

JFD hosts Halloween concert

The J. Frank Dobie High School Orchestra will present the Masquerade Serenade concert Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Dobie Main Auditorium.

Join the orchestra for a night of spooky good fun and a costume contest with prizes for elementary to high school-age students. The concert is free and open to the public. Masks are strongly encouraged for public health.

Heavy trash pickup set

City of Houston residents south of Fuqua will have heavy trash pickup Thursday, Oct. 13 (second Thursday of the month). City residents north of Fuqua and west of the Gulf Freeway will have heavy trash pickup Friday, Aug. 14 (second Friday of the month). October is for junk waste, but tree waste will also be accepted. Due to a larger amount of debris being discarded during the COVID-19 pandemic, pickups may be delayed. For additional information, visit www.houston-tx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

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, Dec. 30. Significant delays are expected.

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

Ellington e-recycling set

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department's monthly electronic recycling event will take place Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Neighborhood Recycling Center at Ellington Airport from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Recycling electronics keeps potentially harmful materials, such as mercury, cadmium, lead and cathode ray tubes out of the waste stream and the environment.

Items accepted are PCs, servers, keyboards, mice, laptops, game consoles, monitors, small kitchen appliances, memory chips, hubs and routers, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, projectors, rechargeable batteries, cable boxes, car batteries, telephones, cell-phones, PDAs, tape drives, hard drives, cords, cables and cameras. The collection events take place the second Saturday of each month. For additional information, visit www.houston-tx.gov/solidwaste or call 311.

Local COVID cases decrease

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the South Belt community continues to decline, with decreases being reported in all three local ZIP codes.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 4, there were 176 active cases in 77089, down 45 from the previous week. To date, 135 from the ZIP code have died from the disease, up one from the previous week.

In ZIP code 77075, there were 146 active cases, down 37 from the previous week. To date, there have been 81 deaths in the ZIP code, up one from the previous week.

In 77034, there were 156 active cases, down 24 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.

Gulf Freeway closures set

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. Thursday, March 31.

Both the northbound entrance and southbound entrance ramps from FM 518 in League City will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the entrance ramps from SH 96.

The northbound exit ramp to FM 517 in Dickinson will be completely closed until further notice. Motorists should use the northbound exit ramp to Holland/Hughes.

Two outside northbound frontage road lanes on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from West Medical Boulevard to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Thursday, May 5.

One middle northbound frontage road lane on the Gulf Freeway will be closed from NASA Bypass/NASA Road 1 to Bay Area Boulevard daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Sunday, May 22.

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

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

The closures are associated with an ongoing construction 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.

Debate continues over Harris County tax rate

County reverts to 2022 rate after failing to make quorum – again

By James Bolen

The struggle for Harris County to pass a 2023 tax rate and budget continues, with Commissioners Court again failing to make quorum when Republican minority members Jack Cagle and Tom Ramsey failed to appear to cast their votes on the matter.

State law requires that at least four of the county's five commissioners be present to vote on such issues. Commissioners have until Oct.

28 to make an agreement. Failing that, state law dictates the county revert to its previous year's budget.

The Democrats' proposed \$2.2 billion budget actually includes a 1 percent tax reduction, but Republican commissioners are hoping to return to a "no new revenue rate" that would be even lower.

The proposed budget was to include an overall property tax rate of 57.5 cents per \$100 of as-

essed value, 36 cents of which was the county's portion.

The no new revenue rate, however, is only 34 cents per \$100 assessed value.

Harris County's 2023 fiscal budget went into effect Saturday, Oct. 1.

County Judge Lina Hidalgo said several vital programs are in jeopardy of being cut and as many as 10,000 jobs are at risk.

Noting the county hospital system was starting at a \$45 million deficit, Hidalgo took to Twitter Oct. 1 to share with residents some of the ways the cuts would affect county services.

"Today, millions of budget cuts go into effect, meaning the Children's Assessment Center will lose nearly \$500,000. That means less outreach and help to our most vulnerable – sexually abused children," Hidalgo tweeted. "Although cuts take effect today, there's time to stop this. If

commissioners Ramsey and Cagle show up and do their job by Oct. 28, we can ensure our county is fully funded. That means more police on the streets, better flood mitigation and health care."

Former Precinct 2 Commissioner, and current Precinct 2 commissioner candidate, Jack Morman takes issue with Hidalgo's figures.

"Even with the so-called 'no new revenue' tax rate, Harris County will collect anywhere from \$44 million to \$72 million in additional revenue because of new construction and new property on the rolls," Morman said. "That is with hundreds of millions still in reserves at the county and an estimated \$1 billion available in unspent funds at Harris Health. The cuts the majority of Commissioners Court members have publicly expressed worry about are actually not cuts to existing services. These are 'cuts' to increases

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Apartment complex catches fire



The Redford apartment complex in the 1200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway caught fire the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 2. The complex has become a common site for violent crime in recent months, with Houston police describing the facility as a "hot spot." Just this year, the complex has seen at least 13 shootings – five of which have been fatal. See related story on this page.

Pedestrian killed in hit-and-run crash

Houston police are investigating a fatal hit-and-run crash that took place around 1:20 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in the 9500 block of Clearwood Drive near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway, killing a pedestrian.

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

According to Houston Police Department officials, a black Dodge Charger was traveling south at a high rate of speed at the above address when the vehicle veered off the street and struck a light pole. The impact caused the Dodge to roll over and then strike the victim, a pedestrian.

Paramedics pronounced the victim dead at the scene.

At press time, it is unknown if the pedestrian

was in the street or the crosswalk.

Witnesses told police they observed a female driver fleeing from the scene on foot.

Three passengers were inside the Dodge at the time of the crash. They told police they had just met the driver at a nightclub.

Officers detained the three for questioning. They were said to have been cooperative.

The driver is being sought for failure to stop and render aid, a felony.

The investigation was continuing at press time.

Anyone with information on the wanted driver is urged to contact the Houston Police Department's Hit and Run Unit at 713-247-4072 or speak anonymously to Crime Stoppers of Houston at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

City, county host 2nd gun buyback

1st program collected nearly 800 guns

Mayor Sylvester Turner joined city, county, and federal partners on Sept. 26 to announce details of the next gun buyback as part of the One Safe Houston initiative.

The mayor was joined by U.S. Rep. Al Green, U.S. Rep. Sylvia Garcia, Harris County Precinct 1 Commissioner Rodney Ellis, City Council Member Tiffany Thomas and METRO Chair Sanjay Ramabhadran.

Following an overwhelming turnout during the first gun buyback on July 30, the second event will take place on Oct. 8 at the METRO Park & Ride, 11050 Harwin Drive, from 8 a.m. to noon.

"Our goal is the same for the second event as it was for the first, and that is to get guns off the street," said Turner. "The guns turned in will never be stolen or used in the commission of a crime, suicide, or an accidental shooting by a child."

During the first gun buyback, Houston Police

collected 793 guns, including 281 long guns, and 512 pistols. HPD also gave priority vouchers to 150 additional people who were turned away because of the long lines and wait times. In anticipation of another outpouring of support and robust public interest, Houston Police Chief Troy Finner announced that HPD would implement the following changes on Oct. 8 to make the process more efficient:

- More lanes to accommodate vehicles.
- People given priority vouchers on July 30 will be moved to front of the line.
- No privately manufactured weapons or "ghost guns" accepted.
- No questions asked. Remain in vehicles.

The gun buyback is one tool in the One Safe Houston initiative, a comprehensive holistic approach to reducing violent crime. The One Safe Houston initiative includes the following four

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Man dies from Highway 3 crash injuries

Houston police have learned a pedestrian critically injured in a crash that took place around 2:20 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, in the 9900 block of SH 3/Old Galveston Road near Fuqua/Genoa Red Bluff has died from his injuries.

The identity of the victim was pending notification to family members by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

According to Houston Police Department officials, a gray Kia Sportage was traveling west on Fuqua and approached the intersection with Galveston Road.

The male driver, 37, stated he was not aware

the traffic signal lights were out as he proceeded through the intersection, with another car approaching north on Galveston Road. When the Kia's driver swerved to avoid the oncoming vehicle, the Kia struck a gold Dodge Caravan and the victim, a pedestrian sitting in the median of the roadway.

The pedestrian was transported to HCA Houston Healthcare Clear Lake in critical condition. On Monday, Sept. 26, doctors pronounced the man dead.

The investigation is continuing. No charges had been filed at press time.

Voter registration deadline approaches

Residents have until Tuesday, Oct. 11, to register to vote in the upcoming Nov. 8 general election.

Potential voters may register to vote in Texas by printing a voter registration form, filling it out and mailing it to the local election office. Residents may also register in person.

To register to vote in Texas, one must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must be a resident of the county in which the application for registration is made.
- Must be at least 17 years and 10 months old (one must be 18 to vote).
- Must not be finally convicted of a felony, or if a convicted felon, one must have fully discharged their punishment, including any incar-

ceration, parole, supervision, period of probation or be pardoned.

- Must have not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law.

Several key positions are to be decided including governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, Congress members, Legislature members, county judge and county commissioner.

Voters will also decide on a \$1.2 billion county bond and a \$478 million city bond, as well as multiple local propositions.

The last day to apply for ballot by mail is Friday, Oct. 28 (received, not postmarked).

Early voting by personal appearance will run from Monday, Oct. 24, to Friday, Nov. 4.

For additional 2022 election information, visit harrisvotes.org.

Chamber to host Taste of Space Oct. 20

The South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce's annual Evening of Cuisine will take place Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Lone Star Flight Museum, located at 11551 Aerospace Ave. near Ellington Airport, beginning at 6 p.m.

The theme for this year's event is Taste of Space This will mark the first time the event has taken place since the onset of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Dating back more than two decades, the yearly event is by far the chamber's biggest fundrais-

er every year.

The all-you-can-eat function allows attendees to sample a wide variety of food and beverages from a myriad local vendors. This year's event will feature cuisine ranging from Mexican food to pizza, as well as multiple desserts.

At press time, confirmed vendors included Maggiano's; Sweet Paris; Sweet Bee Bakehouse; D'Lish Catering; Savannah Café & Bakery; Swamp Shack; Celeste Cakes N More; Chicken

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Suspect charged in Edgebrook murder

Complex sees 13 shootings this year, 5 fatal

Charges have been

filed against a suspect arrested in the fatal shooting of one man and the wounding of another around 1:05 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the 1200 block of Redford near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway.

The identity of the dead victim, 38, was pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences at press time.

The other victim, 34, is expected to survive his wounds.

The suspect, Justin Thomas, 31, was charged

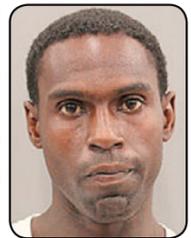
with capital murder in the 209th State District Court.

Another suspect, described only as a black male with an alias name of "Atlanta" or "ATL," is wanted for questioning in the case.

According to Houston Police Department officials, the two victims were inside an apartment at the above address when two black male suspects entered and shot the victims. The suspects took money and other items from the victims and fled the scene. Paramedics pronounced one victim dead at the scene and transported the other victim to an area hospital.

Further investigation led to the identity of one suspect as Thomas. Last Friday, Sept. 23, officers with the HPD Clear Lake Crime Suppression Team arrested Thomas without incident.

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Justin Thomas



Garcia visits new cafe

Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia recently attended the ribbon-cutting for the new GRADcafé at Parker Williams Library, located at Scarsdale and Beamer. A collaboration between Garcia, Harris County Public Library and Tejano Center for Community Affairs, the GRADcafé project is aimed at helping individuals get a college degree or trade certificate. The program works with local public schools, community colleges and universities.

Local library events set

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

Bracewell Branch Library

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

Thursday, Oct. 6, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Bring one's computer questions to their open lab for computer help. Staff will be available to answer one's questions and provide one-on-one assistance. Registration is required.

Thursday, Oct. 6, 4 - 5 p.m. Polliwog club. Registration is required.

Monday, Oct. 10 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Open lab - computer class. Registration is required.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 4 - 5 p.m. Kids Craft.
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> 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.:
Thursday, Oct. 6, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Toddler Time.

Friday, Oct. 7, 1 - 3 p.m. Genealogy.
Saturday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Loteria and piñata craft.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 3 - 4 p.m. Korean language reading class. Registration is required.
Saturday, Oct. 10, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Gulf coast reads: book discussion.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 10:30 - 11 a.m. Story time.
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 3 - 4 p.m. Sewing club.

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 4 - 5 p.m. Tech help hour. Need help installing an update? Formatting a document? Or even just setting up an email? Stop by one-on-one technology help.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4 - 6 p.m. D&D: Candlekeep mysteries.
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>.

WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The KIRKMONT MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2022 on October 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at 10102 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, Texas 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:	Michael J. Grizzaffi, Lonnie L. Piquiet, Deborah Carroll, Jean Ann Williams and Carlos Lopez
AGAINST the proposal:	None
PRESENT and not voting:	None
ABSENT:	None

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 \$ 0.53/\$100 Adopted	This Year \$ 0.493/\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$ - 0.037000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-6.981132%
Average appraised value	\$ 165,576	\$ 184,052
General homestead exemptions available (Excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 165,576	\$ 184,052
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 877.55	\$ 907.38

Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)
\$ 29.83
3.399237%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 3.5 percent, an election must be held to determine whether to approve the operation and maintenance tax rate under Section 49.23602, Water Code, 50-860.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

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.

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JFD names cheerleaders of the week



Dobie High School announced cheerleaders for the week of Sept. 29. Shown above are, left to right, Zoe Espinoza, Mandilyn Riley and Itzel Romero.

AARP Ch. 199 sets Oct. meeting

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 members welcome the public to join them at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway, Seabrook. The meeting is in the large, blue roof building inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway. Everyone is invited to enjoy coffee, cookies, and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Each month the group has entertainment or a speaker on topics of interest to seniors.

The program on Thursday, Oct. 13 will be presented by The Homeless Mat Ministry. This group meets to serve the homeless by making mats. The group will learn how this ministry is making a difference to many less fortunate folks.

Each mat uses 700 plastic grocery bags. If anyone would like to contribute clean grocery bags, fold them flat and bring them to the meeting.

The Oct. 13 social after the

program ends will be spook-tacular. It's the group's version of Halloween bingo.

The chapter also organizes day bus trips for the AARP Chapter 199 members to local area points of interest at minimal cost. The next bus trip will be on Tuesday, Oct. 18. They will be going to Republic of Texas Settlers, Settlements, and Architecture and Navasota and Anderson - Homes of the Alamo Defenders Tour to see area homes that belonged to the earliest settlers.

Cost of the trip is \$28. per person which includes lunch. There is a 20-person minimum for this trip. Bus will

leave Clear Lake Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m. One may register and pay for this trip at the regular AARP Chapter 199 meeting on Thursday, Oct. 13. Bring correct change or a check made out to AARP Chapter 199.

If anyone is interested in joining the AARP Chapter 199, annual dues are \$8 per year per person. However, one must be a member of national AARP and show their current national membership card to join any local chapter.

For more information, contact Lynne Justis at 832-212-5417, aarpchap199@yahoo.com.

Leader checks out social media

By Natalie Abarca

A member of People of Sagemont 2 Facebook group posted that his son's vehicle was broken into Saturday, Oct. 1, hours before midnight on Highland Meadow Drive. The member states whoever it was took a hoodie and a hat that his son had in the back seat and also the ignition and steering column was messed while possibly trying to steal the car.

A member of People of Sagemont Facebook group posted that their neighbor's vehicle and also a friend's vehicle

was broken into Friday, Sept. 30, on Sagepike Drive and Sagecastle Lane. The member states that nothing was taken.

There is a post that has been shared on multiple media pages of Pasadena police having issued a warrant for Daniel Chacon as a person of interest in connection with the fatal shooting of a woman found in an abandoned SUV, police say. The incident occurred Monday, Oct. 3. If one has information, they are urged to contact local police. Check the Leader next week for an update.

Tax debate continues

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In late August, state Comptroller Glenn Hegar penned a letter to Gov. Greg Abbott and other top state officials, alleging that Harris County officials violated a new state law that prohibits local municipalities from "defunding" police departments. Such a violation would require the county to put the measure to a public vote before it could be adopted or revert to its previous year's plan.

Hidalgo and other county officials snapped back that the proposed 2023 budget actually provides nearly \$100 million more in constable funding. At press time Tuesday, Oct. 4, Cagle issued a press release urging Hidalgo to call a special session of Commissioners Court Friday, Oct. 7, to discuss his compromise plan.

In an effort to break the months-long impasse on Commissioners Court, Cagle proposed a compromise spending proposal that would cost taxpayers \$108 million less than the Democratic plan, while continuing to fully fund law enforcement, flood control and health care.

"Judge Hidalgo should join me in reaching across the aisle to end this budget impasse so we can fully fund our law-enforcement, hospital district and flood control efforts while protecting taxpayers from the continued burden of record inflation and skyrocketing property appraisals," Cagle said. "All she needs to do is set a special court session for Friday. I hope she can set politics aside so we can have an open, public discussion of this proposal."

This marked the second time this year Cagle and Ramsey prevented the court from making quorum, having used the same tactic earlier at the Sept. 13 court session.

The local budget dispute comes on the heels of a similar spat last month between the county's Democratic leadership and the Republican-controlled statehouse.

Death

Douglas Mark Mills



Douglas Mark Mills, 48, previously of Houston, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in London, England, on Sept. 20, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife, Brianna Wilson Mills; his father and mother, Dick and Nancy Mills of Huntsville; his brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Lynn Mills of Braintree, Mass.; his father-in-law, Ron Wilson of Sequim, Wash.; his aunts, uncles and cousins who loved him dearly; and his "niece and nephew" Layla and Ajay Rao of London.

Doug was a 1992 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin in 1997, earning both a Master of Business Administration and Master of Professional Accounting.

As successful as Doug was professionally, beginning with Arthur Andersen, and which included several years at Weatherford International, where he rose through the ranks to become CAO, what those who knew Doug will remember was not his professional accomplishments, but his qualities as a man, friend and husband. His easygoing manner, which concealed his sharp mind, his natural curiosity about the world around him, and his ability to connect with people around the world marked him as a truly unique individual, and when coupled with his love of travel and adventure, it means that he left behind friends in every place he and Brianna visited. Because of his successful career, he and Brianna were afforded the opportunity to live in the United Kingdom, starting in Aberdeen, where they spent five

years and which they used as their base for all of their international adventures.

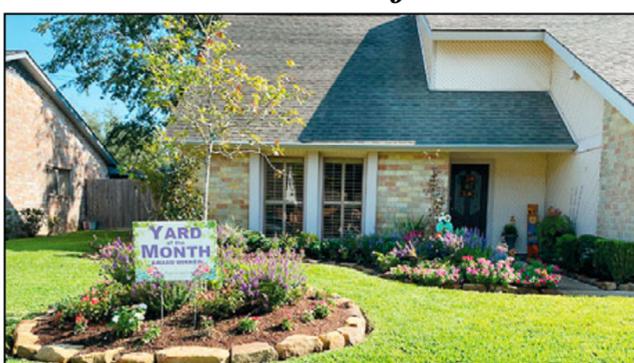
Between their time in Aberdeen, their two years spent in London, which enabled them to attain British citizenship, Doug and Brianna visited almost forty countries, while Doug also traveled extensively for his work before returning to Houston, where they spent another almost ten years.

Because of their love for London and the desire to make the city their home, Doug and Brianna moved in September 2020 and began their new life across the pond. Doug and Brianna had a full and amazingly happy life together as they traveled the world discovering new places and making a treasury of memories to last a lifetime.

A memorial service celebrating Doug's life will be held at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 7, at Earthman Bellaire Funeral Home, 4525 Bissonnet St., Bellaire, TX 77401.

The Rev. Sean Horrgan, also of South Belt, will conduct the service.

Dittmar wins Yard of the Month



Congratulations are in order for Mary Jo Dittmar for winning the Sagemeadow HOA Yard of the Month for August 2022. Mary Jo is a retired teacher and loves to take care of her garden. After losing a large mature tree, a new front yard design was created incorporating the basic principles for garden design: repetition, scale (proportion), dominance and contrast. These principles are usually applied by the landscape designers. The beds are bordered by bunker rocks and moss rock boulders. Summer annuals are still blooming and are creating a carpet of colors. Angelonia, mixed colored vinca and periwinkle have been used as a ground cover. The perennials in the flower beds are, bird of paradise, abelia, azalea, dianella, fern, loropetalum, sunshine ligustrum, walking iris, grass carex everillo and dwarf bottlebrush. Magnolia little gem and Japanese red maple replaced the lost mature tree. The property is located on Sageknight.

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Cheerleaders excited to cheer on BHI football teams



The Beverly Hills Intermediate cheerleaders were excited to perform at the eighth-grade A and B football games at Veterans Memorial Stadium Tuesday, Sept. 27, against Thompson Intermediate School. Shown are, left to right, (front row) Eileen Flores, Annette Godinez, Alina Sosa, Preshea George, (back row) Kiahna Davis, Pretty McCoy, Angelina Guajardo, Arianna Bermudez, Eva Gonzalez, Janeiya Piper and Yuridia Cazares. Photo by David Flickinger

Suspect charged; Edgebrook complex eyed

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Detectives are seeking a second male, known to hang out in the apartment complex and known only as "Atlanta," for questioning.

Anyone with information on the wanted male's identity or whereabouts is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or speak anonymously with Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Violent crime has become commonplace at The Redford apartments in recent months, with Houston police declaring the complex a hot spot for violent crime.

Past incidents include the following:

- Aug. 20: Dennis Leon Sharp, 27, fatally shot inside apartment. (Latise Lonyea Lenoir, 29, was charged with murder in the crime.)

- July 28: Jabari Taylor, 41, fatally stabbed inside apartment. (Jeanette Staton, 43, named a person of interest but not charged in the incident.)

- March 16: Rufus Banks fatally shot inside apartment.

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

- Feb. 6: unnamed male, 21, shot outside the complex but survived. (Parys Burks-Henderson, 18, was charged with attempted capital murder in this crime.)

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

hospital in stable condition.

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.

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).

Dobie Theatre presents Dracula

J. Frank Dobie High School is proud to announce Dobie Theatre's opening production for the 2022-2023 season, William McNulty's adaptation of Bram Stoker's thrilling classic, Dracula.

Professor Van Helsing and his brave comrades must hunt down and destroy the profoundly evil Count Dracula.

But the Count is exceedingly resourceful, employing superhuman strength, psychic powers, and shape-changing to confound and frustrate his antagonists.

Culminating in a wild and shocking confrontation between the King of Vampires and those who would rid the world of him, this adaptation is an action-packed, blood-soaked retelling of Stoker's classic tale of horror.

The production features the artistic talents of nearly 80 Dobie students.

Show times are Oct. 13,

14 and 15 at 7 p.m. in the Dobie auditorium. Ticket prices are \$10 for students, and \$15 for adults, and can

be purchased at the door. Plan to join the Dobie Theatre for this pre-Halloween haunt.

Gun buyback coming

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components: - Violence Reduction and Crime Prevention.

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Houston Public Works organizes series of events

Houston Public Works is hosting several events to highlight the value of water, including a contest where someone could win \$1,000. The department will join organizations across the country for eighth annual "Imagine a Day Without Water" on Oct. 20. It's a national day of education and advocacy about the value of water. This year, Houston Public Works is participating by hosting a TikTok contest and co-hosting a charity walk with Grundfos to benefit the nonprofit Water Mission.

People living in the Houston area are invited to enter a TikTok contest all about water. Simply post a TikTok inspired by water along with the hashtag #ValueWaterHouston. First-place winner will receive \$1,000. Entries are due Oct. 10. Applicants must follow City of Houston TikTok page. HPW will announce the winner Oct. 20. For full contest rules, visit bit.ly/houwatertips.

Later this month, HPW and their partner, Grundfos, will host a charity

walk to fight water insecurity around the world. The Walk for Water event Saturday, Oct. 29, will spread awareness for those without access to clean drinking water. The nonprofit Water Mission receives 100 per-

cent of funds raised through the event to build safe water solutions in developing nations and disaster areas. Participants will walk, so others don't have to.

For more information and to register for the walk,

visit bit.ly/2022Walk4WaterHouston. When one registers, be sure to select "Join a Team" and join the Houston Public Works Team. Registration is \$25 and includes entry into the event and a T-shirt.

Harris County DV High Risk Team conference

The Harris County Domestic Violence High Risk Team - Pasadena will hold a press conference on Oct. 6, 10 a.m. at Pasadena Police Department Community Room, 1201 Davis St., Pasadena.

The press conference will highlight how the Domestic Violence High Risk Team functions and why it is unique and provide a surprising update on domestic violence in our community.

The team consists of Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Pasadena Police Department and The Bridge Over Troubled Waters.

H-E-B feeds Pct. 2 deputies



H-E-B faculty extended hospitality to Harris County Constable Jerry Garcia (left) and Sgt. Robert Sanchez. Shown above with them are the generous members from the store located at Blackhawk and Beltway 8, (front row) Maria Bonilla, (back row), left to right, are Suria Francis, Macie Rodriguez, Rossi Hernandez, Erika Saavedra and Amparo Ramirez.

Chamber hosts Taste of Space

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Salad Chick; Sam's Club; San Jacinto College Culinary Dept; Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia's office; Pangea Keto; Bundt Cake-a-Holic; Randy's Smokehouse & BBQ; Nothing Bundt Cakes; Las Haciendas; Tony's Pizza & Grinders; and Lily Bakes Studio.

Awards will be given to best entree, best dessert, best decorated, rookie of the year, people's choice and best of show.

The event will also feature live and silent auctions.

Advance dining tickets are \$25 and are available at the Leader office, located at 11555 Beamer.

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South Belt Elementary students celebrate Grandparents Week

At right, South Belt Elementary had its annual Grandparents Week celebration with luncheons for various grade levels. "Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, care, deeds, wonderful stories and love," said South Belt Elementary faculty. Instead of hosting the luncheons in the cafeteria, decorated tables were set up in the gym with a photo booth for students and their grandparents. Mia Meza (center), third-grader, is photographed at right with her grandmother Sandra Gonzalez (left) and grandfather Ariel Gonzalez.



Third-grader Alessandra Gutierrez is shown above smiling and enjoying lunch with her grandmother Elena Moreno.



Pictured above is Jeremiah Ramirez (left) with his grandmother Angela Preciado at the grandparents' luncheon.



First-grader Elias Ruiz (left) smiles for the camera alongside his grandmother Cresencia Garcia.

Wolverine debate crushes competition



Shown above are Clear Brook debate students, left to right, (front row) Isabelle Willis, Moyin Animashaun, Emily Joseph, Khang Ngo, (back row) Sheba Joshy, Aqsa Babar, Safa Prasla, Stephen Wiggins, Misbah Aziz, Ayla Yoakum and Elaina Joseph. The Clear Brook High School Speech and Debate team were victorious on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at the Bellaire Forensics Tournament. With the team's combined effort, they were able to win Second Place Overall Sweepstakes and add two state qualifiers to their roster. On the varsity team, Isabelle Willis won second place in Original Oratory which gave her six points as well as her qualification for state. Alongside her, Babar placed third in Oratory which gave her four additional state points for a total of seven. In the event of Informative Speaking, Aziz won fifth place which gave her the last point she needed to qualify for state. Prasla and Hareem Tariq also won big in the same event, placing second and third respectively, giving them four and three state points, respectively. Yoakum won first place

in Program Oral Interpretation, and earned her first six state points of the season, which means she only needs four more. Fellow team member and Prose Interpretation competitor, Animashaun advanced to semifinals in her event as well. Due to the great efforts of the Brook speech team, they were able to win Second Place Sweepstakes in Individual Events as well. Clear Brook Debate's novices also put up a great fight and achieved victory. Elaina Joseph won first in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking, as well as third in Impromptu Speaking. Alongside her, Emily Joseph placed fifth in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking while fellow teammates Ngo and Wiggins made it to semifinals in the same event. Clear Brook's debate team has once again shown that hard work and effort pays off. Already with three state qualifiers early in the season, the team has many more members who are more than halfway to their own state qualification, namely: Gabriel Torres, Daniela Paul, Ava Soza, Ariella Calili, Yoakum, Prasla, Babar and Hareem Tariq.

Lopez recognized as top reader



Meador Elementary third-grader Alana Rivas Lopez (center) was recognized at the Pasadena ISD school board meeting Tuesday, Sept. 27, for earning the most Accelerated Reader points for an elementary student during the summer challenge. Pictured with Lopez are, Jennifer Chavez (left), principal and Kevin Fox, assistant principal.

CCISD hosts safety meetings

The Clear Creek ISD Safety Network team planned two School Safety Awareness and Training meetings in October for parents and community members. The first meeting took place Oct. 4, and the next session is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Space Center Intermediate, 17400 Saturn Lane, Houston, at 6 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and will cover topics such as school security, Standard Response Protocol training and mental health resources.

PISD fine arts performance dates

Pasadena ISD announces their fine arts performances for the week of Oct. 6 - 12:

- Morris Middle School orchestra, fall concert at Beverly Hills Intermediate School, Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Dobie High School orchestra, Masquerade Serenade concert at Dobie High School auditorium, Thursday, Oct. 6 from 7 - 8 p.m.
- Dobie High School orchestra, honor orchestra recording concert, Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 7 - 8 p.m.

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Remember When

45 years ago (1977)
 The district mobile office of Rep. Bob Gammage was located in the Safeway parking lot. The mobile unit made rounds throughout the district to make the congressman's office more readily available to constituents in the districts.

Jim McConn, candidate for mayor of Houston visited the South Belt area.

40 years ago (1982)
 The JCPenny store at Alameda Mall was closed for an hour and a half while investigators from the Houston Police Department checked the store for a bomb. A threat was called in to the store manager; however, no bomb was located.

35 years ago (1987)
 The Beamer extension connecting Scarsdale and Astoria Boulevards opened.

Four Russian citizens took part in a panel discussion at San Jacinto College South as part of a four-day visit to the Houston area.

30 years ago (1992)
 Stephanie Kenyon, a fifth-grader at Moore Elementary School, died in a boating accident.

The Dobie FFA students took four grand championships and two reserve championships and grabbed more auction slots than any other school at the Pasadena Livestock Show. Including the after-show sales, Dobie students grossed more than \$80,000.

25 years ago (1997)
 Nathan Mitchell and Claudia Ortega were named homecoming king and queen of Dobie High School. Dusti Hughes was named homecoming queen for Clear Brook High School. All three were residents of South Belt.

20 years ago (2002)
 Southeast Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 30th anniversary with a banquet at Golfcrest Country Club.

Dr. Linda Watkins was named interim president at San Jacinto College South, replacing Dr. Adena Loston who resigned after accepting a position as senior advisor for education at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C.

15 years ago (2007)
 Alameda Mall was acquired by a local developer who planned to spend millions of dollars to renovate

the property, not unlike the prior successful transformations of Meyerland Plaza and Gulfgate Mall. A partnership between Houston-based WCF Development Co. and Buchanan Street Partners of Newport Beach, Calif., bought the 39-year-old mall for \$40 million from Ohio-based Glimcher Realty Trust.

Pasadena Mayor John Manlove resigned to seek the Republican nomination for the 22nd Congressional District seat once held by former House Majority leader Tom DeLay. The district, then being served by Democrat Nick Lampson, had traditionally been a Republican stronghold. In addition to Manlove, other Republicans vying for the position included Robert Talton, Pete Olson, James D. Squier, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs and Dean Hrbacek.

Former Dobie student and Houston Can Academy graduate Joseph Paul Lopez, 21, was killed in an automobile accident in the 10500 block of Fuqua when the truck he was riding in struck a pole and a tree. The driver of the vehicle, Jimmy Vargas, also 21, was charged with intoxication manslaughter.

The longtime home of Concetta (Perry) Ligor was torn down due to repeated flooding issues in a joint venture between the Harris County Flood Control District and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The house was originally purchased in 1965 by her parents, Bob and Lena Perry, owners of Perry's Butcher Shop.

10 years ago (2012)
 Houston City Councilmember Mike Sullivan hosted a forum and town hall meeting at the University of Houston-Clear Lake in the Garden Room of the Bayou Building. Representatives from City of Houston departments presented

updates on District E projects and answered questions from community members.

With the election for the District E seat drawing near, Sullivan invited all three candidates to participate in the forum. Candidates running for the position were Lonnie W. Allbrooks, David P. Martin and Elizabeth C. Perez. Sullivan and the Boeing Company also invited the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME) Trailblazer to the town hall meeting. The Trailblazer is a 40-foot exhibit trailer housing a variety of engineering and science exhibits that target students in elementary grades. The Trailblazer was the only interactive science and engineering museum-on-wheels in Texas and engaged students, teachers and parents through hands-on activities and exhibits that highlight fundamental concepts in science and engineering. Sullivan urged cit-

izens of all ages to come out and participate.

Sullivan tendered his resignation from the Houston City Council in July, effective the subsequent January, to run for the position of Harris County tax assessor-collector. Sullivan said he submitted his resignation early so that the city did not have to call a special election to replace him but can put the District E race on November's presidential election ballot.

5 years ago (2017)
 A 15-year-old male was arrested and charged in the fatal shooting of Preston Alan Blue that took place Saturday, Aug. 19, in the 12100 block of Teaneck near Astoria. The suspect was referred to Harris County Juvenile Probation Department authorities on a charge of capital murder. Because he is a juvenile, his identity is not available for release. According to the Houston Police Department, Blue

had arranged a meeting at 2 p.m. at the aforementioned address to purchase an item, possibly a cellphone, from the suspected shooter. During the transaction, however, Blue, 27, was shot multiple times while still in his vehicle, striking him in the head, chest and upper extremities. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The juvenile suspect was arrested Wednesday, Sept. 27, and reportedly confessed to his role in the shooting.

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, along with Texas senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, toured the South Belt community to assess damage caused by Hurricane Harvey.

1 year ago (2021)
 Five people were arrested the night of Sunday, Oct. 3, during what police described as a "street takeover" at the intersection of Dixie Farm Road and Beamer. According to officials from the Houston

Police Department, officers responded to the incident at approximately 9 p.m. to find that a group of drivers had completely blocked off the intersection by parking their vehicles and leaving them unoccupied, allowing other drivers to do donuts and perform other stunts. As police arrived at the scene, the drivers in the parked cars attempted to run to their vehicles and flee but were detained instead. At least one participant posted a video of the takeover to YouTube.

Two fatal auto-pedestrian crashes took place within blocks of each other in a two-day period near Edgebrook and the Gulf Freeway. The first accident took place about 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, in the 9200 block of Clearwood Drive, while the second crash occurred around 2 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, in the 10700 block of the Gulf Freeway. In both cases, the drivers stayed at the scene and showed no signs on intoxication. No charges were immediately filed in either case.

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Over The Back Fence by Natalie

STACEY CELEBRATES A BIRTHDAY!
 Stacey (Hayes) Flowers enjoys a birthday Oct. 6. Wishes for a wonderful day are sent from husband Stephen, daughters Kennedy and Evie and son Owen; parents and former long-time South Belt residents Jannie and Robert Scarberry; sister Jenny (Hayes) and husband Josh Laney and children Brayden, Baylee and Olivia; brother Joey Hayes; brother Austin Scarberry and daughters Jade and Lily; and brother Tyler Scarberry. Stacey and her siblings are all Dobie High School graduates.

NATALIE AND JOSE CELEBRATE 9TH
 Best wishes for an enjoyable ninth wedding anniversary Oct. 12 are sent to Natalie and Jose Abarca from children Kelvin Lopez, and Noah, Elliana and Isabella Abarca; mom Ellie Flickinger and husband David; and grandparents Marie and David Flickinger and Kina Reyes.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following staff of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays Oct. 6 through Oct. 12.

Atkinson Elementary
 Michael Gonzales celebrates a memorable birthday Oct. 8. The day for cake and ice cream for Elizabeth Eckols and Stephanie Quintana is Oct. 9. Break out the balloons and party favors Oct. 10 for a celebration for Maria Cantu.

Burnett Elementary
 The day for a party for Beatriz Garcia is Oct. 11.

Bush Elementary
 Stephanie Tellez marks a birthday Oct. 7. Light the candles on a birthday cake for Yesenia Rivera Oct. 9. Send a humorous birthday card Oct. 12 to Jessica Roman.

Genoa Elementary
 Join in the birthday celebration for Imelda Barragan Oct. 7. Share a slice of a triple-layer birthday cake Oct. 8 with Christie Bishop, Norma Sierra and Monica Giron. On Oct. 9 Marcy Salinas celebrates a birthday. Send a special birthday greeting Oct. 10 to Brittany Donovan who enjoys a birthday.

Meador Elementary
 Send a birthday greeting Oct. 8 to John Holder. The day for a birthday celebration for Amanda Johns is Oct. 9.

Moore Elementary
 Join in the birthday fun for Christina Le-Tran Oct. 6.

Stuchbery Elementary
 Guadalupe Cabrera enjoys a happy birthday Oct. 12.

Roberts Middle School
 Sing two verses of a birthday song Oct. 7 to Gidget Gonzales and Chrystine Pellerin. Oct. 8 is the day for a birthday party for Virginia Fernandez.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Light the birthday candles Oct. 7 for Brian Thompson. Remember to wish John Lanier a

happy birthday Oct. 8. Send a humorous birthday greeting Oct. 10 to Sandra Shaffer. **Thompson Intermediate**
 Join in the birthday fun Oct. 11 with Laura SanMiguel.

Dobie High
 Oct. 7 is the day to break out the balloons and party favors for Justo Manrique.

FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 Thursday, Oct. 6: Jennifer Garcia, Stacey Flowers, Theresa Theroux, Rick Wright and Marta Nelson; Friday, Oct. 7: Jeanette Allen, Paul Grizzle and Marcus Lerma; Saturday, Oct. 8: Courtney George, Lisa Stephens, Charles Young and Sandy Twyman; Sunday, Oct. 9: Robert Caballero, Vicki Talton, Denny Wranch Jr., Mary Guerrero and Dolores Bordovsky; Monday, Oct. 10: Patty Wheeler, Clayton Bichm, Cheryl Randall, Joel Miller, Jesse Guerra, Manny Carrillo and Gloria Sanchez; Tuesday, Oct. 11: Samantha Mendoza, Katina Decker, Roberta Tomkins and Michelle Manzanales; and Wednesday, Oct. 12: Christy Chapman, Vikki Kaufman and Laura Garcia.

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SPORTS NEWS & NOTES

Dobie/Memorial football clash holds serious postseason implications

By John Bechtle Sports Editor
The high school basketball season doesn't start for another month, but football fans should nonetheless expect the Dobie and Pasadena Memorial varsity squads to be moving up and down the field

at a frenetic pace as the District 22-6A playoff chase hits the stretch run. In perhaps the most important game of Week Three play in District 22-6A, Dobie and Memorial will renew its rivalry Friday, Oct. 7 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium

in Pasadena. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Dobie, now 2-4 overall and 1-1 in league play, equaled its point total output for the previous four games in dashing to daylight time and time again in an easy 59-12 win over Pasadena Sept. 29 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium as Jalen Baldwin, Raynard Hall and Cameron Mathews each scored two touchdowns.

A night later on the same field, the Mavericks, now 4-2 overall, struck the final blow in a 55-48 win over South Houston, getting to 2-0 in 22-6A action and earning a win in a "swing" game as it relates to the playoff chase. Now it's the Longhorns going against the Mavericks, with Dobie looking to win its fifth straight in the head-to-head series dating back to 2018.

Following a Week One loss to Deer Park, every win is big for the Longhorns as they hunt a fifth straight 6A Division I playoff berth. Meanwhile, the Mavericks know they can take a huge step toward a return to the postseason by taking out the Longhorns. And with both offenses rolling at a fast pace, the defense that makes the final stop could provide the key to victory.

JFD routs Eagles
No surprise here, but it didn't take long for Dobie to find its way to the victory column in what was an easy 59-12 decision over the Eagles.

The Longhorns, needing to get back on track after their 35-21 home loss to Deer Park the previous week, needed just five plays in all to build a 22-0 lead over Pasadena just 7 minutes, 40 seconds into the game. A fumbled exchange and a delay of game penalty left the Eagles buried in their own territory to open the game, and a punt net of 15 yards immediately set up the Longhorns on a short field.

Mathews went 19 yards on the end around to open the series from the Pasadena 33, and Baldwin then raced around the left end for 14 yards and a touchdown. The two-point try failed, but the Longhorns were off and running. Another three-and-out Eagles' drive led to another two-play scoring drive for the Longhorns as Hall announced his return to the lineup with a 45-yard touchdown run as he weaved his way through the Eagle defense en route to the end zone.

Dobie vs. Memorial
Fri., Oct. 7, 7 p.m.
PISD Veterans Stadium
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Trevino excels at Nike



Clear Brook cross-country standout Joseph Trevino was among the many statewide competitors looking to gauge their times against one another at the Nike South Invitational Oct. 1 at Bear Branch Park in The Woodlands. At 15 minutes, 52.70 seconds, Trevino was 31st overall in the 5,000-meter Elite boys' division. See more cross-country news on Page 6.



Pasadena receiver Noah Recio (11) is sent airborne after the tackle by Dobie's Jeremiah Bradley (11) during the first quarter of the Longhorns' 59-12 victory over the Eagles Sept. 29 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. The win helped the Longhorns get even at 1-1 in league play ahead of a key clash against Pasadena Memorial Oct. 7.

District volleyball races hit stretch run

Third-place Dobie began the second half of District 22-6A play at Deer Park Oct. 4 after press time, looking to at least push Pasadena Memorial for the No. 2 playoff seed as the final stretch begins across the state in the varsity volleyball scene. Deer Park, one of the region's most dominant district champions of the past two decades, rolled through the first half of league play at 6-0, sweeping 18 straight sets along the way. Anything is possible, of course, but both history and current results seem to lead to the Deer continuing their league dominance.



At right, Dobie junior Alexa Gonzalez (11), firing against the block attempt of Pasadena's Victoria Calderon (2) earlier this season, has put together one of the most impressive overall statistic lines in the Region III ranks as she and her Longhorn teammates aim to better their 22-6A standing down the stretch.

Second-seeded Dobie team tennis gets rematch against West Brook

The Dobie varsity team tennis squad will look to ride the momentum of a five-match winning streak as it begins the bidistrict playoff round with a rematch against Beaumont West Brook. Dobie, 7-12 overall this season but 5-1 within District 22-6A play, fell to Deer Park in the league opener but then lost just two overall matches in winning against Pasadena, Memorial, Sam Rayburn and South Houston, with a forfeit against Channelview added to the ledger. West Brook, the No. 2 seed out of a 21-6A field that includes Region III power Kingwood, played Dobie in the same bidistrict round in 2021, coming away with a 10-8 win as the Bruins came away with wins in a couple of matches that went the distance. "I don't want to use the word 'revenge,' but it would be nice to get back at West Brook after they beat us last year," Dobie head coach Manuel Moreno Jr. said. "They have a boys' player who reached the state tournament last year

and another player who is also very talented. They also have some strong girls' players. "Our kids have over-achieved this season, and I'm proud of the hard work and willingness to do what is needed for the sake of the team." Dobie played a nondistrict match against Baytown Sterling Oct. 4 after press time, and Moreno had hoped to play once more before Oct. 11.

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Gaitans lead Pioneer runners

Juniors Marcus Gaitan and Matthew Gaitan were in great form while leading the Lutheran South Academy boys' cross-country team to fourth place at The Woodlands Christian Invitational Oct. 1 at Jones State Forest in The Woodlands.

The Gaitan duo, certainly aiming at reaching the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state meet later this month, finished second and fifth, respectively, at the 5,000-meter distance.

Senior Luke Mason of Sugarland Logos Prep was the varsity boys' top overall medalist, winning at 16 minutes, 14.55 seconds, with Marcus Gaitan second at 16:24.33. Matthew Gaitan's clocking of 16:57.64 placed him fifth overall.



Lutheran South's Marcus Gaitan was second overall at The Woodlands Christian Invitational.

A time of 18:55.49 gave Pioneer's senior Nathan Mendoza 14th place, and senior Lucas Wells was in at 19:41.60 for 21st place to help his team.

The Pioneer's fifth official scorer was junior Nathan Robert, whose time

of 20:05.21 was good for 26th. His brother, Noah Robert, took 27th place in a time of 20:07.64.

The Lutheran South varsity girls were seventh as a group at the 3,200-meter distance.

A time of 14:10.30 placed freshman Jemma Riekart 29th, with freshman Elisabeth Hergenrad-

er 30th with her time of 14:15.67. The Pioneer also had freshman Lanie Ward placing 39th with her time of 14:37.86.

South Belt football predictions

					
John Bechtle	Emory Gadd	Troy Leland	Stephen Sutton	Debbie Vaughn	
Pasadena Memorial vs. Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie	Dobie
Clear Brook vs. Clear Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake	Lake
Humble vs. Beaumont West Brook	BWB	Humble	Humble	Humble	Humble
Channelview at South Houston	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview	Channelview
Dawson at Strake Jesuit	Strake	Dawson	Strake	Strake	Strake
Clear Falls at Dickinson	Falls	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson	Dickinson
Port Arthur Memorial at La Porte	La Porte	PAM	PAM	La Porte	PAM
Brazoswood at Clear Springs	Springs	Brazoswood	Springs	Springs	Springs
Friendswood at Fulshear	Fulshear	Fulshear	Fulshear	Fulshear	Fulshear
Angleton at Rosenberg Terry	Terry	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton	Angleton
Last Week's Results	9-1	8-2	9-1	8-2	10-0
Season record	41-19	39-21	47-13	39-21	49-11

Dobie offense ignites ahead of matchup with Mavs

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conversion. Up 38-6 at halftime, Dobie again needed just four offensive plays to score a pair of touchdowns early in the third quarter.

Baldwin went 55 yards for a score on the opening play of the third quarter,

and the Longhorns made it 52-6 barely three minutes into the third quarter as Hernandez tossed his first touchdown pass of the season, with Mathews' catch and run covering 52 yards.

Senior Davion Lyons had his first career varsity

touchdown on a 26-yard burst in the third quarter, and the Eagles got a 33-yard touchdown pass from Cruz to R.Q. Phillips at 8:55 of the fourth quarter.

Now the final month of games comes into focus, with Dobie aiming to

continue its recent series dominance over the Mavericks. Oh, and the game will hold huge postseason implications for both teams. What a night it should be.

Memorial junior running back Jaylon Bell should be a focus of the

Dobie defense as he is fifth in the district with 574 yards rushing and nine scores. as the Mavericks are 4-2 overall.

But Dobie will counter with Mathews, Baldwin and Hall as the trio has combined for more than 1,200 yards.

Clear Brook loses to Bucs; still winless



Clear Brook's Xavier McGhee (28) bursts through an opening in the Clear Falls' defense in Week One varsity football action within District 24-6A play. McGhee found the end zone on the Wolverines' final offensive play of the game as Clear Falls closed out a 42-13 win Sept. 23 at Challenger Stadium in Webster. On Sept. 30 at Brazoswood, the Wolverines got a pair of scoring runs from Jaylon Richardson but lost to the Bucs by a 48-27 count

as Brazoswood improved to 6-0 while keeping the Wolverines winless at 0-6. Also in Week Two play, Clear Falls stayed unbeaten in 24-6A action with a 21-14 win over Clear Springs. Meanwhile, Clear Lake defeated Clear Creek 32-30 in a double overtime thriller. As for the Wolverines, Richardson has provided a lift with 594 rushing yards and five touchdowns, and fellow senior receiver Michael Lewis has four scoring grabs. Photo by Andy Tolbert



Dobie sophomore Cameron Mathews (2) encounters Pasadena defensive back Alex Cortez (2) after he broke free for an 84-yard touchdown run in the first half. Mathews has now rushed for 556 yards at more than eight yards an attempt.



Senior Raynard Hall (23) celebrated his return to the lineup with a pair of touchdowns against Pasadena Sept. 29 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Hall has now found the end zone four times this season. Photos by David Flickinger

Dobie girls part of top field at Nike cross-country

Some of the state's top boys' and girls' cross-country athletes and their teams gathered at Bear Branch Park in The Woodlands for the prestigious Nike South Invitational Sept. 30.

Isela Munoz, a senior, paced the Dobie

girls' in the varsity girls' 5,000-meter event as her time of 20 minutes, 26.50 seconds was good for 31st place.

At 20:31.40, Dobie senior Ashlee Garcia was 37th, and junior Kyla Lobo's time of 21:00.20 gave her 66th place.

At 22:39.90, Dobie senior Ashley Dunn was 187th.

Clear Brook junior Joseph Trevino was part of the 5,000-meter Elite Boys' varsity division as he prepares for a possible top medalist spot at the 24-6A championships.

At the Nike South event, Trevino's time of 15:52.70 was good for 31st place overall. Junior Sam Golla of Clear Lake, also a 24-6A frontrunner, finished at 15:30.80 for 14th place, and Clear Springs' senior Caden Ryskoski clocked in at 15:50.80 was 29th

best. Brazoswood will head into the 24-6A Championships as the boys' team favorite, having claimed the first place team medal in the Nike South 5K race.

The District 22-6A and District 24-6A cross-country rounds are Oct. 13.

Bay Area Football League Week 8 Results

	Srs.	Jrs.	Sophs.	Fr.	PWs
Cowboys	57	0	35	14	20
Texans	0	35	0	27	6
Patriots	42	1	1	1	1
Dolphins	0	0	0	0	0

Week 9 Games – Saturday, Oct. 8

Cowboys host Bay Area Bucs, El Franco Lee Park
Dolphins at Santa Fe Braves

Freshman Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Angleton	8	0	0
Southeast	7	0	0
League City	7	0	0
Hitchcock	6	1	0
Pearland Pats	5	1	0
Bay Area	5	2	0
Pearland Texans	4	2	0
Brazosport	4	3	0
La Porte	4	3	0
Pasadena	4	3	0
North Shore	4	4	0
East End	2	5	0
Barbers Hill	2	5	0
Magnolia Park	2	5	0
Sagemont	2	5	0
Alvin	1	7	0
Manvel	0	7	0
Santa Fe	0	7	0
Southbelt	0	7	0

Sophomore Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Hitchcock	7	0	0
Bay Area	6	1	0
Pearland Patriots	6	1	0
League City	6	1	0
Sagemont	6	1	0
Magnolia Park	5	2	0
Angleton	5	3	0
Pearland Texans	4	2	0
La Porte	4	3	0
Alvin	4	4	0
Brazosport	3	4	0
Southeast	3	4	0
Barbers Hill	3	4	0
Pasadena	2	5	0
Manvel	2	5	0
North Shore	2	6	0
Southbelt	0	6	0
Santa Fe	0	7	0
East End	0	8	0

Junior Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Pearland Pats	7	0	0
League City	7	0	0
Pearland Texans	7	0	0
Brazosport	5	2	0
Barbers Hill	5	2	0
Manvel	5	2	0
Magnolia Park	5	3	0
Bay Area	4	3	0
Hitchcock	4	3	0
Alvin	4	4	0
Alvin	4	4	0
Sagemont	3	4	0
East End	2	5	0
Southeast	2	5	0
Pasadena	2	5	0
Santa Fe	2	5	0
Southbelt	0	6	0
La Porte	0	7	0
North Shore	0	8	0

Senior Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Magnolia Park	8	0	0
Hitchcock	7	0	0
League City	6	1	0
Pasadena	6	1	0
East End	6	2	0
Manvel	5	2	0
Barbers Hill	5	2	0
Southeast	5	2	0
Sagemont	4	3	0
Pearland Patriots	4	3	0
Bay Area	3	4	0
Alvin	4	4	0
La Porte	2	5	0
Angleton	2	6	0
Brazosport	1	6	0
Santa Fe	1	6	0
Pearland Texans	0	7	0
North Shore	0	7	0
Southbelt	0	7	0

PeeWee Div. Standings

Team	W	L	T
Bay Area	7	0	0
Pearland Pats	7	0	0
League City	6	0	0
Hitchcock	6	1	0
Angleton	6	2	0
La Porte	5	2	0
Pasadena	5	2	0
Sagemont	4	3	0
Alvin	4	4	0
Manvel	3	4	0
Brazosport	3	4	0
Magnolia	2	5	0
Santa Fe	2	5	0
East End	2	6	0
Barbers Hill	2	4	0
Pearland Texans	1	6	0
Southeast	1	6	0
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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, OCTOBER 7
7 a.m. AA - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group of NA, open meeting, 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), Pearland, First Presbyterian Church (youth building). For details, call 713-661-4200 or visit www.hascona.com or https://nastuff.com/.
7 p.m. Congregation Shaar Hashalom - For details visit https://www.shaarhashalom.org.
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8 p.m. AA - meets at CrossRoads UMC, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd. For details, call 281-484-9243.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
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) - 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

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
8 a.m./ 10:15 a.m. St. Paul's Anglican Church - has worship at 11456 Space Center Blvd. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285.
2 p.m. Grief Support Group - Meets Sunday at the 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, OCTOBER 10
10 a.m. Pasadena Heritage Park and Museum - see Thursday's notice.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
1:30 - 3 p.m. Hometown Heroes Dance - at Hometown Heroes Park, 1001 E. League City Parkway, is now open. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
5 p.m. New Directions Singles - Age 55 and older meets at Webster Presbyterian Church, 201 W. NASA Parkway. For details, call Grant at 281-814-4750.
6 p.m. Scrabble 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 at https://young-professionals.toastmasters.com/. Visit the website or call Fatimaz Jones, club president, at 281-467-1880 for details.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. AA - St. Luke's Group, 12 Step Recovery, open meeting, Education Bldg. in room 4, at 11011 Hall Rd., 77089. For details, call Jesse at 832-725-8479 or Rita at 281-309-2801.
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 information, call Lynette Ringrose 832-858-4617 or Dorothy Pourteau 713-875-8820.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11
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.
11:30 a.m. Local NARFE Meeting - National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1321, meets at Clear Lake Community Center, 5001 NASA Pkwy. Lunch is \$6. For details, call Norman Chaffee at 713-944-2461.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday noon notice.
7 p.m. Bay Area Quilt Guild - Meets at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Fellowship at 6:30 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m. Visit www.Facebook.com/BayAreaQuiltGuild or call Carol at 713-253-2521 for information. Visitors may attend two meetings free.
7 p.m. NA - Vigilance Group, open meeting See Friday's notice.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
7 a.m. AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill." See Thursday's notice.
9:30 a.m. Carmelites - meets at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 15500 El Camino Real, in Clear Lake. Meetings are open to those ages 55 and older, with no dues. For details, call Marilyn at 713-444-6744.
9:30 a.m. Young at Heart Senior Club - Meets at Covenant United Methodist Church, 7900 Fuqua. Call Jan Okumura at 832-298-9480 for details.
Noon AA - Imperfect Nooners. See Thursday's noon notice.
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hometown Heroes Humpday Dance - see Monday's notice. Call 281-554-1180 for details.
7 p.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. (in back of a medical/retail community). For details, call 281-479-7285 and leave a message.
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Thompson/BHI games showcase PISD



At left, Thompson eighth-grade A team running back De Moses tries to break the tackle attempt of Beverly Hills' Ethan Sampson (26) during the Lions' win over the Bears Sept. 27 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium. Also in on the play providing a key block is the Lions' Joseph Gonzalez (75). The Lions controlled the neighborhood battle this season, shutting out the Bears in each of the four games. Thompson's eighth-grade B team opened the series with a 24-0 win at Veterans Stadium, with the Lions' eighth-grade A team winning the nightcap 40-0. Thompson's seventh-grade A and B squads scored identical 27-0 wins over the Bears. Thompson went unbeaten in each of the four divisions through the first month of play.

Photos by David Flickinger



Jalen Miles (2) of Thompson gets past Beverly Hills' defender Jonathan Garcia (84) during the Lions' eighth-grade B division victory Sept. 27 at Pasadena ISD's Veterans Stadium.



Cleveland Hill (48) of Beverly Hills' eighth-grade B team works his way through a Thompson tackle as the Bears took on the Lions in the annual neighborhood series Sept. 27.

22-6A, 24-6A volleyball seasons make final push

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in 22-6A. Memorial, largely based on its 15-12 fifth and deciding set win over Dobie Sept. 16, stood at 5-1 for second with Dobie third at 4-2. Pasadena and Sam Rayburn were 2-4, with South Houston 1-5 and Channelview 0-6. Dobie closed out the first half of 22-6A action with its third straight win, cruising past South Houston 25-7, 25-9, 25-13 Sept. 27.

Junior Alexa Gonzalez has continued to be one of the region's most productive players as she has

averaged 3.6 kills per set (91), leading the Longhorns with 317 overall.

Gonzalez also leads Dobie with 381 assists and has come up with 310 digs.

Juniors Naima LeBlanc (161) and Ariana Garza (146) were second and third, respectively, in kills, and Haley DeHoyos led the way with 46 total blocks.

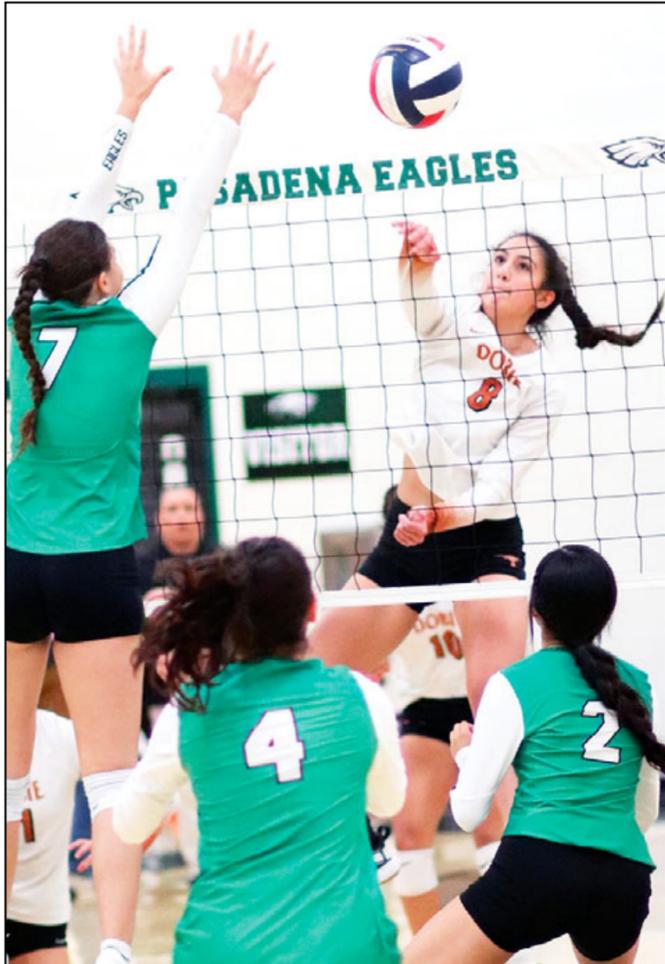
Junior libero Aly Frias led Dobie, 16-16 overall with six regular season matches remaining, with 375 digs, and Ariana Borrego had turned in 300 assists.

24-6A lines up Midway through the District 24-6A varsity volleyball race, Clear Springs led the way at 6-0, topping the standings and owning

30 overall wins against just seven defeats.

Clear Creek was second at press time Oct. 4 with a 5-1 record, followed by a pair of 3-3 squads, Clear

Falls and Brazoswood. Dickinson and Clear Lake were at 2-4, with Clear Brook standing at 0-6 as part of a 9-24 overall record.



Ariana Garza (8), yet another junior standout for the Longhorns, helped her team beat Pasadena in the first round of league play while pounding kills against an Eagles' defense that included Roslinda Navarro (7), Caryme Molina (4) and Victoria Calderon (2). Dobie hosts Pasadena Oct. 7.

Photo by Donna Alsdorf

Seniors represent 24-6A girls' hoops at GHAGBA



With preseason high school girls' basketball workouts set to begin Oct. 18, the Greater Houston Area Girls Basketball Association hosted players from across the Region III ranks at a photo shoot. Those players representing District 24-6A included, left to right, Clear Creek's Olivia Shaw (20), Clear Brook's Nalani Smith (21), Clear Springs' Bria Jackson (3), Danielle Porter (23) of Dickinson and Clear Lake's Carlie Edmonds (42). Clear Brook is the defending 24-6A champion, having gone unbeaten within league play and winning 30 overall games en route to the area playoff round.

Julks is Space Cowboys' AAA Player of the Year

At right, Clear Brook High School graduate Corey Julks was named the Sugarland Space Cowboys' AAA baseball Player of the Year after delivering one of the top overall seasons across the minor league baseball ranks in 2022. Julks, a Class of 2014 Clear Brook graduate, was an eighth-round draft selection of the Houston Astros in 2017.

Along the way, Julks set Space Cowboys' single-season records in total hits (141), extra-base hits (56), home runs (31), runs batted in (89) and runs scored (100) as he played in 130 games this season. He added 22 stolen bases, becoming the first player in Space Cowboys' history with at least 20 steals and 20 home runs. A career .265 hitter in the minor leagues, Julks hit .265 in 2022 as an outfielder/designated hitter with Sugarland and will enter his age 27 season in 2023 as he looks to find a role at the big league level. Julks played three seasons at the University of Houston prior to being selected by the Astros in June 2017.



San Jac baseballers represent Region XIV



The San Jacinto College baseball program was represented by eight players at the Region XIV Texas/New Mexico All-Star Series, including, left to right, (front row) right-handed pitcher Titan Hayes, catcher Jose Torres, outfielder Luke Nail, shortstop Armani Sanchez, (back row) right-handed pitcher Paco Hernandez, right-handed pitcher Gage Boehm, first baseman M.J. Rodriguez and right-handed pitcher Braden Pickett. San Jacinto College has continued its fall schedule.

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