, was charged with murder in the 178th State District Court.

The victim was identified as Dennis Leon Sharp, 27.

According to Houston Police department officials, officers were dispatched to a shooting call at the apartment complex at the above address and were advised that paramedics transported Sharp to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake,

where he was pronounced dead with a gunshot wound.

Sharp was reported to be in a verbal altercation with his girlfriend, Lenoir, before a gunshot was heard from inside their apartment bedroom. Lenoir initially fled the scene but later returned and was detained.

Lenoir admitted to her role in the shooting and she was subsequently charged.

HPD: Complex a "hot spot" for crime

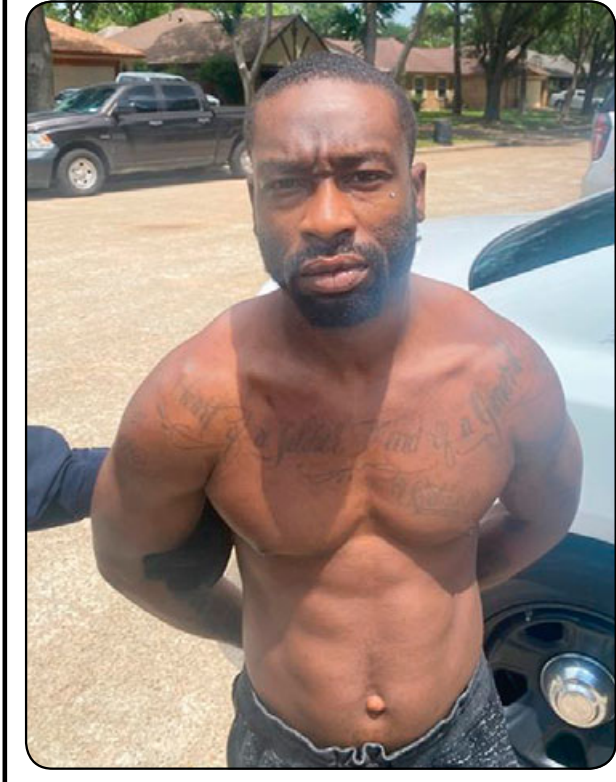
Houston police have deemed The Redford Apartments, located at 1221 Redford, a "hot spot" for violent crime, with at least 13 shootings taking place this past year - five of which were fatal.

Past incidents include the following:

- March 16: Rufus Banks fatally shot inside apartment.

- Feb. 8: Alexis Cantu, 21, fatally shot at

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Burglary suspect arrested

A burglary suspect was recently arrested by Precinct 2 deputies with the assistance of controversial license plate-reading technology that was recently installed throughout unincorporated parts of the South Belt community. Local law enforcement officials said the Flock Safety camera system - which critics contend is an invasion of privacy - has proven effective in recent months, helping deputies track numerous suspects. Daemon Holiness (shown at left) was charged with felony burglary of a habitation.

Thompson turns 50

Area school celebrates golden anniversary

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Montez said, "Those groups - I still communicate with to this day. It's great forming that bond and knowing that it can never be broken ... It was great to be back."

Thompson Intermediate was named in honor of George Thompson, a past school superintendent of Pasadena ISD. When the school opened in the fall of 1972 in the Sagemont area, 1,100 students were enrolled and 48 teachers were on staff. The school opened just as the community was experiencing a boom in population and students from Stuchbery Elementary had to be bussed to the school. In 1976, the enrollment was 1,028 students and the principal was Earl J. Ritchey.

In recent years, Thompson became the first of Pasadena ISD's intermediate schools to pilot the personalized learning program, further integrating technology and the use of data in the learning process.

Community members will soon be saying farewell to the old campus facility as construction on the new Thompson Intermediate School building project continues. Located at 8750 Hughes Road, the \$39.5 million campus will accommodate 1,200 Pasadena ISD students in the South Belt area and is expected to be substantially completed by April 2023.

Community celebrates GAT



Thompson Intermediate celebrated its 50th anniversary with a communitywide carnival at the area campus Saturday, Aug. 27. Pasadena ISD officials estimated around 1,000 people attended the crowded event.

PISD salutes Thompson



Pasadena ISD Associate Superintendent Alyta Harrell (right) with Lynette Montes (left) was among the district administrators in attendance at Thompson's 50th anniversary celebration. Photo by Reesha Edwards

Lion PRIDE displayed



Hundreds of former students and staff members gathered the morning of Saturday, Aug. 27, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Thompson Intermediate. Thompson families, faculty, staff, campus administrators, alumni, along with district leaders, had a fun-filled morning with activities ranging from face painting to a robotics showcase. See more photos on Page 1.

NASA Aglow Lighthouse sets Sept. meetings

Third generation Houstonian Erna Hayes, with more than twenty-five years service in the Body of Christ ministry, is scheduled to speak at the meeting set for Sept. 8 at 10 a.m., located at the Praise Chapel, 18516 SH. 3, in Webster.

The speaker of the second September meeting, Thursday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Praise Chapel, is founding Apostle of Promise Land Ministries International, William Dillon.

NASA Aglow is a part of Aglow International, an interdenominational organization of God-seeking women with more than 200,000 members meeting together each month through local Aglow groups in 177 countries.

For additional information, email Lorene Kelling at lorenenieto@yahoo.com.

Houston officials respond to handgun prohibition ruling

A federal court struck down a Texas law prohibiting adults under 21 from carrying handguns.

"The State of Texas has not changed a single law since Uvalde. Now, just as young students are returning to school, high school seniors who are just turning 18 can openly carry a handgun? Making gun access - with no background checks or training - is making it harder to keep our city safe. Unlicensed carry was a mistake, and now 18-year-olds are openly carrying handguns ... our children deserve better," said Mayor Sylvester Turner.

Haley Carter, chair of the Mayor's Commission Against Gun Violence, stated, "After Uvalde, anyone thinking that 18-year-olds need more access to guns is ignoring the danger that easy access to weapons is having on Texans. In the military, before you can carry a weapon, you are trained and drilled to be proficient, as I was in the Marines. Allowing 18-year-olds to carry handguns, openly, with no training, is dangerous public policy and an affront to commonsense gun owners."

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.

Thursdays, Sept. 1, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Polliwog club. The program will explore the animal kingdom and learn about mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, spiders, and insects. Registration is required for this event.

Tuesdays, Sept. 6, 4 - 5 p.m. Kids craft. Geared for kids ages 5-10.

Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m. English class - "Entertainment" - living English class. Registration is required for this event.

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 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 checkout. 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.

The following events are scheduled for Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.: Friday, Sept. 2, 1 - 3 p.m. Genealogy group: The Parker Williams Genealogy Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Monday to discuss family history research (beginner to advanced). Meetings are free and open to anyone interested in tracing family history.

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 4 - 6 p.m. Dungeons & Dragons - character sheet building. Join for the first of a three-part Dungeons and Dragons beginner player tutorial. In this session we will be coming up with our characters and working through how to develop them using the D&D Beyond website as well as standard paper sheets. 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.
- 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>.

Mealer visits South Belt



County judge candidate Alexandra del Moral Mealer (center) recently visited the South Belt area to meet with community leaders. Shown above with the candidate are Kenny Fernandez and Ericka McCutcheon.

Houston Food Bank receives \$3.5M grant from Harris County

As Texans continue to cope with the lingering effects of the pandemic and manage the current impact of inflation, on average more than one million people in southeast Texas experience the struggle of food insecurity on any given day, lacking consistent access to nutritious foods. About one in six Texans lives at or below the poverty level, including many minority-owned businesses such as hyperlocal, small farmers and food producers. But a new \$3.5 million grant from Harris County to Houston Food Bank announced will help these hardworking businesses while also providing more nutritional food assistance to the community.

Signed into law on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provides \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments. These funds can be used to address the negative economic impacts caused by public health emergencies; replace lost public sector revenue; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in broadband infrastructure.

"The \$3.5 million ARPA grant that Houston Food Bank is receiving today is a continuation of the amazing ongoing support that Harris County has given to the organization and the community which we serve," says Brian Greene, president/CEO of Houston Food Bank. "Houston Food Bank's partnership with Harris County during the pandemic was crucial, and the continued support will continue to have a positive impact upon individuals and businesses in the most populous county in Texas and the third most populous county in the United States."

Houston Food Bank will use the ARPA grant funds in a three-prong strategy to expand capacity, operations, and partnerships.

Strategy one: expanding capacity

Houston Food Bank will strengthen relationships with and support HUB-certified, socially disadvantaged farmers and/or minority-owned food producers to expand capacity by purchasing and distributing \$500,000 of food which will provide more than 320,000 nutritious meals to families in targeted ZIP codes during the two-year grant cycle. The money will increase purchases of local food from socially disadvantaged producers and provide additional variety and culturally relevant products to underserved communities. (Hyperlocal refers to items raised, produced, aggregated, stored, processed, or distributed in the local-

Vito Isidori



Vito Isidori was a loving husband, father, friend and de-

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voted Christian who resided in Pearland. He entered into his heavenly home Aug. 30, 2022 at the age of 96. Vito's legacy is one of love, humor, faith and service. For 23 years he diligently volunteered at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital working in the ICU as well as the gift shop.

Vito is preceded in death by his parents Olivio and Goldie Isidori; sister Olivia Miller; and in-laws the Rev. C.G. Kellum Sr. and Grace Kellum.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Laurie Isidori; daughter, Lori Isidori; sons, Thomas, Richard, and Har-

old Isidori; grandchildren Carol Smith (Jay), Andrew Creel (Kori), Melody Alvarez (James), Joshua Isidori, Caleb Isidori, Annette Stanton (Peter), Yvette Isidori Golden (Trevor) and Zechariah Isidori (Scharis); and great-grandchildren Luke Alvarez, Charlotte Creel, Hank Creel, Drew Creel, Joanna Creel, Hannah Stanton, Henry Stanton and Clyde Isidori.

The funeral service will be held at Peevey Funeral Home, Friday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m., with visitation one hour prior to the service. In-terment will follow at South Park Cemetery.

Scholarship offered by Western Governors University

To help adult learners further their education by earning a high-demand degree conveniently and affordably, online, nonprofit Western Governors University Texas has announced the Back to School Scholarship.

Valued at up to \$2500, the Back to School Scholarship is open to new students in any of the bachelor's and master's degree programs offered at WGU Texas. This scholarship will be credited to students' accounts in payments of \$625 per term, renewable up to four terms.

The deadline to apply is December 31, 2022. More information is available at this link, <https://www.wgu.edu/financial-aid-tuition/scholarships/general/back-to-school.html>.

The scholarship can help those interested in upskilling or reskilling to ease their way into a degree program in business, education, healthcare, or information technology. One of the best aspects of WGU Texas is that students can continue to work while they earn their degrees. In fact, 74 percent of WGU Texas students work while enrolled in school full-time.

"At WGU Texas, our online competency-based education model makes higher education accessible and affordable for working adults who must balance their work and family obligations," said Linda Battles, regional vice president and WGU Texas chancellor.

WGU Texas offers monthly start dates, flat-rate tuition, and no set login times to help

students reach their career goals with flexibility and cost efficiency. WGU Texas' affordable tuition and competency-based model allow students to complete courses on their own time, take tests when ready, and graduate at an accelerated pace.

Trevor Zimmerman, a recent recipient of the Back to School Scholarship credits his early school experiences for pushing him to return to school to become a teacher. Zimmerman, who is enrolled in WGU Texas' Bachelor of Arts in elementary education, said the encouragement he received from teachers in grade school planted the seeds for his current career path. "Even then, I learned I had value and could ask questions and offer my ideas. From my first experience in the classroom, my teacher created that spark and had a positive influence on me."

For more information, visit texas.wgu.edu and wgu.edu/back2school or follow the university on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of *People of Sagemont 2* Facebook group posted that there was a lady that had her purse taken from her in the parking lot of Sam's on Fuqua Street at the Gulf Freeway. The incident took place Monday, Aug. 29.

Another member Facebook page is alerting community members to be on the lookout for a black couple in a silver 2016 Buick sedan or newer with paper plates. The member stated that she witnessed them trying to break into cars Tuesday, Aug. 30, on Kirkhall Drive. The member noticed that the couple attempted to break into her daughter's car but the member interrupted them. The couple continued down the street and broke into a minivan.

TDLR promotes safety tips

Motorists headed out for one last summer holiday should remember that state law requires them to slow down or move over when tow trucks and other emergency vehicles - police, fire, EMS and highway response trucks - are stopped on the side of the road with their lights activated.

If a road has more than one lane traveling in the same direction, drivers must move out of the lane closest to the emergency vehicles stopped on the road or slow down to at least 20 miles per hour below the speed limit. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation regulates the towing industry as well as the Driver Education and Safety program.

Safety tips for driving this Labor Day weekend (or any day, really):

- Slow down and pay attention to what one is doing. If one gets tired, pull over in a safe spot and walk around to re-energize.
- Don't drink and drive, even a little bit.
- Designate a (sober) driver.
- Stay off the mobile phone - this includes texting. Designate a "co-pilot" to oversee the phone while one is driving so one can concentrate on the task at hand.
- Stay weather-aware. Turn around and don't drown if water is running across the road. Only two feet of rushing water can sweep away a vehicle.
- Leave plenty of time to get to one's destination. Roadways are likely to be crowded. Drive friendly - the Texas way.

UHCL Pearland helps students

In partnership with Vic Coppinger Family YMCA in Pearland, University of Houston-Clear Lake Pearland organized the 18th Annual Operation Backpack event last week.

The YMCA collected 84 backpacks from both UH-Clear Lake's main and Pearland campuses. With additional support from the Pearland community, more than 600 backpacks were collected to donate directly to students in Pearland Independent School District just ahead of the first day of school.

With assistance from UH-Clear Lake's Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, bins were also stationed around the UHCL main campus to collect backpack items for students.

High school student volunteers from around Pearland ISD helped fill the backpacks with assorted school supplies donated by H-E-B. The backpacks also included 700 pencil pouches donated by UHCL Pearland.

"As the only institution of higher education in Pearland, we felt the need to participate in a back-to-school initiative that would allow us to give back to our community, and make an impact on families in need," said UHCL Pearland Program Coordinator Corina Morales. "Starting the school year well prepared is necessary for all students, from pre-K to college."

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Following tunnel feasibility study, Flood Control produces findings

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 was 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, all 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 Bayou
- Greens Bayou, Halls Bayou and Hunting Bayou
- Halls Bayou and Hunting Bayou
- Little Cypress Creek and Cypress Creek
- Sims Bayou
- 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."

Walk for Sight set for Oct. 22

The 20th anniversary of the Pasadena Lions Club Walk for Sight is scheduled for Oct. 22 at 8 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 2906 Dabney, Pasadena. Registration is set for the morning of, at 7:30 a.m. All PISD students, staff, families and community members are welcome to join. The fundraising window is from Sept. 12 through Oct.

22, and the T-shirt deadline is Oct. 4. All proceeds from the Walk for Sight are used to provide eyeglasses for students, to support school nurses, to fund teacher mini grants and to support the PE/Health and Wellness programs in PISD. To donate, or for more information, visit this link, <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/wfs2022/>.

alongside permitless carry and the ban on abortion. The law's cynical intent was clear then as it is now - to give a veil of credibility to false claims of "defunding." Most concerning is that the law allows for this transparently political stunt to potentially lead to the state actually defunding Harris County government, removing millions of dollars needed for flood mitigation, public safety, healthcare, environmental programs, veterans services, and so much more, based on false claims of "defunding police." "I will be working with the County Attorney's Office to fight this issue in court, will continue to work to build a safer community, and will not cave to political bullying or pandering. Here are the facts: Every law enforcement agency in Harris County-including the Constables' offices-has received year-over-year funding increases. In total, the Constables' budgets have increased by over 17 percent since 2019. The County's planned justice and safety budget for this latest fiscal year is \$1.4 billion, the largest investment in this area in Harris County history, and a full two-thirds of the county's general fund operations budget."

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anyone with information on any of these cases is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

Pushback on funding ...

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sure our brave law enforcement partners have the resources necessary for this solemn responsibility."

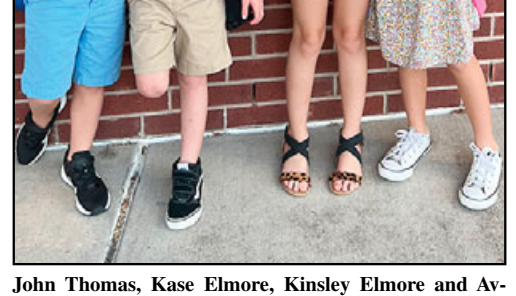
Hidalgo said the state's claims of defunding the police agencies are untrue and that each precinct has actually received increased funding under her leadership.

"I have already made clear, in response to repeated false accusations of 'defunding,' that Harris County has only increased funding for law enforcement since I have been in office," Hidalgo released in a statement.

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Kindergarten teacher Kayla Elmore (center) greets Kase Elmore, left, and Kinsley Elmore.



John Thomas, Kase Elmore, Kinsley Elmore and Avery Thomas pose and smile for the first day of school at South Belt Elementary.

South Belt Elementary showcases first day of school smiles

Murders give complex "hot spot" label

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On Aug. 20, Jabari Taylor, 41, was fatally stabbed inside his apartment during an argument.

- Feb. 6: unnamed male, 21, shot outside the complex but survived. (Parys Burks-Henderson was charged with attempted capital murder in this crime.)

- Last September 2021, three victims - two males and one female - were all shot in the same night at the complex. All were transported to the hospital in stable condition.

- Jan. 28: Lee Mayfield fatally shot inside an apartment. (Eddrel Antonio Brown, 28, was charged with murder.)

The Cabo San Lucas Apartments, located on the opposite side of the Gulf Freeway at Edgebrook, has also become a hot spot for shootings, with at least six taking place in late 2021, including two fatal shootings in two days in October.

- Jan. 28: Lee Mayfield fatally shot inside an apartment. (Eddrel Antonio Brown, 28, was charged with murder.)

- Feb. 8: Alexis Cantu, 21, fatally shot at the complex. (Parys Burks-Henderson, 18, was charged with murder.)

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2017 event costly County's Flood Control District notes significant Harvey progress

On the anniversary of Hurricane Harvey and nearing the anniversary of the 2018 Bond Program, the Harris County Flood Control District is marking significant progress on flood risk reduction efforts across the county.

Following Harvey, an overwhelming majority of Harris County voters placed their trust in the Flood Control District by collaborating on and approving a \$2.5 billion bond to implement a nearly \$5 billion program aimed at fortifying the future.

This fundamentally transformed the work of the organization and accelerated flood risk reduction efforts across the county at an unprecedented pace.

Since Hurricane Harvey, teams from the Flood Control District have:

- Completed 229 project components, reducing the risk of flooding for more than 14,000 homes and businesses.
- Removed an estimated 4.7 million cubic yards of sediment from channels across Harris County through maintenance efforts

- the equivalent of approximately 335,000 dump truck loads - to ensure stormwater can move through channels efficiently.

- Completed 802 home buyouts to relocate more than 2,200 people out of harm's way and into safer living situations.
- Acquired more than 21,500 acres of land for projects, floodplain preservation and buyouts to ensure floodwaters can spread out safely without structures that can flood.
- Secured more than \$1.35 billion in partnership funding to move projects forward while continuing to aggressively and urgently pursue additional funding opportunities at the federal, state and local levels.
- Worked with the Community Flood Resilience Task Force to update the prioritization framework to emphasize the people who benefit from the projects, ensuring current and future efforts prioritize the county's most vulnerable populations.

In addition, the Flood Control District is continuing to grow the organization's presence in the

community as a proactive partner.

"We have evolved and expanded our outreach efforts significantly since Harvey and the passage of the 2018 Bond Program and continue to implement new ways to engage all Harris County residents.

"Since Harvey, more than 14,000 attendees have provided input on projects through 180 community engagement meetings. This feedback is critical to the work of the Flood Control District and helps ensure projects reflect the lived experience of our community.

"Together, we're focused on making Harris County stronger and more resilient for generations to come," said Flood Control District Executive Director Dr. Tina Petersen.

"We've made significant progress, and we know the need is still great, so we are treating each and every project with a sense of urgency. The projects included in the 2018 Bond Program are providing substantial and immediate benefits to residents, making our communities safer from flooding."

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- May 5: Catalytic converter theft suspects identified. A vehicle suspected of being used in multiple catalytic converter thefts from METRO Park & Ride locations was tracked utilizing the cameras, identifying multiple suspects in the case, who were subsequently turned over to the METRO Police Department.
- May 10: Stolen vehicle located. A stolen vehicle was located using the cameras. No suspects, however, were identified in the case.
- July 12: Drunk driver accused of striking two pedestrians tracked and arrested using the cameras.

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Flock Safety camera system pays

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Clear Brook City MUD has 21 of the devices; Sage-meadow MUD has seven; and Kirkmont MUD has four. Each of the cameras costs \$2,500 to operate annually, and each MUD is responsible for paying the devices in its geographic area.

Opponents of the cameras view them as an invasion of privacy rights. Flock Safety officials, however, note that only vehicles are photographed, not people, and no facial recognition software is used.

Clear Brook City MUD General Manager Cecelia Ganje said the program's possible benefits far outweighed any privacy concerns.

"There has been an overwhelming positive response to the cameras and the service they offer to our community. Safety and security of the residents is a far more important concern to all elected MUD officials (than privacy)," said Ganje. "Adding this enhanced camera service to aid the constables far outweighs the minimal, if any, concerns of privacy."

Installed just a few months ago, the cameras have already proven to be instrumental in taking some serious criminals off the streets, according to officials with Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office, which

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UHCL Jobs4Hawks profile helps student in internship

Internships offer college students a critical glimpse into what it's like to work in the field they are choosing, and it might be the first opportunity to work at something primarily for the sake of learning instead of making money.

For Lauren Lowe, a senior marketing student at University of Houston-Clear Lake, her internship at Hewlett Packard Enterprise brought her invaluable hands-on work experience, a path toward employment after graduation, and even a People's Choice Award.

Her success began with a business principles class taught by Chuck Crocker, UH-Clear Lake's director of Career Services, who stressed the importance of a well-written resume and showed everyone how to create a profile on Jobs4Hawks, Career Services' online resource that offers students development opportunities as well as help finding jobs on and off campus.

"That was one of my favorite and most useful classes," Lowe said. "That class was about actual experiential learning, not just about reading information that might not stay with me very long. His class was real life."

Her presence on Handshake made her visible to a recruiter at Hewlett Packard Enterprise. "They actually came to me," she said. "A recruiter told me they had a position, had seen my resume, and asked me to apply."

Interviewing for the internship, Lowe said, was her first "real" job interview. "I have had other, smaller jobs, but this was my first real one. Mr. Crocker went over a lot of things beforehand, so that helped a lot," she said. "I wasn't too nervous because I felt prepared."

She worked this summer as a product-to-market marketing intern, collaborating with numerous teams that put products on the market. "I also worked on social me-

dia editorial planning, event planning, and with the sustainability sales team. I researched how the tech industry affects sustainability worldwide," she said.

Among the highlights of her three months as an intern was the Houston Project Fair.

Lowe said it was similar to a science fair in which all interns had to present their internship projects. "Mine was on how HPE could stand out against Dell in social, digital and paid media," she said. "We had to present our projects over and over again to employees who passed by and listened. It made my presenting skills more competent. I was really scared when I started."

Her research and efforts paid off. Lowe was awarded the second place People's Choice plaque. "My manager picked the topic for me and told me they would actually be using the information I had gathered," she said.

Now that her internship is over, Lowe said she has taken away critical experiences.

"First, I learned to advocate for myself," she said. "When you're in a company with thousands of people, you have to put yourself out there. You have to ask questions and not be afraid to ask for help. I found everyone was very kind and helpful, but you won't get the help unless you ask."

She said she found that communication skills are very important. "I never had to work with that many people before," she said. "You really have to communicate with the others about what you're doing and when you are going to get things done."

And one more thing: "Always come prepared to meetings," she said. "I think this is what's missing. We aren't taught enough about the importance of good communication."

Lowe said that after she completes her Bachelor of

Science in marketing in spring 2023, she believes she knows what her future will hold. "It's likely that as a result of my internship, I'll be able to get a job at HPE," she said. "The driving force behind all this was my class with Prof. Crocker, paying attention to the resume and interviewing information we were taught, and getting into Jobs4Hawks," she said. Career Services is available for students needing assistance with resume writing, interviewing, and finding internships or jobs. For more information, visit www.uhcl.edu/career-services/.



Lauren Lowe (right), a senior marketing student at University of Houston-Clear Lake, said her internship at Hewlett Packard Enterprise brought her invaluable hands-on work experience, a path toward employment after graduation and even a People's Choice Award. With Lowe at left is Chuck Crocker UH-Clear Lake's director of Career Services and the Jobs4Hawks program.

PISD pleased with gains

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other districts our size."

Notably, Tegeler Career Center earned a perfect score of 100, an increase of 17 points from the last accountability year, for the school's exemplary performance serving students well, through the encouragement of high academic achievement and appropriate academic growth for all students.

Established by House Bill 22 during the 85th Texas Legislature, the Texas Education Agency's accountability system provides educators, parents and communities with a

transparent view of the academic performance of Texas public schools based on three domains:

- Student Achievement, which evaluates whether students meet expectations on the STAAR test and includes college, career and military ready information for high schools.
- School Progress, which shows how students perform over time and how the district's performance compares to other districts with similar economically disadvantaged student populations.
- Closing the Gaps, which

shows how well a district ensures that all student groups are successful.

The School Achievement and School Progress measurements account for 70 percent of the overall rating, while Closing the Gaps makes up 30 percent of the overall rating. Pasadena ISD earned 86 percent for a B rating.

To view all the accountability scores for each campus, visit tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/accountability/academic-accountability/performance-reporting/2022-accountability-rating-system.

Claunches win Yard of the Month

Congratulations are in order for Dawn and Douglas Claunch, shown at right, for winning the Sage-meadow HOA Yard of the Month for July 2022. The beds in front of the house are planted with sturdy shade and heat-resistant small shrubs and ground covers. Many of them survived the draught period this summer. Tropical plants like asparagus ferns, caladiums and crape myrtle shrubs still provide color. A large patch of agapanthus orientalis (lily of the Nile) will bloom the blue flowers in early summer. Liriope, purple loropetalum and ligustrum add more shades of green. A small tree (photinia) and a live oak shade part of the large corner front yard. A swing invites for a look down the street. Dawn enjoys driving up her driveway being greeted by her well-kept front yard. The property is located on Sagewell.



Submitted photo

Monkeypox vaccine expanded

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presumed case of pediatric monkeypox in Harris County and Texas was diagnosed. Public Health is working with the family on contact tracing to further understand how the child contracted the virus.

The child is mostly asymptomatic, with the exception of a mild rash and is expected to fully recover. The child did not attend a daycare or school setting.

Hidalgo noted that there are no signs that the virus is spreading through area schools.

"There is cause for concern, but not alarm," said Hidalgo. "We are not cur-

rently seeing the virus spread through schools or childcare centers. However, this does underscore the urgency of surrounding the virus through vaccines, and that is why I continue to plead with the federal government for more vaccines to our region."

There have been seven pediatric cases in the nation, to date. Last week, the Center for Disease Control announced children 6 months or older are now able to receive the vaccine.

A Harris County resident with monkeypox died Saturday, Aug. 27, but at press time, his cause of

death remained unclear, as the man suffered from multiple other illnesses.

The federal government advised Harris County to multiply the number of residents by five-fold to administer the vaccine in a new format by extracting five doses from each vaccine vial, per CDC recommendations. As Harris County moved to expand vaccination capability, county officials learned Monday night that the federal government will be distributing only one-fifth the number of doses previously allocated to Harris County, depleting the county's supply before efforts to ramp-up the vac-

cine distribution strategy could be deployed.

The unforeseen decrease of vaccines made available by the federal government ultimately pushes Harris County back into a severe vaccine shortage. With additional doses, eligibility criteria can be expanded to include more at-risk populations.

To see if they qualify for the vaccine, residents should contact their medical provider or call Harris County Public Health at 832-927-0707.

For additional information about Harris County's response to the monkeypox virus, visit ReadyHarris.org.

Remember When

45 years ago (1977)
The South Belt area was left without the protection of both the city of Houston ambulance and the medical vehicle which is usually brought in, when the ambulance is removed. The ambulance reportedly broke down and the transmission burned out on the backup car.

During a twenty-four hour period, a traffic counter counted 15,791 cars at the exit of the Gulf Freeway and the corner of Hughes-Sabo. The count represented an increase of 2,099 cars from the previous year.

40 years ago (1982)
The City of Houston bought the Sagemont Recreation Club's Hughes Road swim-tennis facility for \$65,000. The site had been appraised for \$500,000.

Five Dobie students were picked up by sheriff's deputies following the burglary of a home on Sagelink Court in Sagemeadow.

35 years ago (1987)
A PISD official confirmed the enrollment of students carrying the AIDS virus.

South Belt resident John Martinez, 16, was invited to escort the Pope during his visit to San Antonio by his pastor, Monsignor John Fos, of Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

30 years ago (1992)
Joe Armstrong passed the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce gavel to Chris Clark after the chamber board voted for Clark to succeed Armstrong as president.

Paul Johnson, a Sage-glen teenager, was charged with murder in connection with the stabbing death of an 18-year-old male on Galveston's East Beach.

25 years ago (1997)
Pasadena Independent School District celebrated its 100th anniversary with a celebration in the Stoney Phillips Fieldhouse.

Business leaders in the communities of South Belt, Clear Lake City and others were to host a recognition of Ellington Field and its role in the economic development of the area.

20 years ago (2002)
A former convict killed himself rather than be arrested by police. The suicide occurred in the parking lot of the Studio 6 extended-stay motel. The man, city of Houston police, the SWAT team and police mediators were in a stand-off for approximately four hours.

Clear Creek Independent School District board of trustees appointed Dr. San-

dra Mossman as the deputy superintendent.

Jocelyn Cuby-Carson, 26, was killed by her estranged husband, Whitney Carson Sr., 31. After shooting Jocelyn, he went home and turned the gun on himself.

15 years ago (2007)
Malfunctioning traffic lights at the intersection of Scarsdale and Beamer were responsible for an automobile striking a boat being pulled on a trailer. No tickets were issued, and no injuries were reported.

Harris County Commissioners Court unanimously agreed to seek voter approval in November for a series of bond issues to improve county transportation, parks, infrastructure and Port of Houston facilities.

Court members also approved placing six bond proposals worth \$880 million on the Nov. 6, 2007, ballot.

The bond proposals would not require a property tax increase.

Daisy Hill, a 30-year South Belt area resident and longtime volunteer youth coach, made a speedy recovery from three surgeries she underwent to remove a massive tumor from her neck. A team of doctors led by Eugene Alford donated their time to work on Hill who had no health insurance. Hill told the *Leader* she intended to start a support group for others going through similar ordeals.

10 years ago (2012)
An election held at the Sageglen Community Association meeting resulted in both open board seats going to incumbents. Sageglen residents David Cino and Margaret Maddox would both maintain their current positions on the board of directors. The two were being challenged by Nicole Scott also of Sageglen.

The mother of a 2-week-old baby died after she went back inside her burning apartment in an attempt to save her dogs. Houston Fire Department officials say the two-alarm blaze broke out about 1:10 a.m. at the Southpoint apartments in the 12800 block of Roydon at Featherwood. Neighbors were able to help Carrie Jordan, 38, and her infant son, Nicholas, escape the

flames, but when the woman went back inside to retrieve her dogs, she did not return. Firefighters said they found her collapsed on the floor. She was rushed to a hospital in critical condition and later died. The infant was not injured, and is reportedly now staying with his grandmother, who was also able to escape from the fire.

5 years ago (2017)
Hurricane Harvey wreaked havoc on the South Belt community Friday, Aug. 25, through Tuesday, Aug. 29, causing unprecedented flooding and the displacement of hundreds of residents. Despite the storm making landfall in Corpus Christi as a Category 4 hurricane with winds reaching 130 mph, it was the nonstop precipitation that delivered the most damage locally, after the system was downgraded back to a tropical storm. Area residents were forced to endure roughly five straight days of nonstop rain, while Harvey hovered slowly above, reminiscent of Tropical Storm Allison in 2001.

According to the Harris County Flood Control

District, the Beamer Ditch gauge at Hughes Road recorded approximately 40 inches of rainfall through the duration of the storm, with roughly half falling within a 24-hour period on Sunday. By comparison, the devastating Allison dropped just under 30 inches. For point of reference, George Bush Intercontinental Airport receives an average of 49.77 inches of rainfall annually, meaning Harvey produced nearly a year's worth of rain in just a handful of days.

When streets began to flood and the need became apparent, *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger contacted Pasadena Independent School District Superintendent Dr. DeeAnn Powell and arranged to use Dobie High School as a temporary shelter for the displaced. What started off as just a few dozen residents seeking refuge soon escalated into approximately 1,500. Several also brought their pets to the facility. In an outpouring of support, hundreds from the community donated warm clothes, blankets, food, baby supplies and oth-

er needed items. At its peak, the makeshift shelter had more than 150 volunteers. Several other local residents, along with volunteers from other areas, rolled up their sleeves and pitched in to aid in rescue efforts, providing boats, large trucks and manpower.

Thompson Intermediate suffered extensive damage during the storm and was closed indefinitely. In the interim, Thompson students are temporarily being housed at Beverly Hills Intermediate, while PISD officials assessed the damage and weigh their various options.

1 year ago (2021)
Sagemont Church's original building on Hughes Road was leveled by a demolition crew Monday, Aug. 30, bringing nearly a half century's worth of

memories down in a mere few minutes. Originally known as Sagemont Baptist Church, the facility opened in 1966 as a mission of First Baptist Church in Pasadena.

John D. Morgan was selected to serve as pastor of the new church. Morgan was the son of Dr. L.D. Morgan, who served as pastor of First Baptist Church in Pasadena for more than 33 years.

The 11,000-square-foot building was constructed for only \$128,000.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, 1966, the first service was held in the new Sagemont Baptist Church building, drawing 151 attendees. Of those 151 people, 40 joined the church that day, moving their memberships there from other area churches. That night, another 11 people joined.

Bay Area Quilt Guild to meet
The Bay Area Quilt Guild has set an event for Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m., at the Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale. Visitors are welcome to

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

SCHOOL DAZE
The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Sept. 1

through Sept. 7.

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 Raquel Rojas and Jessica Vela celebrate a birthday Sept. 6

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

South Belt Elementary
The day for a double-birthday for Lily Campos and Anh Ton is Sept. 5.

Melillo Middle School
Remember to wish Evelyn Lopez a happy birthday Sept. 7.

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. Share a slice of birthday cake with Ca-Lishea Woods Sept. 7.

Dobie High
Remember to wish Rosa Garini 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. Light the candles on a cake Sept. 7 for Angie Vazquez-Rodriguez.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
The *Leader* sends birthday wishes to friends. For those wanting a birthday mentioned in this section, email mynews@southbeltleader.com with "OTBF: Friends Celebrate Birthdays" in the subject line by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Thursday, Sept. 1: Tiffany Gay, Maribel Manriquez, Jasmine Manning, Karen Jenkins and Steve Landin; Friday, Sept. 2: Stacy Aguirre, Suzanne Hernandez, Karen Young and Mary Hernandez; Saturday, Sept. 3: Steve Boney, Josie Parker, Veronica Hernandez, Keith Nelson, Ruth Fuller, Donald Musquiz, Tomas Shorts Jr. and Leslie Montemayor; Sunday, 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; Monday, Sept. 5: London Shelton, Stacy McNaughton and Cathy Tate; Tuesday, Sept. 6: Coleen Terrell, Jennifer Navarro, Titus Purdy, Robert Evans, Jill Lambert, Debbie Bennett, Christina Gordon, Candi Beasley and John Evans; and Wednesday, Sept. 7: Gerard Dougherty, Shaun Stevenson, Shelly Robinson, Perla Gonzales, Leann Stokes, Edna Salinas, Angie Hernandez and Yvette Rodriguez.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
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arrive at 6:30, to a class taught by Dena Rosenberg. The topic is, "Using Your Imagination with Fabric" using Broderie Perse.

On Wednesday, Sept. 7 there will be a workshop for designing a bouquet of flowers in a vase. On Oct. 4, Sarah Ruiz will be teaching on the use of rockets and rotary cutters.

For more information, call Carol Garcia at 713-253-2521 or visit bayareaquiltguild.org.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Turnovers, Hall's big night lift Longhorns past Brook 14-6

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
The results of the game won't be found in an art gallery, and neither team likely came away tremendously pleased with the

film, but Dobie's marquee players made just enough big plays to give the Longhorns a 14-6 season-opening win over Clear Brook Aug. 26 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

In a game pitting head coaches making debuts with their respective programs, Dobie's Demond Stafford notched the win as the Longhorns forced four turnovers in the red zone to stall the Wolverines again and again. Clear Brook, meanwhile, showed some flashes on both sides of the ball as first-year head coach Patrick Sanders and his staff look to get the program back to the playoffs after a two-year layoff.



Dobie's Nigel Hill (1) and Dempsey Spears (13) combine to bring down the Wolverines' Jaylon Richardson (22) during the first half of the Longhorns' 14-6 win over Clear Brook Aug. 26 in the 2022 opener for both teams at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Also in on the play were Brook's Lance Kellum (14) and Tristan Fife (65), fending off Dobie's Roderick Drumgo (44). The outcome was undecided until the final minute of play in the neighborhood battle. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Dobie is on the road against Conroe ISD's Grand Oaks Sept. 1 at Woodforest Bank Stadium. Clear Brook will play its home opener Sept. 2 against Baytown Lee at Clear Creek ISD's Challenger Stadium in Webster. As for opening week, the Longhorns and Wolverines went head-to-head for the first time in 15 years, and it was closely contested all the way. Brook put the first points of the game on the board at the 8:44 mark of the second quarter as quarterback Jesse Shelton fired a 5-yard strike to standout receiver Michael Lewis on an in-route. Dobie blocked the extra point, but the Wolverines led 6-0. The scoreboard was quiet until the half's final minute. The Wolverines were essentially aiming to run out the clock deep in their own territory as the game clock ticked down. Instead, the Longhorns' Jolin Oliver stripped the ball away from Brook's Cedric Barnes on a simple inside run play. The ensuing loose ball squirted out toward the numbers as Dobie's Jackson McCall scooped and scored a touchdown from 22 yards out with 52 seconds left in the half. Following Daniel Campero's conversion kick, Dobie led 7-6 in a flash. Poised with the lead in the second half, Dobie focused on the ground game in the second half with big results. The Longhorns' backfield duo of Raynard Hall and Cameron Mathews combined to carry the ball all seven times on a seven-play, 47-yard drive as Dobie took a 14-6 lead on Hall's 7-yard touchdown run with 1:22 left in the third quarter. Hall, the top returning rusher from 2021 for Dobie, went for 136 yards on the ground in the game over 25 totes. Mathews, meanwhile, had 104 yards on 14 carries. Campero's conversion kick following Hall's score proved to be the final point of the game, but both teams had their chances for more as the second half progressed. Brook failed on a fourth-and-goal early in the final quarter as Lewis had Shelton's pass glance off his fingertips in the end zone. With time down to 2:28 to play, Brook's Abel Gonzales first ran for nine yards and then caught a pass from Shelton for 18 more to get to the Dobie 49. Shelton, 12 of 27 for 140 yards and a touchdown through the air, then ran for seven yards but was sacked by Anfornee Lee on second down near midfield. Lee had two sacks in the game. On third down with the game clock nearing a minute to go, Shelton launched a pass intended for Lewis down the left sideline. Lewis and two Dobie defensive backs dived for the ball, with the Long-

Continued on Page 6

Dobie at Grand Oaks
Thurs., Sept. 1, 7 p.m.
Woodforest Stadium, Conroe

Brook hosts Baytown Lee
Fri., Sept. 2, 7 p.m.
Challenger Stadium, Webster

Dobie netters aim at 22-6As

It's certainly not for a lack of effort or attitude, but the Dobie varsity team tennis squad is still searching for a momentum swing as the schedule is set to deliver District 22-6A action.

"In past years, the match with Deer Park has usually decided the district championship, and that's the way we are treating it this year, too," Moreno said.

One week poor weather wiping out play, another week tough competition making wins hard to come by, the Longhorns have found wins hard to come by so far in 2022.

"If we beat Deer Park, then we will do whatever it takes to hold the lead. If we come up short, then we have work to do to get back in the race."

The Longhorns have a nondistrict battle coming up against La Porte Sept. 2 at home, and then comes the District 22-6A opener against Deer Park on Sept. 6.

Moreno hasn't had the opportunity to see Deer Park, Pasadena or Memorial play in person, but feels as though Dobie's playoff positioning could very well be decided over a three-week span.

Going against Deer Park right out of the gate in league play is not optimal for this year's Dobie squad, but Longhorns' head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said his squad will be ready for the match even as it falls the day following the Labor Day holiday.

"We have Deer Park, Pasadena and Memorial out of the gate, so we will know where we stand in a hurry," Moreno said.

"Our effort is good, but we haven't executed well at key times in matches. A point here and a point there can make a big difference in the outcome of full matches."

Dobie hosts La Porte
Fri., Sept. 2, 3:30 p.m.
Dobie High School main

Dobie hosts Deer Park
Tues., Sept. 6, 3:30 p.m.
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Garcia, Garza lead Dobie girls cross-country



Dobie's Ashlee Garcia (above) enjoyed a familiar setting at Dobie's main campus Aug. 26 as the senior covered the 5K cross-country distance in a personal record of 20 minutes for a silver-medal second-place finish, while sophomore Lauren Garza (right) also PR'ed en route to 13th place

as they paved the Longhorns to second place as a team at the Stampede. Elsewhere, Isela Munoz took 21st place, with Kyla Lobo 22nd. The 24th position went to Valerie Salazar, and Ashley Dunn was 52nd. See more Dobie and Clear Brook cross-country news on Page 8.

BHI, Thompson FB to kick off Sept. 6-7

Volleyball underway Aug. 31, the Pasadena

ISD intermediate football season is up next as the district's 10 schools kick things off Sept. 6-7.

In week one, the Thompson Lions will match up with the San Jacinto Tigers, while the Beverly Hills Bears will take on the South Houston Indians. All campus games begin at 5 p.m.

The Lions of Thompson have been the district's premier program for many

seasons and will look to again assert their dominance. Meanwhile, the Bears are aiming at a fresh start under new leadership heading into the 2022 season as Joseph Patterson is in charge.

The two programs were set to scrimmage one another Aug. 31 after press press time in seventh-grade play, with the eighth-grade play Sept. 1. The Pasadena ISD vol-

leyball season began Aug. 31 and continues Sept. 7 with Thompson at San Jacinto and Beverly Hills hosting South Houston.

PISD Football Kicks Off

Tuesday, Sept. 6

BHI 7A hosts South Houston
BHI 7B at South Houston
Thompson 7A at San Jacinto
Thompson 7B hosts San Jacinto

Wednesday, Sept. 7

BHI 8A hosts South Houston
BHI 8B at South Houston
Thompson 8A at San Jacinto
Thompson 8B hosts San Jacinto

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The District 22-6A varsity volleyball opening round of matches is a big one as Dobie hosts defending league champion Deer Park, and Dobie's Haley DeHoyos (13) will look to help out up front with already 42 kills and a team-high 22 total blocks in 42 sets over 16 matches for the junior.



The Dobie varsity volleyball team has again received solid all-around play from libero Aly Frias, who had 172 digs through 16 matches heading into action Aug. 30 after press time. See related story on Page 5. Photos by Donna Alsdorf

South Belt football predictions

	 John Bechtle	 Emory Gadd	 Troy Leland	 Stephen Sutton	 Debbie Vaughn
Dobie at Grand Oaks	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Grand Oaks
Baytown Lee at Clear Brook	Brook	Brook	Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee
Manvel at Beaumont West Brook	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel	Manvel
Clear Springs at Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek	Shadow Creek
Atascocita at Katy	Katy	Katy	Atascocita	Katy	Katy
Clear Creek at Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park	Deer Park
Houston Memorial at Pearland	Memorial	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland	Pearland
Pasadena Memorial at Kempner	Kempner	Kempner	PMHS	PMHS	Kempner
Dickinson at Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Dickinson	Ridge Point	Ridge Point	Ridge Point
Clear Falls at Summer Creek	Falls	Falls	Summer Creek	Summer Creek	Summer Creek
Last Week's Results	7-3	6-4	9-1	5-5	9-1
Season record	7-3	6-4	9-1	5-5	9-1

Turnovers help Longhorns edge Brook in opener

Continued from Page 5 horns' C.J. Richard coming away with the win-securing interception with 1:04 left.

Regardless of wins or losses, both teams were left with areas to address. Dobie lost a fumble and suffered an interception in the end zone.

The team also had three post-play unsportsmanlike conduct/personal fouls that should not happen.

And while Hall and Mathews excelled in the run game particularly in the second half, the Longhorns had zero passing yards.

The Wolverines will rue the red zone turnovers, and there were also two snaps that sailed over the quarterback's head, resulting in big yardage losses both times.

The Longhorns figured to rely heavily on Hall and Mathews in the ground game anyway, but opening night starter A.J. Hernandez and his receivers will no doubt be looking for more through the air as the locals take on Grand Oaks.

Despite putting up just six points against Dobie, Brook moved the ball effectively at times.

The Wolverines' Jaylon Robinson was a highlight for the Wolverines on the night as he rushed for 136 yards on 20 carries as the feature running back.

Senior Michael Lewis, the district's leading receptions guy from 2021, again should present problems for opposing defens-

es as he had six grabs for 66 yards and the Wolverines' lone score.

On the defensive side of things, John Baldwin had a sack as he began the season strong up front, and sophomore linebacker Aiden Garcia was around the football throughout the game, registering 11 assists among 13 total.

Limit the turnovers and snap issues, and the Wolverines can expect more in their home opener.

Clear Brook will go against a Baytown Lee squad that beat South Houston in week one.



The Longhorns came away with a scoop-and-score just before halftime as Dobie's Jolin Oliver (40) stripped the ball away from Clear Brook's Cedric Barnes (16). A moment later, the Longhorns' Jackson McCall (not shown) returned the fumble 22 yards for a touchdown as Dobie turned a 6-0 deficit into a 7-6 lead with 52 seconds left. The Longhorns also came away with a late interception to seal a 14-6 opening-night win over the Wolverines Aug. 26 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Dobie plays at Conroe ISD's Grand Oaks in week two, while the Wolverines host Baytown Lee. Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Former players turn out, show continued love of Moreno-led Dobie High School tennis program



Thirty-six former Dobie High School tennis team players, including two (Sean Lam and Donny Tran) from the Coach Bobby Kramer era, participated in the Longhorns' annual exes match on Saturday, Aug. 20. Participants, from left to right, were (front row) Sean Lam ('95), Donny Tran ('95), Lil' Tommy Nguyen ('18), Tina Nguyen ('12), Kevin Nguyen ('13), Osaka Heng ('13), Ivette Alba ('13), Travis Dao ('13), event organizer Dat Bui ('04), (middle row) Betram Nguyen ('14), Michael Du ('13), Lucas Nguyen ('13), Phillip Nguyen ('13), Hellen Le ('17), Katherine Nguyen ('01), (back row standing) Daniel Botello ('18), Brian Williams ('14), Kyle "Bunkie" Redmon ('21), Jimmy Du, Dylan Ta ('21), Adrian Tamez ('18), Steven Mullins ('04), head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. (24th year), Steven Irwin ('02), Bao Nguyen ('17), Steven Phan ('17), Big Tommy Nguyen ('18), Thompson Le ('19), Michael Portillo ('08), Huynhchau Luu ('08), coach Howard Ranft, Andy Choe ('08) and Kim Tran Choe ('11). Rain shortened the fun get-together, so the exes and current team members will gather again on Saturday, Oct. 8, starting at 9 a.m. If interested in participating, contact Dat Bui at 713-382-7385. See related photo on Page 8.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 713-686-6300.
7:30 a.m. Rotary Club of Pearland - Meets at 6117 Broadway St., Pearland, or on Zoom. See website calendar or call 281-485-3634.
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - Exhibits include dioramas, a turn-of-the-century doctor's office and an old-time kitchen. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 204 S. Main, Pasadena. Call 713-472-0565 for appointment.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
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 the first and third Fridays monthly at the library, Beamer at Scarsdale, 1-3 p.m. Meetings are free and open to the public. Email Liz Hicks at erotrot@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 Ai-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Call 281-484-9243.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
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. Ai-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, SEPTEMBER 4
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, SEPTEMBER 5
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 the first and third Mondays 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 p.m. Scabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. COVID-19 vaccination required. Call 281-488-2923 for details.
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, SEPTEMBER 6
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, SEPTEMBER 7
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
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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Freshman Div. Standings				Sophomore Div. Standings				Junior Div. Standings				Senior Div. Standings				PeeWee Div. Standings			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Angleton	3	0	0	Bay Area	3	0	0	Sagemont	3	0	0	Southbelt	3	0	0	Bay Area	3	0	0
League City	3	0	0	La Porte	3	0	0	League City	3	0	0	Hitchcock	3	0	0	La Porte	3	0	0
Hitchcock	3	0	0	League City	3	0	0	Pearland Pats	3	0	0	Manvel	2	0	0	League City	3	0	0
Southeast	3	0	0	Hitchcock	3	0	0	Pearland Texans	2	0	0	Magnolia Park	2	0	0	Pearland Pats	3	0	0
Brazosport	2	0	0	Pearland Texans	2	0	0	Brazosport	2	0	0	East End	2	1	0	East End	2	1	0
Pearland Texans	2	0	0	Sagemont	2	1	0	East End	2	0	0	Sagemont	2	1	0	Alvin	2	1	0
North Shore	2	1	0	Pearland Patriots	2	1	0	Angleton	2	1	0	Bay Area	2	1	0	Angleton	2	1	0
Pearland Pats	2	1	0	Magnolia Park	1	1	0	Bay Area	2	1	0	East End	2	1	0	Hitchcock	2	1	0
La Porte	2	1	0	North Shore	1	1	0	Magnolia Park	1	1	0	Pasadena	2	1	0	Pasadena	2	1	0
Bay Area	2	1	0	Brazosport	1	1	0	Manvel	1	1	0	Barbers Hill	1	1	0	Santa Fe	2	1	0
Alvin	1	2	0	Alvin	1	2	0	Alvin	1	2	0	Angleton	1	2	0	Magnolia	1	1	0
East End	1	2	0	Angleton	1	2	0	Hitchcock	1	2	0	La Porte	1	2	0	Sagemont	1	2	0
Barbers Hill	0	2	0	Southeast	1	2	0	Santa Fe	1	2	0	Alvin	1	2	0	Barbers Hill	0	2	0
Magnolia Park	0	2	0	Barbers Hill	0	2	0	Southeast	1	2	0	Santa Fe	1	2	0	Brazosport	0	2	0
Manvel	0	2	0	Southbelt	0	2	0	Barbers Hill	0	2	0	Southeast	1	2	0	Pearland Texans	0	2	0
Pasadena	0	3	0	Manvel	0	2	0	Southbelt	0	2	0	Brazosport	0	2	0	Manvel	0	2	0
Sagemont	0	3	0	Pasadena	0	3	0	Pasadena	0	3	0	Pearland Texans	0	2	0	North Shore	0	3	0
Santa Fe	0	3	0	East End	0	3	0	La Porte	0	3	0	North Shore	0	3	0	Southbelt	0	3	0
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JFD cross-country starts strong at 5K distances

Have lightning threatening and then wiping out the regularly scheduled cross-country meet? No worries. Schedule the meet a day later.

Hosting the Longhorns' 5K Stampede on the Dobie main campus, the JFD girls got a second-place silver medal performance from senior dual-sport star Ashlee Garcia and saw sophomore Lauren Garza finish 11th on her own.

Garcia, also a varsity volleyball player, ran a personal record of 20 minutes in the event as her second-place medal went

a long way toward helping the Dobie girls to second place as a team.

With Garza 11th to kick off her individual season, Dobie also had Isela Munoz in the 21st overall spot, and junior Kyla Lobo one spot back at 22.

Junior Valerie Salazar took the No. 24 finish, with Ashley Dunn in the 52nd position.

The Dobie boys' program competed in the 5K Clear Creek Invitational, with the varsity boys taking ninth among 24 teams.

Dobie's Christopher

Lopez paced the varsity boys for Dobie as he was 13th with a new PR 16:42.

After Lopez, Dobie's Jose Munoz was 43rd and Damian Rosas took the 52nd slot. Also for Dobie, Jovanni Avila took 59th and Francisco Dunn was 75th.

Dobie's junior varsity girls, representing the next

wave of talent within the program at the JFD-hosted event, was eighth overall out of 24 schools.

That group of runners included freshman Isuara Correa, sophomore Mariah Medina, junior Jasmine Mooney and sophomores Madison Puente and Dasia Ram.

The Dobie boys were

also ninth in their division at Clear Creek, with Jorge Jasso 32nd and Conner Torres 43rd. Lucius Monarez, Antwoine Wilson and Santino Perez also ran well for Dobie.

In the freshman division, the Dobie boys were sixth as a team, with Jezreel Rames 13th for a medalist spot to lead the Longhorns' charge.

Elsewhere, Orlando Depaz was 23rd, Harrison Henderson placed 36th, Aaron Rodriguez was 55th and Brian Arqueta took 56th.



Valerie Salazar continued a strong start to her junior season as she was 24th overall at Dobie's 5K Stampede Aug. 26 on the main campus. With five individual times contributing to a team finish for the first time this season, the Dobie girls were second.

Bay Area Football League Week 3 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Cowboys	6	14	0	0	0
Red Raiders	41	7	28	52	7
Dolphins	23	0	0	0	0
Wildcats	0	35	42	44	1

Week 4 Games – Saturday, Sept. 3

Cowboys host Barbers Hill Eagles, El Franco Lee Park
Dolphins host League City 49ers, Blackhawk Park

Class of 2013 takes over Dobie exes tennis matches

At right, more than 30 former Dobie High School tennis players attended the team's annual exes match on Saturday, including several members of the Class of 2013. Pictured with their head coach, Manuel Moreno Jr. (center), left to right, are Michael Du, Osaka Heng, Kevin Nguyen, Ivette Alba, Philip Nguyen and Lucas Nguyen. With these players leading the way as seniors, the 2012 varsity tennis team came through in a big way during the team tennis season, winning a school record 17 matches en route to the District 22-5A regular season and postseason tournament titles. The Longhorns went on to defeat Houston Lamar 10-9 in the Region III tournament first round before ending the season with a loss to Katy Seven Lakes.



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