

PISD threat rumors spread

Pasadena ISD officials said false rumors were spread online about possible threats to area campuses on Friday, Sept. 17. The reports were investigated thoroughly, and officials determined no credible threats existed. See next week's *Leader* for additional information.

Little League holds meeting

Southbelt Little League will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the El Franco Lee Park baseball fields. The league will hold its new election at the event. All general members are welcome to attend. The league is also seeking volunteers.

Garcia petition at MUD

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia is requesting assistance to collect signatures to increase Pct. 2 budget. Petition forms will be at MUD office, 10100 Blackhawk. Garcia's budget is considerably lower than most other Harris County constables' budgets.

St. Luke's blesses pets

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, located at 11011 Hall, will hold a community blessing of the pets event Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m. (guests are asked to arrive by 10:45 a.m.) at the church's rosary garden. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.

JFD Orchestra concert set

The J. Frank Dobie Orchestra will present its fall concert *The Masquerade Serenade* at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in the Dobie Main Auditorium. The Halloween-themed event will feature costume contest with prizes for elementary to high school age students. Masks are strongly encouraged.

K of C hosts hamburger sale

Knights of Columbus Council 9201 and ACTS will host a hamburger fundraiser at St. Luke the Evangelist, 11011 Hall Road in the rear parking lot Saturday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Meals are \$10 and include a hamburger with a bag of chips, a drink and a cookie. Proceeds benefit ACTS Men's Retreat. For additional information, call Richard Valdez at 713-542-1760.

COVID cases down

As of Wednesday, Sept. 22, there were 203 reported South Belt deaths due to COVID-19, up three from the previous week. Reporting of deaths related to COVID-19, however, may be delayed by local officials.

Of the 73,346 confirmed cases in 77089 (total population: 53,866), 576 remain active, down 49 from the previous week. To date, 80 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up three from the previous week.

In 77075 (total population: 43,933), 606 of the 5,589 confirmed cases remain active, down 47 from the previous week. A total of 59 from the ZIP code have died, up one from the previous week.

Of the 5,641 confirmed cases in 77034 (total population: 40,532), 577 remain active, down 46 from the previous week. To date, 64 residents from ZIP code 77034 have died from the disease (the county reported 65 deaths last week).

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

Countywide, there have been 542,092 total confirmed cases. Of those, 485,839 have recovered from the disease, while 50,637 cases remain active, down 2,864 from the previous week. A total of 5,584 deaths have been reported in Harris County.

Statistics are updated daily and include numbers from within the Houston city limits and throughout Harris County. To view an interactive map, visit publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.

Beltway closures planned

At least one northbound and one southbound Beltway 8 frontage road lane will be closed from Vista to SH 225 daily from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and nightly from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Thursday, Oct. 7.

The closures are associated with the ongoing project to widen Beltway 8 from two to four lanes in each direction.

Gulf Freeway closures set

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to SH 96 daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and nightly from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The northbound exit ramp from the Gulf Freeway to NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 will be completely closed through Friday, Dec. 31.

Motorists wishing to access these intersections may exit using the exit to FM 518 and proceed on the northbound frontage road to the intersections or exit using the Bay Area Blvd. ramp, then make a U-turn and travel south to the NASA Bypass or FM 528.

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

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

Two alternate northbound and southbound main lanes and frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from IH 610 South Loop to Broad Street nightly from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

Both the northbound and southbound entrance and exit ramps between IH 610 South Loop and Broad Street will be closed nightly from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. through Friday, Dec. 31.

The closures are associated with an ongoing project to widen the freeway from three to five lanes in each direction and the frontage roads from two to three lanes in each direction.

Scarsdale bridge to close for 4-6 weeks

The Scarsdale bridge at Beamer is scheduled to be completely closed in both directions for four to six weeks for channel improvement work being done under the crossing. Originally set to begin Friday, Sept. 17, work is now to begin Friday, Oct. 1.

Motorists will be routed to either Sagedowne Lane or Astoria Boulevard and can expect the stoplights at the intersection of Beamer Road and Scarsdale Boulevard to be blinking red for the duration of the closure. For more information on the project and the traffic control plan, visit www.hcfcfd.org/Mud-Gully.

A component of the Clear Creek Federal Proj-

ect, the Mud Gully Channel Conveyance Improvements Project seeks to decrease the frequency of flooding within the Clear Creek watershed by constructing a concrete-lined channel to widen Mud Gully and removing and replacing storm sewer system components. This project is funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the 2018 HCFCFD Bond Program.

Work began on the project this past January.

Also known as the Beamer Ditch Project, the county endeavor will provide concrete lining on the area ditch from Sagerock to near Dixie Farm Road. The endeavor will be broken down into three phases. Phase 1 will run from Sagerock

to Scarsdale; Phase 2 will run from Scarsdale to Astoria; and Phase 3 will run from Astoria to Beamer near the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin.

Construction began in January and is expected to take approximately two years. Phase 1 construction will take place from January 2021 to fall 2021, Phase 2 construction will take place from fall 2021 to spring 2022 and Phase 3 construction will take place from spring 2022 to fall 2022.

County officials said the precautions will be taken to limit traffic congestion along the busy thoroughfare.

There will be no lane closures from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6:30 p.m. One lane of Beamer will remain open in each direction during the majority of construction.

Bridge closures and detours will be implemented when channel construction is below a bridge (Scarsdale, Astoria and Beamer Road-eastbound).

Funding for the \$10.7 million project is to be split between the county and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The county's portion of the funding was approved by voters in 2018 as part of a \$2.5 billion bond package.

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Garcia, Hilton help fire victim



Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia (left) recently teamed up with Hilton Furniture & Mattress (third from left) to replace the fire-damaged furniture of Hue Nguyen (second from left). Garcia additionally recruited the help of the Tejano Center for Community Concerns and LULAC Council 2911, which assisted repairing Nguyen's drywall that was also damaged in the fire. Shown above with the trio are Hilton staff member Victor Castellanos (second from right) and Cpl. Dao Nguyen.

Garcia, Hilton team to help fire victim

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia recently teamed up with Hilton Furniture & Mattress to replace furniture that was damaged in a fire.

This past March, the apartment below Hue Nguyen caught fire, causing severe smoke damage in her unit and leaving her without both her bed and sofa. Firefighters also damaged Nguyen's drywall while extinguishing the blaze.

Nguyen's apartment is privately owned, and she did not have insurance.

Upon finding out about Nguyen's dilemma, Garcia immediately wanted to help.

"So many times we come across issues that do not necessarily pertain to law enforcement," Garcia posted on Facebook. "However, because we never turn anybody away without trying to help, we make it our purpose to ensure that everybody who needs help receives it."

Needing assistance, Garcia turned to Hilton Furniture & Mattress, which had helped him before when the need arose.

"Mrs. Hue, whose apartment suffered severe smoke damage, was in need of a bed and a sofa," Garcia said. "I contacted Hilton Koch with Hilton Furniture & Mattress at 12100 Gulf Freeway,

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CCISD offers remote conferencing

Clear Creek ISD is now offering remote conferencing to students who are unable to attend school.

District officials stress the program is not the same as CCISD's Virtual Learning Program offered last year.

Remote conferencing is a temporary synchronous learning support at home for students in pre-K through 12th grade. The Texas Education Agency allows students to earn attendance credit for up to 20 days of instruction due to a temporary medical condition, COVID-19 positive test or quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure.

Elementary students will receive up to two hours of synchronous learning support on a predetermined programming schedule with CCISD educators. Secondary students will receive up to four hours of synchronous learning support based on a predetermined programming schedule

with CCISD educators. Students are expected to continue using their current iLearning or See-Saw platform to submit assignments issued by their teacher of record. No grades will be issued in this environment.

Steps to remain connected

Elementary families

- Elementary students can log in to the CCISD At Home Learning Course for additional learning opportunities. While there, one will see a link to LIVE instruction provided by a CCISD teacher. Log in at the specified time based on core content for English language arts and math.

- There are supports for English learners and Special Education students. Those links can be utilized between 8-10 a.m. daily.

- Help one's child log into iLearning or See-Saw

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County extends \$100 vaccine incentive

Harris County Public Health has extended its COVID-19 vaccination \$100 cash card incentive program until Sept. 30, due to the program's overwhelming response over the last two weeks.

Harris County residents who receive their first COVID-19 vaccination from any provider in the county are eligible for the \$100 cash card incentive.

Earlier in the month, county leadership and HCPH expanded eligibility criteria for the \$100 COVID-19 vaccine cash card incentive to include first doses received in all other providers in the county. Over the last 14 days, HCPH has provided more than 34,000 first-dose vaccinations across all HCPH sites, and the percentage of eligible population in the county who have received their first dose of the vaccine has risen to 72 percent.

County Judge Lina Hidalgo said the recent surge in cases has filled up area hospitals, with much of it being preventable.

Harris County residents who receive their first dose of the vaccine between Aug. 26 and Sept.

30 can fill out a brief online form to see if they are eligible to receive a \$100 virtual cash card by text message or email. Residents who come directly to an HCPH vaccination site will be given the \$100 cash card after the vaccination.

Individuals who do not live in Harris County, did not receive a first dose between the eligibility dates or have already received an incentive through HCPH or the Houston Health Department will not qualify.

If a resident completes the online form and meets the qualifications for the \$100 virtual cash card, HCPH will provide a notice to the individual through text message or email notification. HCPH's verification process can take seven-14 days depending on volume. The cash card should arrive via text message or email in one to three business days upon approval notification.

Residents who have questions about the program or their eligibility status should call 832-927-8787 or visit ReadyHarris.org. Residents can also schedule a vaccination appointment by

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National Night Out scheduled for Oct. 5

The 37th annual National Night Out is set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Begun in 1984, National Night Out is a national program to foster better relationships between local police departments and the communities they serve.

"NNO is a chance to bring neighborhoods together with the men and women who protect them," said Officer Emilio Reyes of the Houston Police Department. "The safety of our communities depends on both law enforcement and the citizens they serve, and NNO events can enhance that cooperation. Preventing and solving crime is a community effort. NNO is an excellent program that helps the department build relationships with citizens and create safer neighborhoods."

National Night Out in South Belt will be held Oct. 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the parking lot at The Gardens Houston, 12001 Beamer at Hughes. Hosted by area civic associations, area businesses and "pop-up" vendors are encouraged to par-

ticipate. The event is open to the public and residents of all ages are urged to attend. Local elected officials and area first responders are invited.

For more information, contact Kay Barbour at 713-419-3545.

Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia is also planning to hold an event. See next week's *Leader* for more information.

The state of Texas celebrates National Night Out on the first Tuesday in October.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

More than 16,000 communities, representing all 50 states, took part in last year's campaign, attracting roughly 38 million participants.

The event formerly took place in August, but organizers have since changed the NNO's Tex-

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Pct. 2 establishes Safe Exchange Zone

Harris County Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office recently established Safe Exchange Zone, where residents can safely sell and purchase online items in person.

The Safe Exchange Zone is located at the

John Phelps Courthouse at 101 S. Richey St. in Pasadena (near the flagpoles).

This Safe Exchange Zone was created for the community to use as a mutually agreed location

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State grant supports SJC EDGE Center

Training conducted at the new San Jacinto College EDGE Center at the Houston Spaceport is at the center of a new grant awarded by the state.

The Texas Governor's Office has awarded BayTech (the Bay Area Houston Advanced Technology Consortium) a Wagner-Peyser grant.

Titled Aerospace/Space/Aviation Technician Readiness and valued at \$324,029, the grant offers certified manufacturing technician training to eligible unemployed high school graduates and other eligible unemployed persons as certified aerospace composite technicians and certified aerospace electrical technicians. This workforce development program is offered at no cost to eligible participants.

The program began Sept. 1 and will run through Aug. 31, 2022.

The federal government funds the Wagner-Peyser grant through the Texas Workforce Investment Council of the Texas Governor's Office and is administered by the Texas Workforce Commission.

"The application process for this Wagner-Peyser grant was much longer than anticipated due to challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic," said BayTech Director Kim Morris. "I am really looking forward to working once again

with San Jacinto College to provide the technical training that is very much in demand in this region and nationally."

Students who complete the course and pass a composites certification test or electrical certification test will be awarded a nationally-recognized certification through CertTEC. BayTech will work with industry partners to identify poten-

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Woman dies in crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal crash that took place around 3:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 17, in the 14100 block of the Gulf Freeway near Beltway 8.

The identity of the female victim was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

Witnesses stated the victim was driving south on the freeway a silver Nissan Altima at a high rate of speed when her vehicle left the roadway and struck the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane concrete pillar.

The Nissan subsequently caught on fire. Paramedics arrived and pronounced the female dead at the scene.

The investigation is continuing.

Car smashes house during chase



A driver recently crashed into a residence in the 11000 block of Sagemeadow near Hall Road at a high rate of speed during a police chase. A Precinct 2 deputy attempted to stop the vehicle for speeding (traveling 73 mph in a posted 30 mph zone) in the 11000 block of Hall, but the driver, identified as 28-year-old Alex Garcia, refused to stop, and a high-speed chase ensued through a residential neighborhood. After a short pursuit, Garcia crashed into the house, bringing the chase to a close. Garcia was arrested and charged with evading in a motor vehicle and criminal mischief. No one was seriously injured.

JFD Cheerleaders of the Week



Cheerleaders of the Week for J. Frank Dobie High School are Giselle Valencia daughter of Veronica Valencia and Sarah Salazar granddaughter of Sandra Torres.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca
A member of the *People of Sagemont* 2 posted a picture of a man on a bike who stole a package right from the member's front door. The member stated that they have read many posts of this happening to others but never thought it could happen to them. They reported the incident to local police.

Another member of the same Facebook page posted a video of a couple with a baby caught on camera walking through a parking lot of apartments getting into cars. The member stated the couple got into her car and took her equipment which were her work tools. This included all the memories from her clients' quinceañera, the work and dedication given to her clients to provide the best memories. The incident happened Sunday, Sept. 19.

Another member of the same Facebook page posted their door was kicked in by two African American male suspects Monday, Sept. 20, at Carrington Park apartments. The member stated she contacted the front office while the suspects were knocking, but was not fast enough to get out through her back door. She grabbed her grandbaby and

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library
Bracewell Library, 9002 Kingspoint, is open. Customers are encouraged to come into the building to browse the collection, check out and return materials, use the library's computers and Wi-Fi, and check out their own holds. In addition, customers may continue to schedule appointments and have curbside delivery of their items. For information, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/>. For online learning, visit <https://houstonlibrary.org/online-learning-7556> or call 832-393-2580. Hours are: Mondays, noon - 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Thursdays, noon - 5 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Bracewell HPL To Go curbside service is available by appointment
Contactless curbside services, known as HPL To Go, are available by appointment. For questions, call circulation at 832-393-2222. To use HPL To Go:
1. Place a hold through the online catalog or by phone.
2. Receive email or phone call of notification prior to scheduling a time for pickup.
3. Upon arrival, park and stay in the vehicle and call to notify staff of arrival.
4. Have MY Link card number and PIN ready.

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

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

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

All overdue fines/fees will be waived through Dec. 31, 2021, retroactive to March 14, 2020.

Parker Williams Library
Parker Williams Library has now officially reopened its doors, subject to limited capacity. See the website at <https://www.hcpl.net/reopening> for information. The library will follow state and county guidelines for mask and social distancing.

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

Parker Williams "No-Contact Curbside Holds Pick-Up"
- After receiving notification that holds are ready for pickup, call 832-927-7870.
- Have a library card number and PIN handy.
- A pickup time and instructions will be given.
- Upon arriving at the library, follow the instructions given.
- Be prepared to show a library card or other form of ID for verification.
Curbside hours are: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> for details.

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

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

Thursday, Sept. 23, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m. Pixar Trivia Night. Join in for a fun night of battling friends and family to see who truly knows Pixar. From "Toy Story" to "Cars" to the most recent films of "Soul" and "Luca," come to enjoy everything Pixar. Register with a valid email address at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library>. Search for Pixar Trivia Night to register under events.

Friday, Sept. 24, 5 p.m. Is It Wrong to Watch So Much Anime? Episode 26: School Daze. Students finally settle into school life with some interesting questions. Have you found your tundra love interest? Is the teacher a weird alien? Does a classmate loop time? Jason Cruz and John Harbaugh will talk about school life and more. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Story Time. Join John Harbaugh for a program on Facebook Live at Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Tuesday, Sept. 28, noon. Drawing with Ariel Perez for virtual fun and easy cartoon drawings featuring various doodles, numbers and letters. This video will be featured on Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary and Instagram.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary.

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 11 a.m. Bilingual Vietnamese Storytime with Kathy Pham. Visit Facebook.com/ParkerWilliamsLibrary for singing and fun in English and Vietnamese.

Thursday, Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m. Virtual Toddler Time. Take a moment to have some fun and interaction with the little one or little ones. Join John Harbaugh and Jason Cruz for a virtual Toddler Time through Microsoft Teams. Parents are encouraged to participate to facilitate interaction. While this program is designed for 18 months to 4-year-olds, all children and families are welcome to join virtually. Sign up once with a valid email address online at <https://www.hcpl.net/branch/parker-williams-branch-library> to get a weekly invitation.

Thursday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m. Parker Williams Book Club reads "Where the Crawdads Sing," by Delia Owens. Contact the branch to reserve a copy today. Meetings are the last Thursdays of the month at 2 p.m. over Microsoft Teams. Contact Tanner Adams at tanner.adams@hcpl.net for more information and an invite.

Rodney Keith Waldrop



Rodney Keith Waldrop, 78, of Houston, went to be with his Lord and Savior Sept. 16, 2021.

Keith is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Sandra Waldrop; his son Brian Waldrop; his sister Candy Waldrop; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends; and a large church family.

He was preceded in death by his son Jeffery Chad Waldrop; mother Gladys Waldrop; father Carmen Waldrop; brother Rick Waldrop; and baby sister.

Keith was born in Houston Dec. 2, 1942, where he spent his entire life. Between September 1960 and November 1963, he served his country in the U.S. Navy. On Jan. 31, 1969, Keith married and together he and Sandra raised sons Brian and Jeffery.

He worked as an industrial painter for the Shandee Corporation for 30 years before opening his own painting business where he served the Houston area until his retirement.

Keith was a faithful servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Christ into his life at the age of 17. He served as a senior greeter at Sagemont Church for many years. He loved being at the church each week visiting with his friends and studying God's word.

Keith attributed his growing faith in Jesus to the teachings of his Bible study leader Chuck Cummings. He truly enjoyed attending his Bible study group and fellowshiping with them as they walked together with the Lord. Keith never knew a stranger and became friends with everyone he met. He will be greatly missed by his wife, family members and all who had the honor of knowing him.

The service was held at Peevey Funeral Home, Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 11 a.m.

Interment followed at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster.

Kimberly Ann Barras Pope



Kimberly Ann Barras Pope passed away Aug. 13, 2021. She was born Feb. 7,

1964, to Larry and Rita Baras in Everett, Wash.

Pope was raised in Sagemont and graduated from Dobie High School, Class of 1982.

She was loud, outspoken and never met a stranger. She loved spending time with her large family and many friends.

She raised her daughter in Sagemont with her husband Sonny Pope. She recently became "Yaya" and loved her granddaughters more than anything. She will be dearly missed and forever in the hearts of all that knew her.

Pope was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband; daughter Kaitlyn Pope; granddaughters Aamirah and Aariyah Saddler; brothers and sister; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services for Kim and her sister Lisa Ann Bourque will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in League City Monday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.

Elizabeth Jean Maciukiewicz, 78, of Alvin, passed away Friday, Sept. 17, 2021, in Clear Lake.

She was born Nov. 30, 1942, in Abilene to James and Mary Lester and was a resident of Alvin for 15 years.

Elizabeth, known as Jean to most people, looked forward to attending any special occasion - like birthdays and game nights; however, she was especially excited when an event pertained to her grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Many have been blessed by her cards filled with underlines for emphasis and her pretty cursive signature at the bottom. She loved her church, Sagemont Church, where she had developed many friendships throughout the years as a faithful member.

One of Jean's many hidden talents was bowling. For many years she and her beloved husband spent much of their free time bowling in leagues and tournaments. Jean loved to make everyone she knew feel important and one of the ways she did that was by wishing her family and friends a very unique happy birthday or happy anniversary on Facebook, often being the first to do so.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Michael "Henry" Maciukiewicz; daughter Norman

She welcomed everyone she met with open arms and a big hug. She was a friend to anyone and loved with her whole heart. Her greatest accomplishment was being a "Gramma." Her grandchildren brought her more joy than anything in the world.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Kimberly Barras Pope.

She is survived by her husband; son Zachary Faulkner; daughter Brianna Allison; husband John; 11 grandchildren; brothers and sister; and countless cousins, nieces and nephews. Services for Lisa and her sister Kim will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in League City Monday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m.

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(Modified during COVID-19)

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.*
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All are welcome to come to worship and serve the Lord in a spirit of love, sharing, and hope.

Deaths

Elizabeth Jean Maciukiewicz



Jean Foller; sister Laura Epperson; brothers Joe Lester and David Lester; nephew Joe; and niece Sonya.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughters Susan Garza and husband Hank, Christy Martinez and husband Armando, Valarie McCoy and husband Todd; son Michael Henry Maciukiewicz Jr. and wife Sarah; brothers James Lester and wife Carol, Ronnie Lester and wife Margie, Glyn Lester; and brother-in-law Doug Epperson.

She was also survived by 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and great-nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

A visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Scott Funeral Home in Alvin.

A private graveside service will be held Thursday, Sept. 23, at 10 a.m. at Houston National Cemetery.

Ernest Jeffrey "Jeff" Davis



Ernest Jeffrey "Jeff" Davis, 80, passed away Aug. 15, 2021. He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest T. and Talitha Gotcher Davis; wife Darlene Davis; and brother Ronald M. Davis.

Ernest is survived by his

brother Victor Davis; sisters Eva Beham and Margaret Pennington; and a host of other friends and family.

Jeff took great pride in his work. He was a master furniture restorer and owned a furniture restoration business. Jeff enjoyed spending his spare time outdoors. He loved to go fishing, so often that one would find him on the water wetting a hook. Jeff loved to tend to his garden and could grow practically anything. He was also a pretty good poker player and loved playing the game. Jeff will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services for Jeff were held Thursday, Aug. 19, at the Clayton Funeral Home Chapel, 201 S. 3rd, in La Porte and included a visitation and a funeral service, with D.J. Dickerson officiating.

Interment followed at Earthman Memory Gardens Cemetery, in Baytown.

In My Opinion

Muecke on Milley's China, Afghanistan

General Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff does not need to be fired, resign; he needs to be COURT MARSHALLED.

He committed an act of treason by contacting a foreign enemy by voice.

The military Code of Justice well defines how to conduct yourself while in the military. His job is to lead the military for the safety/security of this country.

Just look how he failed with Afghanistan, no exit plan to get ALL American citizens and the Afghanistans individuals that were loyal and helped our military to leave safely and then remove the military hardware.

The Taliban now has some of the best military hardware available to do harm to America.

What else was General Milley doing? Testifying before congress about Jan. 6. That was a political issue, not military.

If China should have been contacted, not sure why, that is the Secretary

of States job. The Secretary is also a failure in Afghanistan and needs to be fired.

General Milley was selected by President Trump and Trump now sees the mistake he made.

It is very clear that General Milley with his chest full of medals, how many from front line service, needs to be removed.

James E. Muecke

Church celebrates 75th anniversary

First Christian Church of Pasadena (Disciples of Christ) give thanks to our minister Reverend Judith Dalton and all who have gone before as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary.

We are also grateful for our charter members and current members.

Formally located on Wafer and Harris, we have been located at our current location, 4848 Preston, for over 10 years.

The celebration service is Sept. 26 at 10:50 a.m. All are welcome.

Oma Monroe

WATER DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The CLEAR BROOK CITY M.U.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2021 on October 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at 11911 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, TX 77089. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

- FOR** the proposal: Jim Bishop, James Towey, Chuck Tylka, and Chris Clark
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: David Flickinger

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.59000/\$100	\$.59000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.00000/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 236,156	\$ 249,137
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 47,231	\$ 49,827
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 188,925	\$ 199,310
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,114.65	\$ 1,175.92
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 61.27
and percentage of increase (+/-)		5.49%

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The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

Thompson August students of the month

Thompson Intermediate recognized its August students of the month. Teachers voted to honor students for showing Thompson PRIDE (Positive Respectful Individual Determination Excellence).

Shown left, are seventh-grade students Tyler Albert (left) and Alyssa Espinosa.

Shown bottom left, are eighth-grader Richmond Huynh (left) and Tanis Griffin, principal.

Shown are Griffin (left) and Rayne Larson, eighth-grader.



Meador students celebrate college week



Meador Elementary students celebrated college and career week the week of Sept. 13. The students dressed up in their future occupations or college that they plan to attend. It's never too early to dream about one's future. Shown above, left to right, are (front row) Freya Teniente, first-grader; Karson Chambers, kindergartner; Derik Anthony Jr., kindergartner; MaryJane Nelson, kindergartner; Elsy Maldonado, kindergartner; (back row) Angela Nunez, first-grader; and Jose

Meador hosts family fun run

Every month Meador Elementary hosts a family fun run for kids, parents and staff to walk and run the track after school. It's a fun school family community building event that promotes exercise and wellness. The kids also look forward to seeing Luna, counselor Tara Merida's dog, who has become an unofficial school mascot who provides lots of comfort, smiles and love for the kiddos. The school is grateful to have students, parents and staff come out and enjoy some fun.



Shown above left is Logan Bounds saying goodbye to Luna. Shown above right, left to right, are Wallace Owens and Denim Holman, fourth-graders, walking on the track.

Shown left, left to right, are first-grade sisters Parker Bounds and Logan Bounds walking the track with Luna.



Shown left, left to right, are (front row) Serenity Martinez, fourth-grader; Sadie Rios, pre-K; Eternity Martinez, third-grader; (back row) and Tara Merida, counselor, walking with Luna around the track.

PISD summer school program ends on a high note

By Reesha Brown Edwards

Pasadena ISD extended its summer school program to offer more opportunities for students to continue on their graduation pathway, recover lost credits, and make a smooth transition into the 2021-22 school year.

These opportunities included summer school classes for all grade levels; Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs such as Career Camp, Robotics Camp and Rocketry Camp; and Extended School Year Services (ESYS) offered through the special education program as a way to combat regression and/or recoup skills.

A total of 7,766 students participated in the district's summer school programs, with 85 percent promoted to the next grade level.

High school summer programs included initial credit courses for in-person and virtual learners to ensure that students stayed on their graduation pathway.

Students who fell behind last school year (2020-21) were able to recover credits to help them get back on track with their cohorts. They also had a chance to participate in CTE programs of study and extracurricular activities.

A total of 2,467 students who participated in the high school summer programs were able to complete 4,499 half-credit courses. Out of the completed half-credits, 1,450 of those credits were earned remotely through Pasadena Virtual School.

At the end of the summer semester, 183 seniors earned their high school diploma.

"More than double the number of seniors earned their diploma after completing summer school [than in prior years]," said Becky Benner, district executive director of curriculum and instruction.

During a regular school board meeting in August, Benner presented data on the success of Pasadena ISD's summer school program and thanked the board for their support.

"Thank you for your strong commitment to extended year services for our students," Benner said. "This year, 7,766 students participated in summer programs. Many of those would not have earned promotion without the opportunity to participate."

Here is a breakdown (by the numbers) of the Pasadena ISD summer school program:

Elementary School
Led by Dr. Scott Harrell, executive director of elementary curriculum and instruction, 2,930 students attended summer school for retention prevention. Of these, 2,432 (or 83 percent) were able to advance to the next grade.

The bilingual pre-kindergarten program served 371 bilingual/ESL preschool students and kindergartners who received support for English language development.

Two hundred thirty-one students benefited from enrichment opportunities as part of GT (Gifted and Talented) Camp.

Middle School
Led by Dr. Marsha Jones, executive director of middle school curriculum and instruction; program man-

agers Robin Cate, Morris Middle School assistant principal; and Tina Smith, Nelda Sullivan Middle School assistant principal; 616 students attended summer school for retention prevention. Of these, 590 (or 96 percent) were promoted to the next grade and 183 middle school students participated in Pasadena Advanced Classes (PAC), ESL Newcomer Camp or GT Camp.

Intermediate School
Led by Dan Hoppie, executive director of intermediate school curriculum and instruction, 637 students attended summer school

for retention prevention. Of these, 620 (or 97 percent) were promoted to the next grade and 19 other students attended GT Camp.

High School
Led by Becky Benner, executive director of high school curriculum and instruction; program managers Erika Nations, Pasadena High School assistant principal and Jon Thompson, Pasadena Memorial assistant principal; and Luci Waver, virtual learning specialist, 2,467 students participated in the high school summer school programs and completed 4,499 half-credit

courses. Students earned 2,215 half credits of initial instruction, 1,450 of which were earned remotely through Pasadena virtual school. One thousand nine hundred twenty-four half-credits were recovered by students who failed courses during the regular school year. One hundred eighty-three seniors earned their high school diploma earlier this month.

Extended school year services
Previously led by Dr. Bobbye McCain, former special education director and current Human Re-

sources executive director, Extended School Year Services (ESYS) an individualized instructional program for eligible students in the special education program, can assist with the recoupment of skills lost over the summer and combat regression. ESYS is provided for students at no cost to families.

80 students with significant disabilities were served.

CTE Programs
Led by Tanya Hagar, CTE executive director, 250 students attended one or more CTE camps this summer.

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FOR the proposal: Glenn Williams, David Montgomery, Dean Baier and Ted Heinrich
AGAINST the proposal: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: Edward Figueroa

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.47341/\$100	\$.50000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$.02659/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		5.61%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 195,193	\$ 205,191
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 0	\$ 0
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 195,193	\$ 205,191
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 924.06	\$ 1,025.95
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		\$ 101.89
and percentage of increase (+/-)		11.02%

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The board of directors proposes to use the tax increase for the purpose of rehabilitation of aging infrastructure.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Bob Leared Interests 713-932-9011

County extends vaccine incentive

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calling 832-927-8787 or by signing up through vacstrac.hctx.net. Walk-up vaccinations are available; however, HCPH recommends residents schedule their appointment in advance.

Face coverings are required for individuals seeking a vaccination. The county urges residents to take additional COVID-19 prevention measures such as maintaining social distancing, staying at home as much as possible and continuing regularly washing their hands.

City of Houston
At press time, the City of Houston was continuing its \$150 gift card incentive program to get residents vaccinated against COVID-19.

People who get a first dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine at an eligible health department site will receive a \$100 gift card.

Gift cards valued at \$50

will be awarded with second doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine administered at eligible health department sites. To qualify for the second dose incentive, people must have received their first dose on or after Aug. 2 at an eligible health department site and complete the series within 42 days.

Additional doses and booster shots do not qualify for the program.

Mastercard gift cards redeemable anywhere Mastercard is accepted will be awarded for first doses.

Most second-dose participants will receive a Mastercard gift card but some will receive gift cards for Walmart, Target, Old Navy, Ross, Amazon, Shell, Walgreens or METRO.

The new incentive program is funded by \$3.125 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and will provide \$150 worth of Mastercard gift cards to the first 20,000 people who get fully vaccinated.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding of approximately \$50,000, budgeted for the health department's original \$25 incentive program, provides an additional 1,900 retail gift cards for second doses. Participants must sign a sworn declaration affirming they are eligible for the program.

The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are currently authorized for people age 18 and older and Pfizer is approved for people age 12 and older. Vaccination of minors requires parental consent forms, available at the vaccination sites.

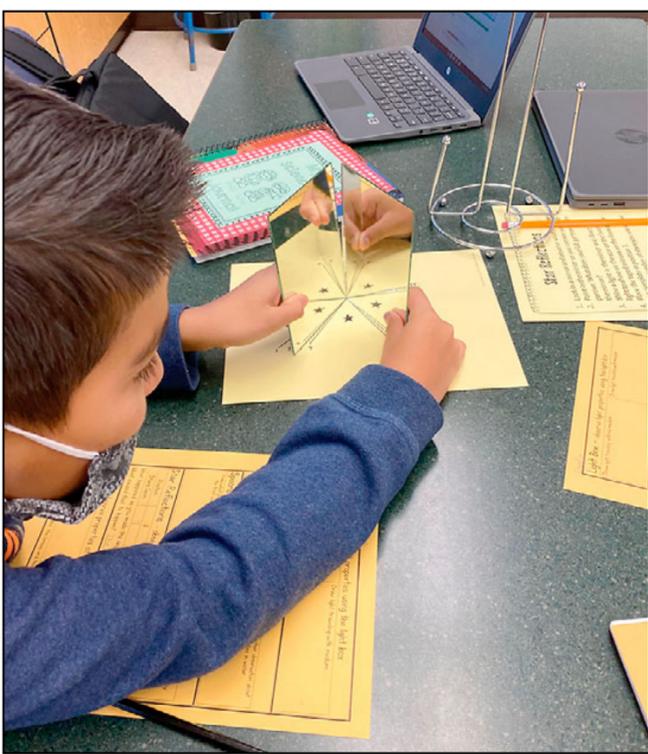
Getting vaccinated is free and does not require ID, proof of residency, citizenship or insurance.

Houston Health Department-affiliated COVID-19 vaccination sites are available with or without appointments. Locations are available at HoustonEmergency.org or by calling 832-393-4220.

Morris students explore lasering

At Morris Middle School these students are exploring reflecting using a Laser Maze Kit in Ariel Delos Reyes's fifth-grade science class. Shown right is Ronaldo Salinas reflecting a star onto two objects.

Shown below are Alexander Chaney (left) and Jeremy Beteta using the kit to identify the reflecting of the objects.



Garcia, Hilton help fire victim

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Houston, Texas 77034. Hilton always comes through when our residents and citizens are in need. Hilton donated both a bed and a sofa and met me at Mrs. Hue's

apartment. Thank you so much to Hilton and Hilton Furniture & Mattress for always answering the call! Hilton, you are a true blessing to our community, and I am honored to call you my

friend." Garcia also recruited the assistance of the Tejano Center for Community Concerns and LULAC Council 2911, which helped repair Nguyen's drywall.

JFD 50th reunion Oct. 15, 16

The 50th reunion of the J. Frank Dobie Class of '71 will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Stonehouse Manor Event Venue, 316 W. NASA Road 1, from 6 to 11 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person, in advance, and \$40 at the door. Dinner will be catered by Escalante's, with desserts and a cash bar. There will be a photographer, DJ and door prizes. An icebreaker is planned for Friday, Oct. 15, at Mom Alone Mexican Grill in Webster, from 6 p.m. to closing. For more information, email one of the following: Debbie Hughes at dhughes533@aol.com; Ron Williams at ronwilliams49@yahoo.com; or Brenda Keener at keenersrus@comcast.net.

TxDOT launches campaign

A new Texas law that took effect on Sept. 1 allows inattentive drivers to be charged with a Class A misdemeanor if they cause bodily harm to a pedestrian. And if the pedestrian is seriously injured or killed, drivers may be found guilty of a state jail felony and face jail time.

The new law was inspired by a tragedy involving a Houston area woman. On June 18, Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law Senate Bill 1055, or the Lisa Torry Smith Act. Named for a late Missouri City mom who was killed in a crosswalk by a negligent driver while she was taking her son to school, the new law seeks to protect not only pedestrians but also cyclists and people operating motor-assisted scooters, neighborhood electric vehicles or golf carts.

The driver in Lisa Torry Smith's crash was able to walk away from killing Lisa and injuring her son with just a \$50 fine, and without facing

any criminal charges. (At the time, there was no Texas law to allow criminal charges, since the driver was not under the influence.)

Under the new law that took effect Sept. 1, however, Texas drivers can now be criminally responsible if they collide with a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The new law further requires drivers to stop and yield to pedestrians or cyclists who are properly in an intersection.

The Texas Department of Transportation reports that pedestrian deaths account for one in five of all traffic fatalities. In 2020, there were 4,852 traffic crashes involving pedestrians in Texas, resulting in 731 fatalities and 1,211 serious injuries.

From 2016 to 2020, pedestrian fatalities resulting from traffic crashes increased 5 percent.

With all of this in mind, TxDOT is launching its "Be Safe, Drive Smart" pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign.

As Texans travel to their destinations this summer, fall and beyond, TxDOT wants them to know the laws for safe walking, biking and driving—and to follow them. Drivers are required to take specific steps to protect pedestrians and bicyclists, who are more likely to be killed or seriously injured when involved in a crash with a motor vehicle.

State laws mandate stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks, yielding the right of way to pedestrians and bicyclists when turning and passing bicyclists at a safe distance and giving them room to ride.

Lastly, here a link to TxDOT's "Be Safe, Drive Smart" pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign b-roll is found at <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xyvmys23251ryhv/TxDOT%20Pedestrian%20Bicyclist%20Safety%20Laws%20Media%20B-Roll%202021.mp4?dl=0>.

National Night Out events set for Oct. 5

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as date to give residents an opportunity to enjoy cooler weather.

Along with the traditional display of porch lights and front porch vigils, NNO will be celebrated by neighborhoods and communities with a variety of events and activities such as block parties, cookouts, parades, flashlight walks, contests, youth programs and visits from local police.

The Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office and the Har-

ris County Precinct 2 and Precinct 8 constable offices will all be participating in various functions.

South Belt residents within the city limits who are planning a block party and wanting to have a police visit should contact HPD Officer Richard Buitron at 281-642-3484 or Buitron@Houstonpolice.org. Residents outside of the city limits having parties should contact Garcia's office at 713-477-2766. The sooner law enforcement agencies are aware of an NNO event, the better chance an officer can attend.

Clear Brook's debate team goes to district

At Clear Brook High School, speech and debate, resilience and strength serve as the underpinnings for the phenomenal team. As a result, the school team prospered at the Dobie TFA Tournament which ran from Sept. 1 through Sept. 4 earning members more points toward their first state qualifications.

At Dobie, team historian Misbah Aziz achieved an impressive first place finish in Informative Speaking, granting her six state points. To extend the winning streak, team vice president Zahra Virani placed second in the same event while Safa Prasla placed sixth, earning them four points and one point respectively.

In Dramatic Interpretation, Ansantra Sijo placed second which earned her four state points. Lastly, team co-histori-

an Ariella Calili placed fourth in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking and earned her first two state points after placing first in the Novice Division at Foster the previous weekend.

The weekend following the Dobie event, the team headed to Alief Elsik where they continued their quest and walked away winners, yet again.

This time, Ariella Calili again placed fourth, picking up two more points toward state while her teammate and Lincoln Douglas debater Michael French placed third overall, picking up his first two points toward state.

The team headed to their first in-district meet at Clear Falls the weekend of Sept. 17-18 where they walked in with almost 40 team members to continue Brook's "Quest For The Best!"

State grant supports San Jac EDGE center

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aerospace electrical assembly, aerospace structures and quality structure and manufacturing. In addition to these programs, San Jacinto College will also offer customized and individualized training based on the needs of the spaceport partners.

"We are partnering with companies like Intuitive Machines to offer our students the very best, up-to-date knowledge about the aerospace industry," said Dr. Janis Fowler, director of the College's aerospace education and workforce department. "Students will have the opportunity to learn and work on projects side-by-side with professionals who are working on NASA-level projects including the lunar lander."

For more information about the San Jac EDGE Center, visit www.sanjac.edu/edge-center-aerospace.

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and has built a network of partners across multiple industries and academia creating a resource pool which will be drawn on as collaborations are identified and workforce development and research funding is pursued.

EDGE Center
The San Jacinto College EDGE Center offers a pathway to exciting careers in the aerospace industry. As the official education training partner for the Houston Spaceport, the San Jacinto College EDGE Center offers a variety of aerospace training programs such as composites manufacturing,

TC Republicans meet Oct. 12

The Tri County Republican Women meet the second Tuesday of the month at the Golfcrest Country Club, 2509 Country Club Dr., in Pearland. Lunch is available for \$15.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 12 with guest speaker Dr. Bobby Eberle, a recognized leader in conservative politics, who has been profiled in both USA Today and Insight Magazine.

The public is invited. Visit the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tri-county-republican-women/> for more information. For reservations, call Gaylyn DeVine at 832-250-8901. Exact cash or a check is requested.

Remember When

45 years ago (1976)
Barbara Taylor was crowned homecoming queen at Dobie's Homecoming football game against Forest Park.

The Pasadena Independent School District board of trustees called for input from the community on the matter of AstroTurfing the football playing surface of the Memorial stadium.

As a result of action taken at a Scarsdale MUD meeting, attorneys were hired to file suits and foreclose on homeowners who had not paid district taxes.

40 years ago (1981)
Vandals gained entrance to Dobie High School at approximately 3 a.m. and left a trail of broken glass and damaged Longhorn paraphernalia and equipment throughout the school.

Trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District voted 4-2 at a regular meeting to award Holley Bros. Construction the contract for a new classroom wing at Gardens Elementary School.

35 years ago (1986)
Construction began on the unnamed Clear Creek school district's high school. Stephen Dabek and Nina Gunther joined 15,000 seniors across the U.S. as semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship.

30 years ago (1991)
For the first time ever, a Dobie High School student raised the grand champion steer in the Pasadena Livestock Show. Senior Christa Groover raised the steer, and her brother, Michael, raised the grand champion single rooster.

A contract for \$2.8 million in additions to Clear Brook High School was awarded by Clear Creek school trustees to Gamma Construction. The bid included construction of a two-story addition to feature 15 classrooms, two art rooms, four science rooms,

some multipurpose rooms, new boys' and girls' dressing rooms, a new bus loop and student parking lot.

Three men were slated to challenge longtime City Councilman Frank Mancuso in the upcoming election. Mancuso, who had held the seat continuously since 1963, was re-elected. Mancuso eventually lost the District E seat by an almost 3-1 margin during a runoff election in 1993 to attorney Joe Roach.

25 years ago (1996)
Donald Roventini Jr., 16, died following a workout for the Dobie sophomore football team. It was determined he suffered a heart attack as a result of an un-

derdeveloped right coronary artery.

PISD trustees approved a 3-cent tax increase. The previous year, trustees had lowered the tax rate by 2 cents.

15 years ago (2006)
The Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District which serves the subdivisions of Kirkwood South and Sagemeadow was negotiating to enter into a Strategic Partnership Agreement with Houston. Under that partnership, an agreement would be reached which would allow certain city ordinances, including prohibiting all firework stands, to be in effect in the Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South subdivisions.

10 years ago (2011)
Dobie High School's enrollment topped 3,500 students, setting a new record for the Pasadena Independent School District. No other district high school had ever hit the 3,500 mark. Pasadena High, South Houston and Sam Rayburn campuses inched over the 3,000 mark before the opening of the Memorial High campus in 2004 relieved crowded conditions on those campus-

5 years ago (2016)
Houston firefighters responded to a fire at Frazier Elementary on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The blaze, which took place outside the campus near the school's playground, reportedly stemmed from a faulty electrical transformer that snapped at its base, causing it to collapse and catch fire. No one was injured.

5 years ago (2016)
Houston firefighters responded to a fire at Frazier Elementary on Tuesday, Sept. 20. The blaze, which took place outside the campus near the school's playground, reportedly stemmed from a faulty electrical transformer that snapped at its base, causing it to collapse and catch fire. No one was injured.

1 year ago (2020)
Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 17 held a press conference outlining new regulations related to the state's efforts to combat the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. During the event, the governor issued executive orders expanding occupancy levels for restaurants, retail stores, office buildings, manufacturing facilities, gyms and exercise facilities and classes, museums and libraries and reauthorizing elective surgeries for a majority of the state of Texas. The governor also announced new guidance related to visitations at nursing homes and long-term care facilities across the state.

Tropical Storm Beta hit the South Belt area hard, causing extensive flooding in the community. The storm made landfall Monday, Sept. 21, over the Matagorda Bay Peninsula, before being downgraded to a tropical depression the following day. Despite Beta having sustained winds of 40 mph, it was the storm's slow speed and pockets of heavy rain that had the most impact locally.

While the storm produced rains in the area for roughly 48 hours, by far the most precipitation was received on Monday, with some parts of the South Belt community reporting as much as 12 inches of rain. Street flooding, however, continued well into Wednesday in some parts of the community.

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MEADOR ELEMENTARY
The day for a party for **Rosario Reyes** and **Celeste Skipper** is Sept. 23. Marking a birthday Sept. 26 is **Connie Daumas**. Share a birthday cake Sept. 29 with **Lucila Solis**.

MOORE ELEMENTARY
The day for a birthday cake and ice cream for **Celena Hudspeth** is Sept. 26.

SOUTH BELT ELEMENTARY
Blow out the candles for a birthday celebration for **Kassandra Luna Hernandez** Sept. 26.

STUCHBERY ELEMENTARY
Send a birthday greeting Sept. 28 to **Angelica Plummer**.

MELILLO MIDDLE SCHOOL
Sept. 26 is the day for some birthday fun for **Lois Evans**. Send a humorous birthday card to **Megan Medina** Sept. 28.

ROBERTS MIDDLE SCHOOL
Erik Ramos enjoys a birthday Sept. 23. Remember to wish **Luz Faz** a happy birthday Sept. 26. **DeRonda Pitre-Preston** enjoys a birthday Sept. 27. Join in the birthday fun Sept. 29 with **Claveria Ledezma** and **Crystal Lilly**.

BEVERLY HILLS INTERMEDIATE
Light the birthday candles Sept. 25 for **Grant Pector**.

THOMPSON INTERMEDIATE
Send warm birthday greetings Sept. 24 to **Diana Hejtmarek**. Blow out the birthday candles for **Dalia Castillo** Sept. 25.

DOBIE HIGH
The day for a party for **Denice Smajstra** is Sept. 23. Remember to wish **Franklin Moses**, Dobie principal, a happy birthday Sept. 24. **Martha Varela** enjoys a birthday Sept. 24. **Aaron Mathews** celebrates a birthday Sept. 28.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
Thursday, Sept. 23: **Marcus Anthony, Carla McKay, Cheney Tamez, Gloria Tran, Cynthia Rodriguez** and **Lauren Allen**; Friday, Sept. 24: **Paola Medel, Harold Barron, Lissa Stephens-Bell, Lindy Hoggard, Brenda Flewellen, Karl Wilkerson, Obed Valdez, Jason Rendon, Debra Kendrick, Kim Martinez** and **Angela Shaullis**; Saturday, Sept. 25: **Key Voh Patches, Jamie Olivares, Melonie Conaway, Ronell Ram** and **Kevin Sockwell**; Sunday, Sept. 26: **Dina Edwards, Tripp Harris** and **Mike Flinn**; Monday, Sept. 27: **Nicole Garcia, Yvette Rodriguez** and **Ashley McGuinty**; Tuesday, Sept. 28: **Megan Medina, Esmerelda Rodriguez, Anna Benavidez, Tam Vo** and **Christina Guth**; and Wednesday, Sept. 29: **Antonio Morua, Marian Adams, Adriana Sepulveda, Ken Rodrick** and **Gwen Lopez**.

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Dickinson loss aside, Dobie aims at 22-6A crown repeat

By John Bechtle
Sports Editor

Looking to quickly bounce back from its first regular season loss since the 2019 season, the Dobie varsity football team will begin the defense of its District 22-6A championship by hosting Channelview Thursday, Sept. 23 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.

Dobie, now 3-1 overall entering league play, saw its string of 15 consecutive regular season wins come to an end with a 48-27 loss to Dickinson Sept. 17 at Sam Vintanza Stadium in Dickinson.

Meanwhile, Channelview evened its record at 2-2 following a 42-30 victory over Clear Lake at Challenger Stadium in Webster as Channelview quarterback Demetrius Charles passed for 200 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 174 yards and two more scores.

Charles, who was *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* magazine's choice as pre-season Offensive Player of the Year in District 22-6A, will no doubt present challenges for a Dobie defense that had trouble finding an answer for Dickinson dual-threat quarterback Luke Martin.

By the same token, Channelview will have to find ways to slow a Dobie offense that has scored 54

points per game to this point as third-year quarterback Cameron Gray has found multiple weapons at his disposal.

Martin leads Gators to a 35-21 halftime lead over Dobie before closing out the 48-27 win in the second half. Continued on Page 6



At right, Dobie's Trajan Davis (23), who rushed for a pair of touchdowns, runs through open space during the Longhorns' 48-27 loss to Dickinson Sept. 17 at Sam Vintanza Stadium. In on the action is quarterback Cameron Gray. Photo by Gloria Wallace

Dobie, Brook runners excel at Region III preview

In a preview of possibilities to come next month, many of the region's top boys' and girls' runners and teams flocked to Kate-Barr Ross Memorial Park in Huntsville Sept. 18 for the Region III Cross-Country Preview.

The Dobie varsity girls, reloading their group following a 2020 District 22-6A championship win, look very much in shape to defend that crown at this point.

The Lady Longhorns were second as a team in Huntsville at the 5,000-meter distance, with senior Victoria Ramirez leading the locals at 20 minutes, 22.70 seconds for sixth place.

Karen Martinez, another senior, was 11th at 21:03.10.

At right, Clear Brook senior Matthew Trevino (310), aiming for a return to the Class 6A regional cross-country meet, was 16th overall at the Region III Preview 5,000-meter event Sept. 18 in Huntsville. Sixth at the 24-6A Championships in 2020, Trevino is looking for more as a senior this time around.

Sophomore Kyla Lobo was 16th at 21:14.40, with junior Isela Munoz's time of 21:25.30 placing her

18th. Izzy Padilla, who along with Lobo in 2020 delivered one of Dobie's five

qualifying times en route to the crown, is finishing her high school career strong as she was 20th in

Huntsville this go-around at 21:40.10.

Junior Ashlee Garcia's time of 21:48.90 had her 21st overall, and freshman Lauren Garza's time of 22:17.40 was 30th.

Matthew Trevino of Clear Brook certainly appears on course to make a run at the 24-6A overall medalist crown as his standout senior season Continued on Page 6



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JFD, DP atop 22-6A rankings

Dobie hosted Deer Park Sept. 21 after press time with the top spot in the District 22-6A varsity team tennis standings on the line.

Both Deer Park (3-0) and Dobie (2-0) had their way with their respective opponents entering the key matchup, with Dobie sweeping both Chan-

nelview and Pasadena by 19-0 counts.

Deer Park is the defending District 22-6A champion after getting past the Longhorns in the 2020 head-to-head battle.

22-6A Team Tennis Standings

- Deer Park 3-0
- Pasadena 2-0
- Dobie 1-0
- Rayburn 0-1
- Channelview 0-2
- South Houston 0-2
- Memorial 0-0

Justice wins 100th LSA tops Concordia

Joel Hutchins and Syr Bailey combined for five scores as Lutheran South coasted to a 42-20 victory over Concordia Lutheran Sept. 17 at Lutheran South.

The Pioneers evened their record at 2-2 as head coach Don Justice earned his 100th career victory.

Hutchins, the program's single-game reception yardage leader, had eight

catches for 174 yards and three touchdowns in the game. His scores covered 59, 78 and 10 yards in the win.

Bailey had short touchdown runs of a yard and two yards early on as the Pioneers led 21-0 and 42-7 at different points in the game.

LSA quarterback Tyler Saunders passed for 203 yards and two scores.

22-6A Records Before League Play

- Sam Rayburn 4-0
- Dobie 3-1
- Deer Park 2-2
- Channelview 2-2
- Memorial 1-3
- South Houston 1-3
- Pasadena 0-4

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Dobie hosts Channelview Thurs., Sept. 23 Veterans Stadium, 7 p.m.

Channelview (2-2): The Falcons got 374 total yards and five touchdowns from quarterback Demetrius Charles in a 42-30 win over Clear Lake in week four. Josiah Prince, who had two scoring receptions and 108 yards receiving, is Charles' favorite target. Prince currently leads all 22-6A receivers with 19 catches for 212 yards and three touchdowns.

Dobie (3-1): The Longhorns saw their 15-game regular season winning streak come to an end with a 48-27 loss at Dickinson Sept. 17, but third-year starting quarterback Cameron Gray and running back Trajan Davis (nine rushing touchdowns) lead a Dobie team that has every intention of defending its 22-6A championship. In 2020, the Longhorns crushed the Falcons 72-21 at Channelview.

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JFD subvarsities battle Gators

Dobie's subvarsity football programs had their most competitive series of games of the nondistrict season, ultimately going 1-1-1 against the Gators Sept. 15.

thony Amos provided the lone score and conversion for the Longhorns.

Gershom Metoyer provided a spark for the JFD special teams unit as a kick returner.

JFD Frosh Orange 28 Dickinson 28

JFD JV Orange 8
The Longhorns' junior varsity Orange team suffered its first loss of the season to the Dickinson Gators by a 25-8 count.

The Longhorns gave up two touchdowns early in the game and never recovered.

Defensively, Jose Alonzo tallied double-digit tackles and helped to slow an explosive Gator offense.

Offensively, John An-

seph Salazar had key interceptions as the Longhorns' freshman White squad defeated Dickinson 13-6 in a defensive battle from the opening kickoff.

Maurice Bryant scored for the Longhorns on a 22-yard burst, and Abel Garcia went six yards for a score, with a conversion kick from Andy Silva.

Noah Caballero also had four catches, and the Dobie defense took care of the rest.

In addition to Garcia and Salazar with interceptions in the game, Adam Aguilar, Julian Valencia, Te'Boris Henry and Luis Ibarra also paced the Longhorns' defensive effort.

Barry E. Harris run set for Nov. 6

The South Belt 5K run, benefiting the Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund, will return to El Franco Lee Park Saturday, Nov. 6 as event organizers have a morning of family-fun activities planned in the community.

educator and Pasadena ISD athletics support staff member who died after a cancer battle in 2018.

Race committee chairperson Shane Brown said the Bayway Auto Group will return as the title sponsor of the event, which will also feature a 1K run and family-oriented 1K walk.

Registration as well as other race details will be available in the coming weeks on the Barry E. Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund Facebook page. More information about the fund will be there.

To donate to the fund or for additional fun run facts, contact Brown at 713-740-0370.

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Dobie hosts Channelview	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook vs. Clear Lake	Clear Brook	Clear Brook	Clear Lake	Clear Brook	Clear Brook
Pearland hosts Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit	Strake Jesuit	Pearland	Strake Jesuit
Clear Creek at Brazoswood	Clear Creek	Brazoswood	Brazoswood	Clear Creek	Brazoswood
Dickinson at Clear Falls	Dickinson	Clear Falls	Clear Falls	Dickinson	Dickinson
Friendswood at Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee	Baytown Lee
Port Arthur Memorial at La Porte	PAM	PAM	PAM	PAM	PAM
Texas City at Santa Fe	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City	Texas City
Tomball Rosehill at Lutheran South	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA	LSA
Katy Tompkins at Cinco Ranch	Tompkins	Tompkins	Tompkins	Tompkins	Tompkins
This week's record	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5
Season record	26-13	25-14	20-19	27-12	28-11

Gators snap Dobie's 15-game winning stretch

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The Gators, who opened play against Dobie at 1-2 overall but had

timize the Longhorns as Martin had scoring runs of 72, 54 and 23 yards.

on scoring pass connections of 35 and 53 yards. Dickinson's Marquis Johnson also had a 100-

yard kickoff return for another big play.

Martin wound up with 229 of the Gators' 402 yards rushing, and tight end Donovan Green, a Texas A&M University signee, had two catches for 68 total yards, including the 53-yard scoring play from Martin.

Despite the Longhorns' struggles on defense, Gray had a 12-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter and Trajan Davis, who now has nine rushing scores through four weeks, dashed in from 53 yards out.

Terrand Booker had a 15-yard fumble recovery and score and Davis added a 3-yard touchdown late in the third quarter.

On a short week, Dobie now turns its attention to defending the 22-6A crown, and it all starts with Channelview.

The Falcons dealt with considerable Covid-19 issues a season ago and wound up fourth in the standings before a first-round playoff loss.

But the Longhorns are simply focused on a title repeat, and getting past Charles and Co. is the goal.

In 2020, the Longhorns defeated Channelview 72-21 on the way to the program's first district championship since 2010. Now, the Falcons stand in the way of a repeat bid.

Bay Area Football League Week 6 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Cowboys	7	50	15	19	0
Red Raiders	45	6	55	20	18

Week 7 Games – Saturday, Sept. 25

Dolphins host Pasadena Panthers, Blackhawk Park
Cowboys have bye week

Cross-country teams run at III preview

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Freshman Carlos Salazar's time of 19:30.60 was ninth-best, and Antwoine Wilson was in at 20:33.00 for 17th place. At 21:06.30, Simon Sepulveda was 22nd as the Longhorns continued their strong run.

Wolverines face Lake to open 24-6A race

An unintended bye week should have Clear Brook's varsity football team ready to open the District 24-6A schedule by going against Clear Lake Sept. 24 at Challenger Stadium in Webster.

The Wolverines were scheduled to play at Ful-shear Sept. 17 at Traylor Stadium but opted out of the game days before for unspecified reasons.

Meanwhile, the Falcons ended nondistrict play at 1-3 following a 42-30 nondistrict loss to Channelview the same night.

Clear Brook defeated Clear Lake a season ago to start 3-0 overall, but neither team cracked the playoff lineup as Clear Falls and Clear Creek were the 6A Division II representatives.

Falls, in fact, ultimately reached the Region III Division II championship game.

Fans should expect varying styles as the Wolverines and Falcons tangle. Clear Lake has done very little through the air, instead leaning on sophomore tailback Elijah Har-

ris. Despite the loss to Channelview, Harris rushed for 156 yards on 15 carries, including three touchdowns and now has more than 250 yards through the nondistrict portion of the schedule.

As for the Wolverines, senior quarterback Cameron McCalister guides an offense that has averaged 476 yards per game. Through three games, McCalister has completed 85 of 136 for 1,029 yards and eight touchdowns. Brook's Michael Lew-

is led all 24-6A receivers through three weeks with 33 grabs for 395 yards and three scores, while Nathan Barnett scored four times through the air via 18 catches for 224 yards.

Tre John, meanwhile, had 15 catches for 241 yards. The Wolverines, looking to get into the Division II playoff fray come November, can also lean on senior running back Trent Lacy, who through three games had 50 carries for 331 yards and five touchdowns.



Dobie linebacker Gabriel Chambliss (31) wraps up Dickinson quarterback Luke Martin during the second half of the Gators' 48-27 victory over the Longhorns Sept. 17 at Dickinson ISD's Sam Vitanza Stadium. Martin scored three rushing touchdowns and threw for two more in the Gators' win as the Longhorns saw their 15-game regular season win streak ended. Photo by Gloria Wallace

Lady Longhorns' volleyball keeps winning

At right, Dobie senior Maya Scott (2) had a match-high 12 kills and teammate Natalie Onozie added 13 assists and 10 kills as the Lady Longhorns' varsity volleyball team swept past Pasadena Sept. 17 to remain unbeaten in league play and take its overall record to 17-9 overall. Sophomore Alexa Gonzalez also had a match-high 20 assists. The Lady Longhorns faced defending league champion Deer Park Sept. 21 after press time and will next play at Memorial Sept. 24. To this point in the season, the Lady Longhorns have done what is necessary to win big matches, and a victory over Deer Park could lead to special things later this season.



Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Dobie at Memorial
Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Dobie hosts Rayburn
Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m.

Morris lifts nationally ranked Henderson State

At right, Dobie High School Class of 2018 graduate Kris Morris (22) is back on the playing field collegiately as he has helped lead nationally ranked Henderson State University to a 3-0 start in the NCAA Division II rankings. Playing an inclusive Great American Conference schedule, the Reddies have thus far outscored its three opponents by a combined 144-38. Through the three games, Morris has 38 carries for 186 yards and a pair of touchdowns. With the 3-0 start, the Reddies have climbed to No. 18 in the latest American Football Coaches Association Division II national rankings. As for Morris, the redshirt freshman is majoring in engineering at HSU in Arkadelphia, Ark. Morris started as a freshman at the varsity level as District 22-6A play began in 2014 and graduated in 2018 after a stellar career with the Longhorns.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland, or at https://aahouston.org/meetings/imperfect-nooners. Call 713-686-6300 for additional information. Meets Mondays - Thursdays.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For additional information, call 713-661-4200 or visit https://nastuff.com/.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Noon
Hometown Heroes - Ballroom dances (not lessons) Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 - 3:30 p.m. and Fridays, noon - 1:30 p.m. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church

(youth building). Call 713-661-4200.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details on the 7 p.m. Friday night service or the 9:30 a.m. Saturday service, visit https://www.shaar-hashalom.org.
8 p.m.
Serenity Now Al-Anon Group - meets at CrossRoads UMC Fridays, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. Family members and friends of problem drinkers/addicts share, learn Al-Anon principles and discover choices available. Call 281-484-9243.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) - meets at CrossRoads UMC on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 8 p.m., 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7:30 a.m.
AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom - See Friday's notice.
11 a.m.
Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) - For women affected by an addict. Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy., Pasadena, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, drop in or visit https://www.houstonalananon.org/ for more information.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
8 p.m.
AA - at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship services 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. (in back of medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message, or stop by.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
10 a.m.
Al-Anon Deer Park - Literature Study. In His Presence Fellowship Church, 1202 East P Street, Deer Park. Enter through back of church. Call 409-454-5720 for additional information or visit https://www.houstonalananon.org/.
6 p.m.
Scrabble Club #511 - Meets Monday at IHOP, 11222 Fuqua. Join in the fun and improve crossword skills. 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 Fatima Jones, club president at 281-467-1880 for information.
7 p.m.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - #0683 Friendswood chapter meets at the Friendswood Methodist Church, 110 N Friendswood Dr. in the educational bldg., room 201. For additional information, call Lynette Ringrose at 832-858-4617.
AA - St. Luke's 12-Step Recovery, open meeting, education Bldg., room 4, 11011 Hall Rd. Call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801 for more additional information.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
11:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship services 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. (in back of medical/retail community). For additional information, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
7 a.m.
AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Sept. 23.
Noon
AA - Imperfect Nooners Group, 3525 Broadway, Pearland. See Thursday's notice. 6:30 p.m.
Scleroderma Support Group - Join a support group on Zoom at the Waterford in the Blue Bonnet room, 201 McDermott St. in Deer Park, 77536. Call Jacob Davila at 281-706-6232, or email jdavila@scleroderma.org.
7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous - Vigilance Group. See Friday's notice.
8 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - meeting at CrossRoads UMC. See Friday's notice for additional information.

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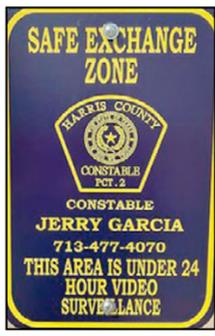
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Pct. 2 establishes Safe Exchange Zone

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place, Offer Up, Craigslist and any other type of legal exchange.
This location can also be used as a safe area to conduct weekly child custody exchanges between parents.
The area in front of the John Phelps Courthouse is a safe and secure location monitored by the Precinct 2 Constable's office 24/7.
In addition, this location is easily available for anyone to meet with a Precinct 2 deputy for information or a report.
A second Safe Exchange Zone will soon be coming to the Harris County Precinct 2 office located at 10851 Scarsdale at Beamer.



Class of '91 holds reunion

Tickets are currently on sale for the J. Frank Dobie High School Class of 1991's 30th reunion, to be held Saturday, Oct. 9, at the Black Swan nightclub at the Omni Hotel, located at 4 Riverway, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. To follow the event online, visit www.facebook.com/groups/dobiehsclassof91.
To purchase tickets, visit www.ticketstripe.com/jfdobieclassof1991reunion.
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Morris orchestra students learn different instruments

Morris Middle School fifth-grade orchestra students took learning outside. They drew large instruments and labeled all of the parts in order to distinguish the differences and for what each part is used.

Shown left, left to right, are Natalie Hodgson-Gonzales, Kimberly Villanueva, Cody Guzman, Kennedy Grice and Jacob Phan.



Shown above, left to right, are Natasha Cordova, Evany Garcia, Kayla Cisneros, Michael Nguyen, Solanch Deleon, Andy Zamora and Elizabeth Gomez after identifying instrument parts.



Shown above, left to right, are Jade Rodriguez, Jayden Goodwin, Jayden Pereira, Carolyn Erazo and Leonardo Moran showing off a drawing of their instrument that they drew together.

County closes Scarsdale bridge for 4-6 weeks

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The Beamer Ditch project is just one of many bond projects related to the 2018 bond referendum that are connected to the local Clear Creek watershed.
Additional Flood Control projects currently underway in the Clear Creek watershed include the construction of two new local detention basins.
The new basins will provide safe storage for more than 566 million gallons of excess stormwater.
Construction started in April 2020 on the final phase of the South Belt Stormwater Detention Basin, located

on Mud Gully/Beamer Ditch near Beamer Road and South Fork Boulevard.
Construction also has begun to construct the Dagg Stormwater Detention Basin on Clear Creek at Dagg Road near Christia V. Adair Park. Both basins are part of a \$16.9 million construction contract awarded by Harris County Commissioners Court on Jan. 28, 2020.
The work will excavate more than 1.1 million cubic yards of material from the South Belt basin and remove 50,000 cubic yards from a nearby Dixie Farm Road site, where it had been mistakenly placed in the floodplain

of Clear Creek nearly two years ago. The Flood Control District bought the Dixie Farm Road site this past year so that the inappropriate fill could be removed, and the site could be investigated for additional stormwater detention benefits.
Pairing the two construction projects in one bid is intended to extend 2018 bond funding because, in this case, it is more financially efficient to do a larger project. Additionally, the Flood Control District will save approximately \$22 million by using a portion of the South Belt excavated material as fill for the Dagg Road basin (HCFCD

Unit A500-08-00), resulting in lower disposal costs and savings versus commercially acquired riprap fill.
Safety considerations require filling in a 50-foot-deep portion of the water-filled pit at the Dagg Road basin. Doing so will not reduce the capacity of the Dagg Road basin to hold excess stormwater because the storage area is above the water level to the top of the basin's banks.
The Dagg Road basin will include floating islands for stormwater treatment -- a first for Harris County. The floating islands will be anchored to the floor of the basin and planted with specialty plant

species whose root systems will help filter impurities. The Dagg Road basin will be part of a demonstration project to determine what types of islands can withstand floodwater fluctuations as well as provide effective stormwater quality treatment.
Both projects are expected to be complete in Spring 2022. They are separate from but complement the Clear Creek Federal Flood Risk Management Project by providing additional mitigation for planned channel conveyance improvements.
Funds from the 2018 bond election will also go toward construction of the Hughes Stormwater Detention Basin. To be located on an undeveloped 100-acre site along Clear Creek, south of El Franco Lee Park, the endeavor is aimed at mitigating flood risks in the Clear Creek watershed by storing excess floodwater during times of heavy rain, and releasing it into the channel once the threat of flooding has passed. The site runs along the Harris County-Brazoria County border, roughly one mile southeast of Beltway 8 and Pearland Parkway. The property was purchased by the county in 2019.
This project also complements the Clear Creek Federal Flood Risk Management Project but is separate from it.
For updates on all 2018 county bond projects, visit www.hcfd.org/2018-bond-program.

CCISD offers remote conferencing

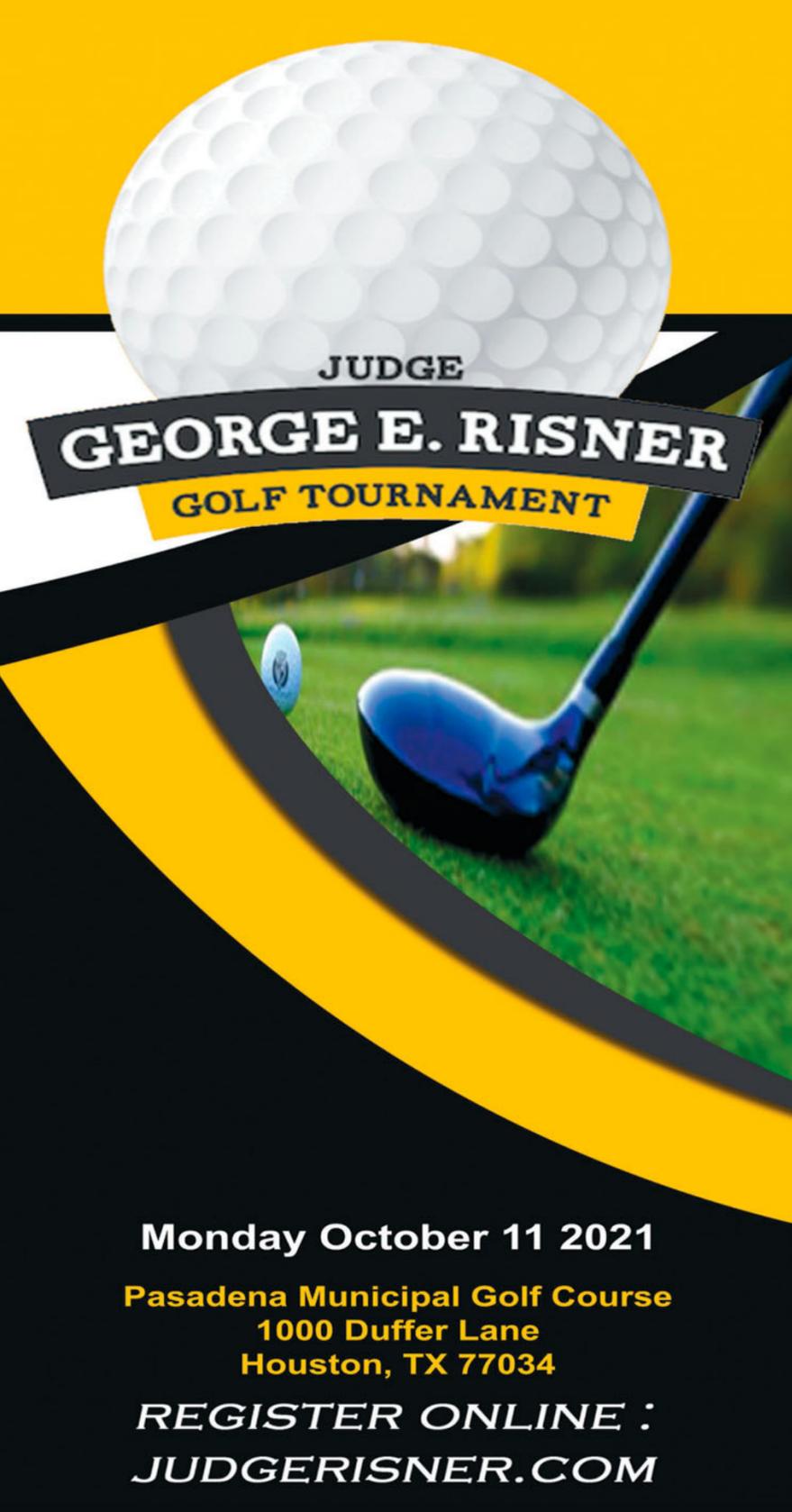
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Saw and check for directions, assignments and due dates.
- Support them in competing assignments at home and uploading them into itslearning or Seesaw.
- Maintain connection with one's child's teacher and/or administrators via email.
- Utilize available online resources through the SSO portal.
Secondary families
- Secondary students will log in to their typical itslearning course to access the remote conferencing link.
- One will find the link provided by the teacher to remote conferencing on the landing page to join the

course.
- Courses are scheduled daily, 8:30 a.m. - ELA; 9:30 a.m. - math; 10:30 a.m. - science; and 11:30 a.m. - social studies.
- There are supports for special education students between 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. daily.
- Help one's child log into itslearning and check for directions, assignments and due dates.
- Support them in competing assignments at home and uploading them into itslearning.
- Maintain connection with one's child's teacher and/or administrators via email.
- Utilize available online

resources through the SSO portal for secondary students.
What remote conferencing is NOT
- This is not the equivalent of the CCISD Virtual Learning Program.
- The educator providing synchronous learning support will not be the student's teacher of record. Their teacher will be considered a learning coach.
- The learning experience will not mirror the typical learning experience in the classroom.
Programming schedule
There will be grade-level content delivery for English, language, arts and math for elementary level and core-subject content delivery for En-

glish, language, arts, math, science and social studies for students in grades 6-12.
For example, students who are enrolled in algebra I will have a remote conferencing link for that content and students who are enrolled in geometry will have a remote conferencing link for that content area. Their remote conferencing period time will be the same, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
The times for core content will be the same, just different links dependent upon the courses the student is enrolled in.
For additional information on Clear Creek ISD's remote conferencing program, visit www.ccisd.net/remotekonferencing.

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BellaVita Mistletoe Market set for Oct. 2

The annual Mistletoe Market will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, at the BellaVita Clubhouse, 1548 N. Rivera Circle just off Scarsdale. BellaVita's sewing group, Hands of Love Stitchers, is raffling a quilt made especially for this event. The quilt's design is ginger rose and it measures 70x90 inches. Tickets will be available at the Mistletoe Market prior to the 4 p.m. closing. They are \$1 for a single ticket, \$5 for six tickets and \$10 for 12 tickets. The lucky winner takes the quilt home. Shown above displaying the quilt, left to right, are Janice Roberts, sewing group president and Rita Hedges, quilt maker. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to support the group's community service projects.

